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Historic Roadside Beauties

Trees are vital to humans; they provide food, oxygen, shade and greenery, but an exceptional tree is a tree, stand or grove of trees with historic or cultural value that is deemed worthy of preservation. The Exceptional Tree Act passed by the Hawaii Legislature in 1975 has recognized many trees statewide, including five on the North Shore. The North Shore Outdoor Circle (NSOC) has just applied for this designation for an impressive, historic, linear stand of more than fifty date palms (*Phoenix Sylvestris* and *Phoenix Dactylifera*) in Kawailoa. This noteworthy stand is located on the mauka side of Kamehameha Hwy. from the intersection of Kamehameha Hwy. and the Joseph Leong By-Pass Hwy. to the entrance into Papailoa Road. NSOC historians have found historical references to this stand, including a 1929 publication that encouraged visitors to Haleiwa to consider dining al fresco alongside Ukoa Pond where they could enjoy the beauty of the majestic roadside date palms.

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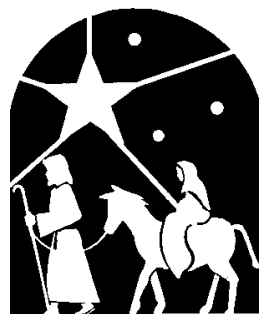


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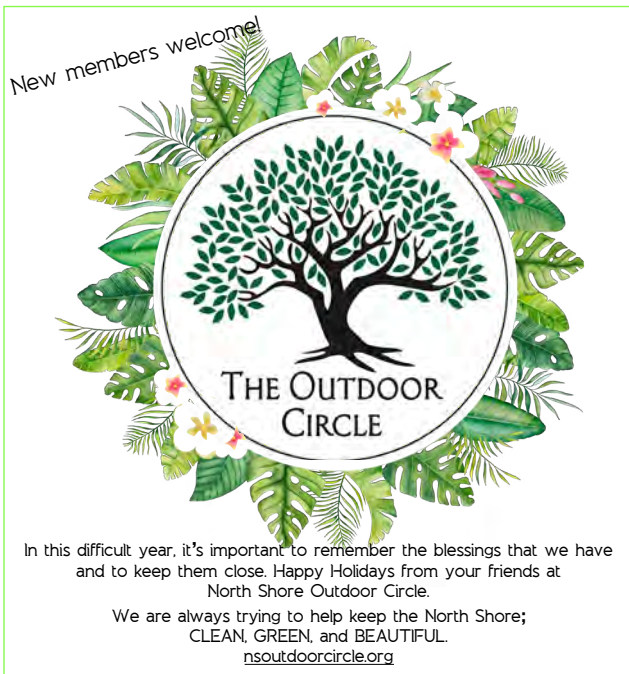


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North Shore Outdoor Circle Year End Highlights for 2020 by Vera Stone

North Shore Outdoor Circle has been very busy this year, despite the trying times for many of our businesses and residents.

Here are just a few of the projects we've been working on this year.

We are excited to be back helping out in Waimea Valley. We adopted the Torch Ginger Alley section, where we have fun weeding and pruning. We usually meet once a month at 8 am and our Publicity Chair, Melani Spielman escorts us up the valley. After we work, we sometimes take a dip in the falls and meet for lunch. All are welcome to join us.

We arranged to have the Exceptional Earpod Tree in Waialua, next to the Waialua Library, receive some much needed love and attention. Like many of us, it was due for a grooming. When you have a tree that is 118 years old, you don't just hack away at it, you hire an arborist and a crew, and they lovingly groom the tree so that it can keep healthy, and stand tall and proud for as long as possible. Jon Perry and his crew took on this job and completed the grooming in October, so if you get the chance, swing on by and say "hi" to this grand dame of the North Shore. By the way, it is an Earpod (or Enterolobium Cyclocarpum), not a Monkeypod. Also, check out the commemorative plaque that's on the tree and read about its history. We had it installed when we celebrated a rededication of its status as an Exceptional Tree in Hawaii, in February 2017. It is an important part of the North Shore and has been witness to many changes over the decades.

