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## Kainalu Elementary Helps Our Military Ohana

As part of her mission to visit each school serving District 25 students, Senator Ryan spent some time at Kainalu Elementary on March 4. Having been briefed by the staff and administration about the regular operations of day-to-day activity, she became aware of the school being both a Title I School and a JVEF (Joint Ventures in Education Forum) beneficiary.

Being a Title I School means “the U.S. Department of Education provides supplemental funding to local school districts to meet the needs of at-risk and low income students.” According to Sandy Wills, the Title I Coordinator for Kainalu, a little more than 40% of the students are eligible for free and reduced lunch program – this fact qualifies the school for the additional funding.

Thanks to this federal appropriation, the entire school benefits from a bevy of resources, including three additional part time teachers, who are available to the students for help during the morning hours.

JVEF is a military program that endows the school with 5 million dollars; this endowment is given to any public school that is affected by the military. Roughly 20% of the school’s student population has a parent enrolled in the United States Military.

One of the special features allowed to the school, thanks to this allocation of funds, is a Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC), where students can go with questions or concerns about parents who have been deployed. Carrie Rainey, who is hired for a part time position, chooses to spend each school day, in its entirety, in her office, allowing students to come in all day. One of the many projects she does with the students is a “yellow tree” that the students build with yellow paper ribbons that they decorate with a memory from their deployed parent.

According to Rainey, it is a great way to get students to open up. This is one of many community-building activities that the school supports for their students.

“We have children as young as five years old working on journals or projects,” said Rainey. “As someone who has gone through this kind of experience with my children, I know these kinds of things are so important.” Rainey went on to mention that JVEF provides a squadron to partner with the school; the Mals-24 squadron, the Kainalu Elementary School partner, helps with everything from May Day to Fun Fair.

Kainalu Elementary is known for its ample extra-curricular activities – for their students, the school hosts everything from yoga classes to chorus. With their dynamic population, they are able to sustain these supplemental programs through additional funding. Their students are exposed to a diverse range of opportunities because of their location and demographic.

### **POST TSUNAMI EVACUATION COMMUNITY MEETING**

**KAILUA/WAIMANALO/  
KANEOHE**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011  
6-8PM KAILUA INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**145 SOUTH KAINALU DRIVE**

**PANELISTS:**

**Ed Teixeira, Director of Hi Civil Defense**

**Melvin Kaku, Director DEM C&C Honolulu**

**Dr. Chip McCreeery, Dir. PTWC  
Maria Lutz, American Red Cross-HI  
HPD-Kailua**

# NEWS IN BRIEF



## Hawaii Livestock Cooperative

Senator Ryan visited Oahu's only slaughterhouse, the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative (HLC) on March 15, 2011. HLC has been in financial difficulty for several years. The slaughterhouse is located at Campbell Industrial Park, on state-owned lands in a state-owned structure. There is legislation, SB 249SD2, that proposes for the state to acquire the slaughterhouse and its equipment.

As a member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Senator Ryan felt that the site visit was valuable in helping her to make an informed decision. Senator Ryan is a strong advocate for Hawaii's agriculture, but also wants to ensure that state funds are used appropriately for the public's interest. She has introduced a resolution (SCR81) requesting the State Auditor assess the financial management plan for the slaughterhouse operation before any state acquisition can occur.



## No Closure for Koko Head or Kamiloiki Elementary

After an outstanding showing of community opposition to possible closures of Koko Head or Kamiloiki Elementary, a win-win compromise has been reached keeping doors open at both schools while simultaneously saving DOE funds that would have been used to purchase additional portable classrooms for use at Aina Haina Elementary. Kaiser Complex Superintendent Calvin Nomiya, has officially made boundary changes to Hawaii Kai's school districts that will alleviate fears that any consolidation or closure will take place.

The "optimum size" of elementary schools is between 300 and 400 students. Koko Head Elementary has a current enrollment of 273 students, while Aina Haina is above capacity at 650 students. The boundary change was made to increase Koko Head enrollment by about 150 students. This redistricting plan should save approximately \$450,000 according to Mr. Nomiya.

It is important to note that both Kamiloiki and Koko Head have consistently exceeded Hawaii State Assessment and Federal "No Child Left Behind" achievement goals. It would not have been at all wise to close either high performing school. We must continue to look for these types of common sense solutions that serve our communities well. Kokohead School was awarded a Blue Ribbon Award from Frito Lay Corporation this school year.



