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STATE LEGISLATURE FUNDED THE AGING OMNIBUS BILL

We're pleased to report that the Hawaii State Legislature funded the Aging Omnibus Bill (SB 2320) that provides funding for service providers for Kupuna Care, Healthy Aging Partnership, Senior Centers (including the Waikiki Community Center) and Wanderer's Registry.

Approval is pending a full floor vote and the Governor's signature.

I know you join me in thanking **Dr. Wes Lum**, Director of the Executive Office on Aging, our legislators in both the house and senate listed below and all of our community partners, including those of you who showed up and voiced your support to educate and advocate among our key House and Senate members.

The impact will be a positive one for those who benefit from senior program activities and case management assistance, referrals and services offered at the Waikiki Community Center. Sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) will fund these services for the 2013 fiscal year, beginning in July.

If you're so inclined we'd appreciate your phone calls and emails of thanks to the following supporters and champions of SB 2320:

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Thank you for your support!

Planned Giving Options and Information

The only way to ensure that your personal wishes are carried out upon your death is to have an estate plan. Once you have provided for your loved ones, we hope you will consider a bequest to the Waikiki Community Center. Your gift, whatever the size, will help fulfill our mission and help other senior adults, families and children in our community. Many donors ask us the proper way to name WCC in their estate plans. The following language can be used in a variety of estate planning tools.

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ ____ (or ____% of my estate) to Waikiki Community Center (310 Paoakalani Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815) to be used for its general purposes."

You may also give a particular asset ("my shared of ABC stock...") or a portion of the residue of your estate after other bequests have been paid ("50% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate...").

Regardless of the size of your estate, proper estate planning is important to ensure that those assets you have spent a lifetime accumulating are distributed according to your wishes. Contact WCC at (808) 923 1802 for further information or our Director of Development, Denise Keliioa, CFRE.

Your charitable gift to Waikiki Community Center will make an important difference in helping to sustain the Center's many programs and services. Giving opportunities range from gifts of cash and securities to life income which has favorable financial and tax benefits. You can also support the Center by becoming a member or volunteering. Please remember Waikiki Community Center in your will or trust and make a contribution today. **Thank you!**

WCC WISH LIST

We appreciate the generous in-kind donations we receive because they significantly reduce expenses.

Here is a current wish list of items in need:

- Canned goods (Tuna, Spam, Vienna Sausage, soups, etc.) for our Emergency Food Pantry
- Gently used clothing, small appliances, dishes, linen for Thrift Shop
- Office supplies – reams of white bond letter & legal size paper, 10x12" manila envelopes, manilla file folders, assorted pens.
- Blinds for room 202A (36"w x 54")
- Printing sponsor to print our newsletters each month
- Printer ink cartridges for HP 95 (color) and HP 96 (black).
- School supplies for pre-school aged children. Large (8 pack) color crayons, boxes of Kleenex, hand towels, pencils.
- Ziploc bags - gallon and quart size.
- Paper plates, forks, napkins and 16 oz. paper cups

'UKULELE HAWAIIAN STYLE – Aloha & Mahalo John Signor!

June 22nd, is **John Signor's** last day as facilitator and instructor for the Ukulele Hawaiian Style group. John has been a longtime volunteer, instructor and WCC Member. His generosity is well known and he has recently completed teaching a Beginning Ukulele Class. John commutes from Ewa Beach and, in the near future, will need to dedicate more of his time for care giving duties.

We shall miss John and appreciate all he has done over the many years at WCC. While we hate to see John go, we are looking for someone who would be willing to facilitate the *Ukulele Hawaiian Style* group on Friday mornings. If you know of someone who may be interested, contact Jeff Apaka or Donna Sallas at 923-1802. ([Return to top](#))

Seeking a Volunteer 'Ukulele Instructor for WCC

Pu`u o Mahuku Heiau State Historic Site

Tuesday, June 12th, 7:45 a.m. check in
Depart WCC 8:00 a.m. Return 4:00 p.m.

High on what was then an open ridge at Pupukeya we'll visit the historical landmark Pu`u o Mahuku Heiau (*Hill of Escape*). Enjoy and explore an all day excursion with Jeff & Palakiko covering the North Shore. This site known as "hill of escape" was a focus of great religious and cultural importance. However, due to its ancient age it has served many different functions and received numerous additions over its centuries of use may have referred to its early origins as a place of refuge but other uses have included offerings for fertility and abundance, success in war, beginning of peace, appeasement for suffering, and consecration of noble birth. Palakiko is a care person of Pu`u o Mahuku Heiau so come and explore and listen to stories of interest. Stops at various farm sites, gardens and Papaya Seed dressing factory.

Cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for non members. Must be ambulatory. Traveling will be in large vans. This is considered a walking excursion at various sites. Lunch is (no-host, range \$7-\$12) at Sharks Cove & Grill. Bring own water, sunscreen, camera & wear rubber soled shoes. **Deadline is May 23rd, 2012.** ([Return to top](#))

WELCOME BACK AURA WILSON!

We are pleased to announce the return of **Aura Wilson** to the role of Senior Program Coordinator at the Waikiki Community Center, effective May 21.