Weed Circle just keeps getting more and more beautiful. Along with over seven different kinds of

trees there, including Singapore plumeria, lauhala, rainbow shower, and palms, the NSOC took charge of planting a Queen's White and Ki'i Gold. The new trees are doing well. We are still waiting for an appropriate time to arrange a celebration of life and growth.

As always, one of our most important missions is to monitor advertising signs, but we don't wish to unduly hamper local businesses notifying people that they're open. We want to uphold community standards, but also be good neighbors. So the NSOC is going to work with the North Shore Chamber of Commerce to balance the need to maintain the atmosphere of our historic district without unduly restricting the needs of businesses.

Your North Shore Outdoor Circle is doing a lot to make the North Shore - clean, green, and beautiful, and all of this takes funds. We are lucky to have lots of volunteers, however we are providing funds for grooming, for recognition and preservation, and for equipment like irrigation, so please consider joining us or contributing funds to help. The money that you spend on your membership, which can be as low as \$25.00 per year, goes a long way toward keeping our North Shore looking good. That's our kuleana.

Please like us on Facebook, and if you have any questions, reach out to us on our website at www.outdoor-circle.org or email us at nsoutdoorcircle@hawaii.rr.com



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Finally, Some Action at Laniakea?

Is something finally about to happen at Laniakea? We are all too familiar with the insufferable conditions of Laniakea traffic jams, and long-time readers know of the endless efforts and pleas for relief that so many of us have made for more than 15 years. With some hesitation in reporting this, due to many false starts and delays, there is now some news to report.

Seven years ago, DOT installed barriers to prevent all public parking at Laniakea, presenting it as a temporary test project to see if traffic flow and safety could be improved. Nearly a year and a half later, a judge ruled that the barriers did not look temporary and that normal permits were required. The barriers were removed and various permitting efforts were initiated, but there has been no relief or apparent action in the years since.

Here is an important detail that many residents have not heard. Even before the barriers were removed in 2015, the plaintiffs who won in court offered to settle the case, provided that parking would still be made available behind the barriers. Earlier this year, an agreement was finally reached a between the plaintiffs, DOT and the City to do just that.

The plan is to move the fence mauka into what was historically part of Kawailoa Ranch but became City land eight years ago. Don't be fooled by anyone who claims this action takes land away from the ranch or its horse riding program. The land was acquired from Kamehameha Schools in 2012 for a long planned Laniakea Beach Support Park.

Moving the fence mauka will open up space to relocate existing parking and allow vehicular movement inside of the new barriers that will be placed along the highway. Cars will enter the parking area on the Haleiwa end of the barriers and exit on the Waimea end. No left turns against traffic will be allowed. In other words, cars entering and exiting must proceed northbound, from Haleiwa towards Waimea, and can only turn right.

Crosswalks are planned for both ends of the barriers. This will aggregate pedestrian crossings at two locations and prevent the haphazard crossing of cars and people throughout the corridor.

One element meriting attention is that drivers will need to make U-turns up or down the highway to return in the direction from which they arrived. Restricting turning actions and coordinating vehicular and pedestrian movement at Laniakea should improve safety and traffic flow; and it is hoped the down street turns will not be too disruptive. This project is meant to be an interim solution that can

be reversed or modified, and it will not interfere with potential planning for a more comprehensive solution like highway realignment.

Permits have been approved and the City is eager to get moving. DOT is officially onboard. Hope springs eternal that our state and county agencies will work cooperatively to complete this effort soon. And let's hope it helps.

Please do not hesitate to call or write if you have any opinions, questions or solutions that might help me better represent you. My phone number is 586-7330 and email address is SenRiviere@capitol.hawaii.gov. Follow us on FaceBook or online at SenatorRiviere.com. Mahalo.



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Kapo'ō – A Pu'uhonua

By: MPW Staff

The area within the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD) that stretches from behind the Sunset Beach fire station over to the point between Shark's Cove and Ke Iki is known as *Kapo'ō*. *Kapo'ō* gets its name from the loud echoing or *booming* sound of the waves that crash onto the exposed ancient reef, and as we move into our North Shore surf season it is the perfect time to listen and watch for these explosive displays.

