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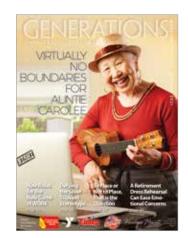


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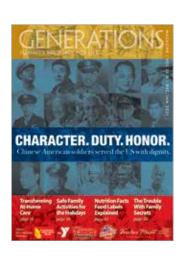
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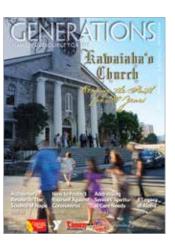


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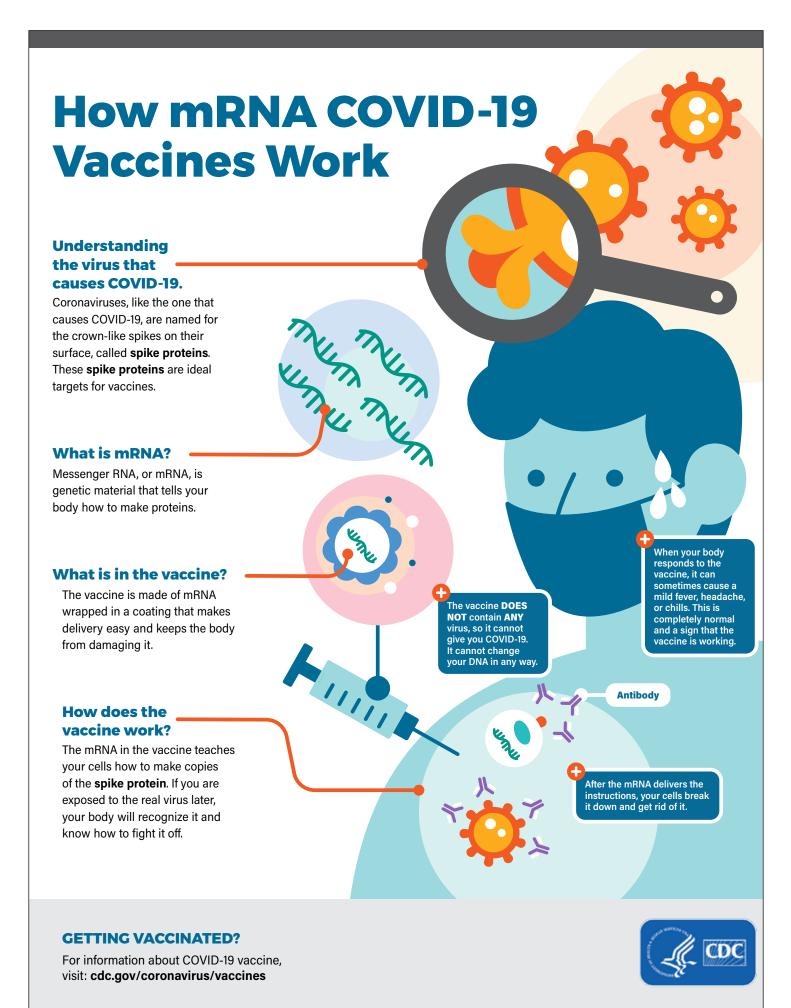
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ne of the perks of being a writer is getting to know people you may never have otherwise met. For me, in this issue, these people are former University of Hawai'i football coaches and players. I feel I really "scored" with this opportunity, because our lives would probably have never intersected if it wasn't for my job as a writer and editor for Generations Magazine. Although it is indeed work for me, it was also an honor and privelege to interview some of Hawai'i's most outstanding players and coaches of all time for "The Coach's Playbook" (pg. 22).

As a senior myself, I am well aware of pervasive stereotypes and ageist attitudes. But as a senior writing about other seniors, it never ceases to amaze me how much the Greatest Generation and the Baby Boomer Generation continue to contribute to our communities. For example, senior volunteers across the islands are helping visitors in need by providing free moral support, translation services and and emergency assistance through the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i. In the last year, VASH members have also helped protect Hawai'i from the spread of COVID-19. Read about what the organization does and how you might be able to help (pg. 44).

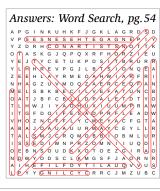
Now that travel has opened up, we have included information about navigating new rules and procedures. An interview with Vacations Hawaii Sales & Promotions Manager Kevin Kaneshiro provides some guidance for seniors and others about the latest travel requirements during the ongoing pandemic (pg. 12).

If you find that traveling is still to stressful, we know now more than ever that the wonders of modern technology can transport the sights and sounds of our loved ones onto our phone, tablet and computer screens. Specialized equipment is also available for those who are deaf, hearing-challenged or speech-disabled—at no cost (pg. 47).

Although the times of high tech have enabled us communicate with each other and even see each other, there is just no substitute for a hug. We may have difficulty even imagining a future in which we can embrace again, shake hands, converse maskless and exchange smiles at a public gathering, concert or sporting event. But you can do your part to make it happen a lot quicker by getting vaccinated. Read about the science behind COVID-19 vaccines (pg. 7). In the meantime, follow CDC, state and county guidelines and protocols. You know the drill.



Stay safe. Stay well. Debra Lordan, Associate Editor



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ur dedicated writers. Generations Magazine relies on Hawai'i's experts — from financial and legal advisors to healthcare professionals and grandparents—to write articles that are important to seniors and their families. The magazine also works with trusted sources in the community to provide leads, story tips and valuable information. Here are some of the faces behind the scenes:



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Dr. Poki'i Balaz, a family nurse practitioner serving our kūpuna, those with dementia, caregivers, and underserved populations, such as Native Hawaiians, works to improve financial resources, advocacy and community involvement. She received her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the UH Hilo and her Executive Master of Business Education degree from the Shidler College of Business. She is director of nursing at Lunalilo Home and a clinician at Kokua Kalihi Valley. Her passion stems from her experience as a caregiver of her father, who has Alzheimer's disease.



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A special mahalo to our additional contributors, whose dedication to the senior community is greatly appreciated. And also to our loyal contributing partners, whose presence continues to enhance this magazine's value.

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How to Navigate Travel Requirements & Restrictions During the COVID-19 Pandemic

by Generations Magazine Staff



An interview with Kevin Kaneshiro, Sales & Promotions Manager at Vacations Hawaii

How has interisland travel changed for Hawai'i residents during the pandemic?