Many of you remember Aura's delightful presence and her prior contributions to senior programming here at the Center and we welcome her return with the departure of Barbara Cook, who we reported earlier is leaving us for greener pastures of eastern Washington at the end of the month.

We look forward to Aura's future contributions and her facilitative work with all of you!

3 WORKSHOPS FOR WRITER'S GROUP!

June 20, July 18 & August 22, 2-3:30 p.m., #203A \$3/\$5

The **WCC Writer's Group** meets the second Tuesday of each month in room 203A from 2-3:30 p.m. On the agenda each month are writing exercises, discussions, friendly critique and helpful tips for improvement. The group is a diverse cross-section of authors, novelists, poets, and bloggers who share the love of writing and words and is facilitated by **Laureen Kwock**, noted author of 20 novels.

Three excellent workshops are planned for the **Summer Writer's Series** and will help you learn more about the craft of writing. These special classes will be held on Wednesdays June 20, July 18 and August 22 in Room 203A from 2-3:30 PM. WCC Members \$3/ Non-Members \$5.

Creating Characters – Laureen Kwock, local author and novelist, will offer suggestions and help in creating characters. When: Wednesday, June 20th from 2 – 3:30 P.M.

Short Story Writing – Michael Little, past winner of Honolulu Magazine Fiction Contest and editor of short story anthologies will offer his unique perspective and tips on writing short stories. When: Wednesday, July 18th from 2 – 3:30 P.M.

Blogging Basics (Panel Discussion) – A long time blogger and a beginning blogger share their experiences and tips. When: Wednesday, August 22nd from 2 – 3:30 P.M. ([Return to top](#))

LINE DANCING IS BACK! CALLING ALL LINE DANCERS! [Check it out!](#)

Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m., WCC Auditorium

Thank you for your patience! We are proud to report we have a new Line Dance Volunteer Instructor. **Sam Yong**, dances almost every

single day and has graciously agreed to share his line dance experience and knowledge with WCC members! Line Dancing Class starts at 9:00 a.m. so Sam can make his next dance class! Let's welcome him!

When: Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m.
Where: WCC Auditorium

Who: Sam Yong
Fee: \$3 for members, \$5 for non members. ([Return to top](#))

HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE W/Palakiko

Every Friday, continues till June 15. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Annex. \$30/\$50 or \$7/\$10

WCC's popular 10-session Hawaiian Language & Culture class taught by **Palakiko Yagodich** continues every Friday, in the "Annex" from 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Expand your horizons and learn to appreciate all things Hawaiian: Culture, history, plants, daily living environment, dance, music and language. You'll never be the same!

Pay as you go for individual class \$7 for WCC member or \$10 for non-member. Call 923-1802.

SEA LIFE PARK EXCURSION TO THE WINDWARD SIDE OF O`AHU

Friday, August 24, 7:45a.m. -2:45 p.m.

Enjoy the sea coast scenery and ocean scents as we journey from Waikiki onto Kalaniana'ole Highway to Sea Life Park. Upon arrival at Sea Life Park stroll over to Sea Lion Café for 'paina' lunch (no host), seating in the WCC reserved dining area. Enjoy the following shows at different parts of the park:

- 11 a.m. Kolohe Kai Sea Lion Show
- 11:35 a.m. Sea Turtle Feeding
- 12:00 p.m. Dolphin Cove Show (seated in Kapu/reserved seats)
- 1:00 p.m. Gift Shop
- 2:00 p.m. Depart the park for return to Waikiki.

Don't miss the spectacular ocean tank where as assortment of fish species thrive.

All guests should be ambulatory, group will walk between shows, limited time. Sorry, no phone reservations. Please review your calendar, once paid, no refunds. Lunch (on own) at Sea Lion Café, an assortment of snacks, plate lunches and hamburgers \$6-\$10 range. Book your seat by Monday, August 3. These tours fill quickly (seats are limited); book early! ([Return to top](#))

OLELO NO`EAU

Mai`ena i ke kanaka
i laka aku

Do not shy away from a person who is attracted to you.
Treat a person who comes in kindness with kindness

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Join us Friday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the WCC Auditorium for the monthly birthday celebration. After the birthday celebrations, stay to chat with **Mike Lee**, our Interim Executive Director on the Lanai. See you there!

K BAY TOUR (Kaneohe Marine Base)

Tuesday, July 31, 7:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$45/\$55 no host lunch at Officer's Club

Drive and Walk Tour at Kaneohe Bay Marine Base will include:

- Pacific War Memorial built in 2002 for those who gave their lives in the Pacific Campaign of WW II
- Air Station, the area fixed with rotary aircraft from our seven Navy/Marine squadrons which conduct daily training missions.
- The gym President Obama uses on his annual Hawaii visits.
- The training area including gas chamber, obstacle course and rappel tower.
- Combat Convoy Simulator, a 360 degree panoramic infantry immersion training simulator with remote controlled rifles and vehicles.
- Military Police K-9 unit demonstration with military working dogs that sniff for bombs, firearms etc.
- Behind the scene areas –not normally seen by general public.