Within *Kapo'ō* is a place of peace and safety; a sanctuary functioning much like a nursery: a *pu'uhonua* for marine life. Many of us have experienced this protected place whether it was transiting by and seeing it; taking our keiki to play in its shallow waters; or perhaps you've taken the time to throw on a mask and snorkel to explore its shallow marine habitat. The *Kapo'ō* tide pool, commonly referred to as the Pūpūkea or Shark's Cove tide pool, has served as an iconic landmark for those that live in the community or have spent time in the area.

The *Kapo'ō* tide pool area is unique from other coastal zone habitats found around Hawai'i. It is a protective sub-tidal pool roughly the size of three football fields that maintains a connection to the ocean at several points; therefore, it is not, by definition, a tide pool. We on the North Shore have found comfort in calling it a tide pool, and though tide pools do occur at *Kapo'ō*, the feature most closely aligns with the description of a lagoon or coastal embayment. Either way, all three habitat types can function as an important nursery for reef fish and other marine life.

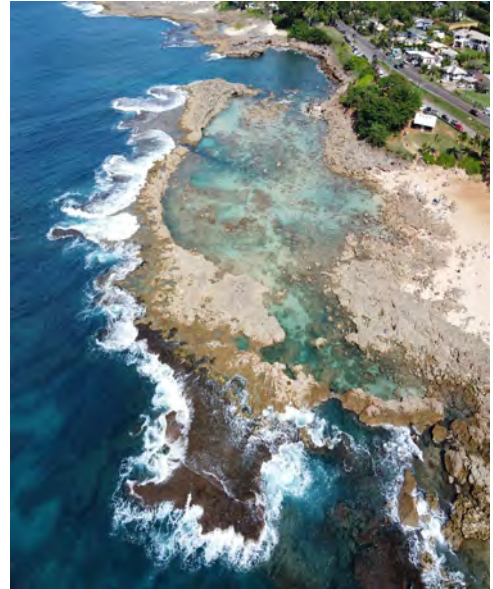


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During months of little wave action, the tide pool takes on a brackish water nature when it is fed fresh water from submarine springs. The unique and dynamic ecosystem of the tide pool hosts an abundance of native juvenile fish species that help recharge fish stocks in the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District. This in turn restocks fish in open fishing areas along the neighboring coastline outside of the MLCD in what is called *spillover*. Protecting fish and other marine species here means increasing numbers elsewhere.

Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea (MPW) has performed years of *kilo*, or observations, in and around the *Kapo'ō* tide pool to capture changes in the natural environment which experiences heavy human use year-round. *Kilo* coupled with western scientific survey methods helps MPW understand the environment, ecology and the impacts to marine life in the *Kapo'ō* tide pool. Well over 80 unique species of fish, 30 species of *limu* (algae), and dozens of coral and invertebrate species make up the tide pool's rich diversity of native marine life. Additionally, shorebirds, turtles, Hawaiian monk seals, eagle rays, and white-tip reef sharks often pay visits to the area.



Pāo'ō (Bullethead Blenny)

The next time you're in Pūpūkea (when the waves are flat), visit the *Kapo'ō* tide pool's underwater classroom and enjoy its rich biodiversity and abundance of marine life. For more information visit pupukeawaimea.org. You can also visit the *Kapo'ō* Story Map using this QR code. Mahalo!