With frequent changes to travel requirements, make sure to check for updates prior to your travel As of April 5, 2021, Neighbor Island travelers entering O'ahu do not need a test and no quarantine is required. If you are entering Kaua'i or Maui counties, you can avoid a 10-day quarantine with proof of a pre-approved negative test within 72 hours of your arrival. For Maui, you will also have to download the AlohaSafe Alert app (www.alohasafealert. org). For the Big Island, visitors can either do the 72-hour pre-test like the other islands or they can quarantine until negative test results confirmed from a post-arrival test.

How does the proof-of-vaccination process work for interisland, mainland and international travel?

Whether traveling interisland or out of the state, you will first need to set up your Safe Travels account at www.travel.hawaii.gov before your arrival to Hawai'i. You will then need to get a PCR test (polymerase chain reaction) or NAAT (nucleic acid amplification test) from a State of Hawai'i-approved testing site within 72 hours prior to your arrival. Most results take up to 48 hours, so you will want to take that into account when scheduling your test. Most COVID-19 test sites will direct you to the valid test dates to book when you submit your arrival date.

Many testing locations require you to make a reservation online. Once you take your test, the company will email you a positive or negative tes result in the form of a PDF. If negative, you can then upload the result to your State of Hawai'i Safe Travels account or you can print a copy of

your result to present upon arrival at your destination. I recommend both uploading your result and printing a copy as a backup.

At your destination, present your negative test result on your Safe Travels account and you're done. If you don't already have it uploaded to your account, you would then need to process your negative test result at the airport with a representative. Lastly, within 24 hours of your arrival, you will want to fill out the 24-hour health questionnaire on the Safe Travels Hawaii site. Once complete, you will receive a QR code that will save you time at the airport.

What kinds of protections have been put in place for kūpuna visiting Las Vegas?

On Omni Air charter flights and at all Boyd Gaming Hotels, enhanced cleaning, disinfecting and sanitization measures have been put in place. An electrostatic fogging sprayer further sanitizes the aircraft. Boarding protocols to allow for social distancing have been established. All flight attendants and passengers wear masks or face coverings during the flight. Pillows and blankets have been removed from the planes, so you may want to bring your own and/or warm outer apparel. Bottled water, canned soda, coffee or tea will be offered only with meal service. Customers are encouraged to bring their own beverages.

At Vacations Hawai'i hotel properties, temperature checks are being conducted upon arrival. All guests are required to wear facial coverings. Hand sanitizer is available and complimentary for all guests. Guest spaces are cleaned and disinfected multiple times daily with EPA-approved products. This includes slot machines, chairs, table games, restaurants, kitchens, restrooms, doors, handrails, counters, ATMs, kiosks and Team Member areas. The frequency of air filter replacement and HVAC system cleaning has been increased. Slots, table games, and restaurant and bar seating are configured, and limited to adhere to social distancing recommendations. Guest occupancy limits are followed in retail shops, and banquet and meeting spaces.

Hawai'i-bound travelers can bypass the 10-day quarantine by receiving a negative COVID test result within 72 hours of their return to Hawai'i. Convenient COVID testing in Las Vegas provided by Worksite Labs is available at the Main Street Station for Vacations Hawaii and Hawaiian Airlines customers.

These PCR nasal swab tests do not require assistance. All customers must be scheduled no later than 72 hours before the departure of the last leg of the journey. The price per test starts at \$90.

To qualify for a test, you must have an upcoming Hawaiian Airlines or Vacations Hawaii flight with a Hawaiian destination in the next 72 hours and proof of a ticket.

Hours of operation are 6am to 2pm, seven days a week. An appointment is required and can be made at www.schedulecovidtesting.com.

Walk-up testing will take place in the Main Street Station Social Club; drive-through testing will be held in the parking area immediately outside the Social Club (around the Main Street garage entrance).

Is there any way to arrange special meals?

Due to COVID restrictions, we cannot accommodate special meal requests at this time. Current meals consists of prepackaged items such as sandwiches, chips and candy. You may also bring your own food onboard for a long trip.

What accommodations can be provided for someone who requires a wheelchair?

You have the option of bringing your own wheelchair on Omni Air charter flights. There is no charge for transporting the wheelchair. Airport wheelchair service is available curbside; travelers will also receive assistance boarding the plane.

The same service in reverse will be provided upon arrival. Should you need a lift bus to eliminate walking up the steps of the bus or an aisle chair to be transported to your seat on the airplane, let us know and it will be arranged. We can also assist you with wheelchair rental.

What travel safety tips do you recommend for kūpuna traveling to Las Vegas?

Do your research prior to travel as to COVID restrictions and requirements for your destination. If you don't have a mobile phone for uploading your test result, make sure you have access to a place to print a hard copy. Most hotels will assist or will direct you to a location that can help, like an internet café, FedEx or UPS store.

What changes do you foresee in your industry?

A vaccination passport, which would allow vaccinated people the ability to travel and interact with others with less restrictions, is gaining support. As more become vaccinated, I believe this could work. After you get vaccinated, keep your vaccination card handy. That card may become a requirement for some venues.



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Dealing With Our Feelings

by Rick Tabor, Generations Magazine Community Development Director

As I mentioned in my
April/May column ("Nine Coping
Skills For Managing Stress"), to find
our way to productive solutions, we'll

first want to deal with our feelings.

o problem has ever been resolved

Feelings are important because they can tell us what we need to do. To deal with our feelings, we must name them, realize it's ok to feel them and express them in a safe way. Then we can decide what to do to feel better.

It's ok to have negative feelings. But owning our feelings rather than blaming others for them is the key to a sustainable resolution.

Using the "I feel" sentence is helpful, for example, "I feel lonely because I'm social distancing for my safety." Remember, life is 10 percent what happens and 90 percent how we respond. No one *makes us* do or feel anything. We are responsible for our feelings or responses. So if we own our feelings and actions, we'll be on our way to more reasonable outcomes.

To change or break a negative response pattern, note these few physiological facts:

- Our brain needs oxygen to think clearly.
- Negative feelings like anger and fear trigger adrenaline, shifting oxygen from our brain to our air passages to provide our muscles with the oxygen needed for flight-or-fight responses.
- Without oxygen, our brain focuses on familiar reactive, defensive response patterns rather than

proactive, solution-oriented, productive outcomes.

