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Honoring the *Treasures of Waikiki at Na Mea Makamae o Waikiki*

**Mark Dunkerley, Hawaiian Airlines
Sharon Weiner, DFS Hawaii
Manu Boyd, Royal Hawaiian Center
DFS Hawaii, David Charles**

Friday, September 28, 2012
Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
A Benefit for Waikiki Community Center

Waikiki Community Center will honor **Mark Dunkerley (CEO/President Hawaiian Airlines); Sharon Weiner (Senior Advisor, DFS Hawaii); Manu Boyd (Cultural Advisor at Royal Hawaiian Center) and DFS Hawaii** for their unselfish generosity, continued Visitor Industry leadership, commitment to the Waikiki residents, and supporting Waikiki Community Center over the years.

This 10th anniversary milestone gala dinner is scheduled Friday, September 28, 2012 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, newly renovated Coral Ballroom showcasing a fusion of international culinary delights matched with a fabulous silent and live auction with international and domestic travel destinations, jewelry, designer bags and special entertainment guests.

For reservations or more information contact Denice at 923-1802 x108. Individual tickets \$275, tables of ten \$2,500-\$10,000. ([Return to top](#))

Community Project Day by Duty Free Shoppers (DFS) scheduled July 11, WCC & EEC Closed

Waikiki Community Center is once again the beneficiary of a fabulous and exciting Community Work Project by Duty Free Shoppers (DFS)! Over 60 DFS Hawaii employees and staff from around the world will be coming to the Center on Wednesday, July 11 to paint, power wash, clean, install new bulletin boards, create new directional and building signage, paint the parking lots, build bookshelves for our keiki and much more! The Center will be closed with all classes cancelled, including the Early Education Center on this day. Vendors, tenants and patients are asked to park at Jefferson Elementary School or off-site on this day. Call 923.1802 if you have any questions. Thank you! ([Return to top](#))

What is the Meaning of "Kupuna"?

Throughout Hawai'i, this Hawaiian word is widely understood to mean elder, grandparent or an older person. What is less recognized is the fact that the word has at least three distinct but related meanings. First, a kupuna is an honored elder who has acquired enough life experience to become a family and community leader. The term has been stated to be the embodiment of natural respect... a practitioner of aloha (love), pono (righteousness), malama (caring), and spirituality. In ancient times, they were teachers and caretakers of grandchildren and that bond was especially strong. Even today, the kupuna is expected to speak out and help make decisions on important issues for both the family and the community.

Kupuna also means ancestor and includes the many generations before us who by their spiritual wisdom and presence guide us through personal, familial or community difficulties. We look to our kupuna to help us find and fulfill our pathways through life. Included among our kupuna are the family guardian spirits or 'aumakua who take physical shape, in the form of a honu (turtle) or a pueo (owl) and come to visit, warn and communicate with us.

Finally, kupuna means the source, the starting point or the process of growth. This meaning is related to the notion that that our direct

fore bearers and those of the distant past remain living treasures who continue to help us grow in numerous ways. They are a source of experience, knowledge, guidance, strength and inspiration to the next generations.

These various meanings of kupuna show how rich a resource they are and why they should be tapped to contribute to the betterment of Hawai'i, for they truly represent one of Hawai'i's fastest growing natural resources. ([Return to top](#))

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 or non-perishable items (Bags of rice, Cup of Noodles, Ramen, pasta, etc.).
- Gift cards from Costco, Office Max and/or Wal Mart.
- Office supplies – Avery (white) labels 5164, 5160 and 5163, reams of white bond paper – Letter, legal and ledger size.
- Sun shade 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)

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 at least 3 miles on flat terrain, about 2 hours.

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](#))

Lunch Bunch

Five Star International Buffet, at Royal Hawaiian Center, 3rd

Wed. July 18

This newly opened buffet restaurant features a wide variety of tasty and fresh choices, Thai Curry, Italian, loco moco with an emphasis on Japanese flavors and menu.

Meet at Level 3, near Forever 21 Store at the Royal Hawaiian Center.

Cost \$23.25 (includes 17% gratuity and taxes) per person. Menus posted

Cost: Registration Fee: \$3.00 (Refundable at luncheon).

Lil Chace, hostess

Please register by 7/10, maximum guests is 20. ([Return to top](#))

SEA LIFE PARK EXCURSION – WINDWARD, O`AHU

(Limited Seats, book early!)

Friday, August 24, 7:45 a.m. -2:45 p.m. \$55 for WCC members and \$65 for non members

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 and able to walk at least 2 miles on flat terrain about 4.5 hours. 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-\$15 range. Book your seat by Monday, August 3. These tours fill quickly (seats are limited); book early! ([Return to top](#))

WCC THRIFT SHOP

9 am-1pm

Mo., Tue., Wed. & Friday

JULY SPECIALS!

Select items ½ off.

Check our \$1 bin for bargains! Free gift with \$10 purchase.

Donations accepted during shop hours.

2 MORE WORKSHOPS FOR WRITER'S GROUP!

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 **Lauren 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. Future classes will be held on Wednesdays July 18 and August 22 in Room 203A from 2-3:30 PM. WCC Members \$3/ Non-Members \$5.

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

C&C of Honolulu Real Property Tax Credit Program

The C&C of Honolulu offers a real property tax credit to property owners who meet certain eligibility requirements. If you qualify, the maximum real property tax owed would not exceed 3-4% of your income, depending on your age.