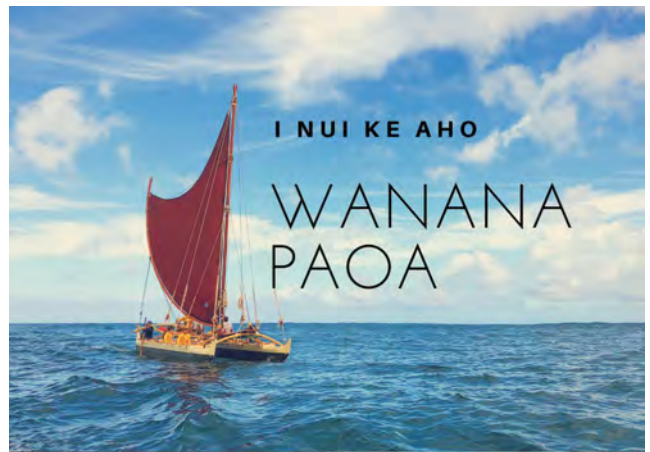


Sailing with I Nui Ke Aho

Interested in learning more about native Hawaiian culture and traditional voyaging practices? One non-profit organization, I Nui Ke Aho, emphasizes the importance of knowing where you come from, and a substantial part of Hawaiian culture—native Hawaiian voyaging. If you do know a lot about Native Hawaiian voyaging, there’s surely still something Captain Kamaki Worthington could teach you. I Nui Ke Aho, founded by Worthington, is based on the North Shore of Oahu and operates a traditional double-hulled Hawaiian sailing canoe, that is built and maintained by staff and volunteers. This canoe, Wanana Paoa, was built for the purpose of community building through indigenous education to form a traditional navigator’s mindset. I Nui Ke Aho and Wanana Paoa were established by Worthington in 2017, but the idea came about in 2013 after community demand. This demand stemmed from a day in 2013 where Hokulea came to Haleiwa prior to its world departure, and made an impact on the community. The attention and need brought about Wanana Paoa.

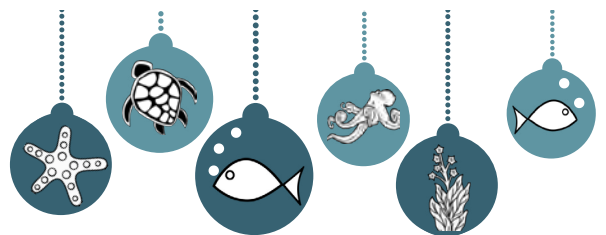
With Wanana Paoa, I Nui Ke Aho seeks to strengthen the North Shore community by providing educational programs that teach collaboration, knowledge, and honorable decision-making to the youth, ohana and community.

“The basic notion is to influence the next generation, to really create a pathway of success for the next generation, and it starts with pride in where they come from and once they have that instilled, they’re capable of maintaining that pathway to success,” said Worthington. Currently, I Nui Ke Aho is working on virtual education materials, performing canoe maintenance, and volunteering at historical sites to give back to the community. The organization is working with their staff alone, and will bring back in-person volunteer days when it’s safe to do so. They hope everyone is doing okay during these difficult times and send positive thoughts throughout the holidays. Email info@wananapaoa.org with any further questions, and check out their site, wananapaoa.org to stay up-to-date on the latest.



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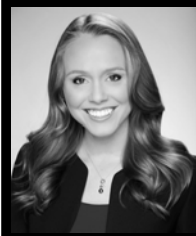
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While it may have looked different than in years past, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. As we continue in the Holiday season and prepare for 2021, I have been reflecting on this past year. I began the 2020 legislative session with high hopes and expectations of everything I wanted to accomplish. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 and various other unforeseen circumstances, many projects were put on the back burner. I found myself needing to be flexible and pivot at a moment's notice in order to take care of my family, our community and the Capitol office. Saying this year did not go according to plan is an understatement.

My hope for all of you this Holiday season is to find joy in the midst of difficult circumstances. I also want to encourage you that I will be working incredibly hard this next legislative session to ensure our state moves forward on the road to recovery, not only from the virus, but from the economic downturn we have experienced because of it.

This is a critical time in our state's history, so don't forget to fill out my 2021 Community Survey! There's still time to make your voice heard. Your ideas, thoughts, and concerns about the most important issues facing our state and community are vital toward my job as your state legislator. Please visit my website and fill out the 2021 Community Survey today at www.repmatsumoto.com

Many of you and your families are having a hard time due to all of the COVID-19 restrictions and economic difficulties. My sincerest hope and prayer for this next year and legislative session is to start to rebuild and restore our economy and our communities that have been broken down. In the meantime, I know many of you have struggled to attain your unemployment benefits. If you would like help with this please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. While I am not in charge of the unemployment office or the decisions they make regarding each account, my goal is to help expedite the process so that you are able to get the information you need. Please send an email to repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov detailing where you are currently at in the process of filing for unemployment. Please also make sure to include your full legal name and the last 4 digits of your social security number. Once we have this information my office will inquire on your behalf with the unemployment office.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And as always, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about happenings in our community. You can reach me at (808) 586-9490 or at repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

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There will be \$40,000 in prize purse on the line with the "Overall Performance" winner set to receive \$25,000. This award will be given to the surfer who showcases the most consistent and progressive big-wave rides over the course of the season. The "Runner Up," Best Ride," and "Biggest Wave," category hold a \$5000 award.

