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The Tanaka family with others outside of their tailor shop and dry goods store in Hale'iwa in the mid-1920s. Courtesy of Randal Tanaka Collection

M. Matsumoto Store

Circa 1904 - 66-111 Kamehameha Hwy

This wood frame building built on Bishop Estate property originally housed a tailor shop and dry goods store for Segō and Tayo Tanaka, immigrants from Shikoku, Japan. When they returned to Japan in the early 1920s, their son Kazuaki and his wife Shizuko took over the dry goods store known as the K. Tanaka Store. In the 1940s, Masakazu

Tanaka operated the store until Kazuaki Tanaka sold the business to Mamoru and Helen Matsumoto in 1951. The Matsumotos began selling shave ice in their grocery store in 1956. Known as kakigori in Japan, it was brought to Hawaii by early Japanese immigrants. First offered with a choice of homemade syrups

and sweet azuki beans, Matsumoto shave ice eventually made the store internationally famous. Stanley Matsumoto took over the store from his parents in 1976, and with his wife Noriko and daughter Remy, built the Matsumoto Store into one of Haleiwa's most legendary, multi-generational family businesses. (Plaque Language)

Waiale'e Lako Pono Project

By: Penny Nakamura

It's been a long time coming, but after decades of neglect, North Shore's Waiale'e ahupua'a area is making a comeback, in a big way.

On a recent Saturday, Kaleohano Farrant, lead several dozen kama'aina on a hike around the 30-acre property to view what's been done by the Waiale'e Lako Pono project leaders and volunteers. This is the latest project of the non-profit North Shore Community Land Trust.

Walking along a cleared trail Kaleohano, stops and stands next to the freshwater pond, a short distance from the graffitied building remnants of the former, circa 1904, Crawford Industrial School for Boys.

"This fishpond; lo'i is the source of most our freshwater in this area," said Kaleohano, who explained the measured salinity in this fishpond is less than 1%. "Having this kind of freshwater so close to the ocean is amazing and there are native fish here. As you can see, we were able to plant a lot of kalo here in mounds, and we will harvest 700 pounds of kalo by the end of the year."

Kaleohano's brother Nick Kawelakai Farrant was instrumental in negotiating a 25-year lease of this land with the University of Hawai'i, with the vision of restoring and preserving the area. The brothers of Hawaiian heritage grew up two miles from Waiale'e, so they're passionate about the land.

"We can actualize the community vision of malama 'aina; when we take care of the land, the land will take care of us in return," said a passionate Nick Kawelakai Farrant, who earned his UH degrees in Hawaiian language and Community Planning, with a master's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Management. "Now we have this opportunity that this historic land will sustain us, as long as we keep it up."

After the infamous Crawford Industrial School for Boys shut down in 1945. The University of Hawai'i took over the land turning it into their livestock research station, but by 2007, the university moved its' operation to Waimanalo, and this is when the land fell into disrepair, becoming a homeless encampment, and attracting alleged criminal activities.

"When we first started working here in 2020, this area was so overgrown with cane grass and brush, some of it probably 25 feet high," said Farrant, at the recent public open house. "With the help from the community and many volunteers, you can see we were able to clear out a lot."

Farrant credits the county and state for hauling out the many used abandoned cars on the property and helping to clean up a lot of the garbage and finding other places for the unhoused.

Back in 2019, Farrant held three community workshops to find out what the community envisioned,

and found the priorities were: a healthy eco-system, sustainable agriculture using Hawaiian cultural practices, and making Waiale'e an open classroom to educate people.

Fast forward to this summer and Waiale'e Lako Pono opened its gates on a late August weekend to welcome the public to start the educational process.

Adding innovative ideas to the Waiale'e Lako Pono project are several University of Hawai'i departments, from Hawaiian Oral history to the Engineering and Architecture schools, all bringing ideas to the table to further enhance the dream, that is coming to fruition.

Waiale'e Lako Pono, encourages anyone who would like to volunteer to please register at <https://www.northshoreland.org/waialeelakopono>



Kaleohano Farrant leading a public tour of the Waiale'e area. Photos: P. Nakamura

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Building Community

In the wake of the Lahaina tragedy, we have been relearning how to come together, with resilience and determination, to overcome the shared challenges that we face. The establishment of working groups focused on Food, Shelter, Environmental Remediation, Jobs/Business, and Wildfire Prevention by the Hawaii State House demonstrates a commitment to addressing the immediate and long-term needs of Lahaina.

My recent visits to the various support hubs across Lahaina have left me profoundly inspired by the strength and unity of our community. The Lahaina Civic Center, serving as the FEMA site, has become a hub of essential services and information, thanks to the dedication of over a hundred volunteers and numerous organizations. From offering replacement identification documents to job training guidance and school enrollment assistance, this center has become a lifeline for those affected by the tragedy.

The collaboration between government agencies and local organizations, such as our Hawaii Red Cross, has been instrumental in providing aid and support to our community members. With around 32 non-aggregate hotel shelters housing over 7,280 individuals and FEMA processing aid applications for more than 3,500 families, we are witnessing the power of collective effort.