*Slaughterhouse operations were captured on a recent site visit to the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative in James Campbell Industrial Park. Workers are seen processing pork.*

## Emergency Survey

On March 11, 2011, following the Sendai, Japan earthquake, major parts of District 25, which is mainly coastal, were evacuated from the area starting at around midnight under threat of tsunami inundation. In some instances, the evacuation sites were technically closer to the shore than the residences. In the midst of community frustration the following day, Senator Ryan sent out a survey to her constituency to collect opinions about emergency preparedness in our area.

## Volunteers at Ulupo Heiau

Chuck "Doc" Burrows shared photos of Malama Ulupo Heiau, a monthly day of volunteer work at Ulupo Heiau in Kailua, with the Legislators in his district. 100 college students from the "Adopt an Ahupuaa" program at the University of Hawaii Manoa, Kapiolani Community College and Windward Community College participated in the March 12 work day (details about participation are on pg. 8 in the "Volunteer Opportunities" section). Dr. Ulla Hasager, who brought the college students, prepared lunch for the group and 25 Japanese representatives participated in the day, also speaking on the earthquake which had occurred the night prior.



# Hawaiian Caucus Day at the Capitol

“Holomua me ka Lokahi: Moving Forward in Unity” was the theme of this year’s Legislative Hawaiian Caucus Day at the State Capitol. The Legislative Hawaiian Caucus, which includes 27 House Representatives and 10 Senators, honored members of the Hawaiian Community that have committed themselves to the preservation of Hawaiian culture and intellect. There are currently 14 members of the Hawaii State Legislature that are part Ha-

waiian, seven Representatives and seven Senators. The day highlighted 40 exhibitors, including Alu Like, Kamehameha Schools (Education and Agriculture Division), several different Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and Hawaiian Health Organizations like Papa Ola Lokahi. Lunch was provided for the Legislators and their honored guests by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Senator Ryan’s honored guest was Auntie Nickie Hines of Waimanalo.



Top Left: View from the second floor of the Pai Ai Ohana doing pai ai demonstrations on the rotunda at the Hawaii State Capitol. Top Right: On the keiki kui kalo board, the children of the demonstrators showed how a keiki can pound pai ai also! Bottom: All of the Senators in the Hawaiian Caucus and their selected honorees. Senator Galuteria with Walter Kawaiaea and his ohana (representing Kahauanu Lake), Senator Kidani and Kahai Topolinski, Senator English and Dr. Emmett Aluli, Senator Solomon and Kauano Kamana, Senator Ryan and Auntie Nickie Hines, and Senator Kahele and Louis Hao. Also pictured, Senators Hee, Shimabukuro, Dela Cruz, and Fukunaga.

# KUPUNA LEGISLATION

Each Legislative Session there are many bills introduced with implications for our kupuna. Most often these measures are intended to increase the well being of our seniors. This year has been somewhat unusual, as we have heard measures with negative aspects in regards to seniors financial benefits including pension income and Medicare Part B reimbursement benefit. Here are just a few of the measures of importance to our kupuna with updates on their status.

**HB1092 RELATING TO TAXATION**

Provides for the taxation of pension income. This measure began with very low thresholds for taxing based on adjusted gross income but has been amended to much higher levels which affect very few upper level residents. This bill is currently in the Senate WAM Committee; the committee will hold a public Decision Making on April 1, 9am, Rm 211.

This table outlines the trigger income amount that would make the pension income taxable:

	ORIGINAL HB1092	CURRENT HB1092
Single Filer	\$37,500	\$100,000
Head of Household or Surviving Spouse	\$56,250	\$150,000
Joint Filers	\$75,000	\$200,000

**HB1041 RELATING TO HAWAII EMPLOYER UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND**

Eliminates Medicare part B reimbursements for employee beneficiaries and spouses of employee beneficiaries. This measure began as a way to save money to the state by removing this benefit from all current and retired employees. It has been amended to only affect employees hired after July 1, 2011. This bill is currently in the Senate WAM Committee.

**HB160 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

Appropriates an unspecified amount for the Kupuna Care Program. The program is home and community-based, designed to address the increased need for affordable long-term care and the desire to remain in the community. Services include adult day care, case management, meal delivery and other services for the elderly. As the budget process progresses an amount of funding required will be considered. This bill is currently in the Senate WAM Committee; the committee has scheduled a public hearing on March 30, 9:30am, Rm 211.