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CONGRATS JOSH MONIZ

Josh Moniz won trials for the Pipe Masters and is qualified to get points and surf in the main event. Josh is a Billabong Team rider and practically a North Shore local who spends mega days at the Billabong house. His brother Seth Moniz qualified for the World Tour and they are excited to surf in the same event. Moniz scored two "9" plus rides in the final to win the heat!

WILD CARD BETTY LOU SAKURA JONHSON IN THE MAUI PRO

Hale'iwa wahine and Roxy team rider Betty Lou Sakura Johnson got a wild card seed into the Maui Pro presented by Roxy. She did well and made the quarter finals where Carissa Moore took her down. Johnson did wow the viewers with a tube ride and hard turning rips off the Honolua waves. She earned 11.83 to Moores 14.00 but went down swinging. Congrats to the local North Shore surfer!



Josh Moniz, Pipe Masters Photo: WSL



North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

Chairman's Annual Report to Members 2019-20 by Howard Green

The Chamber of Commerce has had a very active year 2019-20. At the very end of the year, the Covid-19 pandemic, economic shutdowns and quarantine for Hawaii began so this report will include the Chamber's response to those events up to Sept 30, 2020.

In 2018 the Chamber undertook an extensive survey of its membership and community members who also wanted to participate. The purpose of the survey was to get a clear view of the most important issues facing the chamber and community, so that the Chamber's efforts could be directed toward resolution of those issues.

Importantly for the Chamber, we learned that to our members and the community as a whole, by far the most important function which the chamber could fill was developing consensus as to community needs and advocacy of those needs with various City and State agencies. We also learned that by far the most important community needs were resolution of parking and traffic congestion at (1) Laniakea Beach and (2) in the commercial area in Haleiwa town.

As I recite for you our major activities below, I want to be sure that everyone realizes that other organizations within the community have also worked toward solution of the below listed problems and we acknowledge their contributions and attempt to coordinate with them.

1. The Haleiwa Walkways Project was already beginning as we concluded our survey. The Chamber has for the past several years held multiple meetings with City representatives encouraging progress on that project. We have provided a conduit for expression of the concerns of individual property owners and how they might be affected by the projects, and the City has been quite responsive to many of our suggestions. It has been promised, as part of the walkways project, that street setbacks affecting Kamehameha Highway properties, established when it was proposed to widen Kamehameha Highway in the 1970's, be removed from city maps. We continue to pursue actually getting this done. Most recently, on July 29th, 2020, we wrote Mayor Caldwell requesting that the outdated street setback regulation would be removed from the City's records, in order to move the Haleiwa Town Walkways Project forward. We met with the Mayor and City engineers in Haleiwa Town, at the project engineers offices in Kalihi, and at the Chamber building to discuss concerns regarding the final plans for the Walkways. The project continues to be on track toward completion.

2. Parking and traffic at Laniakea Beach is an

issue under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation ("DOT"). Opinion within the community had been rather diverse and the Department had received substantial criticism. We attempted to lower the temperature and create a more cooperative working environment. Ed Sniffen from the Department has worked diligently with us to find workable, affordable and community responsive solutions to the problem. A great deal of progress has been made, and I believe we are on course for a workable solution which can be implemented in the reasonably near future.

3. Parking in the Makai end of Haleiwa has been exacerbated by recent development in that area which has caused an explosion of street and other unauthorized parking that in turn creates severe traffic congestion during the busy hours of the day. The Chamber has proposed and continues to advocate two municipal solutions: First, allowing parking as a permitted use on agriculturally zoned lots within the Haleiwa design district; and second, converting the already City-owned Corporation Yard on Emerson lane to a parking area. The first of these solutions would allow more parking and more quickly because arrangements could be made and the parking could be paid for by private parties. The main advantage of the second solution is the location and size of the corporation yard which would permit up to 400 additional parking stalls in the most critical location. Both of these solutions seem to have wide community support, but are meeting with resistance from affected City agencies. We are hoping we will see more support from the newly elected Mayor.