Additionally, the community-organized hubs, like those at Kelaweia Mauka Park and Napili Park, have provided a more personal and intimate support system. These hubs have not only supplied essential resources but have also created a sense of unity and belonging. Hot meals, camaraderie, wellness support, and a space for emotional healing have been offered by these hubs, reinforcing the idea that community strength is built on love and understanding, even in the face of differences and adversity.

"Falling in civic love" is a powerful concept that goes beyond traditional notions of civic engagement or education. It is about coming together as a community, valuing our shared experiences, and working towards a brighter future despite the challenges we face.

Through stories and shared experiences, we can better understand one another and build a stronger, more resilient community.

As we move forward in the recovery process, let us remember the spirit of Lahaina – a spirit of resilience, unity, and love for our community. Together, we can continue to support one another, inspire meaningful change, and build a brighter future for all.

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Hawaii Teachers Participate in Prestigious Fulbright Program

Two Hawaii Department of Education teachers, Blade Shepherd-Jones from Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School and Laura Cummings from Sunset Beach Elementary School, just completed the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms (TGC) Fellowship program. Fulbright TGC equips educators to bring an international perspective to their schools through targeted training, experience abroad, and global collaboration. The program included an intensive online global competencies course, a Global Symposium in Washington D.C. with the other 60 Fulbright Fellows, completion of a Global Education Guide, and an International Field Experience to learn more about culture and education in other countries.

Cummings' field experience was in Morocco in March, and Shepherd-Jones' field experience was in Colombia in July. Each received a congratulatory certificate from U.S. Senator Brian Schatz.



Laura Cummings with some of the students she taught at host school, Halima Saadia Junior High School in Rabat, Morocco. The Sunset Beach Elementary School student council raised funds from our school community to provide gifts of English books, stickers, and technology. The students and host teacher were very thankful. Students at Sunset Beach Elementary School also traded letters (written in English), so they had the opportunity to connect with students in another part of the world.



Laura Cummings with host teacher, Loubna Zohra Aissaoui, in front of the Moroccan-American Commission for Educational & Cultural Exchange (MACECE) building in Rabat, Morocco. Photos: Fulbright Program



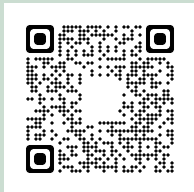
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OFF da Island in Melbourne, Florida

Julie Nacapuy with her daughter, Jennifer from Kahuku, met up with her sisters in Florida. They are pictured here in front of the grotto at St. John Evangelist Community Church. L-R: Jennifer (HI), Jean (FL), Julie (HI), Fely (TX), Joan (VA). For information on the NSN OFF da Island campaign turn to page 23.

North Shore News

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Join us all October long for our
60TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION & CONCERT

It's our 60th Anniversary and we're inviting 'Ohana Club members to join the fun! All month long, enjoy special events, giveaways and more. Plus, **Common Kings** will be performing on October 25th!* Free general admission tickets are available on October 2nd at 2:30pm—reserve yours at PCCOhana.com.

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'Ohana Club members can take advantage of our \$49.95 Gateway Dinner & Show Package.

Expires 10/31/23.

*Must be an 'Ohana Club member with valid Hawai'i ID. Reservations required for concert tickets; limited seating. Some restrictions apply.

Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC) Celebrates its 60th Anniversary

In early 1962, construction of the Polynesian Cultural Center was authorized and over 100 "labor missionaries" volunteered to help build the Polynesian Cultural Center's original 39 structures on a 12-acre site that had previously been planted in taro, the native root used to make the Hawaiian staple food poi. Skilled artisans and original materials from the South Pacific were imported to ensure the authenticity of the village houses. The Polynesian Cultural Center opened on October 12, 1963.

While known as a must-see experience for visitors traveling to O'ahu, the PCC is also the Center for kama'āina (Hawai'i residents) and community. For the entire month of October, Ohana Club members will receive special offers, deals and giveaways. The Ohana Club is PCC's FREE kama'āina loyalty program and provides residents with exclusive offers and deals at the PCC, Hukilau Marketplace, and more.

As an Ohana Club member, Hawai'i residents can participate in various events held at the PCC throughout the year. Every October, Ohana Club members have an open invitation to PCC's Birthday Celebration. This month-long celebration includes family activities, FREE prizes and PCC swag, and other fun opportunities.

Ohana Club members, here's what's happening at PCC next month:

October 2-7: FREE Dole Whip from Tutu's Sweet Shop in the Hukilau Marketplace. Dole Whip is first come, first serve and while supplies last.

October 9-14: Hukilau Marketplace vendor discount at participating retail shops and eateries.

October 16-21: Special anniversary PCC t-shirt and swag giveaway. Items are first come, first serve and while supplies last.

October 25: Common Kings concert from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Entry into the concert is free but you must reserve a ticket in advance. Tickets are available online beginning October 2 and are first come, first serve and while supplies last.

From now through October 31, Ohana Club members can enjoy Gateway Dinner & Show for just \$49.95 (regular price \$69.95). Watch the spectacular HĀ: Breath of Life Show and indulge at the bountiful Gateway Buffet. To book, call (808) 293-3333. For more information or to sign up for Polynesian Cultural Center's Ohana Club program, visit <https://www.polynesia.com/residents>, or call 1 (800) 367-7060.