**SCR26 RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION TASK FORCE; KUPUNA CAUCUS**

Establishes a Hawaii State Fall Prevention and Early Detection Task Force to develop a statewide approach to reducing falls among older adults. This concurrent resolution has a referral to the Senate WAM Committee.

**SCRI1 RELATING TO HOME FOR LIFE TASK FORCE; AGING IN PLACE; MULTI-GENERATIONAL LIVING**

Extends the deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to report its findings and recommendations for reducing the barriers to aging in place and facilitating multi-generational living. This concurrent resolution is currently in the Senate WAM Committee.

**SB109 RELATING TO ELDERLY HOUSING; KUPUNA; GRANDCHILDREN**

Allows grandchildren of elderly housing project residents to temporarily reside with the residents in certain family crisis situations; limits temporary residence to 3 months; affords residents evicted for raising grandchildren-in-crisis in their housing project units priority status to return to project housing. This measure was deferred in Senate HMS Committee.

**SB937 RELATING TO HEALTH; KUPUNA CAUCUS; CARE FACILITIES**

Requires the Dept. of Health and the Dept. of Human Services to post on their respective websites reports of all inspections of care facilities by Jan. 1, 2013. This bill was deferred by the Senate HMS Committee.

**SB940 RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE; WANDERER'S REGISTRY**

Appropriates funds as a grant to the Alzheimer's Assoc., Aloha Chapter, to support and promote participation in elder registration services to protect individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. This bill was not heard by the Senate WAM Committee in time to cross over to the House. Therefore it is no longer viable legislation this year.

# WCC CLASSES FOR KUPUNA

## Turn the Switch and Tap Into Saving

With the ever-increasing cost to live here in Hawaii, learn how to take control of your electric and water bill and increase your awareness of where you can find savings by first learning how to save water and energy in easy ways you may not have even realized.

[http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing\\_Education/Course\\_Details.php?course=M04CSI87](http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing_Education/Course_Details.php?course=M04CSI87)

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm (Free)

## Retirement Application Process

Save time and avoid a trip to the Social Security Office. If you are within three months from age 62 or older and plan on retiring, come to this workshop. Social Security employees will be on hand to assist you with filing for your benefits. Please bring your benefits estimate statement with you.

[http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing\\_Education/Course\\_Details.php?course=M04CSI89](http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing_Education/Course_Details.php?course=M04CSI89)

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011 Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm (Free)

## Green Purchasing: Products and Practices

This workshop will give you tools and resources on how to improve the resource-efficiency of your home and avoid negative impacts on the environment that may include pollution from building materials/chemicals and disturbances to the surrounding landscape. Learn about green purchasing: resource-efficient, environmentally preferable, sustainable, and nontoxic products and practices.

[http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing\\_Education/Course\\_Details.php?course=M04CSI93](http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing_Education/Course_Details.php?course=M04CSI93)

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm (Free)

## Planning for Long-Term Care and Disability in Hawaii

This discussion will be a true merger of law and public health. We will discuss demographics and the programs the public health systems have used to meet the needs of an aging population including programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Disability and SSI. From a legal standpoint, the discussion will also provide information on Medicaid planning and special needs trusts.

[http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing\\_Education/Course\\_Details.php?course=M04CSI66](http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing_Education/Course_Details.php?course=M04CSI66)

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 Time: 5:00pm to 6:30pm (Free)

## Calligraphy for Adults

Wednesdays in April (\$91.00)

[http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing\\_Education/Course\\_Details.php?course=M04ARI54](http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing_Education/Course_Details.php?course=M04ARI54)

## Tai Chi

[http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing\\_Education/Tai\\_Chi/](http://windward.hawaii.edu/Continuing_Education/Tai_Chi/)

Monday & Wenesdays 6:30-7:30 beginner 7:30-8:30 advanced (\$40)

## Play in Clay

This is an open ceramic studio for community people. Students will be taught the basics of preparing clay, the potter's wheel, and hand-building techniques. April 11- May 18, classes on Mon and Wens 6:00-8:00 pm and lab is open from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm Mon- Thurs (\$170)

## Shiatsu and Acupressure

Wenesdays in April, \$9 a class 10am-noon



## Kapaa Quarry Clean Up Project

300 volunteers needed to clean the roadside areas of Kapaa Quarry Road, the mauka and makai sides of Pali Highway from Castle Junction (Kaneohe Ranch) to Kalaniana'ole Junction (Castle Medical Center) and the Kapaa Quarry side of Mokapu Blvd. from the Quarry road to Oneawa. **Check-in is 7:30am Saturday, April 23, 2011.** Interested parties should contact Gail of Council Member Ikaika Anderson's office at 768-5015 for more information.