4. Vacation rentals have long been controversial because of the impact of the rentals on neighboring residences. However, in the absence of hotel rooms near Haleiwa, the vacation rentals have been important to the North Shore economy. The Chamber Board has taken the position the vacation rentals should continue to be permitted, but with regulation to curb abuses affecting neighbors. Unfortunately the City Council opted to eliminate all vacation rentals as of January 2020, which had affected some North Shore merchants this year, even before the governmental response to Covid occurred.

5. Another State DOT action which would harm the fabric of our community as well as our economy has been the proposed closure of Dillingham Air Field. On March 16, 2020, the Chamber wrote the Director of the DOT urging the continuation of Dillingham Airfield, citing its importance to our North Shore economy and community.

6. In response to the Covid-19 crisis, the Chamber established a Committee on Good Health Practices, to develop safe reopening guidelines for the retail, restaurant/food truck, and personal services industries. Our guidelines were presented to the Governor's Emergency Covid Response Task Force and to our U.S. and State legislators to encourage them to allow safe reopening of our small businesses. Many of our guidelines were incorporated by the task force into the mandated reopening regulations.

7. We have been active in support of our North

Shore small businesses in response to the Covid pandemic. On April 19th 2020, we wrote our United States Senators and Representatives urgently requesting additional funding for the Payroll Protection Program, in order to help our small businesses survive during the economic lockdown.

8. Preservation of Historic Haleiwa has been an important Chamber project for a number of years. Our project has included identifying historic structures, working with owners to help them find economic ways to preserve those structures, and providing historic plaques about each building preserved under the program. In 2019-20 we have made huge progress on implementation of this program.

Following also are reports from our Committees highlighting their most important projects and including more detailed information about some of the above listed projects:

Marketing Committee: Prior to Covid-19 pandemic, the Marketing Committee organized quarterly informational and networking after-hours events with speakers covering subject areas in business accounting, business start-up principles, business law, bookkeeping, web design, and social media marketing. This summer the Marketing Committee designed a "Kama'aina Offerings" page on the Chamber website, www.gonorthshore.org/kamaaina, to encourage local business to the North Shore during the economic shutdowns. The Marketing Committee continues to provide ideas and content for promoting local businesses on its website, www.gonorthshore.org, its @gonorthshore social media pages on Facebook and Instagram, and in its North Shore News articles.

Historic Preservation Committee: Last fall, our Historic Preservation Committee held a well-received, two-part series educational forum on the benefits of historic preservation for heritage building owners. This Committee has also researched the area's history and its buildings to create a historic interpretative tour and brochure called the "Walking Tour of Haleiwa: An Historic Village by the Sea." This committee has drafted the historic narrative for bronze building plaques and informational kiosks, accompanied by a directional map of the area, to provide people a meaningful appreciation for our region. A few of the plaques have been installed, namely plaques at the Haleiwa Shingon Mission, Mutual Telephone Building, Queen Liliuokalani Church, and the Waiialua Community Association Building. The first informational kiosk's design has been approved by our board and is now in the construction stages.

Committee on Good Health Practices: Created in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Committee on Good Health Practices drafted three sets of reopening guidelines for our retail, restaurant/food truck, and personal services industries and sent them to our U.S. and State legislators.

Grants: The North Shore Chamber of Commerce was awarded a number of grants for its Historic Haleiwa Interpretative Signage Project (providing historic interpretation for the North Shore and its buildings, by way of plaques, informational kiosks, tours and

brochures) and its operating expenses, namely from the: 1)Hawaii Community Foundation (\$5,000) 2) Atherton Foundation (\$5,000) 3)National Trust for Historic Preservation (5,000) 4)Hawaii Tourism Authority (\$20,000) and 5)Turtle Bay Foundation (\$500)

We have continued to provide valuable information to the membership via phone and email and encourage you to communicate with us regarding any matter of importance to you. The Chamber is here to help serve your needs and advocate for our community. Subject to space limitations, members are welcome to attend Board meetings. If you are coming, please let us know in advance so we can coordinate space.