To relearn and find helpful stopgaps to break patterns, we'll first need to agree there's an issue we'd like to change. Once motivated to change, we'll face the realization that change is a challenging process. But with patience, persistence and practice, anyone committed to change can break the habit

The simplest tool used to manage a stressful event is the STOP sign acromym technique: **Stop, Think, Options, Plan**.

of engrained negative response patterns.

If we stop our undesirable emotions before they escalate, we'll automatically think of options and create a more reasonable plan. By stopping, we'll breathe, calm down and reach a better plan than if we fly out of control driven by emotions.

Because we are all human, we all experience negative emotions. But it's what we do with them that defines us. Working toward eliminating personal attacks or put-downs will enhance the quality of our relationships with ourselves and others. Learning to manage stressors also improves our physical and mental health.

Accept imperfection, practice forgiveness, and give yourself and loved ones a break. ■

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Finding Freedom Once More

by Faith Gianan, General Manager of Roselani Place Assisted Living

he overall mission for senior living communities is to provide socialization, wellness, a sense of community and independence. As the general manager for Roselani Place, my mission is to enrich the lives of our kūpuna and manifest my passion to enable them to live their lives to the fullest each and every day.

COVID-19 impacted this industry greatly—
it may never be the same again. We had to stop
large gatherings, monthly meetings and communal dining, restrict visitors, volunteers and even
family members who uplifted our community on
a daily basis, and social distance ourselves when
hugs and closeness were once shared.

Many administrators like myself had to take swift action to attain the balance of retaining the simple freedoms of our residents and fighting to keep our communities safe.

Over a year later, the pandemic continues to defer our freedom—the freedom to do what we please, visit with others at any time and travel anywhere in the world to live our best life.

Independence Day 2021 will be a period of reflection on our own personal freedoms and our nation's. Don't give up hope; we are turning a new leaf. It will take courage to gain back our freedom and a sense of peace.

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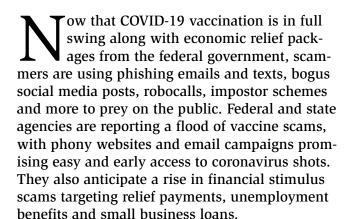
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Beware of COVID-19 Scams

by Christopher Duque, Online Security Advisor



From the earliest beginnings of the COVID pandemic, fraudsters have been luring consumers with fake remedies; now they're using the vaccine rollout as bait to lure unsuspecting consumers.

The Hawai'i Department of Health and Human Services says consumers should be on the lookout for the following signs of vaccine scams:

- Requests that you to pay out-of-pocket to receive a shot or get on a vaccine waiting list
- Ads for vaccines via websites, social media posts, emails or phone calls
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of CO-VID-19 vaccines

The FBI says con artists are still advertising fake COVID-19 antibody tests to mine personal information to be used in identity theft or health insurance scams. This includes fake unemployment filings and even stealing one's stimulus check.

Other scammers claim to be selling or offering supplies such as masks, test kits and sanitizers, often in robocalls, texts or social media ads.

Scammers are also impersonating banks and money lenders, offering bogus help with bills, credit card debt or student loan forgiveness.

Beware of calls, texts or emails, and social media posts orginating from what appear to be government agencies that instruct you to click a link, pay a fee or confirm personal data (your Social Security number) to secure your stimulus check.

The FTC and the Justice Department also issued an alert about phishing texts and phone calls that are supposedly from contact tracers,

warning you that you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19. If you click the text message link, malware downloads to your device. These messages will appear to be from actual businesses or government agencies, but clicking on links or downloading attached files could enable the theft of personal information and your identity. Messages from actual contact tracers will not include a link, or ask you for money or personal data.

Also use care when conducting an internet search for coronavirus information. Are you going to the actual CDC or WHO website, or to a scam portal created by a cybercriminal?

Contact me with questions about online security. Christopher Duque | aikea808@gmail.com





Prepare Yourself to Sleep Better

by Jen Angeli, Brain Education Instructor, Kaimuki

ave you ever examined your bedtime routine? You probably take care of basic bodily needs like brushing your teeth, but what about the rest of you? Where does your mind go? What about the stress and tension you've carried all day? Do you do anything to show your body and brain you really care about them?

If you want to age well, getting proper rest is essential for your health, happiness and relationships. Quality of sleep is just as important as quantity when it comes to focusing and functioning well during the day. If you go to bed with stressful thoughts, you will probably not sleep well. If you do manage some shut eye, you may end up feeling tired in the morning.

So how can you help yourself find better rest?

Start by turning off the TV and putting your phone out of reach when you get in bed. Then, raise your feet and do some ankle rotations. Use your arms and hands to gently stretch your legs, hips and lower back as you inhale through your nose, and exhale long, slow breaths through your mouth.

Say, "Thank you, body. Today has ended. Anything unfinished will still be there tomorrow. Rest now." Release your thoughts and reassure your mind and body that all is well. Try it for a week. Your body and mind will thank you.

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Adapting to a Changing Job Market

by Carleen MacKay, Emerging Workforce Expert

This past year has has served as a glaring stoplight for many people who assessed their slim chances of ever working again. The truth is that the changes we have experienced —those due to COVID-19 and more — have opportunities embedded within their threats. As previously promised, here is a straightforward, basic planning model for future work. It's a guiding light to follow as you plan to continue to work in one of several ways in the foreseeable future.

Step 1 Look inward.

Forget endless chronology and look instead at your unique interests, gifts and verifiable accomplishments. Write them down. What do you want to highlight in any work you do in the

future? For example, you may have been working in a company full-time as an accountant. You loved some—but not all—of the work. The work you loved are the highlights you are selling to a future employer, client or customer. Ask former teammates for their strongest impressions regarding your contributions. Think about new areas of interest and how your strengths might be an asset. Ask yourself how the work you will do in your older years will contribute to achieving your goal of living a purposeful and even longer life?

Step 2 change.

Keeping your interests in the forefront of your mind as you check the mar-Be open to ket. Where are the strongest opportunities that meet your interests? Be sure to check options beyond the full-

time job market because you may find that one of the strongest opportunities for mature workers is in the flexible workforce.

The flexible workforce option is growing at warp-speed and is a treasured opportunity for many of us facing the need to continue to earn, learn and to be a part of a larger community.

Yes, you may need to enhance your skills by learning how to use a laptop, the internet and social media. Fear alone, not competency, makes this hard for many seniors. Be aware that the answers to most of your questions about your future work are at your fingertips.

