



# Wala'au

(Talk Story)

*"Enhancing Lives Through Self-Reliance"*

*Since 1955*

*April 2014*



Our spotlight employee of the quarter is **Matt Wanderscheid** who has been employed with Ka Lima O Maui since September 13, 2012. **Matt's** positive energy, his desire to do a great job and his ability to inspire others makes him an incredible asset to Ka Lima O Maui. **Matt** is currently working in **Roland Pacubas** and **Elden Mahelona's** crews and has recently started working in the weekend crew as well. He is a very hard worker and is extremely reliable. Recently, **Matt** provided testimony in support of an important bill affecting Ka Lima O Maui at the State of Hawaii Legislature. **Matt** spoke from the heart when addressing Legislators on the importance of his job and the pride he takes in his work. He then had the opportunity to personally meet several Legislators and shared his enthusiasm. Congratulations **Matt**, Ka Lima looks forward to more of your inspiration.

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# From the Executive Director

## Chantal Ratte

Thank you for our

### **New service contracts:**

Pacific Whale Foundation - Custodial

Sugar Museum - Grounds

Maui Country Club - Grounds

Shimanuki Residence - Grounds

Omura Residence - Grounds

## Word from the Executive Director:



Our future is in good hands, especially after meeting **Mikeila Yamamoto**. This young lady requested that in lieu of gifts at her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party, her friends and family make a donation to Ka Lima O Maui. In March, she presented Ka Lima O Maui with a check for \$1,330.00, the amount of donation she collected at her

birthday party. I don't know about you but I don't know too many 18 year olds that have the foresight to think beyond themselves and put the needs of others first. I personally met with **Mikeila** and was impressed with her awareness of the needs in the community and also found out that she had done the same thing for another local Not for Profit organization on her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Not surprising, she plans on attending college next year and pursuing a career in Social Work. I have a lot of faith in our next generation, thank you **Mikeila!**

In March we also welcomed new board member **Tracy Dorheim, MD**. **Dr. Dorheim** moved to Maui from Omaha, NE in 2011 to join Maui Heart and Vascular and lead the cardiac surgery program at Maui Memorial Medical Center. He looks forward to new experiences and we welcome him to Ka Lima O Maui's dynamic board of directors.

# Fundraising



Mother Nature blessed us with lots of sunshine this year for the Hyundai Tournament of Champions held the first week of January in Kapalua. A sharp contrast to last year's high wind and rain. Ka Lima volunteers were kept busy in Parking Lot F trying to maximize the

number of cars in the lot and overseeing the lot in general. We are grateful to continue to be a beneficiary of this wonderful event and we applaud **Nancy Cross's** efforts in delivering a first class tournament. We look forward to 2015!

Ka Lima O Maui's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament was held on Saturday February 22nd at the Dunes at Maui Lani where 100 golfers teed off on a gorgeous day. The tournament was a big success and raised the most funds it has



in recent years for our vocational programs. Many participants went home with fabulous prizes after being treated to a great luncheon at our award ceremony. Please refer to our thank you ad in this newsletter for a list of all our sponsors and donors that made this tournament possible. Featured in the photo are board member **Jimmy Jones**, **Armon Tavares**, board members **Cindi Pojas Smith** and **Tracy Dorheim**.



## Birthdays



Pomaikai Souza January 3  
Michelle Feiteira January 3  
Kepano Panela January 5  
John Kealohanui January 5  
Keri Pasion-Salas January 8  
Catalino Rasay January 10  
Alan Bantilan January 19  
Pamela Kahae January 20  
Robin Sagon January 20  
Ricky Sugimoto January 21  
Edward Kanoho January 22  
Cleighton Eaton January 23  
Leanne Tsubake January 24  
Erlino Santos January 24  
Sally Keanini January 26  
Shaun Labang January 26

Darlene Kashuba February 17  
Roland Pacubas February 20  
Marthamae Bertram February 22  
Nicole Ballesteros February 23

Marsha Rocha March 1  
Eben Hooey March 4  
Daniel Rodriguez March 7  
Kanale Medeiros March 8  
Jay Reyes March 13  
Gertrude Akuna March 14  
Ramona Maddela March 18  
Eugene Perriera March 19  
Walter Vierra March 20  
Ezra Kanaha March 20  
Stacey Roberts March 22  
Nancy Heisserman March 25  
Chantal Ratte March 26



# HUI Club News

Submitted by **Barbara Kim-Cugal**



LOVE was in the air at the Seabury Hall Valentine's Day Prom. Ka Lima O Maui clients attended a beautiful dance along with a delicious dinner, all provided by & chaperoned by the

Seabury Hall staff & students. Seabury Hall organizes dances for persons with disabilities on a regular basis. "We had a good time" said **Crystal Nunes**, "I look forward to the dance every year".

