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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

To Veto or Not to Veto - By June 23rd the Governor is required to send a list of bills to the Legislature that are under consideration for veto. By July 8th she is required to veto all, some, or none of these bills. Then, should the Legislature wish to override any of these vetoes, it must do so on July 8th. It takes the affirmative vote of 2/3 of each House for a successful override vote. The number of votes required is 34 yes in the House and 17 yes votes in the Senate. No votes do not count.

Don't Drink and Drive - Beware, Governor Lingle has signed a DUI penalty bill into law. If you are caught driving under the influence you may have an ignition interlock installed in your car. You would have to blow into the device in order to start your car. It registers how much, if any, alcohol may be in your system. And, if it is over a certain limit, the car will not start.

DISTRICT CONCERNS

Smithsonian in Our Neighborhood

The Smithsonian Institute, the Hawaii Council on the Humanities, and Kapiolani Community College are sponsoring Key Ingredients: America by Food. Catch the exhibit starting June 28. On another project, KCC has enlisted several community members to assist on drafting the College's Strategic Plan for 2008-2015. The weather always seems to smile on the KCC graduation on the green in the center of campus.



2008 Kapiolani Community College graduates



Kaimuki Kanikapila

Mark November 1st down in your calendar and get ready for another exciting Kanikapila. If you would like information or a booth, go to info@celebratekaimuki.com. The event is a joint project of the KBPA and GEHCA. For Kaimuki events, check KaimukiHawaii.com.

Students from Kahala Elementary perform during the school's May Day celebration.

Schools

Happy 50th Birthday, Kalani High School

Kalani will celebrate its 50th Anniversary at a fundraising banquet at the Waikiki Marriott on July 19th. All alumni and community members are welcome to attend. Alumni Leslie Wilcox and Dan Meisenzahl will serve as co-hosts for the event. Tickets are \$200 per person. Proceeds will be used toward the construction of a learning center and the purchase of equipment to re-establish the school newspaper. For any information, call Bruce Omura at 377-7744 ext 299 or email Bruce_Omura@notes.k12.hi.us.



Kalani's Class of 2008 graduates at the Neal Blaisdell Center Arena.

Honolulu Magazine Grades Schools

The grades the schools received were based on standardized reading and math scores and subjective surveys of teachers, parents, and students. Schools were rated on a curve, so there were as many F's as A's.

Diamond Head Committee Advises on New KCC Culinary Building

Responding to suggestions from the Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Committee of the DLNR (Department of Land and Natural Resources), the KCC Culinary Institute amended the plans for construction of the Culinary Institute building to blend in with the topography of the outer slopes of Diamond Head.

Here is how our district schools fared:

Aina Haina	A
Kahala	A
Aliiolani	A-
Wilson	A-
Kaimuki Middle	A-
Liholiho	B+
Wailupe Valley	B+
Lili'uokalani	C+
Kalani	C

School Events

Congratulations to the outstanding Kahala May Day Celebration and the fun-filled Lili'uokalani Talent Extravaganza. At the Kalani High Athletic Banquet Rep. Marumoto presented Certificates from the House of Representatives to the Kalani Girls Basketball team for winning the OIA Division 1 Championship. She also recognized the Kalani Girls Air Rifle Team for winning the same honor. She presented a certificate to Tani Costa for being the Hawaii winner of the Gatorade girls Soccer Player Athlete of the Year; she will go on to represent Hawaii in the national competition. Future Kalani senior, Spencer Lau, will be a volunteer intern in Rep. Marumoto's office this summer.



Spencer Lau, standing across the street of the Capitol.

Kahala Business Association Will Miss Ron Yoda

Ron Yoda, General Manager of Kahala Mall, has been a mainstay since the KBA was founded. Thanks Ron! KBA meets quarterly at the Waialae Country Club with the KBPA. Last month's speaker was Bill Chee of Prudential/Locations. Come join one of the clubs.



Bill Chee speaking at a recent KBA/KBPA meeting.

KBPA Honors Kaimuki Leader and Installs Officers

The Kaimuki Business and Professionals Association is celebrating its 62nd year in operation. It is holding its Annual Installation and Fellowship Dinner on June 18th. The Association will honor Father Franklin Chun of Epiphany Church with an award of recognition for his work in the church and community. In addition KBA will install President Sharon Ogata, Vice President John Kobayashi, Secretary Denise Motohiro, Treasurer Danica Fong, and a group of illustrious board members as its leadership.

Marumoto Activities



Rep. Marumoto and Sen. Brian Taniguchi inspect the restored Japanese screen that is now back at Iolani Palace.

90% of Life is Showing Up - Marumoto was happy to hear a noted economist at a meeting of Small Business Hawaii & Grassroots Institute. The UH Alumni Association observed the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the University by honoring all previous distinguished alumni at a big banquet at the Sheraton. Many legislators attended the spectacular Lantern Floating ceremony at Magic Island. The Governor addressed a dinner sponsored by the Associated Building Contractors (ABC). The Friends of Iolani Palace invited legislators to an unveiling of a unique Japanese screen that was presented to King Kalakaua by his Commissioner of Immigration when he accompanied the first wave of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii in 1885.

Junior League Honors Marumoto -

Rep. Marumoto received the Laura Dowsett Award from the Junior League of Honolulu for exemplary volunteerism. The League donated \$1000 to HUGS to commemorate the occasion.

Rep. Marumoto is congratulated by her daughters Megan Marumoto, M.D., and Wendy Suite, PBS producer, upon receiving the Laura Dowsett Award from the Junior League.



Ready to Run - Ready or not, Rep. Marumoto was one of the women legislators who addressed potential candidates at the Commission on the Status of Women workshop to encourage more women to run for office.

AARP Forms Women Leadership Circle - Rep. Marumoto was invited to a meeting to discuss the formation of a women's fundraising group to raise and distribute scholarship money to worthy women.



Students often visit the Capitol, but this time Kahala Nui Retirement Community Seniors dropped by to view the tapestry designed and woven by Kahala Nui resident Ruthadell Anderson when the Capitol was constructed back in the 60's

SIGNPOSTS - Aloha to Dr. E. Alison Kay, UH Professor of Zoology who specialized in marine mollusks. She exerted strong leadership on the Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Committee. Aloha Oe to Daisy Gerin, friendly Diamond Head neighbor. Our sympathies to the family of Florence Tamura, of Ekaha Avenue, who was run over by a truck on Waialae Avenue. Maunalani Heights lost a long time resident, Elia Long, former head of Long & Melone. Condolences to his wife of 58 years, Betty.