Step 3 Learn.

Put this in perspective! Do you still drive in the crazy traffic on most of our islands? If so, learning to use the basic technology at your fingertips will seem simple by comparison.

Where might you learn and/or improve your knowledge? Any adult school, the community colleges, the universities and vocational schools across all islands are here to help now.

Finally, for today, ask yourself life's central questions—"Am I creating the meaningful, longer lifetime I desire and deserve? What form of work, beyond the old-world of jobs, will help me achieve this goal?"

In the next issue, I will address flexible opportunities in the field of health and wellness; options that are exploding for older workers.

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Do You Have a REAL ID?

by Generations Magazine Staff

n Hawai'i, residents were asked to obtain a REAL ID-compliant Hawai'i driver's license or **L** state identification card with the star in a gold circle marking by Oct. 1, 2020. But due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic, the Department of Homeland Security has extended the REAL ID enforcement deadline to Oct. 1, 2021.

After Oct. 1, 2021, only federal-compliant REAL ID driver licenses and state ID cards will be accepted to get on domestic airline flights and to enter certain federal buildings and military bases. A US passport or military ID can be used as an alternate identification.

When acquiring or renewing a driver license or state ID card, residents must indicate on the application whether the card will be federal-compliant REAL ID. There is no additional fee for the star.

Having a state ID is voluntary, not required, and

typically used only by those who

don't have a driver license. You may hold a REAL ID-compliant driver license or state ID, not both.

There is no rush to acquire one if your state ID is not nearing expiration. Valid Hawai'i state ID cards are compliant with Department of Home-

A state ID costs \$40 and is good for eight years. It can take six weeks for your permanent card.

land Security standards until Oct. 1, 2021.

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Easier Rider: Boomers Boost E-Bike Use

by Debra Lordan, GM Associate Editor

ueled by the pandemic, bicycling in general d has experienced a boom. Biking is an ideal way to exercise while socially distancing.

Electric bicycles (e-bikes), much like toilet paper, face masks and hand sanitizer, are another pandemic success story. As Americans emerged from lockdowns, most e-bike companies saw sales skyrocket. While people of all ages buy e-bikes as an eco-friendly, alternative means of transportation, seniors are the largest target market.

E-bikes are revolutionizing cycling for senior adults, allowing us to ride longer, faster and with little or no pain. The low-impact exercise is simply easier on an aging body. With an e-bike, "overthe-hill" boomers can get a little help getting over that hill without injuring muscles and joints.

Health Benefits

Cycling improves cardiovascular health while pumping more blood to the brain, contributing to improved mood. Medical researchers have even discovered that cycling helps alleviate the symptoms of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

Seniors who bike together also reap social benefits in the safety of the great outdoors. Seniors who live in bike-friendly communities can use e-bikes as regular means of transportation to do shopping and errands.

While riding an e-bike may not be as intense a workout as riding a regular bike, users are much more likely to ride longer and more often, because the e-bike experience is more enjoyable.

How an E-bike Works

E-bikes are conventional bicycles with assistive superpowers. Riders use gears and pedals most of the time, just like with a tradional bike, but have the option to give themselves a boost, thanks to a rechargeable lithium-ion battery-powered motor. The small motor can be engaged to help you whiz up hills and battle head winds more easily.

Buying an E-Bike

Just like traditional bikes, different models of e-bikes are available depending on the rider's



Recently retired Maui schoolteacher Sharon Heinzman loves her new e-bike. "Its all the fun of a bike ride without all of the work battling Upcountry's hilly terrain."

needs. The most popular styles for seniors are cruiser bikes, trikes and recumbents. E-bikes are more complicated and expensive than conventional bicycles, so you need to do your research.

There are three classes of e-bikes: Pedal-assist electric bikes provide assistance only when the rider is pedaling and only up to 20 mph. Throttleassist e-bikes let you use the motor without pedaling, also up to 20 mph. Speed pedal-assist e-bikes are similar to pedal-assist bikes, except the motor will assist with speeds of up to 28 mph.

The average e-bike weighs about 50-plus pounds. Prices vary widely, starting at about \$1,000 and going as high as \$12,000.

Find a bike shop in your area so you can testride a few and begin rolling back the years!

For information about Hawai'i's e-bike laws, visit http://bit.ly/HawaiiE-bikeLaws.

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Gerofit for Veterans

by Ron Lockwood, Commander, VFW Post 8616

rofit is a group-based exercise program for veterans aged 65 years and older. This program, meeting at the Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care Systems (VAPIHCS) in the Community Living Center (CLC), has transitioned to a telehealth-based exercise program offered two or three times weekly.

Joe Kuroda (93) and Henry Lee (90) are active participants giving younger veterans aged 65 to 88 a purpose. In addition to being a former state Senator, Joe also served in World War II in the US Army, rising to the rank of colonel. Harold is a retired command sergeant major who served in three conflicts. Both lead by example, motivating those decades younger than them in exercising and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. To join Gerofit, you must be referred by a VA doctor.

Classes are limited to seven per group, allowing the therapist/instructor to closely monitor



the progress of each veteran. Currently there are six active groups. It was a challenge initially to convert to telehealth, but veterans eventually connected through iPads, tablets and personal computers and the program grew.

When it is deemed safe to reopen the CLC, everyone is looking forward to returning for the comradery and potluck kaukau!