## Upcoming Fundraising Events for the HUI Club

### The Cookie Corner Cookie



We will be selling The Cookie Corner Cookies in June. This crunchy bite size cookie comes in chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin. Each bag weighs 8 ounces and contains about 40-45 cookies. We will be selling them for \$6.00 per bag. Please support our fundraiser by purchasing a bag or two. All proceed go towards our HUI club.

### MACY'S Shop for a Cause

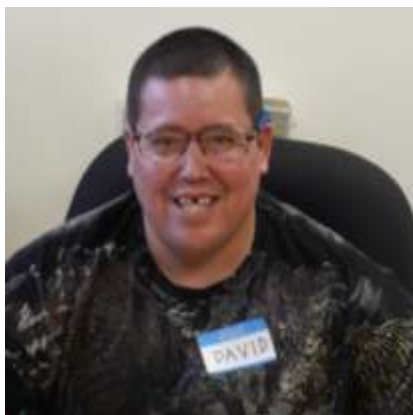


Join our cause for your cause by purchasing a shopping pass for \$5.00 that will in turn save you 25% on your purchase. The event is to be held on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Ka Lima O Maui will be selling these shopping passes in July. Our clients will be selling the passes or you can call **Barbara** at 244-5502. We keep 100% of the proceeds which benefit our HUI Club.

# Look Who's Working

By Pam Kahae

**Ezra** was referred to Ka Lima O Maui in January of 2014 and was offered employment this month. His first day of work was February 20, 2014, in **Roland Pacubas'** crew maintaining the grounds at the Kihei Roundabout. I hear he is doing a great job and is very reliable. Welcome to the Ka Lima O Maui Ohana **Ezra Kanaha**.



Remember that saying? “You’ve Come Along Way Baby”, that saying is for **David Lynch**. **David** was referred to Ka Lima O Maui in 2009, when he lived in Lahaina. I drove out on several occasions to meet with **David** and carry out our job search. We were having fun and getting to know each other when Mom advised that **David** would be moving to Kahului. **David** was excited about the move and so was I because this meant

an opportunity for **David** to possibly become a Ka Lima O Maui employee. **David** was hired at Ka Lima O Maui on March 5, 2014 and he definitely loves it. Its great having you on our Ka Lima O Maui team.

Our **Marsha Rocha** was referred to Ka Lima in 2013. She was interviewed and was offered a position in March. Her first day of work was on March 11, 2014. She works in **Lucy Golis** janitorial crew. **Marsha** is still new but we look forward to her maximizing her potential. Welcome aboard **Marsha!**





# MAHALO

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Held at The Dunes at Maui Lani  
February 22, 2014

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Sarento's on the Beach  
Serpico's  
Takamiya Market  
Tamura's Fine Wine and Liquors  
The Dunes at Maui Lani  
Tokyo Tei  
Wailea Golf  
Wailea Wines

# Fall Ball & Valentine's Day Prom







# Waiver

Submitted by Keri Pasion-Salas



We started the new year with a China talk story and activities that surrounded China and the Chinese new year. Direct Support Worker, **Sarah Garbutt** spent many years living in China and shared her knowledge of

Chinese traditions and language with us. **Sarah** brought in her personal pictures, books, and did a coloring activity with the group. The group colored lucky pictures that they hung around program. Thank you **Sarah** for sharing your experiences and knowledge with us. Xinnian hao! (have a good New Year!)



In March participant **Ryan Behn** and staff member **Claudia Rosenbaum** participated in the Day at the Capitol in Honolulu. This activity was sponsored by the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities. The event was an opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to discuss disability-related issues and concerns with legislators and network with other concerned citizens. **Ryan** and **Claudia** both enjoyed this very informative event. **Ryan** stated that his favorite part of the event was meeting **Governor Neil Abercrombie**.

Last but not least we welcomed **Matt Wanderscheid** to our program. **Matt** started Waiver services in January. **Matt** has been a joy on Wednesdays and brings his sense of humor and good personality to our group, welcome **Matt**.

## Happenings Around Ka Lima



Come join us for our afternoon walk around the Cameron Center and nearby properties. You can walk as little or as much as you want, but we guarantee it will be fun. The group is led by our Controller, **Sharon Ferrell**. At the end of the walk there is a “high five” from everyone and a cold

cup of lemonade. Come for the fun and the exercise.

This is a shout out to **Zion Waikiki** who is coming back to work for Ka Lima O Maui. **Zion** met with management to discuss his chances of getting his job back. He was welcomed back and is now working in **Roland Pacubas**' grounds crew. It's great to have you back **Zion**, keep up the good work.



**Fae Torres** has been selected as an honorary chairperson for Swim & Fin 2014. This is the first Swim & Fin and will be benefitting Special Olympics Maui Swim Team. She will be representing Hawaii in the Special Olympics National Games in New Jersey from June 14 - 21, 2014.

