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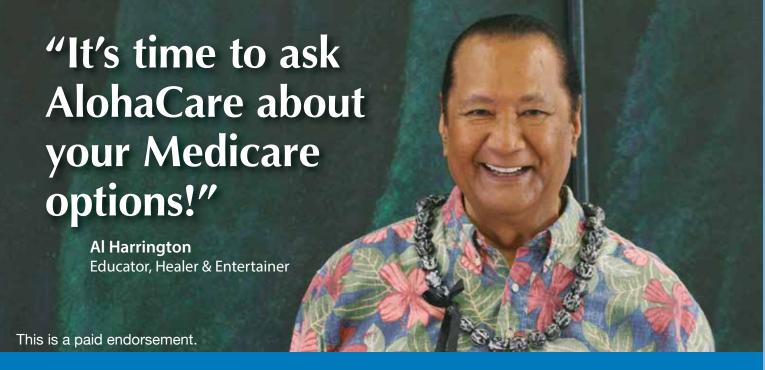
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—Cover Story: Privileges & Duties



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Tt is with great honor and a privilege to welcome all of you to a new season—summer! It's a time where most of our seniors enjoy ▲ their time with friends and family. Summer months are always the busiest for family time, even our city's Parks and Recreation will close all the Senior Clubs during the summer. However, for the kids and the 'ohana, July is Parks and Recreation month and I am sure there are tons of activities to keep everyone busy.

June is Elder Abuse month worldwide. Here in Hawaii we need to protect our kūpuna. Every year, an estimated 2.1 million older Americans are injured, exploited, or otherwise mistreated by someone whom they depend on for care or protection. It can happen anywhere and to anyone. But most of all, it does happen; and it is happening here in Hawai'i.

Unfortunately, elder abuse is a grossly under-reported crime. It is estimated that for every case that is reported, another 25 cases remain unreported. Just as there are many reasons elder abuse is committed, there are also as many reasons why it is not reported.

If you know of someone being physically abused or merely suspect that this crime is occurring, call the Police and Adult Protective Service immediately! Also, look for our recurring article from Deputy Prosecutor Scott Spallina from the Elder Abuse Unit (pg. 42).

Everyone has the right to live free of abuse, and it is up to us to come together to fight these crimes.

Finally, I want to thank retired Chief Justice Ronald Moon for graciously accepting my offer to be our cover story in Generations *Magazine*. His story about coming from a third generation Korean family in rural Wahiawa, then becoming our Chief Justice of Hawaii's State Supreme Court, is not only impressive, but a display of the hon-

or and integrity that is Ronald Moon. And yes, his daughter is one of our business partners, physical therapist Julie Moon. He is also a fellow MPI alumni along with art director Wilson Angel, myself and the late Reverend Osumi (pg. 35).





Live well this summer!,

Percy Ihara, Editor/Publisher

PS—Don't forget about our 8th Annual Aging in Place workshop on August 23rd at the Ala Moana Hotel (see pg. 22 for a complete list of presentations). It's FREE and no reservations required—just show up. Parking is at the Ala Moana Shopping Center.

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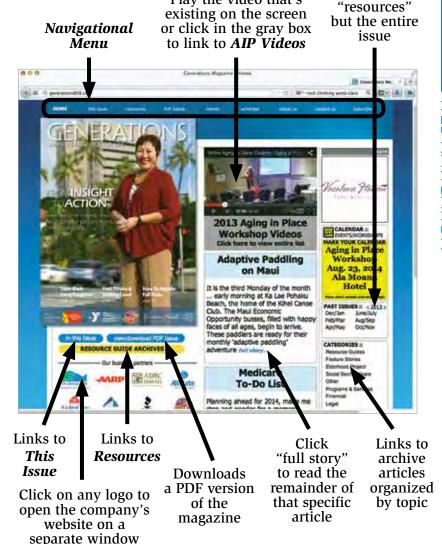
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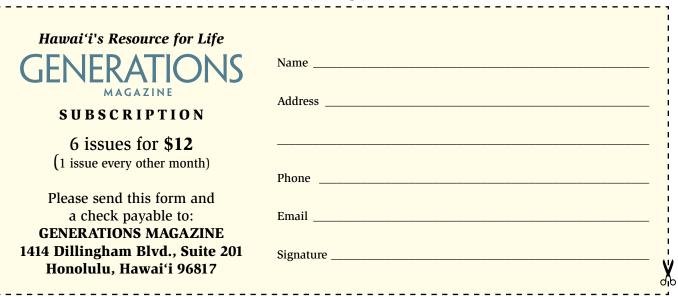
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### The Greatest Generation

by Kirk Matthews of KHON's The Elderhood Project

efugees don't flee FROM America, they come TO America. There is promise here.

"The Greatest Generation." That's what Tom Brokaw called my parents and their peers, with good reason. They were asked to defend and support their country in whatever way they could.

My father was in the Navy, served as a medical corpsman in the Pacific. He didn't talk much about that time in his life. Few in his generation do. But their patriotism is unquestioned. The world seems to be a more complex place now.

There will be disagreements among us about how best to solve America's problem. But when we agree to disagree and move forward toward that goal—solving those problems, we remain patriots. Boomers may never be labeled the Greatest Generation. We have an obligation, though, to make certain we leave an honorable legacy for

those who come after us. Did we serve our community, our country to the best of our ability? If we can say *yes*, then we can be counted as patriots.

It's important to take your hat off when Old Glory passes by. But it's also important to know, despite it's problems, that flag represents the hopes and dreams—not just yours, but those of your children and millions of others around the world.

Patriotism can't be measured in any kind of units. You can't earn more "patriot" points than the last generation or your neighbor. You CAN remember that while we are all different—we are all Americans.

The Elderhood Project airs on KHON2 Friday morning news at 5:45 a.m. and Thursday news at 5 p.m.





# Honoring Seniors

he City & County of Honolulu's Department of Parks & Recreation held their 3rd annual Outstanding Senior Recognition Program on Thursday, April 17th at the McCoy Pavilion. This event gives the City an opportunity to recognize outstanding senior club members and program volunteers.

The District Council Executive Boards and Outstanding Seniors from all four districts on O'ahu were introduced and awarded a Certificate of Recognition along with a commemorative bowl. There were seventy individuals representing twenty-six senior clubs, four senior councils and their senior softball program.

The program was run by Roger Watanabe, Senior Section Coordinator, with the help from Steve Santiago and Randy Yasuhara, Senior Recreation Specialists. All three gentlemen were also applauded for their work with seniors.



At the awards, (lt.-rt.) Percy Ihara, Roger Watanabe, Sherry Goya, Steve Santiago and Randy Yasuhara.

The City also acknowledged those who contributed to making their program so successful. Generations Magazine's Editor/Publisher, Percy Ihara, and I were given beautiful certificates and a commemorative bowl, which I put my car keys in every day!

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# We Live In The Greatest Country

by Frank B. Shaner — "I'm not ready to be called a senior."

as Patriotism become passé? Are people looking at me today when I stand and ▲ show respect for the flag, are they shaking their heads in disbelief thinking, I'm old fashioned? Am I out of step with the majority?

Back in the days, we used to place our hand over our heart and recited the, "Pledge of Allegiance" every morning before school started, even during a parade, as our flag passed. We took our hats off and stood silent while our flag was being raised or the, "National Anthem" was being sung.

My dad taught me to respect our flag and that it should never touch the ground. I even learned how to march as my dad used a broomstick in place of a rifle, placing it over his right shoulder marching in the living room...hup, hup,...at our Kapahulu house.

I am a World War II baby born in 1947, lived through the Korean War, Bay of Pigs, Cuban

Missile Crises, and the Vietnam Conflict. I joined the Army in 1966, which influenced my perspective on what it is to live and serve in a country dedicated to freedom and democracy.

Today, I don't see the same vigilance of patriotism from our younger generations. I don't believe

our places of learning are emphasizing the same patriotism and respect for our country that I was exposed.

