

Wala'au (Talk Story)

JUNE 2019

Inside the Heart & Mind of an Olympic Athlete—A Special Olympian



***“Enhancing
Lives
Through
Self-Reliance”***

Since 1955

Brian has been involved with sports his whole life and he can ball as he demonstrated shooting over me in a one-on-one basketball game. At 53, he is still playing and competing at a time when many hang it up. Not only is he playing but he is still developing and expanding his skills. He demonstrated this while spinning a basketball on each of his fingers and showed me how he is working on doing an arm-shoulder basketball roll.

Brian is more than a dedicated athlete! He is also a dependable worker who has been working in a custodian crew at Ka Lima O Maui for over 20 years. He is the kind of worker Ka Lima O Maui is famous for—individuals who come to work each day, work hard all day, and do a great job. He works at the Maui Police Department where he is well known and respected for his good work. Not surprisingly, he is listed later in this newsletter for not missing a day of work in the past quarter. This is the kind of worker Brian is.

He grew up in Kahului playing Little League baseball and going to the courts to shoot or play in pick-up games of basketball.

Brian grew up loving sports and loving to play. He found Special

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From the Executive Director ~ Chantal Ratte

New service contracts:

This past quarter we want to thank the following business for giving us the opportunity to serve them through our landscaping or custodial services:

Mahi Pono Paia and Puunene – custodial
Hawaiian Canoe Club – custodial
East Maui Irrigation Paia – grounds
Napa Kulamalu - grounds

Word from the Executive Director:

Not that I have worked in many places in my life but I am pretty sure that Ka Lima O Maui's work environment is unique in many ways. For one, the turn-over is quite low and for good reason. We work hard while having fun. As rewarding as our work is, it can also be challenging. A good laugh goes a long way for relieving stress, building trust, boosting morale, and even increasing productivity. I therefore wholeheartedly support incorporating humor in the workplace. April fools is heavily recognized at Ka Lima and you have to come ready. A popular tradition for staff is to "decorate" your office while you are away on vacation. We come up with a theme and go all out, to the point where you might not recognize your workplace when you return. Below are a couple of examples of what I have returned to; my desk turned into a vehicle and a river.

I find that most people, myself included sometimes, have a tendency to take themselves way too seriously. Our clients inevitably are a good influence and inspiration to us all in this area. It's been said that "Humor is one of the healthiest adaptation to being happy in life." So go ahead and have a good laugh! 😄 😄



Photos of card board truck on left and photo of river on right.



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Did you know that our current Logo was designed by **Tim Terry**, a very talented local artist. Tim worked for Ka Lima O Maui in the late 1990s and volunteered his talent to capture the essence of Ka Lima O Maui. We remain grateful to Tim for all of his good work!

Important Dates

July 4, 2019	Independence Day
July 17, 2019	Board Meeting
August 16, 2019	Client Picnic
August 16, 2019	Admissions Day
September 2, 2019	Labor Day
September 18, 2019	Board Meeting

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

For more information about our programs and services visit our website at www.kalimaomaui.org or contact us at 808-244-5502

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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 programs and living skills.

HUI Club news...

Plenty of things happening with the Hui Club.

They organized a beach day at Kanaha Beach Park that included watermelon and chips, playing bocce ball, listening to music and dancing on the stage in the canoe hale. Some also enjoyed a swim. This was another fun activity organized by the Hui Club of Ka Lima O Maui.



Planning is in full gear for the Annual Summer Picnic which will take place on Admission's Day, August 16. It is one of the highlights of the year around Ka Lima O Maui. Look for pictures of this fun annual event in the next newsletter

Members of the Hui Club & Waiver Program busted out their best moves at the filming of the *Car Wash* video. The videos will air on our Facebook page on July 15—19 to promote our two car washes benefiting the Hui Club on July 20 and September 7 at Ohana Fuel/Minit Stop on Wakea Avenue in Kahului. The videos should definitely be an early contender for a MTV dance video award.



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100 Holes of Golf



Wailea 100 Holes		Wailea 100 Holes	
Angrek John	79	83	73
Hajjman Roger	76	71	71
Judge Phares	68	66	71
Correa Cory	86	94	77
Junk John	87	89	92
Pelkey Casey	78	82	77
Boerster Eric	94	91	90
Beddow Chris	71	90	90
Stubblefield Larry	70	73	73
Robinson David	82	80	77
Tall Larry	79	74	73
Placourakis Aaron	86	84	83
Magden Dale	87	78	82
Li Z. Craig	89	93	84
Clark John	94	92	95

100 Holes of Golf – one of Maui’s most successful fundraisers & most unknown ultra-distance sporting events here- took place at the Wailea Blue Golf course on May 25. It has been played 39 times and has raised over a million dollars for Ka Lima O Maui. On Saturday, 15 determined and generous guys played golf from 5 am to after 6 pm to help Ka Lima O Maui, one of Maui’s oldest non-profits. Led by Larry Stubblefield, there is no shortage of heroes in this group who play to help people with disabilities that live and work on Maui.