Guests must be able to walk distances and keep up with group.

When making reservations please furnish 1st and last name and sign waivers. Lunch (on own) at Officer's Club, menu subject to change. Sorry, no phone reservation. Cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non members. Book early, deadline is July 3rd. Please review your calendar, no refunds once booked. ([Return to top](#))

WCC EARLY EDUCATION CENTER ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS - 2-4 YEAR OLDS

- Licensed, caring & dedicated staff.
- Hands-on, enriching and multicultural learning environment.
- Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Extended hours available)
- Convenient location with onsite parking.
- Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack included.
- Tuition assistance available. (Limited, first come)
- Call to register for a visit at our campus tour.
- More information at www.waikikicommunitycenter.org

Call: (808) 923-1802

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS – Sept 5, 2012

Take advantage of these special AARP taught Safe Driving Classes for the older driver. Learn safe driving techniques and ways to improve your driving skills. Register by calling AARP office at 808 843-1906. Classes taught by AARP volunteers. 9am-1pm, WCC Annex. Fees paid direct to instructor. Sorry, July 11 class will not be held as originally posted, sorry for any inconvenience. (July 4 is a holiday)

Lei Makers in need for Duke Kahanamoku Birthday

Saturday, August 18 9am-noon
Outrigger Waikiki Hotel, 2335 Kalakaua Ave.

Join WCC volunteers as we make leis for Duke Kahanamoku's statue and Birthday celebration. Celebration begins at 4:30 p.m. at Duke's Beach fronting Kahanamoku Statue. Sign up at WCC office by August 1st. Limited to first 12. Outrigger will provide free valet parking, lunch and beverage. Bring your parking ticket for validation. See Mr. Ethan in the upper lobby of hotel, take escalator up. ([Return to top](#))

MEDICARE – WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW!

Monday, June 18, 10-11 a.m., WCC Annex, free

Nettie Vierra, Community Liaison for Bayada Nurses, will give a presentation on Medicare:

- Learn the truth about some of the myths and misconceptions regarding Medicare benefits and services.
- Learn the difference between Medicare Parts A, B and C
- Learn how "out of network" rates impact you
- Receive resources on information and services

Topic: **Medicare: What you should know**

Who: Nettie Vierra, Bayada Nurses

When: Monday, June 18th from 10-11:00 A.M.

Where: WCC Annex, FREE ([Return to top](#))

Upcoming Events – Check it out!

JUNE Happy Father's Day!

1 (Fri.) Monthly Birthday Celebration & New Member Orientation 10am Aud

1 (Fri.) Monthly Chat with Center's Director 10:15-11:15 am, Lanai

11 (Mon.) WCC Closed for Kamehameha Holiday. Kamehameha Day Parade, Kalakaua Ave. ending at Kapi'olani Park. 9am

12 (Tue.) Pu'u o Mahuku Heiau State Historic Site, 7:45am-4pm, no host lunch

18 (Mon.) Myths & Misconceptions about Medicare, 10-11 a.m., Annex, free

20 (Wed.) Lunch Bunch to California Pizza Kitchen Waikiki, 11:30am, no host

20 (Wed.) Creating Characters Writing Workshop, 2-3:30pm, 203A \$3/\$5

27 (Wed.) Bingo Fun! 1-3pm, WCC Aud. Free prizes, fun!

JULY

4 (Wed.) WCC Closed for Independence Day Holiday

6 (Fri.) Monthly Birthday Celebration and New Member Orientation 10am Aud.

6 (Fri.) Monthly Chat with Center's Director Mike Lee, 10:15-11:15 am, Lanai

11 (Wed.) WCC May be closed for DFS Community Project

18 (Wed.) Short Story Writing Workshop, 2-3:30pm #203A \$3/\$5

25 (Wed.) Bingo Fun! 1-3pm WCC Aud., free prizes and fun!

31 (Tue.) Kaneohe Bay Marine Base Tour, 8am-1:30pm \$45/\$55, no host lunch

AUGUST

17 (Fri.) WCC Closed for Admission's Day Holiday

18 (Sat.) Lei making for Duke Celebration @ Outrigger Hotel, 9am-noon.

22 (Wed.) Blogging Basics Writing Workshop 2-3:30pm, #203A \$3/\$5

24 (Fri.) Sea Life Park Excursion, 7:45am-2:45pm \$55/\$65, no host lunch at Park where special seating is reserved for tour.

29 (Wed.) Bingo Fun! 1-3pm WCC Aud., free prizes and fun!

SEPTEMBER

3 (Mon.) WCC Closed for Labor Day Holiday

15 (Sat.) Aloha Festivals Waikiki Ho'olaule'a, 6-10pm. Purchase ribbon at WCC

22 (Sat.) Aloha Festival Floral Parade, 9am, Kalakaua Avenue

26 (Wed.) Bingo Fun! 1-3pm WCC Aud., free prizes and fun

28 (Fri.) Na Mea Makamae o Waikiki fundraiser @ Hilton HV. 5-9pm. \$275

28-30 Good Life Expo @Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Center.

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