I felt, and will always feel; we live in the greatest country in the world, USA ...Ten Hut!



Home Boy – oil on canvas Frank B. Shaner

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# Unwrap The Gift Of Medicare Insurance

by Martha A. Khlopin, AlohaCare, Medicare Manager

Tor those who joined or renewed their Medicare Advantage plan this year, don't forget to take time to unwrap the bundles of information you should have received from your plan by now. Annually, Medicare plan sponsors are required to send new and existing members information on premiums, benefits, cost sharing and all covered services. It should also explain how to access benefits and get help from the plan

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-Pharmacare Customer

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# Hawai'i's Original Pioneer of Aging

by Generations Magazine staff

In this issue's category of *Seniors Of Service*, we spotlight someone of community involvement and inspiration. Shimeji Kanazawa or "Shim" as she was fondly called graced our cover in April 2011. In this issue, we would like to honor her again, as a senior of service.

Shim was an advocator to numerous programs and services for the elderly, disabled and youth. She was best known for being the "founder" of Project Dana, although she credited its development and growth to the many contributing volunteers.

In this following concept for Project Dana, she stated, "For the project's next phase, I'd like to propose a partnership between the youth and elderly. Together, they could share their talents

and resources, supporting each other in relationships that benefit both the individuals

and the community."
At the time of our interview, Shim continued to be a leading visionary of character and heart.

Shim's continued commitments and dedication awarded her an **Honorary Doctorate of** Humane Letters degree from the University of Hawai'i for her public service of over six decades and a Lifetime Honorary Kūpuna member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). She was chosen as the first to receive the honors in the recognition for her

decades of achievement in advancing policies and programs that enhanced the lives, safety and wel-



Shimeji "Shim" Kanazawa 1915-2014

fare of Hawai'i's elders and their caregivers.

She had been appointed and commissioned by many of our

leading Governors from being chairperson for Family Life and Law Committee to being the driving force behind the State of Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging. In 1981, Shim became the first female director and chairperson of the Board of Kuakini Medical Center.

In 1961, 1971 and 1981, Shim led a delegation of approximately 12 community leaders

to Washington, D.C. discussing current issues facing the aging population. She was selected to serve on the National White House Aging Committee in Washington, D.C. under the administration of

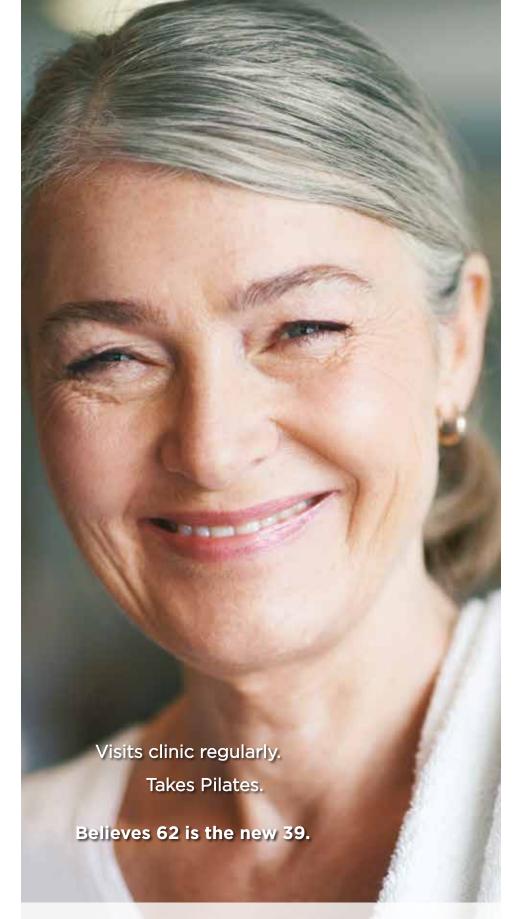
President Jimmy Carter. Here, it allowed her the opportunity to share the plight and success of eldercare in Hawai'i as an advisory to our President and Senate Committee regarding current matters and trends of the older Americans.

Since 1986, Shim served on the Board of Directors for Mō'ili'ili Community Center (MCC), parti-

cipating in their various committees and chaired the annual membership meeting committee. She appreciated the multi-generational and cultural component MCC provides to the community.

In the article done in April 2011, Shim was asked, "What should people in retirement do with their lives?" She said, "keep up a healthy lifestyle, keep busy, pursue hobbies, do things for others, focus on volunteerism, and keep families together."

She will be missed! ■



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(right) Shim helping

and internees during

WWII. (below) Her

sitting in the Gover-

nor's press chamber.

Japanese civilians

# PRIVILEGES & DUTIES

Retired Chief Justice Ronald Moon Calls America To The Bench

by Generations Magazine staff THE JUDICIARY - STATE OF HAWAI'I JUDICIARY COMPLEX

Before retiring in 2010, Moon—an attorney for 16 years and judge for 28—put the "law of the land" to work for more than 40 years. As judge, he says he was proud to support the interests of his state and country, and witness hundreds of citizens perform their civic duty as jury members within the court system. He notes that jury duty is one of the key ways citizens can engage in civics and participate in the democracy of which we all depend on.

> As this issue of *Generations* coincides with the Fourth of July, we sat down with Moon and asked him to reflect on what it means to be an American—as a retired chief justice, Korean-American and private citizen.

Public service is the rent one pays for the

space he/she occupies here on Earth..." this motto is something my father used to say often, recalls Ronald T. Y. Moon, the former chief justice of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court. "He was a living example...a very community-minded person. His actions prompted me to join the judiciary, thereby committing to public service."

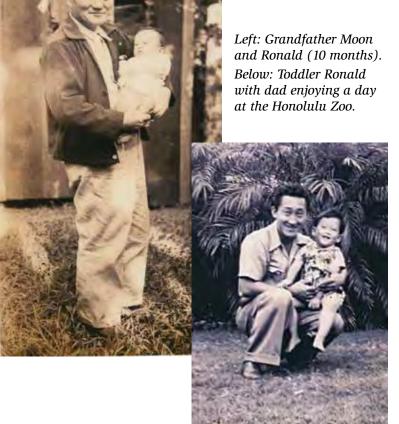
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#### From the Plantation to the Judiciary

As a third generation Korean-American, Moon doesn't take our democracy, freedom or rights for granted.

Moon's grandparents on both sides came to Hawai'i in the first wave of Korean immigration, between 1903 and 1905. The family lived in Wahiawa. After leaving the plantation, Moon's paternal grandfather opened a tailor shop in Wahiawa that served as the family business for two generations. The Moon family (parents Duke

and Mary, Moon and his three younger siblings) lived above the store.



Academics were impressed upon Moon by his parents (his father wasn't educated beyond high school due to lack of finances; his mother attended vocational business school), who believed that education was necessary if one was to be productive in life. Yet, Moon admits that he wasn't the best student. He attended Leilehua High School and town high schools. He says that it wasn't until he was admitted to Mid-Pacific Institute (MPI) that his parents' advice sunk in.

"The school gave me the guidance, supervision and motivation that I needed," Moon says. "It was difficult for my teachers and counselors, specifically the Dean of Boys and my American History teacher, Lester Cingcade."

Cingcade was instrumental in seeing that Moon, "Stop being a kid and grow up!"

At MPI in the late '50s, during Moon's junior and senior years, there were "rules upon rules" for which any violation of them would result in a "charge" that would send students to the Senate Court (school's student court). Cingcade was the advisor and honor students were the judges.

During Moon's first year at MPI, he was in Senate Court on nearly a weekly basis for violating rules, ranging from disrupting class and holding a girl's hand on campus to his hair touching his ears and dust on his dorm room's window sill, etc. Punishment included "hard labor" such as pulling weeds, collecting garbage from the cafeterias, or not being able to go home on weekends.

"I believe that being a defendant in Senate Court convinced me that I would very much appreciate one day being on the "other side" of the courtroom," Moon says.