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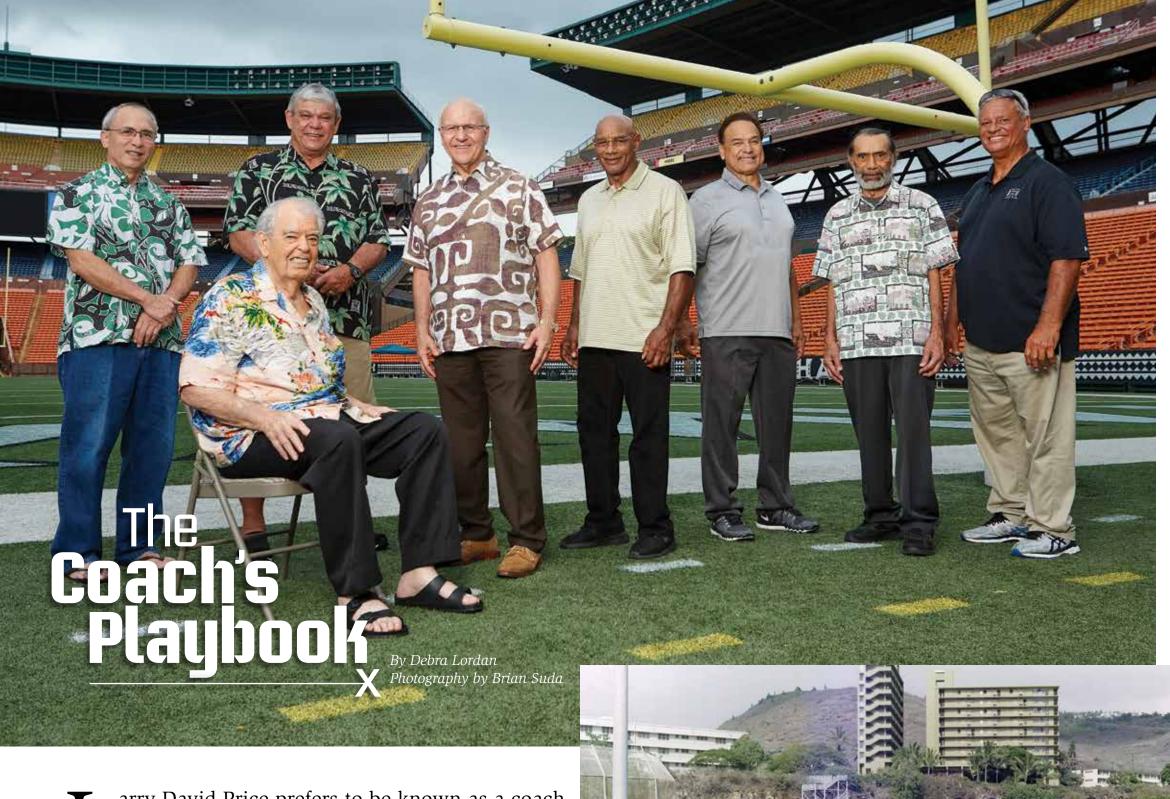
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- Offering Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care
- Most of all, peace of mind for you and your family





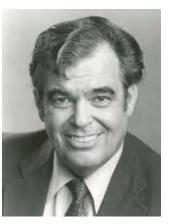


arry David Price prefers to be known as a coach and educator, rather than a media personality.

Although those who know of his many accomplishments, talents, awards and accolades may entertain the descriptor Renaissance man, he'll always be remembered simply and reverently as "Coach" to those whose hearts and lives he has touched.



Photo credit: UH Athletics Department



His handsome face and brilliant smile are instantly recognizable. Larry Price, Hawai'i's longtime radio and TV personality, and celebrated scholarathlete, is a legendary icon—one of the islands' treasured human resources. He is a quiet man who means what

he says and says what he means—a multidimensional man with a passion for encouraging others to find their power and attain success through education and hard work.

He has earned multiple advanced degrees. He also found success in many sports, as a player, coach, mentor and advocate. He studied martial arts, earning black belts in a number of disciplines. He was also an award-winning boxer during his eight-year stint in the Army. But his vast oeuvre includes much more than sports. He is also an accomplished musician, published author, college professor, political columnist, government administrator, small business management program director, sought-after motivational speaker, generous philanthropist and valued advisor.

But without hesitation, Coach Price says his most beloved career was coaching football at the University of Hawai'i, first as a defensive coordinator and then as head coach of the Rainbow Warriors from 1974 to '76.

Although the popular Hawai'i broadcaster may be best known to many as a media personality, the depths of his knowledge, experience and many talents warrant exposition. A cursory internet search will reveal a vast amount of information about his many achievements. But what his former players and assistant coaches say about him here may give us more insight into his character. The mere mention of his name opened a floodgate of memories from the players and coaches who will forever hold him in high esteem.

(Top photo, L–R) Mike Perkins (#27), Head Coach Larry Price (seated), Pat Richardson (#75), Coach Rick Blangiardi, Coach George Lumpkin, Levi Stanley (#74), Simeon Alo (#92), Cliff LaBoy (#93) and (not pictured in top photo) Dexter Gomes (#68) today and as members of the 1973 team (bottom photo).

'Many are called; few are chosen.'

If diamonds are made by applying pressure to coal, Coach Price's football players are the crown jewels of UH football. Coach whipped his players into top shape each week with a brutal training regime, leading his aggressive Warriors onto the gridiron each weekend.

"It's important for a coach to select the right guy to perform certain tasks," says Coach. Coach Price used his own innate abilities to recognize and identify each player's gifts, potential, possibilities and contributions, enabling them to tap into their own personal driving force that came from their hearts. His strong leadership pulled players toward a deep belief in themselves.

His team was a meritocracy, where meeting high standards with hard work paid off. Although Coach Price's expectations were high, the rewards were great, both on and off the field.

"Saying the right thing at the right time is an art," said Coach Price, who often used idioms and proverbs to motivate his team. For those who responded both physically, mentally and spiritually, "Many are called; few are chosen" had a life-changing impact. They were members of the traveling team—the chosen.

'We're going to battle tonight.'

Coach Price says he viewed the football field as a battlefield. His Warriors prided themselves on winning the physical side of the game.

Cliff LaBoy, a Farrington High School graduate, played football at Washington State for one year before returning to Hawai'i. Coach Price called him "out of the blue." Cliff became the left defensive end from 1972 to '75, when Coach Price was a defensive line coach, then head coach.

"Coach was very straightforward and serious—a no-nonsense kind of guy," says Cliff. "You either listened or you paid for it. He made sure we focused on our grades and he worked us very hard to get us to be the best we could be. His style of play was speed, physical and being technically sound at all positions. Back in the day, UH had the best defensive team than you can imagine. We beat a lot of big schools because of the strength of our defense."

Even if they lost, UH prided themselves on winning the physical side of the game. "We worked so hard and we were in such great shape that we wouldn't even be tired at the end of the game. Coach Price made sure of that."

"He was an excellent defensive coach. He could take an ordinary player and get him to play at a higher level. He gets so deep inside of your head,

that he can tell you what's in there. He could see the potential in us all even though we were so kolohe."

"But when he started chewing on that cigar tip, with that big smile of his... you knew you were in trouble. 'OK, today Richardson and LaBoy are going to donate their bodies for the team.' We had to do 1,000-yard bear crawls. It was an impossible task, but we always finished."