SAVE THE DATE

Community Cantata Choir Practice for Christmas

When: Sunday, October 8th

Where: Lili'uokalani Protestant Church in Hale'iwa

Time: 1:00pm

Younger voices are also welcome.

For more information call Eileen Hirota 808-728-5363

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We will re-post the winning photos on @pkbsweets

Mahalo to all you Snow Puffy Fans!



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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

My heart goes out to all the families that have been impacted by the devastating wildfires in Lahaina. The scale of destruction and loss of life are difficult to fathom, but I am encouraged by the strength and resilience of the communities who have come together in the wake of this tragedy. The City and County of Honolulu stands in solidarity with Lahaina, and we are committed to aiding in Maui's recovery however we can.

I am proud to announce the successful signing of Bill 4 (2023), which relates to the Energy Code. This achievement was the result of extensive collaboration between the City, housing providers, and clean energy advocates, all aiming to keep our housing costs down while advancing our state's energy conservation and sustainability goals. By bringing these stakeholders together, we achieved an amicable and workable consensus that will benefit both our residents and the environment. I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of all those involved in this process.

I would also like to rehighlight the passage of Bills 37 and 40 (2022) in light of the upcoming deadline. Bill 37 (2022) raises the low-income tax credit to \$80,000, meaning homeowner occupants making a combined income of \$80,000 or less are entitled to a maximum property tax payment of no more than 3% of their income. Bill 40 (2022) increases the standard home-owner occupant exemption amounts for those who do not qualify for the low-income tax credit. I also introduced Bill 34 (2023), which would increase the home-owner occupant exemption to \$250,000, or \$300,000 for those 65 years of age or older. If passed this would apply to tax years beginning July 1, 2025. Visit <https://www.realpropertyhonolulu.com/> to find information on how to file for exemptions or credits. Please be advised that the deadline for filing exemption claims and tax credit applications is September 30th.

Finally, a quick update on two bills previously mentioned in last month's article - Bills 46 and 47 (2023). Bill 46 would phase out flavored tobacco products on O'ahu once the state removes the preemption restriction, and Bill 47 would allow residents to discard manufactured compostables as part of the City's curbside recycling program.


Both of these bills are still in motion, so I encourage community members who are interested in these issues to please submit testimony.

I always appreciate hearing from you. Please email me at mweyer@honolulu.gov or call our office at 808-768-5002 if you have any concerns or ideas about how to support and uplift our community.



Mayor Blangiardi signing Bill 4 (2023) into law.

FREE EVENT



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When: Saturday, September 23
Location: WCA lawn
Time: 3:00-7:00pm

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- ▶ Hula performances by Halau Kawaipuilani Halau Hula Makana A Ke Akua
- ▶ Live Music
- ▶ Light refreshments and beverages for sale





North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

North Shore Chamber of Commerce Addresses Wildfire Risk and Emergency Preparedness in upcoming General Membership Meeting

As part of our response to the tragedies that have recently occurred on Maui, The North Shore Chamber of Commerce would like to extend an invitation to all members of the community to attend its upcoming General Membership Meeting. This meeting aims to educate attendees about readiness and evacuation strategies in the event of wildfires, earthquakes, tsunamis, and hurricanes.

The meeting will feature speakers including elected officials, representatives from the Honolulu Fire Department, Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Preparedness, and the Red Cross, and will provide an invaluable opportunity for community involvement. These experts will offer crucial insights, information, and practical advice on how residents and businesses can actively participate in the protection of our community.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Time: 8:00am

Location: Haleiwa Joes Restaurant, 66-011 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa,

Cost: \$10 members \$15 non members (breakfast)

"The North Shore Chamber of Commerce recognizes the significance of proactively addressing wildfire and disaster risk given the tragic events that have recently unfolded on Maui. By coming together as a united front, the Chamber aims to empower residents, business owners, and stakeholders to be better equipped to safeguard lives, properties, and assets," says Vice-Chair Carol Philips.

The Chamber encourages all interested parties, both members and non-members, to attend and actively participate in this event.

For more information and to RSVP go to:

<https://cca.gonorthshore.org/EvtListing.aspx?dbid2=HINSH&evtid=9469&class=E>



Exciting Opportunity: Executive Director - North Shore Chamber of Commerce

Location: Haleiwa, North Shore.

Application Deadline: Sept. 30, 2023

Type: Full-time

Are you a dynamic leader with a passion for driving community development and fostering collaboration? The North Shore Chamber of Commerce (NSCOC) is seeking a dedicated and experienced individual to join us as the next Executive Director. If you possess a proven track record of strategic planning, successful grant writing, and non-profit management, we encourage you to apply for this impactful role.

Position Overview: As the Executive Director, you will be at the forefront of realizing the NSCOC's mission and objectives. Collaborating closely with the Board of Directors, you will plan, develop, and manage programs and projects that drive the Chamber's goals forward. Your expertise in grant acquisition, financial management, and stakeholder engagement will be crucial in securing funding, enhancing membership, and strengthening partnerships that advanced the NSCOC's mission.