In fact, in his senior year at MPI, Moon got the opportunity to "defend" one of his good friends. Moon explains that his classmate got caught plagiarizing. Instead of writing a report on the American classic, *Moby Dick*, he used the comic book edition. The senior English instructor recommended to the school that he be expelled. "This meant that after four years of attending MPI and living away from home, my friend wouldn't graduate," Moon says. "I knew that his parents—a schoolteacher and service station owner—were not wealthy people. Private schools are so competitive and they sacrificed to pay for their son's way through boarding school. It didn't seem right that he'd be kicked out in our senior year."

With Cingcade's voice drumming in his head "to stop being a kid and to grow up," Moon decided to secretly visit the teacher and make a case on his friend's behalf. As a result, Moon's friend was allowed to stay on campus and graduate. (Later, he became a very successful businessman, and he and Moon are still very good friends to this day.)

"That experience gave me an awareness that I enjoyed helping people," Moon recalls.



Mid-Pacific Institute Class of '58

#### College Conundrum

Although Moon started to find focus at MPI, he did't graduate with college ambitions. Rather, he attempted to persuade his father to allow him to take care of the family business. "My father, however, wasn't going to have anything to do with me unless I went to college. If I was going to skip college, then he wanted me out of the house and living on

my own...I was not to rely on the mom-and-pop shop. It was just that way," Moon recalls.

To determine Moon's future, the family visited the well-connected and educated reverend at the Wahiawa Korean Christian Church, where they were very involved in the parish activities.

"If you had a question, it was customary to visit the reverend for guidance," Moon explains. "The reverend stated that I would go to Iowa, as he knew of a very good school [University of Dubuque] that has a seminary... and that I was going to be a good minister one day."

Moon attended the University of Dubuque and then transferred to Coe College, where he studied toward becoming a social worker.

A older cousin, James Choi, who was studying at the University of Iowa Law School encouraged Moon to submit his application.

"He advised me that in order to get a good job in social work, I'd probably need to earn a doctorate degree. He suggested that I try to become a lawyer...that way, as a social worker, I could understand the law and better help people," Moon says.

In 1965 Moon graduated from the University of Iowa Law School and obtained his doctorate of jurisprudence.

After school, Moon returned to Honolulu. "It was the right thing to do to come home in '65. At the time, memories of the war with Japan and the Korean War were still fresh in America's mind. I didn't feel very comfortable in a nearly all-White community. If you looked Asian, you reminded them of the enemy."

Once Moon returned to the Islands, he became law clerk to United States District Court Judge Martin Pence. He served under Pence for one year.

In 1966, he joined the staff of the Prosecuting Attorney of Honolulu where he was deputy prosecutor. Later, Moon left public service to become a partner in the law firm of Libkuman, Ventura, Moon and Ayabe until Gov. George Ariyoshi appointed him to the Hawai'i State Judiciary as a circuit court judge.

Then, Gov. John Waihe'e elevated Moon to the office of Associate Justice of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court in 1990. In 1993, Moon was promoted to chief justice.



Swearing in as Chief Justice with wife, Stella Moon, by Chief Justice Herman Lum in 2003.

#### No Injustice in Judgment

Judge Pence, from the U.S. District Court, had a great influence on the development of Moon's judging philosophy that revolved around two key points—judicial independence and treating all who appeared before the judge with respect.

"Pence essentially taught me judging," Moon says. He educated Moon on how to review cases and how to remain objective despite outside pressures, such as the media, politicians, big-business, special interest groups, and even protests outside of the courthouse.

"Pence insisted that judging always comes down to the facts of the case from evidence *only* admitted in court. Once determining the facts, you then apply the applicable law to those facts," Moon says. "You don't let the outside influence your decisions. That is what judicial independence is all about. That's what I tried to do throughout my career."

Moon continues to promote judicial independence in Hawai'i, and is averse to the fact that judges in many other states are elected rather than native-born citizens have lived here all their lives, selected under a system like Hawaii's that utilizes citizens and lawyers in the selection process. "When judges are elected—and they need to waves signs, ask for donations, gain votes they become politicians," he says.

To get votes, you have to be popular, Moon notes. "When a big issue comes up and you make a ruling... and it's not a popular decision... you lose votes and perhaps lose your job. Judges can't be placed in that kind of situation."



Induction into the Royal Order of King Kamehameha I.

Moon's second guiding principle to treat people with respect, courtesy and civility—stems from the overarching ideologies of his father, Cingcade and Pence.

"I told the judges who I supervised that they should not scold, admonish or belittle people, like 'Judge Judy' on TV," Moon

says. "They shouldn't exhibit condescending behavior toward the people that come before them."

#### **Democracy On Trial**

After spending four decades in the legal system, Moon has witnessed the pros and cons of the legal system. One of the greatest weaknesses, he fears, is our lack of civic knowledge. And he questions whether it poses a threat to American democracy.

"The kind of ignorance that I'm talking about is illiteracy in civics—understanding government, its makeup and how it works... being able to name peer to represent them in the jury? Would they the vice president, your state's senators or the three branches of government — executive, legislative, judiciary," Moon explains. "Our inability to do so disappoints me a great deal."

Moon sites a recent study by the Center for the Study of the American Dream at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, which reveals that one-third of native-born citizens fail the civics portion of the naturalization test, in stark contrast to the 97.5 percent pass rate among immigrants applying for citizenship.

"Some people may argue that immigrants had time to study," Moon says, "but I contend that spend 12 to 18 years in school, have access to unlimited media and resources... yet they can't name the governor of their own state or identify the law of the land, such as The Constitution? It's just amazing and depressing!"

Moon explains, "It's because of these kinds of reports year after year when I was serving in the judiciary, especially as a chief justice, that I understood clearly why nearly 25 percent of people don't show up for jury duty in Hawai'i (and up to 75 percent in other states such as Florida), and why voting is at an all-time low. People are oblivious to their civic responsibilities."

Our country is like a family: Everyone has to pitch in or it doesn't work. As citizens of the American "family," we all have certain responsibilities, like going to school, voting, obeying the law...and jury duty.

Any jury pool assembled to try a criminal or a civil case is supposed to be drawn from all socioeconomic classes of the general population. When a quarter or more of the people summoned don't show up, the person who is in trial is potentially robbed of the opportunity to be fairly judged by his/her peers.

Moon explains that he understands that jury duty is not an attractive thing to most people. In fact, he's heard "every excuse in the book" to get out of it. Moon says, "But I always ask people who try to skip jury duty to imagine a situation where their friend, family member, spouse, or themselves is charged with a crime and a jury trial is set to determine their guilt or innocence. Wouldn't they want a good, fair and well-balanced jury? Wouldn't they want a want a reluctant jury member who doesn't want to give service—or doesn't believe in the jury system—sitting in judgement of them?"

It was a family affair at the Kapolei Judiciary Complex ceremony and Chief Justice Ronald Moon's retirement celebration. From left to right: Moon's wife Stella; mother Mary; daughter Julie and sons Scott and Ronald Jr. (not pictured); and step-daughters Jan and Jill; and step-son Herb (not pictured).

#### **Use Your Voting Voice**

"Civic literacy is important so everyone can understand democracy and see how things are done in government," Moon says.

Moon points out that the first general election in 1960 after Hawai'i became a state, voter turnout was 94.6 percent. Since then, the rate has been gradually slipping. In disbelief, Moon says that in 2008, "even when we had a local boy running for president, Hawai'i was last of all the states with a 43.6 percent voting rate."

To vote is to respect the history that granted us that privilege. To vote is to help your state and country choose positive leaders. Whether or not your candidate wins, the point is that you used the voice and power that was given you.

#### **Retiring From The Bench**

After Moon's first term as chief justice ended, he considered retiring. He knew his wife Stella would like to spend more time with him, but she also encouraged him to go for a second term he says, "as long as I thought I'd enjoy myself."