A heartfelt MAHALO NUI LOA goes to the dedicated golfers and all the sponsors, including Wailea Golf, Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui, Grand Wailea –A Waldorf Astoria Resort, Wailea Beach Resort- Marriott, Maui, Nick’s Fishmarket Maui, Tri-Star Restaurant Group, and Aaron Placourakis. Finally, we extend a special “Thank You” to Larry Stubblefield for making this event No Ka Oi.

Perfect Attendance Honor Roll

**Congratulations to the following workers
for
Coming to Work every day Scheduled!!!**

Pedrito’s Team

Edwin Kanoho
Lloyd Neizman

Michael’s Team

Elmer Lopez
Kiley Smith

Margaret Team

Brian Bantilan
Conrad Domingo
Keoni Wilson
Crystal Nunes

Keeanu’s Team

Jonathan Hosaka

Mark’s Team

Karl Pastor
Jamie Apan
Jason Sugahara

Anna’s Team

Jonah Wun
Dean Ireland
Bill Morris

Kamaile’s Team

Juan Martinez
Alan Bantilan

Carl’s Team

Kepano Panela

Nancy’s Team

Romeo Visitacion
Sam Cabalo
Sally Keanini
Travis Hehn

Ben’s Team

Kevin Matillano

Aaron’s Team

Sam Manini
Anthony Silva
Joemar Dichoso

Keenan’s Team

Bebby Yoro
Tai Ung



GOOD JOB!!!

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Charity Walk

- Geofry Fernandez -April 1
- Rosemary Manini -April 12
- Nancy Tabon -April 15
- Elmer Lapez -April 21
- Keoni Wilson -April 22
- Matt Wandersheid -April 23
- Sharon Kimoto -April 23
- John Keliioomaluu - April 24
- Elsie Luna -April 27
- Christina Chang -April 29
- Ryan Behn -April 29
- Buddy Nawaa - April 30
- Travis Hehn - May 1
- Loretta Harris -May 4
- Melissa Proud - May 10
- Caridad Anton -May 11
- Peter Drose -May 11
- John Gomes - May 25
- Darby Gill June 4
- Jayson Harris -June 5
- Robert Mulrane -June 5
- Arthur Salsbury June 13
- Catharyn DeBlasio June 15
- Freddy Racadio June 27
- Carl Ayala June 27
- Margaret Emoto - June 29



The 41st Annual CHARITY WALK was a big success with over 1.2 million dollars raised so far. Ka Lima O Maui had much to do with it as many in our ohana raised money, walked, or helped in the Aid Station that we staffed. It was a beautiful day and Ka Lima O Maui is proud to be a part of this event.



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Waiver

by Keri Pasion-Salas

Exciting news.... We got a new wheelchair van!! This was very exciting and we look forward to all the opportunities it opens up for those in wheelchairs and those with limited mobility. The vehicle was funded by the US Department of Transportation under ADA Section 5310 and partners with the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation for the administration and management.



The gang stayed active in several of their favorite community social groups. **Heart and Sole Walking Group** continues to be a great activity for our participants to engage with other community members while exercising. They walk around Queen Kaahumanu Center where 3 laps equal one mile.



Some Waiver participants, including Ryan, Stephanie, John and Fae pictured here, went to Honolulu in May to participate in the State Special Olympics tournament for softball, swimming, and track. Good job guys!

Job Fair—Save the Date...



Save The Date!!!

Ka Lima O Maui's 8th Annual Job Fair

Friday, October 18th, 2019

9:00 to 11:30



2019 OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

New Location

Same Great Job Fair

Sign up Now!!

Binhi At Ani (Filipino Community Center)

780 Onehee Ave, Kahului

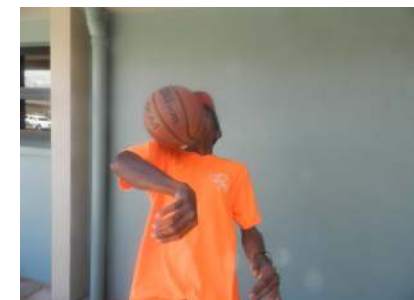
Call us (808) 244-5502



Inside the Heart & Mind

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Olympics through Ka Lima O Maui and he has participated for the last 10 years. "I had never had a coach who could tell me how to play, how to drive to the basket or how to field a grounder. The coaches at Special Olympics helped me a lot and made me better". Brian is better for it too – playing his sports, developing his skills and continuing to be an athlete. The challenges of sports, as in life, can often be physical but showing the heart to keep at it and to overcome challenges, and to be the best we can be is what separates the ordinary from the extraordinary athlete.