Application Process: If you are enthusiastic about driving community growth and economic development, we encourage you to apply. Please send your resume and a detailed cover letter outlining your interest in the position, qualifications, and relevant experiences to nschamberpresident@gmail.com. In your cover letter, share your vision for how your leadership will advance the NSCOC's mission.

The NSCOC values diversity and encourages candidates of all backgrounds to apply.

Shape the future of the North Shore community and business landscape. Join us as the Executive Director and make a lasting impact on our region.

For inquiries, please contact Mike Biechler at nschamberpresident@gmail.com or (808) 371-5090. Explore our website at <https://gonorthshore.org> to learn more about the North Shore Chamber of Commerce's contributions to the community.



Mahalo to George Cox for donating his services to the Chamber for the installation of the plaque on the historic Matsumoto Store Building. Photo: B. Ritchie

The Matsumoto Store Building - A Story of Friendship

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce, as part of its mission of historic preservation of significant sites in Hale'iwa, recently installed a bronze plaque commemorating the Matsumoto Store building. Similar to seventeen other plaques that can now be found throughout Hale'iwa, the plaque language depicts the architectural and entrepreneurial history of the building.

The iconic Matsumoto Store in Hale'iwa has been making history since 1951. For all but a few early years as a grocery store, its popularity grew as a result of a single sweet commodity...shave ice. Seventy-two years and forty flavors later, the name Matsumoto has become synonymous with shave ice and recognized far beyond the town of Hale'iwa.

What makes the Matsumoto store one of the more unique buildings of old Hale'iwa is that it is actually a tale of two families. It began with the arrival of Segō and Tayo Tanaka from Shikoku Island's Ehime Prefecture in Japan at the turn of the century. The couple owned and operated a tailor shop and dry goods store in the wood frame building constructed around 1904. When the Tanakas decided to return to Japan in the early 1920s, their son Kazuaki remained. He later married and he and his wife Shizuko continued to operate the dry goods store which became the K. Tanaka Store.

By late 1940, Kazuaki Tanaka had established himself as a successful Waiialua businessman. He served as the head of the Waiialua Japanese Society and was part of a group of prominent community leaders that invested in a modern multi-story department store in Honolulu on the corner of King and Bethel streets. Called The House of Mitsukoshi, it carried the latest in Japanese home goods. It featured a fire-proofed ground floor and the first escalator in the territory of Hawaii. Sadly, Kazuaki Tanaka, along with other executives involved in the venture, were interned at the outbreak of World War II. The Mitsukoshi property was seized by the federal government in 1942, and the department store was converted into the headquarters for the American USO. Shizuko continued to run the K. Tanaka Store until she and son Richard joined Kazuaki at the Crystal City Family Internment Camp in Texas in 1944. Kazuaki's brother Masakazu stepped in to run the store and continued to manage it after the Tanaka family returned to Hawaii in 1945.

With a seemingly undaunted spirit and a flair for business, Kazuaki Tanaka went on to build The Esmond, Hale'iwa's first department store. Celebrating its Grand Opening in November of 1950, the store featured dry goods, hardware, and general merchandise. Knowing of Mamoru and Helen

Matsumoto's dream of owning their own business, Kazuaki sold the K. Tanaka Store to them in 1951, forming a lasting bond between the two families.

Mamoru Matsumoto was born in Honouliuli on the Big Island, but his family returned to Hiroshima when he was just a toddler. Limited opportunities prompted him to leave Japan to find work in Hawaii. He worked on the sugar plantation, the railroad and as a salesman for the Sakai Store, the site of Pioneer Ace Hardware today. Through friends, he met and married a Hilo girl named Helen Ogi. They had three children, and by the time their youngest child Stanley was born in 1951, their dream of running their own business was about to come true thanks to Kazuaki Tanaka.

The Matsumotos began selling shave ice in their grocery store in 1956. Known as kakigori in Japan, shaved ice dates back over a thousand years as a popular sweet summer treat. With summer weather virtually all year round in Hawaii, it was the perfect option that attracted both locals and visitors. First offered with a variety of homemade syrups and sweet azuki beans, Matsumoto shave ice eventually made the store internationally famous. Stanley Matsumoto took over the store from his parents in 1976, and with his wife Noriko and daughter Remy, built the Matsumoto Store into one of Hale'iwa's most legendary, multi-generational family businesses.

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce is pleased to play a role in bringing to light the exceptional story of a building that has fostered the dreams and ambitions of two extraordinary local families for nearly 120 years. Mahalo to Ben Balberdi and Kamehameha Schools for conscientious stewardship of the property, to Stanley, Noriko, and Remy Matsumoto for their support of the commemorative plaque project and to Randal Tanaka for sharing his family's history. Special thanks to Reverend Ezaki for performing the blessing and offering a prayer for the continued success and prosperity of Matsumoto Shave Ice, in the heart of Hale'iwa, for many more years to come!