Moon decided to apply, and in 2003 he was retained to serve a second term as Chief Justice of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court. He retired in September 2010—three years shy of completing the term because under Hawai'i law all judges must retire at age 70.

"I feel that for me, the age limit was very appropriate. I had 40-plus years in the legal field nearly 18 of which were as chief justice—the longest serving chief justice since statehood. I was ready to go!"

"I'm indebted to Stella, my biological and adopted children, my parents and grandparents for the tremendous support and love they've extended to me in my pursuit of love, peace and joy in my career throughout the years," he says.

#### Going Out On Top

To cap his career, the West O'ahu court complex in Kapolei was named the Ronald T. Y. Moon Judiciary Complex just days before his retirement. It currently serves as the new home of family court for the 1st Judicial Circuit.

"I was very flattered and honored that it was named after me," Moon says. He notes that his predecessor Chief Justice Herman Lum had the original idea 20 years earlier and spent a lot of time trying to convince the legislature to build a one-stop shop family court center.

"When Lum retired and I took his place, the family court was still a very good concept. Luckily at the time, Kapolei was new and the 'second city' was looking for community foundations, such as a courthouse," he says.

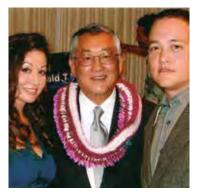
In retirement, Moon continues his lifetime civil service by offering dispute resolutions, such as mediation and arbitration. He also aids high-risk teens in Waipahu at Kick Start Karate, founded by former Honolulu Police Chief Lee Donohue. In addition, Moon sits on several boards, including Mid-Pacific Institute, St. Louis School, Wahiawa United Church of Christ and Ohana Pacific Bank.

"I have the opportunity to learn new things and read material that isn't strictly law...it's so refreshing," Moon laughs. "Retirement, which is your last phase of life... is ultimately the best. I just love it. Maybe I should have retired earlier!"

Whether working or retired, Moon encourages everyone to get involved in civics in whatever way best suits them. "I understand that everyone is busy trying to make a living, but we should all do what we can to get involved in the community—PTA, Lions or Rotary Club, team coach, tutoring and so forth," Moon says. "We fulfill our civic duties by investing in our communities and country... thereby enjoying, strengthening and preserving our rights and freedoms."









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	9:45- 10:30	The Future of Social Security, Kathy Jaycox, AARP	Aging in Place— Use Your Home to Stay at Home Percy Ihara	Medicaid Myths and Legends: What Have You Heard? Cassandra Stewart, Cardon Out Reach
	10:45- 11:30	Fraud Watch! The Con Artist's Playbook Jackie Boland, AARP and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Scott Spalina	Estate Planning for You and Your Family Stephen Yim, Attorney at Law	Social Security Jane Burigsay Social Security Administration
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	1:15- 2:00	Getting Your Life Documents In Order Jeannette Koijane, Kokua Mau	Aging in Place— Use Your Home to Stay at Home Percy Ihara	Medicaid Myths and Legends: What Have You Heard? Cassandra Stewart, Cardon Out Reach
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# Medicare And The Working Individual

Information provided by the Hawaii SHIP- State Health Insurance Assistance Program

re you going to stop working when you are 65 years old? If you are like some people in Hawaii—you love your job and you aren't ready to stop working just because you are eligible for Medicare. What happens then? Do you have to sign up for Medicare? Will you be penalized if you don't enroll?

These are some common questions that we receive at the Hawaii SHIP Program (State Health Insurance Assistance Program). We will try and walk you through the common factors, but again, you need to check with your current employer and any other insurance that you are eligible for to see how they all fit together.

First, we suggest that you contact the benefits administrator at your current job (or your spouse's job if you are covered by their plan) to find out how Medicare may change your coverage or what you need to do for them. This is usually the Human Resource department.

Second, call Social Security Administration (or best to create an account with them so you can check it online) and see if you are eligible for "premium free" Medicare Part A (for most people they have worked 40 quarters (10 years) and paid payroll taxes). If you don't have to pay for Part A—enrolling will usually be secondary to your employer group health plan and you will also receive the Medicare & You Handbook in the mail each fall.

The decision to enroll in Medicare Part B & Medicare Part D is a personal decision, but you want to make the right decision at the right time so that you will have the coverage when you need it and won't incur higher costs through penalties.

If you are able to delay enrolling in Part B (Medical Insurance) and Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage) then you will have a special enrollment period when you (or your spouse) stop working and are no longer covered by the active employer group health plan. The special enrollment periods are eight (8) months for Part B and 63 days for Part D. Best to start investigating your options about 6 months before you plan to retire.

Again, Medicare unlike your Social Security, full retirement begins at 65 and you should begin looking at what your options are about six (6) months prior to your 65th birthday. If you need assistance the Hawaii SHIP provides counseling, pre-retirement webinars and presentations to help you look at your options.

Contact our certified Medicare counselors if you would really like to learn more about Medicare and help your community, or becoming a Hawaii SHIP Volunteer.

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by Jane Yamamoto-Burigsay, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Hawaiʻi

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# Real Property Tax Credits For Homeowners

by Fusao Nishibun, Tax Relief Supervisor, Division of Treasury, Dept. of Budget & Fiscal Services, City and County of Honolulu

he City and County 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% or 4% of your income, depending on your age.

#### What are the Eligibility Requirements?

- You must have a home exemption in effect on the property at the time of application and during the tax year of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
- Any of the titleholders do not own any other property anywhere
- Combined income of all titleholders for the 2013 calendar year does not exceed \$50,000

#### How Do I Apply for the Tax Credit Program?

Application available at the following locations beginning July 1, 2014 to the deadline date of September 30, 2014:

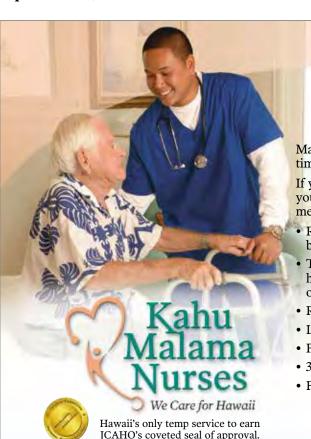
- All Satellite City Hall locations
- Treasury Division in Honolulu Hale, Room 115
- Tax Relief Section at the Standard Financial Building at 715 So. King St., Room 505
- Online at www.honolulu.gov/budget/Treasury division.htm

#### When will the tax credit be applied to my real property taxes?

If approved, the tax credit will be applied to the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 tax year.

You must file annually for this credit.

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# East O'ahu's Hidden Gem for Adult Day Care

by Emmet White, President and CEO, Arcadia Family of Companies



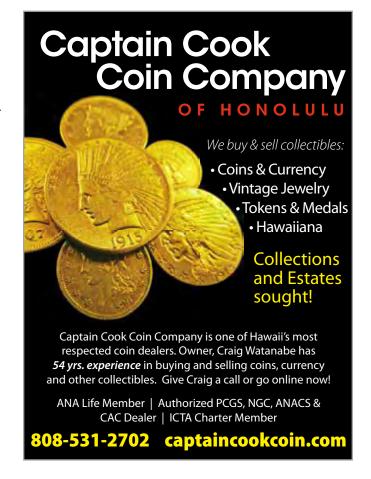
**ucked away in Niu Valley, Kilohana Senior** Enrichment Center is a little-known resource for East O'ahu families. The adult day care is operated by Arcadia, Oahu's only provider of continuum care. For almost 50 years, Hawai'i's families have looked to Arcadia as a trusted resource for senior living.

The center serves seniors and their caregivers during the workday with a safe, stimulating environment. Seniors can enjoy activities, games, wellness exercises, and nutritious meals with plenty of space for private time. Caregivers have the freedom to work or attend daytime activities with peace of mind knowing loved ones are in good hands.

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# Independence Starts At Home!

by Teri Bruesehoff, Chief Operating Officer HiHomeCare (The Hawaii Group subsidiary)

Then we celebrate the 4th of july with family, friends, food and fireworks, it is a time to remember what it means to be free.