Larry Price was an All Army Judo Champion, an outstanding player for the Army's Cacti football team, the winner of the All Army Talent Contest on 'ukulele...

There were a lot of Richardsons and LaBoys on the team. "But he knew when Saturday night came, all he had to do was turn us loose and we would perform for him."

"'We're going to battle tonight. We take no prisoners. Whatever is in front of you, destroy it on your way to the ball,' Coach would say. He would get you so pumped. We loved it."

"He taught us to be strong and positive, and never give up. He taught us to work hard toward our goals and everything will fall in place. The things he instilled in us really helped me in my life. He changed us kolohe players into good human beings who contribute to our communities. We all respect that man so much."

'I will take you to a place where you've never been before.'

Practice and play with Coach Price included the whole player—body, mind and spirit—as he propelled them to "a place where they had never been before."



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only 5-foot-8 and
150 pounds. Coach
Price gave me the
opportunity to play
for UH and prove
to him and myself
that I belonged
on the field. I was
never going to disappoint him,"
says Mike.

Coach Price's own coach at
Roosevelt High School, Kato

Coach Price's own coach at Roosevelt High School, Kato Chung, also gave Larry "a place in the game," despite his small size at that time. Coach passed that forward, giving players with identifiable potential the opportunity to prove themselves.

Coach Price and Dexter Gomes discuss

on the sideline.

defensive strategies

Coach was the

head coach when

Mike Perkins start-

ed as a free safety

in 1974. "I was

"I will always remember Coach Price saying, 'I will take you to a place where you've never been before.' I didn't un-

derstand that until I started playing for him," says Mike. "'There is no way I can do this,' I used to think. But when you are going through the grueling drills he made us do, he would take you to a place where you had never been before. It made all of us physically and mentally tough."

"Although he recruited mainland players, he wanted the local boys to do well. He would have high expectations of you. And nobody wanted to disappoint Coach Price. He was a guy that you sometimes hated, because he put you through so much. But you couldn't play for anybody better. He got us to believe in ourselves and what we could do. I would go to war for the guy. That's the kind of impact he had on his players. To this day, we would do anything for him."

"I took those lessons and applied them in life after football. They are things I will never forget—the harder you work, the greater your success and the greater the benefits."



'The greatest motivational factors are love and fear.'

Coach Price had a gift for motivating his players, driving them to exceed normal expectations both on the field and off.

Dexter Gomes played for Coach Price as a middle linebacker between 1970 and '75.

"What I remember best is when he said, 'The greatest motivational factors are love and fear,'" a phrase he adopted from the Bible. "If you could scare your players into playing for you, you might be able to motivate them, but it worked the other way, too. We gave the last drop of our blood to perform for him because we loved him that much—for all he did for us," says Dexter.

"Back in the old days, coaches used to berate their players. They all thought they had to be so hard. The greatest thing I learned from Coach Price is that all you have to do is treat people with respect to get them to *want* to perform for you. It doesn't just apply to coaching; it applies to everyday life. It all boils down to respect and treating people how you want them to treat you."

"Back in the days when we played, it wasn't like today. It was physical. Everything back then was three yards and a cloud of dust—everything was done in the trenches. When you got into the third and fourth quarter, if you weren't in shape, the other team could take advantage." Coach Price made sure the team could go the distance... and then some.

"He had a saying, especially when we didn't live up to his expectations: 'Today you are going to run to the horizon. The horizon is as far as you can see, but you will never reach it. Get on the line!' We ran until guys were falling on the ground. 'Jump over them!' Coach Price ordered. It was not punishment; it was for the betterment of each of us and for the team."

"But I'll tell you this, when the offense across from us was sucking wind, that's when we knocked them out and dragged them into the deeper waters. When we pulled off some big games, we'd see that everything Coach Price said worked. We believed and trusted him."

"There were a lot of life lessons. That is what he was all about. A lot of times I reflect on what he used to say and do."

'Don't you ever quit on me.'

Coach Price kept his players in line by making football fun, using his dry wit to "keep it interesting."

Former UH defensive end Pat Richardson was a member of the 1973 Rainbow Warriors team that beat Washington 10-7 in an epic competition.

"Coach Price made football fun. He made practice fun. You would never know what he was going to say. He made everything interesting. He would give you that look of death, but he'd be smiling at the same time with his nice bright white smile and stogie in his teeth," says Pat. "He did things that would make everybody laugh.

"I motivated the players by putting everything in the form of a challenge," says Coach.

"The better shape you are in, the less your chance of getting seriously injured," Pat says about the coach's rigorous practices.

Disciplinary action also involved conditioning. When Pat accidentally stepped on Coach's stogie that he had put on the ground for safe keeping, Coach said, 'Run.' "How long?" Pat asked. "Until I tell you to stop," Coach replied. "Although I was suffering, Coach would say, 'Don't you ever quit on me.' And we never would."

"Local boys from Waianae, Makaha, Nanakuli, Aiea and Farrington played for him... they didn't have a lot of money, but they gave us a good education, took us to the mainland, gave us good uniforms and a beautiful stadium - and all because of him — because Coach Price had a dream about Rainbow football."

"He took all us local boys to another level. When we would mess around, we would pay the price more than the mainland players, because we should know better," Pat says. "He expected more from his local players. He was hard on us when we deserved it - hard and fair."

"If you did your job and came to practice in shape with a good attitude, you had no problem with him. But he would take nonsense from nobody. I knew I was one of his favorites because he was always getting after me. So I always tried to do better for him. The time went by so fast under him because he made it so much fun. I'll always remember that guy."

'Physical superiority cancels out all theories.'

Practices with Coach Price were so hard and so brutal that the games were easy by comparison.

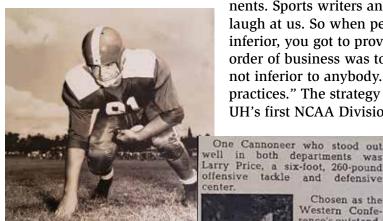
Simeon Alo, a Kamehameha Schools graduate, anchored the Hawai'i defensive line as a defensive end from 1969 to '70 and 1972

He got a scholarship through Coach Price to play football at UH in 1969, and

as a freshman rookie, made the

travel squad as a versatile player on a variety of vital defensive teams.