(L) Randall Tanaka, great grandson of store founders Segō and Tayo Tanaka joined Stanley Matsumoto, son of Mamoru and Helen Matsumoto at the plaque dedication. Photo: B. Ritchie

The Matsumoto Store Building - A Story of Friendship



The interior of the K. Tanaka Store, in the 1920s. (L to R) Tanaka family members, Shizuko, Ikuko, Haruo, and Kazuaki. Photo: Courtesy of Randal Tanaka Collection



Noriko and Stanley with daughter Remy, second and third generation of the Matsumoto storekeepers. Photo: Hale'iwa Store Lots



Sego and Tayo Tanaka at their sewing machines inside their tailor shop in Hale'iwa circa early 1900s. Photo: Courtesy of Randal Tanaka Collection



Mamoru Matsumoto working in the store in 1990, around the time of his 82nd birthday. Photo: Courtesy of the Matsumoto Family



Stanley with parents Mamoru and Helen Matsumoto at the entrance to the store in the early 80s. Photo: Courtesy of the Matsumoto Family

No Ka Mākau Na Keao: A Tribute to Thomas Shirai Jr.

By the Waialua Hawaiian Civic Club

Mai ka hikina a ka lā i Kumukahi a ka welona
a ka lā i Lehua.

From the sunrise at Kumukahi to the fading
sunlight at Lehua. (Pukui, #258)



Thomas Toshio Shirai, Jr, was born in 1961 in Honolulu to Thomas Shirai Sr. and Laverna Keao. His 'ohana ties can be traced to Waialua all the way back to the Great Mahele of 1848. Before the historic change in Hawai'i's land tenure system, Shirai's great-great grandfather, Kaaemoku Kakulu, was the last konohiki, or caretaker, of Kawaihāpai, a land division in Waialua. Thomas was a graduate of Waialua High School and an only child. As the punahele (favorite) of his grandfather, Thomas spent a lot of time with his kupunakāne.

At the base of Ka'ala is where he experienced traditional ways of Hawaiian living and gained invaluable 'ike (knowledge) and mana'o (Hawaiian ways of understanding) regarding the history of his family, of Waialua Moku, and of cultural practices but most importantly of traditional natural resource management. Thomas was raised to value knowledge over material objects. His 'ohana provided him with history books, stories, and recordings as a young man. This fueled his love for culture, history, and music, which paved the way for his later career in music and advocacy.

Thomas was a tireless fighter for the legacy entrusted to him as a Waialua Piko 'Ohana member and lifetime resident of Mokulē'ia. Thomas served on the North Shore Neighborhood Board (Mokulē'ia to Ka'ena Point) for many terms. As a young Coast Guard recruit, he was awarded the Coast Guard Medal, while serving as a search and rescue watchstander at the Coast Guard Station Sheboygan in Wisconsin, for his heroism when he saved a woman from drowning. He was the po'o (head) of The Kawaihāpai 'Ohana which

is recognized by The Department of Interior's Office of Hawaiian Relations as a Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO). He was a consultant to the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii for cultural resource matters associated with the Stryker Brigade Combat Team transformation project and various undertakings at Dillingham Airfield, O'ahu. One of his lifelong dreams became a reality when the 2001 Legislature passed Act 276 (effective in 2005) that changed the official name of the airfield located at Kawaihāpai, formerly known as Dillingham Airfield, to Kawaihāpai Airfield.

Thomas lived and practiced true aloha 'āina. He was passionate about the protection of land and iwi (ancestral remains). His dedication to iwi preservation made him an outstanding representative on the O'ahu Island Burial Council. He was a staunch advocate for the protection of iwi kūpuna and gained expertise in iwi treatment, burial practices, and state and federal historic preservation procedures while he formerly served on the O'ahu Island Burial Council and the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council for many years. He spearheaded several efforts to protect burial sites, traditional sites, and historic buildings throughout Waialua.

Thomas passed away on July 27, 2023. His memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Mililani Mortuary Makai Chapel. Visitation begins at 9:30 am; and service 10:30 am. Nui ke aloha to his wife Jacqueline Shirai and his 'ohana.

He Kanikau Aloha No T. Shirai

Lu'ulu'u Waialua i ka ua nui,
Kaumaha i ka 'ehu kai,
Pā ka makani, pio ke kukui,
He makani kū honua nō.

Honi i ka 'iliahi o Kuaokalā,
Inu ā kēna i ka wai kumu 'ole o Kawaihāpai,
Pae aku i ke kula o Mokulē'ia,
Nanea i ka malu o Ka'ala,
Noho i ka pohu o Waialua,
Moe i ka moena pāwehe i ke ao kūpuna.

He Wahi Aloha No Keiki Keao Ē.





NORTH SHORE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Richard Sterman (R)
of Sterman Realty

Do You Own and Live in Your Home? Do You Have a "Home Exemption"?

Every September - my office tries to check on clients that we helped in the purchase of their home to see if they successfully filed for a "Home Exemption".

If you own your home and live there - you are entitled to a "Home Exemption" which gives you a few things: A reduction of \$120,000* on your property's Valuation (saving you on your Property Taxes; *\$160,000 if you are 65 or older).

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I know an owner that has lived in his house since the 70's but never filed for a Home Exemption. He has an expensive home and right now it's classified as Residential "A" (meaning - it has a much higher tax rate). I just estimated that he would have saved over \$50,000 in property taxes just by filing this one form many years ago! I'm helping him fill it out today!