With many of our aging, recuperating or ill 'ohana, independence means being able to receive quality care in the privacy and comfort of their own homes. Home healthcare is not just about doctors, nurses, aides and companions providing safe, quality care in the home; it's about the right to remain independent as long as possible, even to the end of life.

Home is familiar. Home is comfortable. Home is where most of us want to be when ill. The ability to age and get well in the comfort of your own home surrounded by family and friends helps keep the spirit of independence alive.

Fourth of July is also about patriotism. Being patriotic is not just about pledging allegiance to the flag and believing in american values, it is about being proactive in our community, and making things better for the young and the old.

Nurses, home health aides and companions emulate patriotism by caring for their fellow citizens and providing quality health services rain or shine, most likely without glory or recognition. These caregivers give back by providing all our seniors access to quality home care.

Let's commend all the caregivers who are committed to our 'ohana and by supporting the value and dignity of home healthcare, we are protecting our most vulnerable citizens, our fellow americans!

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# Better Support For Family Caregivers

by Gerry Silva, State President, AARP Hawaii

awaii's family caregivers are starting to get the support they need. These caregivers **▲** are among the 247,000 sons, daughters, husbands and wives who help loved ones stay independently at home for as long as possible providing help with everyday tasks.

In mid-April nearly 500 Hawaii residents joined elder advocacy groups and resource providers in paying tribute to family caregivers at an event at the Japanese Cultural Center. The event was to recognize the extraordinary contributions they make, highlight helpful community resources and provide an update of recent legislative efforts to support caregivers and their families.

During the 2014 legislative session AARP supported a measure that would allow family caregivers be more involved in the patient healthcare process. Senate Bill 2264 (the CARE Act) was a Kūpuna Caucus bill backed by many House and Senate legislators and community groups. It was intended to give caregivers the instruction needed to safely care for loved ones when they're discharged from the hospital.

AARP believes caregivers should be informed and recognized for their role in coordinating the care of loved ones transitioning from hospitals to home. Research found that family caregivers are under pressure to provide increasingly complex medical tasks—like wound care, injections, and medication management — when loved ones return home from the hospital. Caregivers often receive little or no training to provide care and are often the only option available to families, who may not be able to afford professional home care.

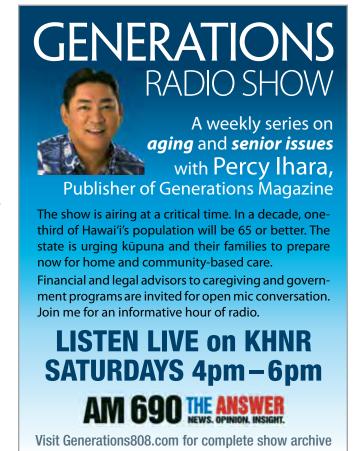
How serious are the challenges facing Hawaii's caregivers? The answer may be found in personal stories of caregivers like Keri Yamamoto, a caregiver and occupational therapist, whose uncle was admitted twice last year to a local hospital. She was "highly dissatisfied" with the discharge procedure. She testified in Support of SB 2264. On Maui, caregiver Michele Paularena, also supported the bill when her husband was discharged from the hospital without adequate instructions on how to administer the medications prescribed.

While SB 2264 did not survive this session, the House Finance Committee passed a concurrent resolution (HCR 78) that calls for the establishment of a family caregiving working group to examine and assess the role of caregivers in the hospital discharge process. AARP welcomes the opportunity to work with hospitals and community stakeholders to ensure caregivers are properly instructed in the care of loved ones at discharge.

Hawaii needs coordinated care putting patients and families first. As our population ages, it's essential that family caregivers are supported and our community recognizes the limits of what they can do on their own.

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# Emphysema

by Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes, MD

mphysema is a lung disease that makes it **★** hard to breathe. Emphysema, along with chronic bronchitis are referred to as Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (COPD). COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. Smoking is the leading cause of emphysema.

Emphysema results when the delicate linings of the air sacs in the lungs become irreversibly damaged causing airflow limitation. As the fragile tissues between air sacs are destroyed, air pockets in the lungs develop. Air becomes trapped in these spaces of damaged lung tissue. The lungs slowly enlarge, and breathing requires more effort. The main symptom of emphysema is shortness of breath, which usually begins gradually.

#### What causes emphysema?

The main cause of emphysema is long-term exposure to airborne irritants such as:

- Tobacco smoke
- Marijuana smoke
- Air pollution
- Manufacturing fumes

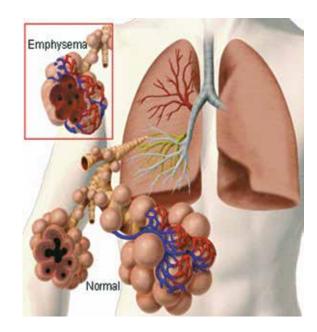
Rarely, emphysema is caused by an inherited deficiency of a protein that protects the elastic structures in the lungs called alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency emphysema.

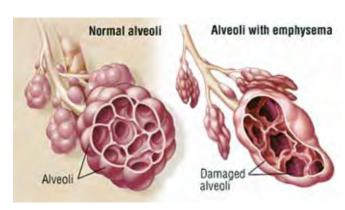
#### How is emphysema diagnosed?

Lung function tests or spirometry are noninvasive tests which measure how much air the lungs can hold and how well the air flows in and out of the lungs. It can also measure how well the lungs deliver oxygen to the bloodstream. A physician may order a chest X ray and blood tests.

#### How is emphysema treated?

Emphysema cannot be cured, but treatments can help relieve symptoms and slow the progression of the disease. Bronchodilators and inhaled steroids are the mainstay. Antibiotics may be prescribed during acute bronchitis or pneumonia. Pulmonary rehabilitation programs can teach persons on breathing exercises and techniques





to reduce breathlessness and improve exercise capacity. As lung function deteriorates a person may need home oxygen. Surgery is the last resort and includes lung volume reduction surgery or lung transplant.

#### What lifestyle changes are recommended?

- Ouit smoking
- Avoid respiratory irritants and fumes
- Exercise regularly
- Get the recommended immunizations influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations

#### What help or support is available for anyone with emphysema?

- Join a COPD support group
- The American Lung Association has Better Breathers Clubs all across the country.
- Call the Lung Helpline at 1-800-LUNGUSA



# Aquatic Therapy for Rotator Cuff Pain

by Julie Moon, Physical Therapist

Te have all heard the term "rotator cuff." What is a rotator cuff? A group of four muscles: supraspinatus, infraspinatus, subscapularis and teres minor that connects the shoulder blade (scapula) to the arm bone (humerus).

The rotator cuff tendons are key to a healthy functioning shoulder. They are subject to wear and tear or degeneration, as we use our arms. Occasionally, the muscles or tendons of the rotator cuff become irritated or damaged because of injury or overuse.

#### What are the risk factors?

- Over the age 40
- Impingement syndrome
- Poor posture
- Muscle/joint tightness
- Repetitive overhead motions

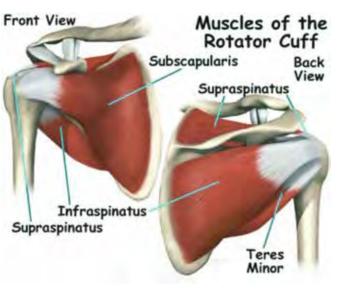
#### What are the symptoms?

- Shoulder pain
- Upper arm pain
- Pain/weakness lifting the arm
- Pain/weakness reaching
- Pain lying on the shoulder

Performing rotator cuff exercises in warm water can help to strengthen the muscles and make it less painful during rehabilitation.