Mr. Calvin Nomiya accepts a Senate Certificate of Recognition for Koko Head Elementary School, for receiving the 2011 Blue Ribbon School Award.



Senators English, Kidani, Ryan and Hee with Iroquois Point Elementary School students and their teacher during Education Week at the Capitol.



Retired Sheriff John Lum, Acting Sheriff Shawn Tsuha and retired Sheriff Charles Lacaden are congratulated on the Senate Floor.



Neil Hong, the owner of Kiba Café (found at the Hawaii Kai Farmer's Market), served food to the visiting legislators on the March 12th farm tour.



## Farm Tour of Waimanalo's Sustainable Initiatives

On March 12, 2011, Senator Ryan participated in a day-long tour of farms in the Waimanalo area. The tour was organized by Juanita Kawamoto Brown, Sub-Committee Chair for Food and Farm Sustainability, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. The purpose of the tour was to inform and educate the 31 participants about issues relevant to sustainable agriculture in Hawaii.

Senator Ryan said "It was great to learn about the various agricultural and aquaculture businesses and activities in the district. As the district Senator, I feel it is my duty to learn as much as possible and to meet various community members."

Highlights of the tour included visits to:

- Farmer vendors at the Hawaii Kai Farmers Market
- Oceanic Institute to learn about its aquaculture and feed research
- U.H. College of Tropical Agriculture's Waimanalo Research Station to learn about research projects on bees, termites and taro
- Olomana Gardens' organic aquaponic farm that integrates fish farming with vegetable production. There was an ono lunch, prepared by chefs Neil Hong and Jenna of KIBA Cafe, using locally produced tilapia, shrimp and vegetables.



Glenn Martinez shows the participants sample plots of the aquaculture process.

## Other Kupuna Resources

**AARP Hawaii**, or Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons, is a membership organization leading positive social change and delivering value to people age 50 and over through information, advocacy and service. They offer valuable news and information relevant to those over 50. They are involved in many activities such as negotiating lower rates for medication, housing, and tourist attractions. Members of AARP are entitled to many discounts at various locations.

<http://www.aarp.org/states/hi/>

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**Senior Corps** is an organization designed for those over 55 and allows kupuna to greatly help our communities. Through Senior Corps our kupuna contribute their time and talents in various programs. The Foster Grandparent program is a one-on-one tutoring and mentoring program for youth with special needs. If you would like to help out go to their website or call for more information.

[http://www.seniorcorps.gov/about/role\\_impact/state\\_profiles\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_profiles\\_state=HI](http://www.seniorcorps.gov/about/role_impact/state_profiles_detail.asp?tbl_profiles_state=HI)  
Laurie Cannady, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96850-0001

Phone: 808-541-2832, Fax: 808-541-3603, [hi@cns.gov](mailto:hi@cns.gov)

## Events

**4/02—Kailua Little League Opening Day Ceremonies** are taking place at Kailua District Park on April 2 at 8am.

**4/07—Kailua Neighborhood Board**, 7:00 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER, 21 SOUTH KAINALU DRIVE

**4/10—Kailua Second Sunday Art Walk** is a day for people to check out the local art scene in Kailua. Sunday, April 10, 2011, 2pm – 5pm, The Balcony Gallery, 442-A Uluniu St.

**4/10—Hawaii Youth Symphony Free Community Concert** is taking place on Sunday, April 10 at 4pm, Blaisdell Concert Hall.

**4/11—ALS Association Round-Table** will be taking place at the Ala Moana Hotel, Monday, April 11, 2011, 1pm-4pm. There is no charge to attend. Contact: Giovanna D'Angelo, 818-865-8067 x229, [gdan-gelo@alsagoldenwest.org](mailto:gdan-gelo@alsagoldenwest.org).

**4/11—Waimanalo Neighborhood Board**, 7:30 Waimanalo Public and School Library

**4/17—Kailua TownParty** hosted by Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle will be taking place on Kailua Road on Sunday, April 17, 2011, 10am-4pm.

