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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

APEC and the 21 world leaders visiting Honolulu made for a very busy week. While the disruption of traffic was an awful inconvenience for many, there are high hopes that new commitments will be made to benefit all of Hawaii. Here are some of the events and meetings I have attended since my last newsletter.

## OCTOBER

- \* 26th: Mililani Seniors group / Mililani NB - Certificate presentation to Donna Abreu
- \* 27th: Disaster Preparedness Training-Mililani Missionary Church
- \* 27th: Waipahu Neighborhood Board meeting
- \* 28th: Mililani Town Association Movie by the Pool @ Rec. Center 7

## NOVEMBER—HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- \* 3rd: CIP Site Visits– Windward Community College, Hawaii State Hospital, Youth Correctional Facility
- \* 5th: Mililani and Kamehameha High School Festival of Bands
- \* 6th: Japanese Women's Society Foundation Friendship Tea @ Hale Pulama Mau (Kuakini Hospital)
- \* 9-10th: APEC full day Symposium @ Marriott Waikiki
- \* 10th: APEC Host Committee reception @ Royal Hawaiian Hotel
- \* 11th: Veterans Day—Mahalo to all our Veterans! / APEC Int'l Trade Reception @ Bishop Museum
- \* 12th: APEC International Cultural Reception @ Academy of Arts
- \* 13th : APEC Chinese CEO Delegation Reception @ Washington Place /Nanakuli Performing Arts "Take A Bow" @ Pearl City H.S. / APEC Chinese Taipei Leaders reception @ Hilton Hawaiian Village
- \* 14th: Site visit to Pioneer Seed Company Kunia / Waialua
- \* 15th: Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board meeting
- \* 16th-20th– Attended the Annual NHCSL Conference in Puerto Rico
- \* 22nd: School visit with 100 2nd graders @ Mililani Waena Elementary
- \* 22nd: Met with Governor Abercrombie re: Hawaiian Affairs Committee matter



Me ke aloha,



On November 22nd, Senator Kidani was delighted to spend the morning with 100 second graders at Mililani Waena Elementary. Because the children are learning about government affairs and different types of authority, second grade teacher Laura Takara, asked Senator Kidani to speak about her role as a State Senator. She presented a power point which showed how she was elected, her responsibilities within the legislature and the community. Senator Kidani often says that speaking with the children is one of her favorite parts of her role as a legislator.

## Representative Blake Oshiro Named Deputy Chief of Staff

On November 7th Governor Neil Abercrombie announced a new member of his team. Representative Blake Oshiro will join the Abercrombie Administration as his Deputy Chief of Staff. Representative Oshiro currently serves the House of Representatives as its Majority Leader. He will be stepping down from the Majority Leader position on December 7th. Representative Oshiro presently serves the Aiea, Aiea Height Halawa Valley, Halawa Heights and the Red Hill community for the past 11 years.

Representative Oshiro will be assisting with the Governor's legislative agendas.

On Friday November 4th the Judicial Selection Committee started accepting applications and nominations to fill 3 anticipated judicial vacancies in the State of Hawaii:



**Associate Justice, Supreme Court (Oahu)**  
**Circuit Judge Family Judge, Second Circuit Court (Maui)**  
**District Family Judge, Second Circuit Court (Maui)**

Applicants: Prior to submitting your application, submit a letter with a contact phone number and an e-mail address specifying the vacancy you are applying for before the application deadline of Monday February 3, 2012.

To apply visit the Commissions website at <http://www.courts.state.hi.us/jsc> to review the application instructions and fill out one **Application for Judicial Office (JS-P-084)** form. The application must be post marked or delivered to the address below on or before **Monday, February 3, 2012**.

Mail Application to: **Susan Ichinose-Chair Judicial Selection Commission State of Hawaii**  
**417 South King Street**  
**Honolulu, HI 96813**

## Mahalo Cub Scouts 167 & Boy Scout Troop 32



For the past 11 years the **Boys Scouts Troop 32** look forward to their annual "Scouting For Food" Community Service Project. They prepare flyers asking for a donations of non-perishable foods to be left in front of their homes for collection. The entire Troop 32 then walks the entire neighborhood collecting the food items. The collected food is brought to Kanoelani Elementary where they are sorted and itemized for the younger **Cub Scouts Pack 167**. All the collected food items are carefully packaged by all scouts, volunteers, parents and siblings into bags to get them ready for distribution.

On November 10th the **Cub Scout Pack 167** and **Troop 32** prepared **100** food bags which were delivered to the Waipahu "Weed and Seed" Program for distribution to the community. Mahalo to all the Troops, Scoutmasters, Leaders & Volunteers!