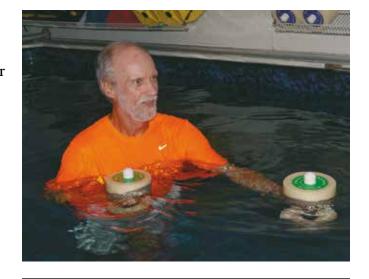
The Journal of Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy published a study that compared the effects of land and water exercises on the rotator cuff. It was found that the water's buoyancy minimizes the amount of stress on the shoulder and the resistance created by the water actually improved the effectiveness of the exercises. The study concluded, aquatic therapy allows for earlier rehabilitation after surgery or injury without compromising the patient's safety.

So when traditional therapy is too painful to endure, aquatic therapy can offer an early start to rehabilitating the rotator cuff and allow for a speedy recovery.



Testimonial:

Vernon G. Campbell Lcdr/NC/USN/Ret (Lieutenant Commander U.S. Navy Retired Nurse Corps) age 65, an exercise enthusiast stated, he suffered with chronic shoulder pain and while exercising in warm water, he's noticed improved mobility and strength with significantly less pain. As a result, he has been able to resume a normal exercise regimen without pain or discomfort.



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# Get Ready To BBQ

by Jeffrey Sisemoore, Director of Planned Giving for the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii

elebrate a patriotic Fourth of July with kidney-friendly food. Sometimes people think that the world of food might be ruined if a diagnosis of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is made or dialysis is required. Nothing could be further from the truth. Care is needed to follow your doctor's advice and nutrition requirements; there are plenty of foods good for your health and tasty too.

As we celebrate Fourth of July, The National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii decided to offer a kidney-healthy recipe appropriate for CKD, Dialysis, and Diabetes patients—and the rest of us who just like good, healthy food.

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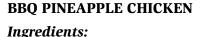
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4-5 oz. skinless chicken breast

20-oz. can pineapple rings

2 tsp. chopped garlic

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

1/2 top wasabi paste



#### **Directions:**

Remove pineapple rings from can, save the drained pineapple juice. Mix pineapple juice with garlic, mustard and wasabi paste. Dice chicken breasts into 2-inch cubes. Combine pineapple juice mixture and chicken together, marinate overnight in the refrigerator. Place the chicken pieces on skewers. Barbecue chicken on a hot grill until the chicken is golden brown and cooked in the center (5 to 10 minutes depending upon the temperature of your grill). Serve over 4 pineapple rings. Serves 4.

(Source: http://www.kidney.org/patients/kidneykitchen/recipes.cfm)

The National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii has prepared a cookbook of kidney-healthy recipes available to the public. Go to www.kidneyhi.org/Calabash\_Cookbook.php to order a copy.

Have a happy Fourth of July! ■



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# What Do You Say To A Centenarian?

by Generations Magazine staff

an you imagine being born a century ago? Life must have been simpler. But reaching this century-marker is certainly a privilage.

Well, at the Ko'olau Senior Hui there is always a monthly celebration of birthdays for their seniors. And in April of this year, the Ko'olau Senior Hui had a *very* special celebration with a special cake. It read, "Happy 100th Birthday Mildred Wong" as she celebrated her brithday at the Kaneohe Senior Center with family and friends.

Mildred, born and raised in Kaneohe, must have seen a lot. She witnessed the world and the evolution of governments, like the Statehood of the Hawaiian Islands. Watched technology progress in leaps and bounds: AM/FM, watching black & white TV, then color. Computers were only used in large companies. Now every person owns one, small and large. The thought of organic food probably wasn't the same as it does today. To Mildred,

it was her own backvard garden. You may still see her pulling weeds in her yard at home.

The point is that she's taken care of herself and she continues to enjoy her life and her new status as a Centenarian. And there's the secret.

So, what do you say to a centenarian? Simply, "Happy 100th Birthday, Mildred Wong!" and **Generations Magazine** wishes you many more to come.

If you know of any other centenarians, send us a photo and something about him/her. Contact Sherry Goya: 808-722-8487 SGoyaLLC@aol.com





# From Father To Son; Son To Father

by Generations Magazine staff

ev. Paul S. Osumi, 1905 – 1996. "Today's Thought" Who was that man behind those simply inspired messages, written in Lathe daily newspaper column of the Honolulu Advertiser and published for over three decades for all of Hawai'i to read?

Norman Osumi, the youngest son of the late Reverend Paul Osumi, received many inquiries about publishing a new collection of "Today's Thought." But, Norman felt any new collections would need more since his father had already published three small volumes one in 1966 and the other two in the 90's. With the labor of love, Norman took a decade to complete his research on his father's interesting life.

In the Hilo Tribune, Norman states, "I started reading his journals, as well as letters he wrote and received from my mother, military authorities, Christian leaders, friends and church members. The more I read, the more interested I became in my father's past, which he rarely talked about. He almost never mentioned the war years, when he was interned and encountered many disappointments and much hardship and disgrace. Many people told me it was common for the older generation, especially fathers, not to tell their children about their lives."

Norman completed his research and published his book in 2013, Today's Thought—Rev. Paul Osumi, The Man & His Message, a book inspired by his father's life; a biography from his perspective.

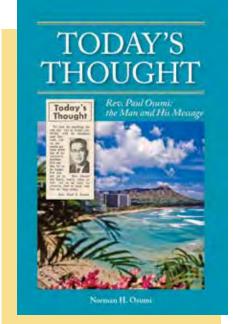
He writes of his father's childhood life living on O'ahu and how he earned his academic scholarships in order to continue his studies. His father's life in ministry and the ordeal of being wrongly accused as an enemy agent, arrested and imprisoned then shipped to a prisoner-of-war camp. He was then reunited with his family as they lived in Gila Relocation Camp located in Arizona for the remaining four years during World War II. Still with his father's faith, he gave hope to the many with his inspirational messages.

Beyond the words of wisdom, the late Rev. Paul Osumi messages were written about life, giving words of encouragements and hope to the lives of many.

To the conclusion of the book, Norman included over 300 selected "Today's Thought" inspirational sayings that were printed in the Honolulu Advertiser. One of them is this:

**The Way to Love** — Rev. Paul Osumi

"The way to love anything is to realize it might be lost.' As we mediate over it we will come to see its truth. A good way to love the members of our family is by remembering that they might be lost. A good way to love our country is by realizing that its blessings might be lost." ■



Inspired by his father's life and sayings of God, love, peace and humanity, Norman Osumi chronicled his father's life.

You may find this inspiring book, Today's Thought— Rev. Paul Osumi, The Man & His Message by Norman Osumi online and stores near you:

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# Dancing With Life

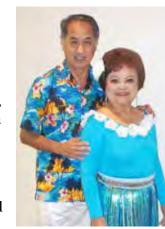
by Millie Chun of the Hawaii Ballroom Dance Association

If you find your exercise regimen becoming boring and a chore, stop fighting it and switch **⊥** to ballroom dancing!

AARP The Magazine, March 24, 2011 issue, reports that dancing is not only fun, but it's therapeutic. Dance can, among other things, boost your cardiovascular health and bone strength as well as improve balance. Joe Verghese, professor of Neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, reported that "unlike many other physical activities, dancing involves significant mental effort and social interactions." Frequent dancing, which involves both intellectual and social stimulation, was reported as the only physical activity shown to reduce the risk of getting dementia.

So while learning dance steps with a partner, brain health and general well-being is improved while having fun exercising, socializing, and forming new friendships.

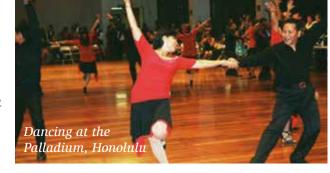
**Retired Computer** Specialist, Herbert Ota is a living testimony benefiting from ballroom dancing. While vacationing on a cruise, Herbert collapsed when the cruise ship docked in Vienna, Austria. On October 25, 2013, Herbert was immediately taken to a hospital where emergency triple by-pass surgery was performed.



Herbert and Shirley Ota, President of HBDA

Three months later, Herbert was on the dance floor with his wife Shirley eagerly learning the romantic Bolero with directors Ben & Faith Agbayani of the Hawaii Ballroom Dance Association (HBDA), Hawai'i's oldest and largest dance organization founded by Eugene Ichinose.

