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### ALOHA AND MAHALO TO THE DFS CONFERENCE ATTENDEES!

#### EXEMPLIFYING TRUE ALOHA SPIRIT!

Mahalo and aloha to the Duty Free Shoppers conference attendees! They exemplified the true aloha spirit through their DFS Community Work Project for Waikiki Community Center!

Over 80 employees and managers from around the world were at the Center on Wednesday, July 8 to clean, paint 6 bathrooms, repaint our parking stalls, paint and clean our offices, install over 30 new bookshelves for our preschool classrooms, create new entry way signage, replaced old bulletin boards with a "new" and modern look, power washed the walls, steps and sidewalks, donated 3 new computer workstations for our teachers, retiled 2 offices all with happy smiles and enthusiasm. Our friends from around the world also shared children's books from their country and renovate our Early Education offices.

Check out the great work and 'new' look at the Center! This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Project completed for Waikiki Community Center valued in the thousands of dollars! In addition, a donation check in the amount of \$10,000.00 was presented the night before at their special dinner! We continue to be grateful to DFS for sharing their aloha for WCC and the people we serve. ([Return to top](#))

#### Thank You DFS!

#### Summer Salsa Sizzle – August 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30-9:30 p.m., WCC Auditorium, \$5 donation

Back by popular demand! Summer Salsa Sizzle returns Wednesday, August 8 at WCC! Son Caribe – one of the best Salsa bands on the Island, joined by Jonathan Troupe (Brazilian Zouk Dancers) will provide dancing music and entertainment. Food, snacks, refreshments and organic desserts will also be available. \$5 donation at the door to benefit WCC programs.

Free parking on site (limited). Bring a friend and enjoy the festivities, music, fun and dancing!

Check out "Wake Up 2Day" on [Channel 2](#), August 6, 5-8 a.m. to hear more about this fun event! ([Return to top](#))

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE – GIFT PLEDGES

Waikiki Community Center welcomes your gift through a pledge — a formal statement of intention to make a gift to the Center. With a pledge, you may complete your gift by making regular payments over time, allowing you to give more generously than you originally may have considered. What's more, each payment on your pledge is eligible for an income-tax charitable deduction. Easy ways to make a gift pledge include:

**Aloha United Way (AUW)-** If you contribute to the AUW campaign each year, did you know that you can direct where your contribution goes? Waikiki Community Center is an AUW partner agency and each year we receive critical funds from donors who select us as their charity of choice. All you need to do is request an AUW Donor Option Choice Form from your on-site AUW coordinator and designate Waikiki Community Center as the recipient of your AUW contribution. The minimum donation allowed by AUW is \$48 the payment can be made via check, credit card or payroll deduction for as little as \$4/month. Help us spread the word! **Our AUW Campaign Designation number is 96540.**

**Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)-** If you are a Federal civilian, postal or military employee, you are eligible to participate in the annual CFC Campaign. When you make your contribution, you are encouraged and empowered to direct where you would like your funds designation goes. Help us spread the word!

**Monthly Giving -** Provide support throughout the year by pledging a specific monthly contribution. Your repeated gifts will provide sustainability for much-needed services and programs -- and you only have to sign up once for our **Makana Fund** monthly giving club!

**Give Aloha @ Foodland or Sak 'n Save Stores.** During the month of September make a donation at any checkout register and use WCC designation number #77892. This year, Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match each donation up to a total of \$350,000 for all organizations combined. Donor names will not be released by Foodland, so if you would like us to know of your gift, please contact us

directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift. These contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please save your store receipt for tax purposes since it will be the only record you will have. ([Return to top](#))

SEA LIFE PARK EXCURSION – WINDWARD, O`AHU  
**(Limited Seats, book early!) \$55 for members/\$65 non members**  
Friday, August 24, 7:45 a.m. -2:45 p.m.

Enjoy the sea coast scenery and ocean scents as we journey from Waikiki onto Kalanianaʻole 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. Seats are limited); book early! ([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 member's 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 transfer in an air-conditioned motorcoach bus between the 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.