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

- Homeowners must have a home exemption in effect at the time of application & 2013-2014 tax years.
- Any of the title holders do not own any other property anywhere.
- The combined income of all titleholders cannot exceed \$50,000.

How Do I Apply for the Tax Credit Program? Complete an application available at the following locations after July 1, 2012:

- All Satellite City Hall locations.
- Treasury Division in Honolulu Hale, 530 So. King St. #115
- Tax Relief Section, Standard Financial Bldg. 715 So. King St. #505
- Online at www.honolulu.gov/budget/treasury_division.htm

What is the Application Deadline? September 30, 2012

- Applications must be postmarked by Sept. 30, 2012 or received at the Division of Treasury by 4:30 p.m.

Important Reminder: You must apply **annually** for this credit.

For more information contact the Real Property Tax Relief Office at (808) 768-3205. Information furnished is subject to change without notice.

Salsa Summer Sizzle Returns August 8th!

Back by popular demand! Salsa Summer Sizzle returns to WCC on Wednesday, August 8th, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$5 donation. Food and refreshments will be available! Music, dance and fun! Free parking.

Lei Makers for Duke Kahanamoku Birthday

Saturday, August 18 9 a.m. - noon

Outrigger Waikiki Hotel, 2335 Kalakaua Ave.

Join WCC volunteers as we make leis for Duke Kahanamoku's statue and Birthday celebration scheduled Saturday, August 18, 2012. Celebration begins at 4:30 p.m. at Duke's Beach fronting Kahanamoku Statue.

Lei making will be at the Outrigger Waikiki Hotel on Kalakaua starting at 9 a.m. 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](#))

POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER EXCURSION

Friday, September 7th, 2:00-10:30 p.m.

\$ 59 per person, Kama`aina rate. (\$79 non-resident).

New 2012 members receive a free Entertainment Book or T-shirt!

Join us for a special **members only** afternoon and evening excursion to the Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie. Wear comfortable walking shoes for a short walk and tour of the Polynesian Villages.

This excursion includes: Round trip transfers in an air-conditioned motorcoach bus between Waikiki Community Center and the Polynesian Cultural Center, site admission, buffet dinner and the spectacular HA show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Meet at the Center no later than 2 p.m. and return by 10:30 p.m. Show your current membership card and proof of local residents (kama`aina) when you register. Book early, sure to be a full bus! Deadline to register is Friday, August 24th. Bring a sweater or light jacket for evening weather and your Hawaii ID to show at site ticket office. ([Return to top](#))

GOOD LIFE EXPO – Hawaii Senior Fair

September 28-30, 2012, 8:30am-4:30pm, free admission, \$5 parking

Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall – Ward Avenue

Visit **Waikiki Community Center's** booth #733 at the Fair located mauka – Diamond Head side of the Exhibition Hall. Over 250

exciting exhibits, lively entertainment from 2 stages, free and reduced cost health testing's and screening. Hawaiian Craft Village, flu & pneumonia vaccinations available. Free seminars on a variety of topics and much more! Great information and exhibits for all ages. See you there! ([Return to top](#))

OLELO NO'EAU
HAWAIIAN PROVERBS
From Mary Pukui

Ho`ola`i na manu I ke aheahe

The birds poise quietly in the gentle breeze.

Said of those who are at peace with the world, undisturbed and contented.

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.waikikicomunitycenter.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.

MEMBER DRIVE! FREE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!

Bring in your Friends and get a FREE 2012 Entertainment Book! Here's the deal!

We're holding a special WCC membership drive now until July 31st. Bring a friend to the Center as a 'new' member and you'll receive a FREE 2012 Entertainment Book, a \$30 value! While supplies last! Make sure you let your friends know you sent them! Share the good things going on at the Center! ([Return to top](#))

RECRUITING VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS

Do you have a special hobby or musical talent you'd like to share with others? We're looking for YOU! Waikiki Community Center is recruiting Volunteer Instructors for these classes:

- Let's Speak English (ESL) Japanese learners
- 'Ukulele and Music
- Zumba!
- Healthy Cooking Workshops, Health and Fitness
- Financial Literacy, Credit Counseling
- Pilates
- Dance/Art
- Others? Let us know!

Call Aura at 923 1802 ext. 104, to discuss; we'd love to meet you!

Upcoming Events – Check it out!

JULY – Membership Drive this month, get a free prize for your referral!

4 (Wed.) WCC Closed for Independence Day Holiday

6 (Fri.) 9-11am Hawaiian 'Ukulele, WCC Aud. Bring *He Mele Aloha* book. \$4/\$7

6 (Fri.) 10 am Monthly Birthday Celebration and Chat with Exec. Director

11 (Wed.) WCC Closed due to DFS Community Project scheduled.

18 (Wed.) Lunch Bunch 11:30 am, 5 Star International Buffet @ Royal Hawn Center, 3rd level.

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

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

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

AUGUST

8 (Wed.) Salsa Summer Sizzle! 6:30-9:30 pm., WCC Aud. \$5 donation.

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

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

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

24 (Fri.) Sea Life Park Excursion, 7:45 am-2:45 pm \$55/\$65, no host lunch

SEPTEMBER

3 (Mon.) WCC Closed for Labor Day Holiday

7 (Fri.) Polynesian Cultural Center Excursion, 2-10:30 pm. See page 6 for prices

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

22 (Sat.) Aloha Festival Floral Parade, 9 am, Ala Moana Park to Kapi'olani Park.

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

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

28-30 Good Life Expo @NBC, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, free admission. Parking \$5 ([Return to top](#))

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