They religiously attend dance rehearsals five times a week with a team of eight couples from the Pearlridge Chapter. They showcased their dance number at the HBDA 55th Anniversary Ball on May 3, 2014 at The Palladium in Honolulu.



This celebration was a gala affair, with different dance exhibition teams representing different chapters, each choreographed by HBDA's own creative dance instructors. In addition, Herbert had also rehearsed and prepared for CABARET III, an HBDA fundraiser directed by Jack Cione. It was a new extravagant musical comedy production with a cast of 82 performers in lavished costumes from the HBDA, Arcadia and Craigside.

With all of Herbert's scheduled dance rehearsals, he is recuperating well and gaining his strength back from his open-heart surgery. He is looking simply great, a testament to the wonders of dance therapy with the HBDA.



Preparing for the Cabaret III performance, (left to right) Millie Chun, Allyson Doherty, Jack Cione, Shirley Ota

You are never too young or too old to learn to dance. If you would like to get in good shape, stay physically fit and mentally alert, while having fun and making new friends, contact any one of our HBDA chapters.

HBDA is "the place to learn to dance". You are invited and more than welcome to come, and dance with us!

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### Voices Of Aloha

by members of Voices Of Aloha

**T**oices of Aloha, formerly The GleemenPlus of Honolulu, traces its origins back to 1916 when the Gleemen of Honolulu, the oldest male chorus west of the Rockies, was established. In 1996, while under the direction of Shigeru Hotoke, the group was opened to women and the name was changed to The GleemenPlus of Honolulu. In 2013, the name was finally changed to Voices of Aloha.

Mark Yasuhara has directed the group since 2007.

Voices of Aloha is the quintessential community choir in that most are average singers representing a cross-section of the multi-generational, cultural, racial, and religious tapestry that is Hawai'i, singing songs the community loves. Their repertoire includes classical favorites as wel as original arrangements by Mark Yasuhara of Broadway and popular tunes, patriotic anthems, and of course, the songs of the people of Hawai'i.

Yasuhara says choral singing is one of the best low-impact activities for seniors. Full-voiced singing incorporates deep, core breathing, good posture and physical coordination. Learning and performing the music challenges and focuses the mind and creates natural and easy social interaction. Unlike karaoke, choral singing encourages cooperation, support and blending with other singers. Voices of Aloha members say rehearsals are stimulating, invigorating, happy affairs, a highlight of their week.





Voices of Aloha, a multi-generational and cultural choir group, directed by Mark Yasuhara (center?)

The choir perform at civic and private functions, churches, retirement centers and nursing homes. Recently, they performed at the annual Senior Classic Games at Halawa Gym coordinated by Garrett Iwai for their 25th anniversary. The Games were created in 1989 by, then, recreational director, Herb Yasuhara, Mark's uncle. Herb was recognized and Voices of Aloha opened the Games with a half-hour concert in his honor, concluding with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Hawai'i Pono'i."

All ages are welcome. The group primarily consists of seniors, including a few octogenarians. They welcome, without audition, anyone who enjoys choral singing. Since many are not music readers, rehearsal CD's are provided and director Mark Yasuhara offers a music-reading seminar in July. Most everyone who joined as a non-music reader can, at least now, follow the notes.

Voices of Aloha meet every Tuesday at 7 pm in the Annex of the Community of Christ Church at 1666 Mott-Smith Dr. in Makiki, one block makai of Roosevelt High School, from September through May.







## Art On The Zoo Fence

by Lynn Forney

nince 1953, some of Hawaii's best local artists have displayed and sold their art on the fence of the Honolulu Zoo along Monsarrat Avenue across from Kapiolani Park.

Many artists have come and gone; including young artists just getting started in the art world, older artists that picked up art as a hobby after retirement, artists that have become very successful and a few artists that have been regular members for many years.

The artists gather every **Saturday & Sunday** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, rain or shine under the beautiful trees along Monsarrat Avenue, offering shade, a welcome reprieve from sunny Waikīkī beach across the street.

As you stroll along the zoo's fence line, you will find these artists showcasing a wide variety of art and photography; you are sure to find something vou will like.



Artist Lavonne Baldwin at the fence with her art.

Visitors come from all over the world to view and purchase art from these artists, and many have customers who return each year.

Currently there are about 25 regular artists and spaces available for stand-by artists as well. The organization is non-profit, and each year a donation of art supplies is given away to schools and other groups.

If you are interested in displaying your art or would like more information, visit our website, www.artonthezoofence.com. And "like" us on our Facebook page, Art On The Zoo Fence.

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Waikiki! ■

Senior Games 2014

by Generations Magazine staff

he games continue on: The City & **County of Honolulu's Parks and Recreations' 25th Annual Senior Classic Games 2014.** The games were created for seniors by Herbert Yasuhara, a retired Hālawa Park director.

This year there were over 270 participants (not including spectators) and a total of 88 teams from 20 senior clubs entered in 4 different games: Tunnel

> Vision, Peg Ball, Pin Ball and Nine Gates, with age divisions: Seniors 55-69 and

Garrett Iwai, Shirley & John Macadangdang and Harrry Mizushima



Masters 70 +. There were over 40 staff members from the Department of Parks and Recreation helped

with management and execution, even the Honorable Mayor Kirk Caldwell stopped by to play a few games with the seniors.

Generations Magazine sponsored the event and presented each division's participants with certificates of achievement and medals for outstanding performance. For information and to join next year, contact Recreation Specialist, Garrett Iwai at **808-768-3030** or email, *giwai1@honolulu.gov.* ■



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# Bedroom & Bathroom Safety

by Reiko Lewis, Interior Designer, Ventus Design

wo of the rooms you spend the most time in—the bedroom and the bathroom—are also the most important rooms to look at if you're considering renovations to your home.

For seniors, one of the most dangerous rooms in a home is the bathroom. Investing in enhancements here can pay huge dividends in significantly reducing the risk of accidents and injuries later. Even what can seem like simple changes, such as creating even, single-level entry into the bathroom or installing grab bars, which offers a dual function as a light, can reduce that risk for family members of all ages.

One change that homeowners don't often think of, is moving the bathroom faucet volume control from its typical location at the back of the sink to the front of the sink, or even installing touch-censored faucets. This can be a little more work, but allows the faucets to be more easily

accessed — from both a wheel chair as well as young keiki. Installing a lighted mirror with pivots can also be an

family safe.

added convenience. In the bedroom, don't let the dangers of trip and falls keep you up at night. Installing low energy lighting along the floor and bed frame is not only quick and easy, but keeps the floor and your path visible in the dark. The best part, you'll sleep more soundly knowing you've done everything you can to keep every member of your

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# A Secured Estimate Is A Secured Roof

by Clinton Murakami, Murakami Roofing

**T**ith Independence Day on the horizon and summer shifting into gear, homeowners are encouraged to address pending roof-related issues to ensure the safety and longevity of one's home. A professional roofing company should be contacted for any roof upgrades. It is recommended that a few estimates from companies verified by the Better Business Bureau or referrals from friends and family be looked into first.

By researching the company's portfolio and references, customers can weed out inexperienced, fly-by-night operations that could produce shoddy results, costing more in the long run.

It is also recommended that homeowners check with the State's Regulated Industries Complaints Office: 808-587-3295 or www.cca.hawaii.gov/ *rico/business\_online/*, to determine the status of a company's licensing information and history.

Once you've nailed down two or three estimates, you can do a real in-depth comparison by asking those companies for information on the industry's new and popular roofing materials. Don't let price be the determining factor consider the quality of materials.

When choosing a roofing company, make sure they are licensed and bonded with a general liability insurance. This is to insure peace of mind and the safety of your home. The end result, a happy homeowner with a new roof.

This 4th of July, let's all raise our flags to honor our veterans who sacrificed their own lives for our freedom.