**SONY OPEN IN HAWAII – FRIENDS OF HAWAII CHARITIES**

January 7-13, 2013 @ Waialae Country Club

A \$3,000 grant award was awarded by Friends of Hawaii Charities to assist with Early Education Center's tuition assistance program – helping families send their children to school. Proceeds from the Sony Open (January 7-13, 2013) helps hundreds of nonprofits in Hawaii. If you'd like to volunteer at the Sony Open call Lori at 792-9310 to assist, letting them know you're a WCC member! Mahalo **Friends of Hawaii Charities** for your generous award! ([Return top](#))

**WCC THRIFT SHOP**

9 am-1pm; Mo., Tue., Wed. & Friday

**AUGUST SPECIALS!**

Koa framed and matted picture of Old Courthouse with King Kamehameha I signed by artist. \$30  
Check out the \$1 Bin. Free gift with \$10 purchase. Visit us at 310 Paoakalani Avenue, free parking

**LAST WORKSHOP FOR WRITER'S GROUP! BLOGGING BASICS**

Wednesday, 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. Please bring pen & paper.

Workshops are planned for the **Summer Writer's Series** and will help you learn more about the craft of writing. The last class is scheduled Wednesday, August 22 in Room 203A from 2-3:30 PM. WCC Members \$3/Non-Members \$5. Register by August 15 by calling 923.1802.

**Blogging Basics (Panel Discussion) – Learn more about blogging.** Join **Bob Newell** of The Checker Maven blog, **Michael Little** of Island Voices blog and **MJ Manna** w/Naive Nomad blog sites as they share what it takes to start a blog of your own. ([Return to top](#))

**BATTLE OF MIDWAY w/Alan Lloyd**

Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 10-11:15 a.m., Annex, free

**Mr. Alan Lloyd** returns to WCC to provide a presentation on the Battle of Midway, widely regarded as the most important naval battle of the Pacific Campaign of World War II. Between June 4 and 7, 1942; only six months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, and one month after the Battle of the Coral Sea, the United States Navy decisively defeated an Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) attack against Midway Atoll, inflicting irreparable damage on the Japanese fleet. It has been described as the most stunning and decisive blow in the history of naval warfare. Join us on Wednesday, August 8 in the Annex. Please register by August 1. ([Return to top](#))

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](#))

## AUW GIVING – HELPING OTHERS

For over 90 years, Aloha United Way has served as a fundraiser for Oahu non-profits and as an agency that mobilizes the caring power of our community to make a difference in people's lives.

During this period of giving, we ask you to consider including Waikiki Community Center in your AUW workplace giving – **as a designated gift**. If you have working children, friends or neighbors, please share and let them know WCC organization number is **#96540**. Ask for the donor choice form and include WCC and our number.

After many years, we will no longer receive impact funding from AUW for our senior programs. With this award deduction, designated funds received from AUW donors will help WCC continue with our current programs and services.

AUW has recently changed their scope of giving to include homelessness, early childhood development, financial stability and independence, emergency and crisis services and crime/drug use which eliminates WCC.

Please consider designating WCC in your AUW Employee Giving  
**Our number is #96540**

**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!

## AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS – Sept 5 and November 7, 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. ([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! ([Return to top](#))

## Upcoming Events – Check it out!

**AUGUST – Please designate WCC in your AUW giving. Use #96540**

**3 (Fri.) Birthday Celebrations!** Free cake & fun! Meet w/WCC Interim Director  
**8 (Wed.) Battle of Midway with Alan Lloyd**, 10-11:15 am, Annex, free  
**8 (Wed.) Salsa Summer Sizzle!** 6:30-9:30 pm., WCC Aud. \$5 donation.  
**15 (Wed.) Lunch Bunch to Shore Bird at Outrigger Reef Hotel** 2169 Kalia Road  
**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  
**29 (Wed.) Bingo Fun!** 1-3pm WCC Aud. Free prizes and game cards.

### SEPTEMBER

**1-30** Give Aloha at all Foodland and/or Sak 'n Save stores. Use WCC #77892  
**3 (Mon.)** WCC Closed for Labor Day Holiday  
**7 (Fri.)** Polynesian Cultural Center Excursion, 2-10:30pm. See page 6 for info  
**15 (Sat.)** Aloha Festivals Waikiki Ho'olaule'a, 6-10pm. Purchase ribbon at WCC  
**22 (Sat.)** Aloha Festival Floral Parade, 9am, Ala Moana Park to Kapi'olani Park.  
**26 (Wed.)** Bingo Fun! 1-3pm Aud. Free prizes and fun!  
**28 (Fri.)** Na Mea Makamae o Waikiki fundraiser @ Hilton HV. 5-9pm. \$275  
**28-30** Good Life Expo @NBC, 8:30am-4:30pm, free admission. Parking \$5

### FUTURE DATES

**Nov. 7 (Wed.)** AARP Safe Driving Class, 9 am – 1 pm, Annex  
**Dec. 10 (Mon.)** Christmas Trolley Ride. 6 pm – 8:30 pm \$15/\$20

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