**4/26—Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board**, 7:00, HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**Kailua Seniors Club Tuesdays** at 9:00 am Kailua District Park, 21 South Kaialu Drive

**Waimanalo Seniors Club Tuesdays** 9:00 am Waimanalo District Park 41 -115 Hihimanu Street

## Kupuna Discounts!

<b>Arby's</b>	10% off menu items (excluding combos)
<b>Big City Diner</b>	\$3.99 breakfast with drink purchase (7am—10am)
<b>Denny's (Kaneohe)</b>	Kupuna menu & AARP members get 20% off (4-10pm)
<b>Dairy Queen</b>	10% off menu
<b>Down to Earth</b>	5% off on Tuesdays
<b>Foodland</b>	5% off on Thursdays
<b>IHOP</b>	10% off any time
<b>KFC</b>	10% off any time
<b>Pricebusters</b>	10% off on Tuesdays
<b>Papa John's</b>	50% off pick up purchases
<b>Regal Movie Thea-</b>	\$7.00 Tickets
<b>Ross</b>	10% off on Tuesdays
<b>Sizzler</b>	Special Kupuna Menu
<b>Zippy's</b>	Become a member and receive 10% off any time

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Benefit Concert  
Hilton Hawaiian  
Great Lawn  
April 10, 2011  
\$15**

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For more information and line up

# Volunteer Opportunities

**Ulupo Heiau** and its lo'i kalo need volunteers to help Ahahui Malama i ka Lokahi & Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club make repairs and clean the area. What to bring: backpack, lunch, water, rain gear, mosquito repellent, gloves. Tools: Sickles, pruners, handsaws, hand cultivators. Saturday, April 9, 8:30am – 12:30pm, Meeting at the Windward YMCA parking area, contact [email@ahahui.net](mailto:email@ahahui.net), 808-263-8008

**Na Pohaku o Hauwahine** needs volunteers for wetland cleanup. What to bring: backpack, lunch, water, rain gear, mosquito repellent, gloves. Tools: Sickles, pruners, handsaws, hand cultivators. Saturday, April 16, 8:30am – 12:30pm, meeting place located on the makai side of Kapaa Quarry Road about one mile from the Kalaniana'ole Highway stoplight, contact [email@ahahui.net](mailto:email@ahahui.net), 808-263-8008

**Heeia Stream Restoration Workday** needs volunteers to help restore sections of the stream banks and nearby forest with native vegetation, install erosion control material. There will also be educational workshops about the area and methods used for restoration. Work days are held the 3rd Saturday of every month from 8am-11am, this month: April 16. Hui Ku Maoli Ola: Native Plant Nursery 46-403 Haiku Rd, Kaneohe, for more information or to become a volunteer call 381-7202 or visit [www.huihawaii.org](http://www.huihawaii.org).

**Waimanalo's Hawaii Food Bank** needs volunteers to pack bags of food and make other arrangements for those in need. Volunteer opportunities are every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. St. Matthew's Episcopal, Waimanalo. Please call Auntie Nickie Hines to help at 259-8406.

**Kewalo Basin Cleanup** with the Surfrider Foundation's Oahu Chapter is one of many volunteer opportunities (for all ages) that the foundation will participate in this year. Bring your own reusable water bottle and sunscreen. Food will be provided after the cleanup. April 16, 10am – 12pm, email [surfrideroahu@gmail.com](mailto:surfrideroahu@gmail.com) for meeting location or questions.

## ONGOING VOLUNTEER WORK

**Seagull Pre-School** has many volunteer opportunities for those who enjoy helping young keiki ages 2-5. There are many choices ranging from reading to the kids to taking them on field trips. Contact: Jayne Arasaki, 674-1444

**Community Helping Schools** is dedicated to improve the quality of education in Hawaii's public schools. Many public schools turn to Community Helping Schools with requests for various volunteer services. You can see what the schools need help with on Community Helping School's website at <http://communityhelpingschools.org/wishes/volunteer>, Contact: Kathie Wells, 225-2621

**Sea Life Park** has various volunteer opportunities to help both the animals and the community. If you enjoy working with animals you can help rehabilitate sick and injured seabirds, or if you want to educate the community you can assist with student outreach programs. More information and applications are on their website [www.sealifeparkhawaii.com/educintern\\_volunteer.asp](http://www.sealifeparkhawaii.com/educintern_volunteer.asp). Contact: Brianna Saylor, 259-2513.



**Kailua Little League  
Opening Day  
Ceremonies  
April 2, 2011  
Kailua  
District Park  
8am**

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