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# Two Days In The Summer

by Scott Spallina, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

he Fourth of July is the cornerstone of summer. It is a date where families will get together; BBQ's will occur; and fireworks will be watched. Memories of our youth will resurface, and stories of our nation's birth will be told.

Independence Day being on Friday this year, will turn the weekend into a three-day break. In short, it will be celebrated as a holiday.

Nineteen days prior to Independence Day, on Sunday June 15, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) will happen. No parades, however, will be marking this day, nor will picnics be planned around it. If you don't read the paper that day or watch the news carefully, it will go unnoticed.

In 2006, WEAAD was created to bring awareness that elder abuse exist in our society. Judging from my experiences as supervisor of the Elder Abuse Unit at the Prosecutor's Office, this goal has not been achieved. I get calls from victims and their families who are in shock that these crimes exist and they have fallen victims to them. Even within law enforcement, there is surprise at the rate these crimes occur and the ingenuity these criminals employ.

Part of our collective ignorance comes from the fact that these offenses are rarely reported to the police or covered by the media. This lack in reporting leads to the belief that these crimes do not occur that often, gives potential victims a false sense of security that this could never happen to them.

Another reason we don't think about elder abuse is that, quite frankly, it's depressing. Stories of elder abuse are reminders that this situation could be a possible future in our own lives. We don't like to think that when we get older we might need assistance or become vulnerable. Just look at the small minority of us that have invested in long-term care insurance. We want to believe we are going to grow old—being healthy the entire time—and then, at the ripe age of 112, we will go to sleep and gently pass into the night. Events like WEAAD are not conducive to the "ignorance is bliss" mentality many of us share.

This observance day, however, does serve a purpose. Once a year, we might stumble upon a mentioning of this day and take a moment to think about our parents or grandparents and give them a call to see how they are doing. OR perhaps take another look at that piece of mail we got and question the sincerity of its claim that it has made us rich.

So, although WEAAD will most likely not become an event in the future where fireworks will be lit, it will for some remind us that although we won independence centuries ago, and we are not free from the crimes that target our seniors.

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# Qualifying for Medicaid Is Unpatriotic?

by Scott A. Makuakane, Counselor at Law

nome people question whether Medicaid planning might be unpatriotic. After all, Medicaid is a "welfare" benefit funded by our tax dollars. Is it "wrong" to put yourself in the position to have the taxpayers pay for your long-term care? Let us begin by considering what it means to be a taxpayer.

Everyone knows that it is immoral and illegal (and unpatriotic) to cheat on your income taxes. But does that mean any of us has an obligation to pay more taxes than the law requires? Of course not. The Internal Revenue Code allows us to take various kinds of deductions when we file our annual income tax returns. As long as we deduct no more than the law allows, we are engaging in the noble practice of tax avoidance. However, if we knowingly take a tax deduction in an amount or of a kind that we are not entitled to take, the terminology changes to tax evasion. For tax avoidance, a person is praised, for tax evasion, a person goes to jail.

In the 1916 U.S. Supreme Court case of Bullen v. Wisconsin, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote "when the law draws a line, a case is on one side of it or the other, and if on the safe side is none the worse legally that a party has availed himself to the full of what the law permits. When an act is condemned as an evasion, what is meant is that it is on the wrong side of the line." Taking economic advantage of what our law allows staying on the "safe" side of the line—is both legal and patriotic.

Justice Louis Brandeis, whose tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court overlapped that of Justice Holmes, famously stated this same principle another way: I live in Alexandria, Virginia. Near the Supreme Court chambers is a toll bridge across the Potomac. When in a rush, I pay the dollar toll and get home early. However, I usually drive outside the downtown section of the city and cross the Potomac on a free bridge. If I went over the toll bridge and through the barrier without paying the toll, I would be committing tax evasion. If, I drive the extra mile and drive outside the city of Washington to the free bridge, I am using a legitimate, logical and suitable method of tax avoidance. For my tax evasion, I should be punished. For my tax avoidance, I should be commended.

Knowing the alternatives that are available to you is the essence of wise planning. You cannot make a choice that you do not know you have. So if paying for long-term care is an issue for your family, learn about Medicaid qualification so you can plan your and family's financial future wisely. Availing yourself of a benefit that the law allows and intends cannot be unpatriotic.

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# Retiring Into Your Dream Job

by Michael W. K. Yee, CFP

mericans in general have strong work ethic, so a life of extended leisure doesn't **L** appeal to everyone. With the average U.S. life expectancy estimated at 80.1 years, there's no reason why you can't pursue meaningful work in retirement especially if your health is good and your mind is sharp. The desire for activity and income are other important reasons you may decide to return to the workforce and stay well beyond age 65.

Retirees today can consider a number of opportunities, such as turning special expertise into a consulting gig, taking a part-time job, starting a small business or volunteering for non-profit work. Let's take a closer look.

**Become a consultant.** Many retired profession als turn their past into thriving consulting businesses, often providing services to their former employers.

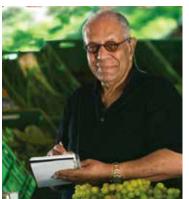
Others blog about their fields of expertise. Speaking engagements, seminars and webinars are additional ways you can share your knowledge, which can bring income and provide you with the professional and in-tellectual stimulation your former work life provided.

Get a part-time job. If your former field offers part-time opportunities, you may be the lucky ones to land a less-than-full time job with betterthan-average compensation.

Some seniors go back to school to get another degree, training or certification that will qualify them for a challenging part-time job in a field of interest. Or, decide to take a low stress, entry-level job simply to remain active — bagging groceries, working a cash register or becoming a barista to stay busy while lining your pockets with a little extra cash.

**Start your own small business.** Merchandising and auction sites such as eBay and Etsy are where people turned their hobbies of collecting or crafting into thriving businesses.

In your former work life, you may not have had as much time to devote your hobby as you would have liked. Now you can pursue selling your col-





lectibles or handmade treasures and enjoy the rewards of a small business.

**Volunteer.** Many retirees take advan-

tage of their open calendars to ramp up volunteering for organizations they support.

While giving your services freely to your favorite nonprofit won't pad your pocketbook, it can be extremely rewarding and meaningful. Whether you choose to help your favorite church, hospital, professional organization or animal shelter, volunteering your time can enrich your life and benefit your community in important ways.

It's up to you to create a rewarding retirement.

If you choose to continue working for a paycheck, your financial advisor can help you examine how additional income will impact your overall retirement finances.

Remember, the point of a work commitment in retirement is not to replicate your former 40-plus hour workweek. Ideally, your retirement career is about staying active and engaged in ways that keep you young.

Whether or not you pursue a new line of work in retirement, be sure to leave room for activities and interactions that will make your golden years as rewarding as they can be.

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# The Joint Legacy Trust

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oving on in life, there are a lot to think about and questions to consider when passing down assets to loved ones.

Are you married? *Is your marriage a partnership?* Are your children from the same marriage? Do you have separate trusts? Do you own a home?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, consider a Joint Legacy Trust.

With the new \$5.34 million estate tax exemption, only about 0.14% of us will pay an estate tax. Owning a home and passing it on could cause a capital gains tax. Having a joint trust not only reflects and mirrors your life as a partnership, but other benefits include: simplicity, flexibility, and reducing capital gains tax.

The Joint Trust offers simplicity in that it eliminates the need for obtaining a Federal Identification Number and filing a trust income tax return when the first spouse dies; flexibility to accommodate change after the first spouse's passing; and reduces capital gains tax by taking advantage of a "step-up" in basis, coined "freebasing" by *Forbes Magazine*.\*

Separate Trusts were prepared when the estate tax exemption was \$600,000 per spouse and helped

to reduce estate tax. With an exemption of over \$10 million per couple, most of us will not pay an estate tax, and our children may pay capital gains tax unless we change to a Joint Legacy Trust.

\*Forbes Magazine, March 2014: "Freebasing Your Estate". If you would like a free copy of this article, please call me and I will be happy to send you a copy.

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