NOTE: OCT. 2nd is the DEADLINE to get this form into the city or all of next year will be lost as well.

Go to www.Honolulu.Gov and search for "home exemptions" or just email me: richard@sterman.com and I'll email you back the form or give you a way to file it online if you're really late!

Richard Sterman has been serving North Shore's real estate needs for over 40 years. He is the owner and Principal Broker of Sterman Realty, the largest Full-Service real estate company on the North Shore. You can contact Richard by emailing Richard@Sterman.com, going to www.Sterman.com or just calling 808.638.8600.

North Shore Neighborhood Board Meetings #27

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

4th Tuesday of Every Month - 7pm
at Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria
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Regular meeting agenda found at:
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

One easy way to limit visitor impact on the North Shore is to limit parking.

The section of land between Pupukea Rd and the end of the dirt area all the way to the stream on the makai side has turned into an ad hoc parking area for visitors to Three Tables.

This area was never intended to be used as a parking lot and now is completely degraded with the run-off going into the stream that empties into a protected area.

I have counted over 45 cars parked on a daily basis, which with a minimum of two people per car, is well over 100 extra people using the Three Tables facilities and adding additional stress on the small beach area.

This area was never designed as a parking lot and should be OFF LIMITS to vehicle parking by installing a guard rail along the highway. This must be done immediately before the next rainy season to protect the reef and limit the amount of people using the beach area.

The other issue is Waimea Valley allowing beach parking with the beach goers darting across Kam Hwy without a crosswalk to get to Waimea Bay. I have talked to the park manager and he assured me there was no problem and he would place a security guard in front to "monitor" the situation for one afternoon. Everytime I drive from Haleiwa to Pupukea I have to stop for pedestrians crossing the street!

Lanikai has addressed parking issues and restricted parking in their small community. Allowing extra parking spaces around the North Shore is creating a community hazard and promotes overuse of beach park and facilities.

I am asking the public to take a stand and help with parking restrictions. The North Shore needs to band together and protect and defend the overuse of our mauka and makai resources.

Mahalo,
Tina Jensen

Dear Editor:

A big mahalo to both of the historical committees for taking their time to share the past history of Hale'iwa and Waialua. Keep up the great work!

Waialua Resident



BANZAI NORTH SHORE WIRELESS

WORLD SURF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS DECIDED

Caroline Marks (USA) and Filipe Toledo (BRA) won the 2023 World Surf League World Titles at the third-annual Rip Curl WSL Finals in four-to-six foot conditions. Five-time WSL Champion Carissa Moore (HAW) and back-to-back World Title contender Ethan Ewing (AUS) claimed runner-up finishes. Toledo, 28, earned his consecutive World Title and is now the first to earn back to back titles since Hawaii's own John John Florence. Toledo was the number one seed going into the final day at Trestles, San Clemente, California. Marks was the number 3 seed and now the first "mainland" surfer to win since Lisa Anderson. Marks backside attack was impressive in what is now her home break. She now also confirms her qualification for the Paris Olympics Games in Teahupo'o, Tahiti, 2024. The entire controversial finish to the season was a bit lackluster with no tube rides and or ten point rides in fun but not hyper good surf. The Championship tour will begin again at Pipeline, January, 2024.

POLO SEASON ENDS AT HAWAII POLO CLUB ON THE NORTH SHORE

The final day at the Hawaii Polo field in Mokuleia had a great three on three wahine battle as well as the regular 4 chucker fast game. Horse polo is one of the hardest games to participate in. Awards were given out to some of the staff and competitors. I want to acknowledge Katherine Bush who won the most improved player award for the season. Bush is just 17 yrs old and rides like she is possessed! She scored two goals in the three on three game to take the win. Congrats to her and all the players. See ya next season, which starts in April 2024.

WAIMEA BAY WAVE BUOY

On August 4th of this year the Waimea Bay Wave Buoy was redeployed. The number of this buoy is #51201. The buoy is very important in observing wave energy, direction and sea surface temperatures. The wave data is transmitted every half hour from the system that is just 4 miles away. Sea surface temperatures are measured in real time. The buoys are owned by PacIOOS, Pacific Island Ocean Observing System, and the data managed by the Coastal Data Information Program at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. Partially funded by the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, NOAA. Data provided by PacIOOS (www.pacioos.org). There is lots of great information at the site including a tiger shark tracking program and maps. For you surfers this is the direct link to the buoy information, <https://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/waves/buoy-waimea/>.

SURFING IN HAWAII SCHOOLS

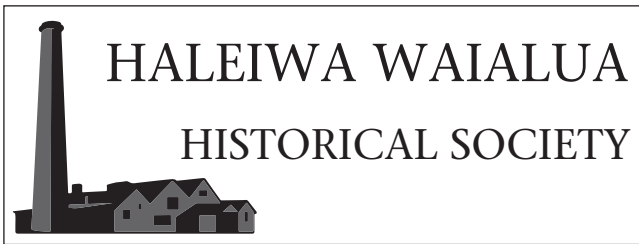
The Duke Kahanamoku Foundation and others have written a document to define varsity surfing in schools. The document is called "Surfing in Hawaii Schools, a White Paper" and looks at why it is important to have surfing officially in our school system. It outlines two school systems with surf teams, Kamehameha and on Maui. If you are interested go to the website for information. <https://www.dukefoundation.org/>



Katherine Bush - Hawaii Polo Club final match
Photo: @banzaibetty



Caroline Marks (USA) and Filipe Toledo (BRA) 2023 WSL World Title Champions Photo: WSL



Review of Selected Major and Local Disasters Hale'iwa

The horrific fire in Lahaina focused all our attention, with shock, grief, and an outpouring of sympathy and assistance for the survivors. It brought a sobering awareness of the fragility of life. Let this disaster encourage us to refocus, understand, and be prepared.