"Levi Stanley, a Waianae High School graduate, and I made every mainland trip," says Simeon. "It was an honor because we were only freshmen." Simeon and Levi were unable to play in 1971, but returned in 1972.





Larry Price became a member of the Cacti football coaching staff in 1959, after a stellar performance as a lineman for

"Levi and I really enjoyed ourselves out there. What we managed to accomplish is a tribute to Coach Price. He really got us in shape."

"Among Coach Price's many pearls of wisdom, I remember he used to say, 'Physical superiority cancels out all theory.' In other words, if you are physically and mentally superior to who you are playing against, the game became easy," says Simeon. "He made practices so hard that the games seemed easy!"

"Before you can play Division I, you've got to think Division I," Coach explains. "In the early days, prior to Division I taking hold, the majority of the people we played were physically superior. UH was viewed as inferior to Division I opponents. Sports writers and newscasters used to laugh at us. So when people tell you that you are inferior, you got to prove them wrong. The first order of business was to convince them we were not inferior to anybody. This equated to hard practices." The strategy paid off, making Price the UH's first NCAA Division I head coach.

One Cannoneer who stood out

Larry Price rushing teams in

The big tackle's success is partly

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to know what the opponents are up to, shown by the fact that he is continuously on the bottom of tackles and pileups. Against the Mainz Troopers he was in on 21

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"I'll never forget playing Grambling State University [La.]. The whole team was huge," says Simeon. "The left tackle was 8 inches taller and weighed over 100 pounds more than I did," recalls Simeon. Although the Warriors lost, Simeon's opponent shook his hand after the game and said, "Bro, good game!" "It was out of respect. 'Ask no quarter, none given. That's how we played."

"I will be forever grateful to Coach for

giving me the opportunity to play Division 1 football," says Simeon. "He helped shape me into the man I am today." "And I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Coach Price," Levi added. "I owe him my life."

'Come out and prove yourself.'

Coach Price's influence and support indirectly impacted the course of Hawaiʻi politics.

In 1965, Rick Blangiardi wrote a letter to UH inquiring if it had a football program. His father was being transferred to Pearl Harbor and he wanted to ensure he could play college football.

"If you want a scholarship to play football here, you are going to have to come out and prove yourself," said Coach.

"My relationship with him started with that challenge," says Rick. "The day that I met Coach Price was the day that changed my life forever. He had just finished playing football. He was a physical force of nature and a fearsome creature."

Although Rick did prove himself, he returned to Massachusetts in 1966 when his mother became ill. He stayed, graduated and started his coaching career at the University of Connecticut. Then he got a letter from Coach offering him the opportunity to coach varsity linebackers.

"I made the decision to return to UH predicated on Coach Price, my relationship with him and my complete confidence and respect for him."

After Rick got his master's degree, he was offered a full-time job by Coach Dave Holmes. When Larry became head coach, he promoted Rick to associate head coach and defensive coordinator — Larry's former job.

"Him influencing me to come back to Hawai'i and giving me the opportunity, promotions and titles all tremendously shaped my life."

Married and with a baby on the way, Rick's coaching salary didn't go far. At age 30, with Coach's counsel, instead of accepting a higherpaying coaching position on the mainland, he accepted a sales position at KGMB TV. Ultimately, his love of Hawai'i kept him here. "I knew I would never coach with anybody better than Coach Price, which lessened the pain of leaving coaching."

"It all goes back to how Coach perceived, supported and believed in me. That has continued throughout my entire career. He is a powerful force; he was my mentor. I have a reverence for him. I learned so much from him that has served as guiding principles in business and in life. He helped me lock in my belief systems that have carried forward throughout my life. To this day, I can't call him Larry... it's always Coach Price."

Now 74, Rick is the current mayor of the City and County of Honolulu. "I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for him," says the mayor.



the All Army team.

'If you cut me, I bleed green and white.'

Coach attained an amazing level of excellence at everything he did. From the outside, it did not look like a pursuit—it was simply an acquisition.

George Lumpkin was a defensive back in 1970 and '71, when Coach was the defensive coordinator. After his player eligibility came to an end, George became a graduate assistant. When Coach became head coach in 1974, he made George a full-time coach.

"He was a great disciplinarian, but at the same time, he had a soft heart. The players just loved him because of who he was as a person. The harder he disciplined them, the more they loved him. They knew the drills were for their own good. They loved him because they knew that he cared about them as people, not just players. He was an outstanding coach, but probably an even better person. If a player needed help outside of football, he was there for them. He would give you the shirt off his back."

"He was very good at everything he touched—chess, martial arts, slack key guitar and much more—not only football. He seemed just naturally exceptional at it all. But he has always been a humble guy, not talking about himself or patting himself on the back."

"He was always moving forward—always thinking outside the box. 'Nothing is as dead as yesterday's football hero,' he said. 'You have to always stay on top of your game. People are quick to forget what you have accomplished.'"

"He's an amazing person. The players are also really great people with good hearts who ended up doing good things. I think Coach Price had a lot to do with that. Many of his former players credit him for their successes in life."

"We would do anything for Coach and he would do anything for us. We knew that without a doubt. 'If you cut me, I bleed green and white,' he used to say."

The Coach's Playbook

A good coach tells you what you don't want to hear and shows you what you don't want to see, so you can be who you have always known you could be. A great coach makes you do what you don't want to do—what you think is impossible—and makes you into someone better than you ever dreamt you could be.

Coach Price, who extolled the virtues of hard work and its rewards, influenced others through the example of his own hard work. He loved and respected his players and coaches. "They all worked hard and were willing to put in what was needed to accomplish the mission," says Coach.

"Knowing I played for Los Angeles Rams must have helped convince them they could get to that level, too." After completing two degrees, Coach became a free agent, multi-position player for the team. He was also sought-after as a coach, but Coach Price would not leave his beloved Hawai'i.

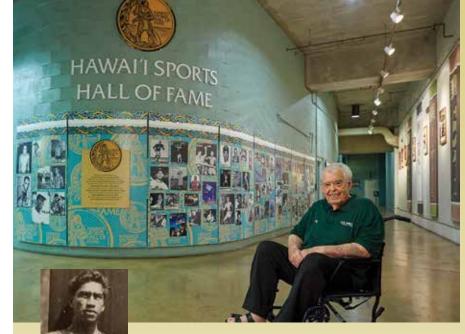
He has left an indelible mark on the hearts, minds and lives of those who knew him. As Dexter said, Coach Price and Assistant Coach Rick Blangiardi provided his players with "a book of everything we needed to be successful in life." Coach's former football players and staff will continue to turn to the pages of his playbook for success for the rest of their lives.

