

Important Dates

April 3, 2015	Good Friday
May 9, 2015	Charity Walk
May 20, 2015	Board Meeting
May 22 & 23, 2015	100 Holes of Golf Wailea
May 25, 2015	Memorial Day
June 11, 2015	Kamehameha Day



Wala'au

(Talk Story)

*"Enhancing Lives Through Self-Reliance"
Since 1955*

April 2015

Programs for adults with disabilities

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

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On February 11, 2015 ten of our KaLima O Maui workers embarked on a 3 nights, four day adventure to ViVa Las Vegas. They were **Joe & Sally Keanini, Hoku Bailey, Dean Ireland, Jason Sugahara, Crystal Nunes, William Kaahanui, Kanale Medeiros, Jayson Harris, & Michael Cabral**. We stayed at the Main Street Station Hotel in Down Town Vegas. We got to visit a bunch of hotels & casinos such as New York New York, Bellagio, Caesar's Palace, Circus Circus, and the popular Pawn Stars. We did some gambling, shopping and of course eating at Shake Shack and In-n-Out Burgers. We also walked and toured the famous "Fremont Street Experience" & the Vegas Strip. Thank you to our chaperones **Nancy Tabon, Billy Tagay, Barbara Kim-Cugal, Jay Reyes and Mona Posten** for joining us. We had such a great time with good laughs, good food, and good times. Our next trip that the HUI Club is coordinating will be a cruise to Alaska in 2018. If this sounds like something that you would be interested in contact Barbara at 244-5502 or Barbara@kalimaomaui.org

Ka Lima O Maui is a private Not-For-Profit organization founded in 1955 serving adults with disabilities and/or who are economically disadvantaged. Our mission is to "Enhance Lives Through Self-Reliance" through employment program and living skills.

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From the Executive Director Chantal Ratte

New Service Contracts

This past quarter we want to thank the following businesses for giving us the opportunity to serve them:

Kihei Police Station Grounds
Kihei Police Station Custodial
Goodyear Tire Grounds

During this quarter 9 individuals gained employment at various business establishments in the community and with Ka Lima O Maui. The perception still exists that Ka Lima O Maui only provides grounds and janitorial employment opportunities when in fact we have been helping individuals find employment in the community for over 30 years. In this quarter alone Crystal, Warren, Vavega, Melissa and Anthony all secured employment with businesses in the community while Sam, Joe, Ben and Scott secured employment at Ka Lima O Maui. Regardless of the place of employment or type of work one selects, we provide our consumers with work skills to help them succeed and sustain employment on a long term basis. We teach everyone to take pride in their work and to see the value of their efforts. Our service contracts are a critical part of our vocational programs but equally important are our efforts and successes in finding employment in a variety of work settings. We will always advocate for consumer choice and explore one's interest when developing employment plans.



Check out our new 2014 Ford Contector purchased with grants from Central Pacific Bank Foundation and the Wailea Community Foundation. The configuration of this vehicle is perfect for our new custodial crew assigned to the Kihei Police Station. Transportation

is a key component of the services we provide to our consumers and securing a vehicle through grants is extremely helpful. Thank you to these two foundations who continue to support our mission. Featured in the photo are: Cindi Pojas Smith from Central Pacific Bank Homes Loans, Chantal Ratte, Kanale Medeiros, Gail Valoroso, Sam Manini and Hoku Bailey.

Perfect Attendance Honor Roll

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

Pache's Team

Joseph Keanini
Jonathan Hosaka
Kleint Flores

Nancy's Team

William Kaahanui
Romeo Visitacion

Robin's Team

Brian Bantilan
Crystal Nunes

Jesse's Team

Edward Kanoho
Karl Pastor
Marsha Rocha
Palani Rocha

Gail's Team

Dean Ireland

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Jason Sugahara
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James Santiago
Anthony Silva

Kamaile's Team

Alan Bantilan

Jay's Team

Jonathan Hosaka

Mark's Team

Michael Cabral
James Ribillia
Kanale Medeiros
Nathan Rosberg
William Koa

Christy's Team

Leroy Miranda

Ed's Team

Clyde Kaea
Shaun Labang

Look Who's Working

By Pam Kahae



Melissa started receiving services from Ka Lima O Maui in April of 2014. Melissa diligently came to the office every week for her job search services. In March 2015, it finally paid off. She was offered employment at the Keawekapu Condominiums on March 6, 2015 as their janitor. This is Melissa's first job and she starts her day with enthusiasm and a mindset of "I CAN DO THIS". Congratulations and we all are

looking forward to watching you grow.