Aloha As I See It

By Roxana Jimenez

I came to Hawaii five years ago with a very superficial understanding of Aloha. Back then, I believed aloha was a greeting, a goodbye, a good vibes statement expressed in polite conversation. Aloha was a platitude, a Hawaiian pleasantry or exchange where no intimacy was involved. By golly, I was wrong. Now I've found Aloha to be so much more, a realization that became more prevalent after my few brief trips to the mainland. In short, Aloha is a way of life, a way of love, with emotional intelligence, boundaries, compassion, forgiveness, and humor. This is genuine Aloha, as I see it:

Aloha is a feeling of goodwill, which happens whether or not we feel good, like someone, or given in exchange for something else. Aloha is a spirit of generosity given to someone without expecting anything in return. Aloha is understanding that we are all dependent on one another and that when we help one another prosper more aloha is fostered. Aloha asks the question, "How can I make life better for someone else today?" Aloha is never contrived because receiving the feeling of Aloha accompanies the action. Aloha may not always be easy but it always provides peace.

Aloha is a "go with the flow" attitude and not forcing something unnaturally, before its time. Aloha is letting be and being flexible. You either "can or no can," man!

Aloha is not turning a blind eye but being bold in stepping forward. Aloha is healing because aloha pays attention.

Aloha is the unspoken acknowledgement that we all have missing pieces (like my grandmother says) and that we're willing to fill them in for each other if able.

Aloha is a spirit of inclusion, making others feel welcome. When a person doesn't include others, that's exclu-

sion. Aloha is open arms, even if it's 6 feet away. Aloha creates smiles because it generates belonging. Aloha expresses how unity is stronger than division.

Aloha makes friends out of enemies, ends petty quarrels, neutralizes political tensions and jealousies. Aloha is a wise choice because it activates love.

Aloha is humility in leadership, putting aside one's pride for the betterment of the whole society. Aloha is seeing a need and acting on it without being asked. Aloha is giving credit where credit is due. Aloha is doing the right thing, without pomp or self-promotion.

Aloha is real transparent kindness, without ulterior motive or justification. Aloha isn't earned, it's central to the human experience. Aloha isn't adopted for the sole purpose of profit. True purveyors of Aloha see through those attempts.

Aloha is wisdom. Aloha is amorphous but shaped by the philosophy that Aloha saves lives, families, and communities.

Aloha is an internal projection of respect; it's a silent power within saying "it's done out of love." Aloha at its finest is honor to the land, its resources, its history, traditions and generations of people.

Aloha is animating and life-affirming. Aloha is uplifting and contagious. Aloha is a desire for everyone to feel the warmth and energy of Aloha. Aloha can't be forced onto others and if they don't accept it, they don't know what they're missing.

Aloha truly alters the atmosphere. Every time I step off the plane when I arrive home, I smell it, I feel it and I'm grateful to live it. Aloha and Mahalo!

Dental Care at Koolauloa

By Kevin Woody, DMD

Did you know that oral disease is the number one childhood disease? The good news is that it is totally preventable. Dental decay, also known as cavity, is the most common childhood chronic disease in the United States and throughout the world according to CDC. Tooth decay can lead to dental pain and abscessed teeth. It can also affect and disrupt the healthy growth and development of permanent teeth. Studies have shown that children with severe decay can have problems with eating, speaking, concentrating and miss more school days due to sickness. About one of five children aged five to eleven years old have at least one untreated decayed tooth.

At Koolauloa Health Center's Pediatric Dentistry, prevention is the foundation of all we do. This begins when the first tooth erupts and you bring your baby to us for preventive care. Our team and I can predict and prevent tooth decay with your help through tracking your keiki growth and development. We will discuss how to best keep teeth healthy, how to diagnose and

treat a variety of dental issues that can preserve your keiki self-esteem. It is easier and more affordable to prevent oral disease than to treat it. Childhood is the best time to instill good oral health practices and to shape attitudes and habits regarding dental care that will affect their smiles the rest of their lives.

Healthy, happy smiles don't just happen. They require daily attention and protection by parents and keiki. We are excited to partner with all of you and help protect the smiles we love. Working together, we can work towards this goal. Come and see Dr. Woody and his team at Koolauloa Health Center and we can all move forward.

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Country Talk Story by Choon James

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However, low interest rates also widen the opportunities for more buyers to get into the real estate market. So, the competition also widens. For the real estate industry, "Supply and Demand" is always at play.