All in the Ohana...



Angela Rudolph is retiring from Ka Lima O Maui. She was the Accounts Receivable & Safety person for us. She described her experience working at Ka Lima as "amazing"!!! Angela added that she loved each & every client and considers them part of her family and will miss them all. We will all miss Angela and wish her all of the best in her retirement.

Rio is a recent grad of our VWATS Class and is now working in Kamaile & Keenan's crew doing landscaping. In his free time, he loves spending time with his dad on Haleakala Ranch riding quad, hunting, feeding the livestock and learning about the ranch's equipment.



Carl will be stepping down as the Weekend Custodian Supervisor. He has worked for Ka Lima for a year and a half. He said that he loved the work and the workers. He added that it is a mutually beneficial relationship where we all learn from each other. Mahalo to Carl for all of his work and for being flexible to stay on until we can find a replacement.

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Waiver (Cont)

In May, we lost our dear friend Ricky Sugimoto. Ricky was a part of Ka Lima O Maui since the early 1980s. He worked in the general shop, in the plant nursery and lastly as a participant of our Waiver program. Ricky was a doughnut eating fanatic, as well as a car and wrestling enthusiast. Ricky knew all the old cars and could tell you exactly their year and make. This always made him so excited to see any of them on the road. WWF is real—no one ever said it wasn't in front of him, because we knew we would get the STINK eye. Ricky waited every year for the annual picnic so that he could play the doughnut eating game. He loved that game so much, and we all loved watching him play with so much concentration and determination. We miss him everyday and are thankful for all the fun times we shared with him. RIP RICKY!!!



Heard at the Waiver Building...

- Members of the Hui Club & Waiver Program busted out their best moves at the filming of the Car Wash video. The videos will air on our Facebook page on July 15—19 and will be an early contender for a MTV dance video award.
- Best wishes to Eben Huey who remains in the hospital as he recovers from a bicycle accident.
- Fae is counting down the days and made a colorful poster with a cut-out Hawaiian Air plane for her August 25th Las Vegas trip. Bon Voyage Fae !!!

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What is a Job Coach?

A Job Coach is a person who...

- ⇒ Provides specialized on-site training to an employee who has a disability. Typically, a job coach will help the employee learn the job, perform the job accurately, efficiently, and safely, and may also help acclimate the employee to the work environment.
- ⇒ Identifies workplace supports that assist the individual with a disability in becoming successfully employed.
- ⇒ Is able to address employer concerns about hiring people with disabilities.
- ⇒ Performance data is collected and analyzed to assist the job coach with making decisions about the effectiveness of workplace supports. As needed, supports are modified or new ones are developed.
- ⇒ Provides follow-up services to monitor work performance and job satisfaction from both the worker and employer's perspectives.

For more information about our job placement programs, which include job coaching, please contact Nancy Romaine or Kim Sturdavant at 244-5502.

We can also be reached by email at nancy@kalimaomai.org and kim@kalimaomai.org.

Ohana Fuel helps Ka Lima O Maui—Ka Lima O Maui is pleased to announce that we have been selected as the upcoming beneficiary of the Ohana Fuels ‘Fuel Up. Do Good.’ program. Ohana Fuels partners with nonprofit organizations serving the



community, and donates a portion of the proceeds from every gallon of gasoline purchased at Ohana Fuels stations (at Minit Stop on Maui) in that community. A portion of all sales made during the months of July through September 2019 will be donated to Ka Lima O Maui. In addition, Ohana Fuel will provide the space and the supplies to allow Ka Lima O Maui to set up a Car Wash on July 20 and September 7 at their Wakea Avenue site in Kahului to benefit our Hui Club. Mahalo nui loa to Ohana Fuel "Fuel Up. Do Good." program for helping Ka Lima O Maui.



Kaua—proud of first paycheck



Eugene recycles

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Mahalo Nui Loa to the following for going beyond the call of duty to help Ka Lima O Maui. Each is awarded a “**Friend of Ka Lima O Maui**” certificate for sharing their Aloha with us and “Enhancing Lives through Self Reliance”.

Army & Air Force Exchange Service at the Army Reserve on Ka’ahumanu Avenue for providing food to Elsie’s crew.

Scott Reinhart of Special Olympics and the new Golf Pro at The Dunes at Maui Lani for providing weekly golf lessons to the Waiver participants of Special Olympics.

Goodwill Hawaii—Maui Store for their support and help in allowing us to place a new worker with them for an internship.