Anthony and I had our first intake meeting in July 2014. He shared with me his interests of going to the gym to exercise, listening to music, the schools he attended and the different businesses he was able to complete a work study at. Anthony communicated all this to me with great enthusiasm. However when Anthony spoke about his interests in cleaning and washing dishes his eyes lit up with excitement and his face, of pure joy for such a job. Anthony kept repeating how much he loved cleaning and washing dishes His mother



also confirmed Anthony's love for this type of work. I could only think of one place where I knew Anthony would be content and be a blessing also. Anthony was hired on January 10, 2015 as a dishwasher at Maui Brick Oven. Anthony was initially scheduled on Saturdays only but has quickly increased his work schedule to four days per week. The owners of the Maui Brick Oven are very grateful to have Anthony as their employee and I am very happy for Anthony Occhinero. CONGRATULATIONS!

Fundraisers



I always look forward to the Hyundai Tournament of Champions held the first week of January in Kapalua, one of the most beautiful places on the island. What a way to start the New Year! Once again, our staff and volunteers were busy working in Parking Lot F trying to maximize the number of cars in the lot. The tournament was a huge success and we are so proud to be a beneficiary of this event. To see this tournament unfold

and all the logistics involved falling into place is something special. Congratulations to Nancy Cross and her team for an outstanding job. We look forward to 2016! Featured in the photo are representatives of the local charities benefiting from the tournament with Nancy Cross during a reception following the event.

Let it rain, let it rain! To say our participants got wet on February 28th at the Dunes at Maui Lani is an understatement. I could not believe how hard it was raining but what was even harder to comprehend is the resilience of the golfers and their good attitude. Golfers were coming back to the clubhouse completely soaked with a smile on their face. I had been bracing myself for something very different. My heartfelt thank you goes out to all the participants who braved the weather and raised valuable funds for Ka Lima's vocational programs. 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 Tracy Dorheim, Cindi Pojas Smith, Armon Tavares and Jimmy Jones (before the rain came).





Birthdays



Ed Rita January 1
 Romel Edmalin January 1
 Penisimani Mataele January 3
 Dusty Flores January 7
 Keri Pasion-Salas January 8
 Catalino Rasay January 10
 Alan Bantilan January 19
 Pam Kahae January 20
 Robin Sagon January 20
 Edward Kanoho January 22
 Cleighton Eaton January 23
 Leanne Tsubaki January 24
 Meeja Gaza January 24
 Sally Keanini January 26
 Shaun Labang January 26
 Jeffrey Giron January 30

Nilsa Ruiz-Rios February 5
 Darlene Kashuba February 17
 Sam Manini February 26

Marsha Rocha March 1
 Daniel Rodriguez March 7
 Kanale Medeiros March 8
 James Ribillia March 12
 Jay Reyes March 13
 Mark Sturdavant March 16
 Eugene Perreira March 19
 Nancy Heisserman March 25
 Chantal Ratte March 26



Welcome to Ka Lima

By Esther Yap



Hired on February 2, 2015 Mark Sturdavant is a custodial supervisor and services the Southside County Parks. Mark was employed at Feed My Sheep for 1 ½ years before coming to Ka Lima. He is from Portland, Oregon where he lived for 58 years. During that time he was a truck driver for 37 years and has driven millions of miles (literally) across the country. He shared that the best part of his new job is his crew. Also, he enjoys being at the beach parks and meeting people from everywhere. Mark lives in Kokomo with his wife Kimberlie and they have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and happy to share that there is one more on its way.

Jesse Olaitiman started on February 9, 2015 servicing the HC & S contract in Puunene Monday thru Friday. During the week Jesse also power washes the South Maui restrooms. The best part of my job, he shares, is the crew. They are great and I'm happy to work with them. Before coming to Ka Lima Jesse worked for Maui Downhill as a tour guide for 12 years. He lives in Makawao with his wife Tori, 4 girls and a son. Jesse coaches soccer 6 days out of the week and owns a jumping castle business.



NOT PICTURED

Dusty Flores was hired on March 13, 2015 and is working in Pache's crew as a grounds keeper.

Romel Edmalin was hired on February 14, 2015 as a weekend Southside County Parks supervisor.

Welcome to Ka Lima

By Esther Yap



We welcome Sanford Tapuro-Uwekoolani to our Ka Lima family. Sanford started on January 12, 2015. His previous employer was Irrigation Solutions where he worked for 4 years as a landscaper. He heard of an opening at Ka Lima and applied for the Grounds Supervisor for the new contract at Kihei Police Station. Sanford

was happy to take on the new contract and was open to whatever he needed to do to get the job done. He likes everything about his job he shares, with a big smile. Sanford lives in Pukalani with his girlfriend Talia, two daughters Kailia and Kaesha and has one son Ezekiel.

Christy Santana comes from Maui Downhill, a bike company that offers tour and bike rides from Haleakala. A lead reservationist of 5 years, she is still employed as a part-time employee. Christy heard of Ka Lima O Maui's custodial supervisor opening from her mother-in-law and Ka Lima current supervisor, Gail Valoroso. Gail shared the joy of her job and workers with Christy who then quickly applied and was interviewed. Christy's first day was January 20, 2015. She services the Central custodial contracts and shares that she enjoys working with the clients and teaching them work skills. She lives in Omaopio with her husband Jeremy, daughters Jaycie-Ann and Jencie-Lynn. Their family interest is hunting and in January Christy caught her first buck on their family's property in Kula.