# More HUI Club Announcements

By Barbara Kim-Cugal



## ViVa Las Vegas

Have you heard? The HUI Club will be traveling to VEGAS in 2015. Travel dates are tentatively scheduled for March 25 – March 29, 2015. Those who are interested in signing up and traveling with the HUI club to Vegas may see **Barbara** at 244-5502. The Ka Lima O Maui

HUI Club welcomes any donations to support our trip to Vegas as well as your support in our various fundraising activities throughout the year.

## HUI CLUB

Looking for a club to join? Why not join the Ka Lima O Maui HUI Club. All clients of Ka Lima are welcome to join. Qualifications: Must be a happy person and enjoy spreading the news of our club, participate in all HUI club activities and fundraising events. If you are interested come and see **Barbara** or call 244-5502.

## A Big Mahalo



**Nancy Tabon's** landscaping crew could not be any happier with their new Kubota 72" riding mower. The riding mower was purchased with grants received from the Wailea Community Foundation, Fred Baldwin Memorial Foundation and

Young Brothers. **Nancy's** crew maintains the south side County Beach Parks and is very thankful to these wonderful Foundations for their support of our employment programs.

# Vocational & Work Adjustment Training Program

By John DeBlasio

During 2013 and 2014 ten individuals participated in work readiness courses provided under the Vocational and Work Adjustment Training Services (VWATS) program. Course completers are now doing on the job training at various Maui businesses. We would like to thank the businesses involved for giving our participants valuable work experience.

**Michelle Feiteira** is currently working at the Maui Humane Society three days per week. This work experience will prepare her for a career providing care to animals. **Michelle** was raised on a farm and has a natural sensitivity to animal welfare.

**Pomaikai Souza** is learning customer service skills at Paradise Video. He has intense personal interest in music and movie videos. His internship has a side benefit of free rental of movies. He is quickly learning the procedures for renting movies and returning movies to their correct location.

**Walter Vierra** is finishing two months at Enehana Computer Services. The data entry job requires endless patience and attention to details. The work experience helped **Wally** learn important independent living skills. His ability to focus on the job was impressive.

**Juan Granados** is just beginning an assignment at Da Kine detailing. He has a strong desire for permanent employment and will probably follow his internship with a job search for maintenance or finish carpentry employment.

**David Lynch** finished a six week internship at Ka Lima o Maui and is currently employed part time performing grounds maintenance work.

**Jennifer Llanes** is seeking an internship in the retail clothing industry.

# The Buzz Around Ka Lima

## Our newsletter committee members

**Chantal Ratte**—Executive Director

**Sharon Ferrell**—Controller

**Esther Yap**—Bookkeeper/Special Events Coordinator

**Pam Kahae**—Program Coordinator

**Dan Cordell**—Payroll/Personnel

## Aloha & Best Wishes to Janice Sarol



On Tuesday, March 25, 2014 Ka Lima gathered to wish **Janice Sarol** the best in her move to Reno. **Janice** worked for our agency for 24 years in the Custodial Department. It was a beautiful farewell for **Janice** as everyone wished her the best with leis, gifts and hugs. **Mona Madella**, her supervisor, will miss **Janice** saying she was a good worker,

dependable, cooperative, optimistic and always willing to share with others. **Mona** called her since her move and Janice says it's very cold in Reno, but sounds good and happy.

**Perfect Attendance  
Honor Roll**

**Congratulations to the following for staying  
healthy during the past quarter!!!**

**Roland's Team**

Billy Tagay  
Zion Waikiki

**Nancy's Team**

Sally Keanini  
Romeo Visitacion

**Robin's Team**

Brian Bantilan  
Hoku Bailey  
Keoni Wilson  
Evelyn Bocobo

**Elden's Team**

Jonathan Hosaka

**Marthamae's Team**

Kanale Medeiros  
Michael Cabral

**Lucy' Team**

Maria Cavan  
Edward Kanoho  
Karl Pastor

**Mona's Team**

Eugene Perreira

**Mai's Team**

Jason Sugahara  
Rosemary Manini  
Dean Ireland  
Daniel Rodriguez  
Margie Calpito  
Shaun Labang

**Aaron's Team**

Elmer Baluran  
Jayson Harris  
Joemar Dichoso  
James Santiago  
Anthony Silva

**Kamaile's Team**

Alan Bantilan  
Noe Suan  
Joseph Iniba

**Jay's Team**

Jonathan Hoska

## Important Dates

April 18, 2014	Good Friday
May 10, 2014	Charity Walk
May 21, 2014	Board Meeting
May 24, 2014	100 Holes of Golf
May 26, 2014	Memorial Day
June 11, 2014`	Kamehameha Day

### **Programs for adults with disabilities and/or who are economically disadvantaged**

- Job assessment, placement, coaching and long-term support
- Adult day program through Medicaid Waiver Program
- Internal employment through grounds and custodial services

For more information about our programs and services visit our website at [www.kalimaomaui.org](http://www.kalimaomaui.org) or contact us at **808-244-5502**

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