Our updated "Disaster Timeline" is posted on our website: www.waiialuahistoricalsociety.org It includes the 1919 Lahaina fire and major fires in Waiialua and Hale'iwa. Examples are a 2003 fire that jumped the bypass and came very close to the North Shore Marketplace. Kamehameha Highway in Hale'iwa was blocked with traffic so evacuation was problematic. There were big brush fires in our uplands in 2007 and 2010, and one along Kamehameha Hwy just this year. In 2011 a brush fire in a homeless camp forced Hale'iwa Elementary to evacuate.

Most fires start because of people, not lightning. Fire data maps show very high frequency ignitions (38 per sq mile per year) near Waiialua and Hale'iwa. And mapped lower frequency fire areas like our uplands, it still only takes one ignition for a trade-wind-blown fire. Thankfully, at Weed Circle and along Goodale Avenue recent mowing somewhat reduces the nearby wildfire threat.

Tsunamis were noted in Hawai'i newspapers as early as 1819. A 'tidal wave' that year was considered a bad omen, and it was followed by the death of King Kamehameha I. Newspaper accounts of large damaging waves, already attributed to remote earthquakes, were found for 1831, 1841, 1860, 1868 twice, 1877, and 1896. In the last century, tsunami events are noted in 1901, 1903, 1906 twice.

On our North Shore, a 1923 tsunami pushed the local Matsugoro home off its foundation and the Matsugoro boys had to be rescued from the river. The 1946 tsunami that destroyed Hilo killed 160, also washed out the railroad at Mokulē'ia, and Waiale'e. Another one in 1952 damaged the tracks again, and flooded 'Fresh Air Camp' (now Kaiaka Park). Most frightening, of course, are the quickly arriving waves of a local earthquake. The 1868 tsunami in Ka'u, on Hawai'i Island, created an 80-foot local wave, taller than the coconut trees, and killed 80 people. As the Big Island is only 200 miles away, a tsunami wave can arrive in 20 minutes!

Storm waves in 1969 destroyed 15 homes along

Sunset Beach and Kawailoa.

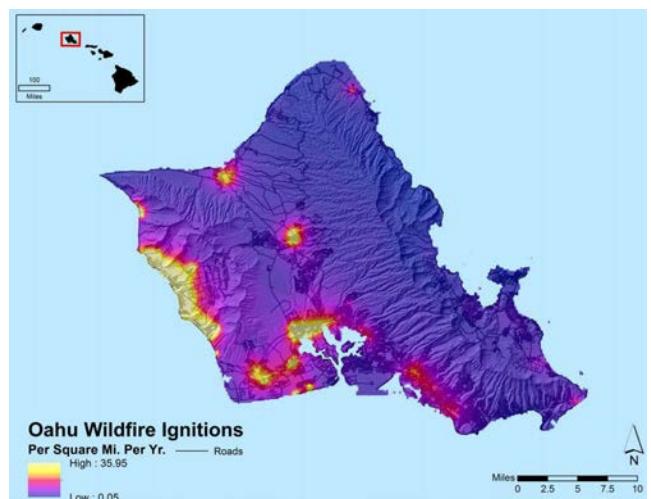
In 1982 both hurricane 'Iwa, and then Hawaii's most destructive hurricane ever, Iniki, on September 11, 1992, hit Kauai, only 60 miles from here. Both affected the North Shore with wind damage. 'Iwa left us without power, and in some places water too, for 10 days. Near miss Hurricane Lane, the closest Cat 5 ever recorded near Hawai'i, was headed straight for Honolulu in 2021 before wind shear broke it up. It dumped 5 feet of rain on the slopes of Mauna Kea.

Local flooding arises from our six named streams, all from the Koolau Mountains. In 1880 the Kauonahua Stream bridge washed out. In 1921, just as our landmark Anahulu Bridge was under construction, the old wooden bridge adjacent to the new one, had its footings washed out. Fortunately, as Mayor Wilson and City Engineer Fred Ohrt confirmed upon visiting, the new bridge's footings were more solid and the construction was not delayed.

In 1932, Tomitaro Konno's new Hale'iwa Theatre sheltered 23 families from stream flooding. In 1962 the Red Cross sheltered 42 people who had been flooded out. In 1974 three of the Bachiller family were killed by flooding from Halemano and Ōpa'e'ula streams (near Twin Bridges). And of course, in 2008, and again in 2021 our homeowners near Twin Bridges were flooded out, and the bridge near Waiialua Elementary school was damaged.