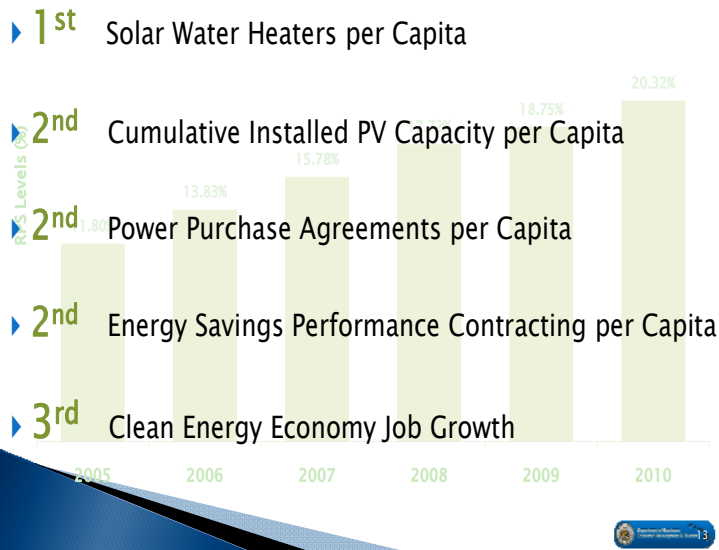


The APEC Conference gave local leaders a chance to show the world Hawaii's leading high-tech companies. Nineteen companies are featured in the science and engineering expo.

The photo at left is called the Blue Mars reality world...a virtual world that replicates life on Mars. All the technology was developed right here in Hawaii. Organizers hoped that the event will attract more business here in Hawaii and inspire young students to look ahead to the world of science, technology and innovation.

The Science Engineering Expo Innovative Technology will be open to the public 4-6 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. Visit [www.see-it-hawaii.org](http://www.see-it-hawaii.org) for more information on the Expo and visit [www.olelo.org/apec](http://www.olelo.org/apec) for scheduled airing of symposium meetings.

## Progress Compared to Other US States



## Various Demonstration Projects



Projects	Kona Algae Demonstration Facility	Maui Smart Grid (NEDO)	Ocean Power Technologies Demonstration
Island:	Hawaii	Maui	Oahu
Technology:	Biofuels	Smart Grid	Wave
Potential Generation:	Demonstration	Demonstration	Demonstration
Project Status:	Active/Ongoing	Development	Active/Ongoing

While APEC comes to an end, the two-day symposium I attended was very informative and showed that Hawaii is a truly unique place. We have a large supply of renewable energy resources available including wind, solar, geothermal biomass and eventually ocean thermal. We must continue aggressively to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Hawaii is proving to be the energy test bed of the Pacific for our rich diversity of renewable resources leading to a growth of a clean energy industry that is generating jobs, building an innovative economy and putting our state on track to energy independence.

## Sopogy 2011 Business Innovation Showcase Winner

Sopogy, Inc. was one of 5 showcase winners that was on display at numerous venues during APEC. Founded in 2002, Sopogy has revolutionized solar thermal technology with MicroCSP, concentrated solar power. They have developed modular collectors about one-third the size of traditional solar units. The units enable effective distributed generation of electricity, process heating and cooling in a single system.

Darren Kimura, President and CEO of Sopogy, is a Mililani Mauka resident. Sopogy is the winner of the 2011 Business Innovation Showcase and has also been awarded winner for Going Green Global 200 for the 3rd year. Sopogy's technology is helping to bring the clean energy goals to light and also create local jobs here in Hawaii.

At the China Aloha Business Leader's night gala on November 13th, during the week long APEC summit, Sopogy signed a memorandum of understanding for equity and project finance with Sichuan Dongjia Investment Company.

# Christmas Parade Information

Christmas is right around the corner, here is some info on the upcoming Christmas Parades.

## December 3, 2011 Mililani's Annual Christmas Parade:

- \* 9am Parade starts at Town Center of Mililani by Longs.
- \* 10am ends at Mililani Shopping Center.

## December 10, 2011 Gentry Waipio Christmas Parade:

- \* 10am Parades starts at Gentry Waipio Shopping Center.
- \* 11am Parade ends at Gentry Waipio Shopping Center.

*See you at the Parades!  
Please come and join us!*



In photo from left: Mililani Waena Elementary School **Principal Dale Castro**, Senator Kidani, Representative Marilyn Lee and **Vice Principal Barron Iwamura**.