Vocational & Work Adjustment Training Program

By John DeBlasio



Pictured left to right: Lee Pang, Jaymee Silva, Dan Brito, Janet Marciano, Destiny Crosby, Braeden Yap and instructor, John DeBlasio

The spring session of the *How to Succeed at Work* classes began on March 24th. There are currently 8 participants who meet three days per week for classes. In May the classroom experiences will be supplemented by practical experiences at various places of business. Previous classes have been small-

er averaging 4 people. They could be conducted in a small classroom. The current larger group required a move to a larger space that is also more accommodating to wheel chairs. Class time up till now has been devoted to many assessments that help job seekers identify their individual strengths. Currently they are studying the skills necessary to work effectively with coworkers. May classes will be devoted to job search techniques including resume development, searching on-line leads, filling out applications, and interviewing.

Warren Pladera attended VWATs classes at Ka Lima O Maui and began working at the Deli at Safeway on March 9, 2015. He started off training part-time and has swiftly moved into almost 30 hours per week. He is friendly and wonderful with customers. Warren has been a consistent and focused worker, showing great gratitude for his brand new job. Congratulations on your job!



Pictured: Warren and Job Coach Tashana

Waiver

Submitted by Keri Pasion-Salas



Waiver activities provide our participants with meaningful opportunities to be a part of the community and connect with friends. Cooking classes give participants a chance to plan a menu and create a team to execute the preparation of the meal and practice vocational

skills, then eat together. Other activities that may not be as easily seen are the ones that support participants to be able to live independently in the community. Services provide assistance with managing a household, coordinating appointments, shopping, studying for drivers permit, and any other individual needs. These activities are tied into the goals that each person has. Here are some of the activities that we did this quarter.



Eben shopping



Chef Bradley presenting his plate of food



Larry working on a chair



Ricky enjoying Valentines' Day



John, Charlene and Brandon visiting Assistant Dogs of Hawaii

Weinberg Workforce Development Program

By Nilsa Ruiz-Rois

Scott Matsumoto joined the Weinberg Program on February 10, 2015 and was placed on a 2 week work trial with Christy's janitorial crew on March 30, 2015. After his evaluation his supervisor recommended him for permanent employment. Scott has a very positive attitude, is very reliable, gets along well with his team and learns skills quickly.

Ben Mataele was referred to Ka Lima by his friend Palani Rocha. He satisfactorily completed a janitorial job assessment and is currently working part-time on Mark's janitorial South Side Crew.

Welcome Back

Sam Manini took a leave of absence and is now back to work at Ka Lima in Pache's crew. Joe Keanini took a very short retirement and also returned to work. We're glad to have both of you back on the job.

AN EXTRA SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

A huge apology goes out to Vavega Tialino and Krystle Aikala who were not recognized in Ka Lima O Maui's January Newsletter.

Vavega Tialino began receiving services from Ka Lima O Maui in April 2014. After eight months of job search, Vavega was offered employment at Sugar Cane Maui restaurant as a dishwasher. He was hired on December 22, 2014. What a wonderful Christmas gift. Congratulations, Vavega Tialino.



Krystle Aikala was offered employment from Kamaaina kids at the Pukalani School location and of course Krystle accepted and was hired on August 10, 2014. Krystle is a hard worker and very patient. She works Monday through Friday from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. She provides supervision and tutoring services to afterschool children ages 5 to 10 years old. Good Luck in your career Krystle.

HUI Club News

By Barbara Kim-Cugal

SPRING FLING BALL

BIG Mahalo to Seabury Hall for the invite to the Spring Fling Ball. Our Ka Lima O Maui clients always enjoy the music and fellowship with others while dancing the night to some of the greatest music. We look forward to the next event your school puts on. Thank you again.

*Our many Happy Couples at Ka Lima
O Maui.*



LOVE
is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self seeking
it is not easily angered
it keeps no record of wrongs
never fails

Waiver

Submitted by Keri Pasion-Salas



Palani Rocha started attending our Day program in March. Palani stays busy with working on the Ka Lima O Maui HC&S custodial crew in the morning and then comes to program in the afternoon. Palani also volunteer at the Habitat for Humanity resale store every Wednesday! Palani is an avid Special Olympic athlete and participates in bowling, track, tee ball, and bocci ball. Palani would like everyone to know that he likes his job as a custodian and likes coming to Ka Lima. Welcome Palani!!

Ryan Behn and Fae Torres were recognized in March by Representative Tulsi Gabbard for their efforts as finalists in the Special Olympic Swim and Fin competition held in Kihei.



Congratulations to Matt Wandscheid for getting his driver's permit in February!!

2015 Viva Las Vegas



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Maui Ocean Center
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Nick's Fishmarket
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Outback Steakhouse
Paia Tattoo Parlor
Pizza Madness
Pukalani Club House

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