It's common knowledge that local residents always have to compete with foreign and out-of-state buyers. Hawaii's beauty, weather, and political stability present a big draw for investors to park their money. Investors do not have to worry about political coup or the government seizing their investments without due process. There are those buying homes to turn into non-conforming vacation rentals.

This open market to the world also presents tough competition between cash buyers and those who have

to borrow from a lender. Obviously, a cash buyer does not have to undergo standard lending processes such as a property market appraisal or underwriting credit or income qualifications, and so on. However, we also explain to sellers that, whether the purchase is cash or through a lender, the seller will still receive their sale proceeds in the end. Some sellers are willing to help first-time homebuyers who need a lender versus a cash investor.

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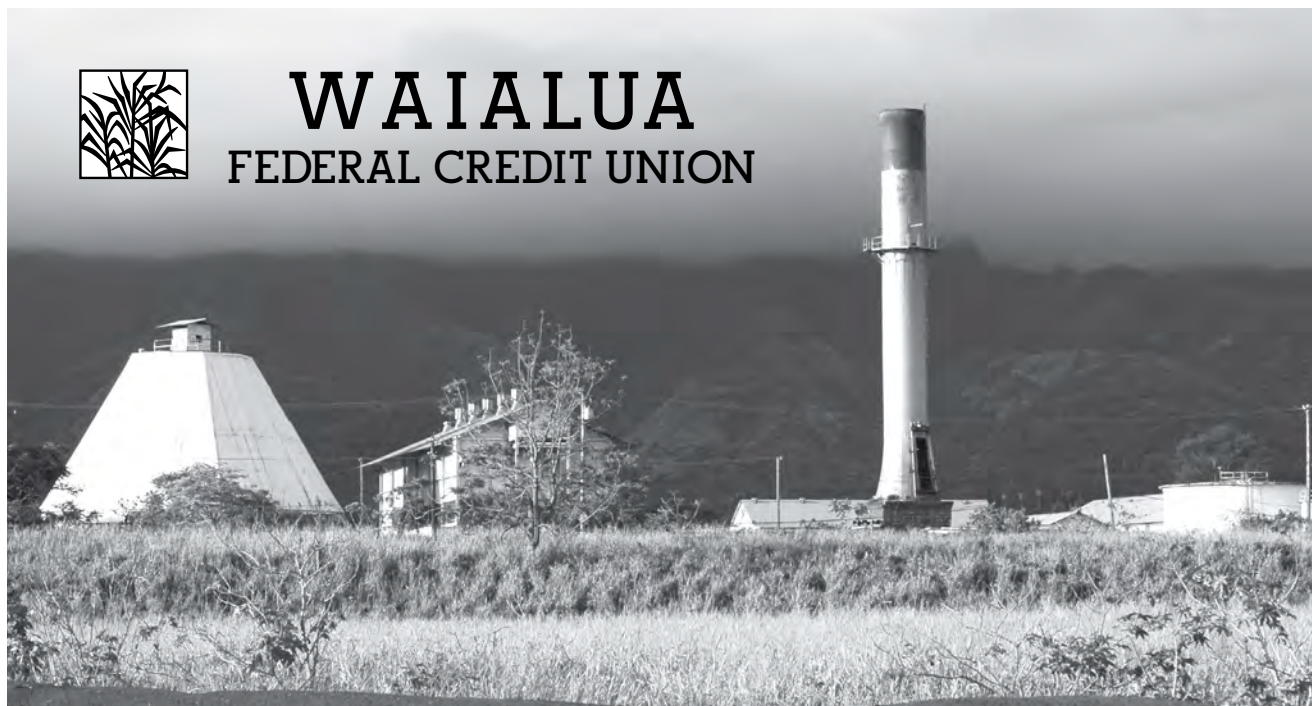
1. Remember it may not be possible to find an ideal home in an ideal location with an ideal price. Be realistic. A first real estate purchase does not have to be the final purchase.
2. Can't qualify on your own? How about asking for help from a family member or even a trusted partner or a hui?
3. There are mortgages with no down payment required through veterans or rural loan programs.
4. If you know you will return to the continental mainland, why not purchase a property there? This way, you would have something to go back to. If your needs change in the future, you could sell that property. With that property's equity, you would be in a better position to buy something else.

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