Each time we are flooded, the volunteer and government recovery efforts are in the news. The politicians promise to do a study and promise to do better. Again and again, disasters will happen, no one will prevent them, and we will suddenly be on our own with just the small fire department and a few policemen to help. We need to be aware, to organize, and prepare.

The Society is a 501 c 3 nonprofit incorporated in Hawai'i whose mission is "To preserve and promote the history of Hale'iwa and the Waiialua Moku." To learn more, please go to www.WaiialuaHistoricalSociety.org



Yellow or white areas average 3 fires started per square mile per month. Photo: Pacific Fire Exchange



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Aviation Career Day

By: Noah Grodzin

On August 26th, Boy Scouts of Hawaii Post 213 hosted an Aviation Career Day at Dillingham Airfield sponsored by Acroflight Aviation with booths from the FAA, Civilian Air Patrol, and the Coast Guard.

The event also celebrated the 100th birthday of John Gleason, who did in fact turn 100 years old on the actual day of the event.

John has lived on Oahu for the past 50 years and was an active pilot in both World War II and the Korean War. He has spent many years donating his time to a range of causes including teaching classes at Chaminade University, the Salvation Army, or helping other Veterans in need. John has always been and continues to be a lifelong passionate aviator.

Showing up with a big smile John boarded a two seat glider with Pilot Steve Lowry for a special birthday flight. After a successful flight John was presented a special declaration from the State of Hawaii House of Representatives to honor his 100th birthday.

Many young aspiring aviators turned out for the career day event. One of the event's great features was the ability to visit directly with a Coast Guard helicopter MH-65 Dolphin.

The Career Day event was coordinated by Breean LaRance who in 2004 at the age of thirteen set a record for flying from California to Wisconsin and back.

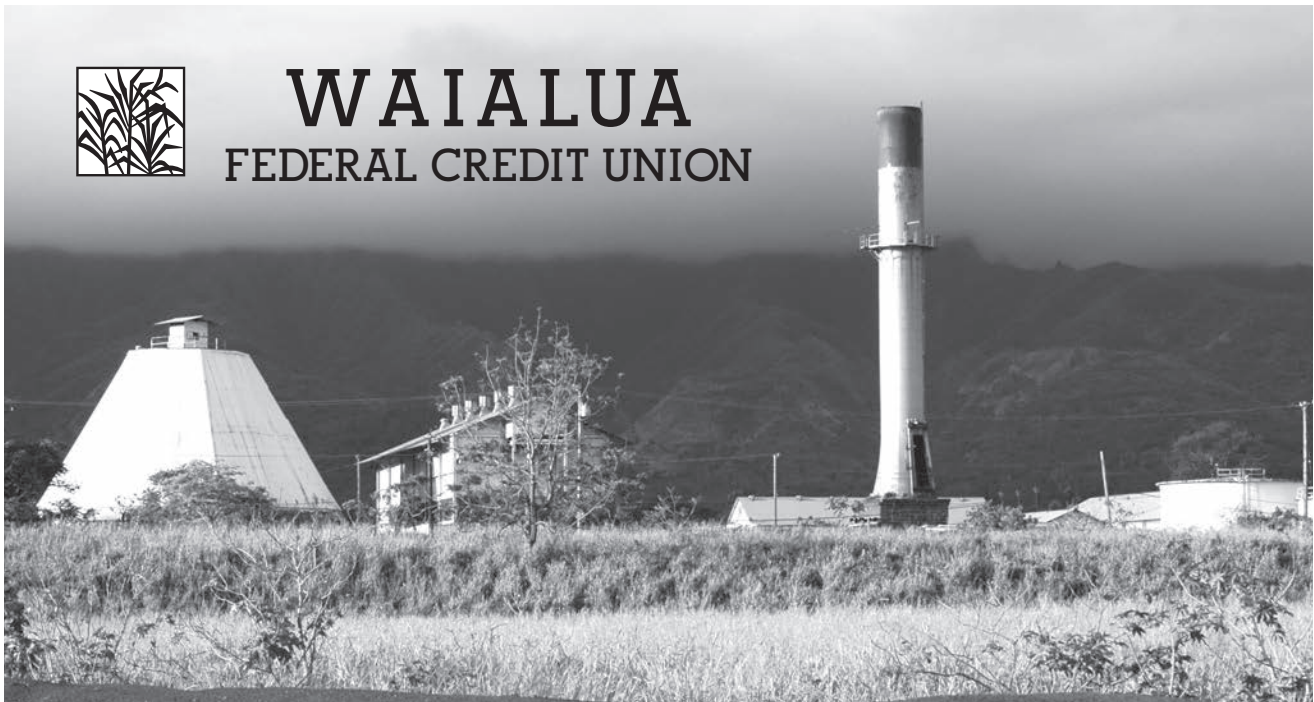
Overall it was a great opportunity for the young kids to meet career aviation people from many paths, while at the same time meeting someone inspiring like John who has lived such a long and productive life. Happy Birthday John!



Pilot Steve Lowry's favorite picture with John Gleason getting ready to take off in their glider.



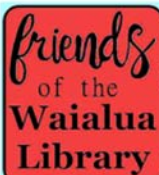
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