Now in his 80s, Coach enjoys an occasional round of golf at Waialae Country Club, where many of his former players meet with him.

Coach Price continues to champion up-and-coming athletes to "give them a place in the game" through the Oahu Interscholastic Association, and brings revitalized recognition to the state's accomplished athletes through the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame.



(Above, L–R) Coaches Larry Price, George Lumpkin and Rick Blangiardi provided a framework that guided their players along the path to success both on and off the football field.



The first HSHOF inductee was swimmer and surfer Duke Kahanamoku. Class of 2020 inductees include Ben Aipa, surfing; Egan Inoue, racquetball; and Roland Leong, auto racing.

HAWAI'I SPORTS HALL OF FAME

s with his football meritocracy, Coach Price felt meeting high standards with hard work, excellence and integrity should be rewarded and recognized, so he set out to rejuvenate the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame.

"Because Hawai'i is so remote, our athletes had not gotten the attention they deserve," says Coach. "Hawai'i has produced many young talented athletes and Olympian-level athletes who have gotten no recognition," Coach said to the group. "We have enough to warrant honoring them and holding them up as

role models for future generations of athletes."

Although a hall of fame was already in place, it was not being used to its full potential. Coach breathed life back into the HSHOF, which now serves as "an educational repository to honor athletes, pioneers and contributors of Hawai'i's rich sports history and to serve as role models for our youth, encouraging them to emulate the same characteristices of devotion, dedication, pursuit of athletic excellence, steadfast and moral character."

The first year was spent catching up by adding about 30 athletes who should have been included, starting with Duke Kahanamoku. A huge banquet

was held to honor the overdue inductees. After the first five catch-up years, three or four athletes have been inducted per year.

Those inducted last year bring the total number of Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame members to 158. Coach says, "The 2020 inductees span a wide variety of pursuits, exemplifying Hawai'i's unique and profound impact on the sports world. It is no small thing to be accepted into this elite group. Criteria for induction is strictly adhered to." Selection is made with due process—a what-you-do process. The selection committee is made up of sports media

members. "They write stories about these athletes, so they know who is who," says Coach.

"My message to young athletes is just to keep on going," says Coach. "If you come up against a hurdle, overcome it and go on to the next hurdle until you don't have any hurdles left."

Coach Price, a constant presence as chairman of the board, is transitioning the management of the organization to new leadership who will continue to solicit new inductees and ensure they meet the HSHOF's stringent qualifications.

Hawai'i's world-class Aloha Stadium houses a public displays of inductee photographs and profiles. The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum is home to the flagship exhibition for the hall, and includes inductee photographs, profiles and memorabilia. In addition to the permanent display venues, the HSHOF also maintains portable display screens with a full complement of the inductee photographs and profiles. This "traveling" hall of fame is used at events such as the Annual Induction Banquet and the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. Arrange a tour of the HSHOF by calling the Aloha Stadium Office.

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Nutritional Supplements & COVID-19

by Eileen Phillips, RN, Attention Plus Care



¬acing the potential that the COVID-19 vari-sense that practitioners are looking for other treatments to slow the spread of the disease. The results of a clinical trial in India using two natural supplements to treat COVID-infected individuals showed that these herbal products can speed up recovery time from the disease. On average, after five days, 88 percent of those treated tested negative for the virus, compared with 72 percent of those receiving hospital-standard anti-viral medications. By day 10, the ratios rose to 100 percent versus 88 percent. This begs the question, how can nutritional supplements assist the body in fighting the virus?

When considering specific supplements such as vitamins, it should be noted that the real issue is not the amount of vitamin that is ingested, since the body can only utilize so much of it before expelling it. A person's "nutritional profile" is what really matters. Someone who lacks vitamins and minerals needed for proper immune system function will benefit from adding certain supplements to their diet. A German study indicates that vitamins D, K and A could bind to the viral spike protein of the COVID-19 virus and reduce its effect. This is already being used in hospitals as part of an integrative approach to COVID-19.

Other individuals have a lack of vitamins and nutrients because of poor nutrition, and will need to develop healthier eating habits before any boost from supplements will help. Adopting a healthier nutritional attitude can be as easy as adding specific foods to your diet. Another study found

the natural compounds in green tea, muscadine grapes, cacao and dark chocolate interact with the COVID virus to make it harder for it to propagate in humans. On the other hand, cholesterol was found to have the opposite effect, making COV-ID-19 more severe by interacting with the spike to increase concentrations of the virus. This supports evidence of more severe cases of the disease among overweight individuals.

This confirms what we have known all along the overall quality and balance of nutrition has a strong influence on our immune system's ability to fight infection. Once the system is out of balance, it is vulnerable and more likely to result in a longer, more severe illness from the disease. Making up for lack of nutrition by taking lots of vitamins does little to restore the needed nutritional balance. It comes down to these basics:

- ① Eat a variety of fresh, raw produce
- 2 Strictly limit processed foods and sugar
- **3** Get regular exercise, preferably outdoors
- 4 Maintain a healthy physical and mental equilibrium in your daily routine

The goal here is not to load up on 1,000 percent of any particular supplement, most of which will be flushed out of the system, but to establish a good nutritional foundation, eat regular meals of the right size, and build on this base with natural supplements as recommended by your physician or naturopath.

And of course, COVID-19 vaccines are now available to all age groups to give your immune system a head start in warding off the virus.

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Caregiver Tips for Coping with Stress

by Melissa Ah Ho-Mauga, Vice President - Client Services, St. Francis Healthcare System

aring for a loved one can be stressful, even for the most resilient people. Over time, ✓ this can harm your health. Consider these four caregiver tips to help preserve your health and well-being:

- Accept your limitations. It's normal to feel guilty sometimes, but understand that no one is a perfect caregiver. Believe that you are doing the best you can at any given time.
- **Seek help.** Be prepared with a list of ways others can help you. Let friends and family members choose what they would like to do. Some may offer to take your loved one on a walk a couple of times a week. Others may be able to run an errand or cook for you.
- Set personal health goals. For example, set goals to establish a good sleep routine, find time to be physically active on most days of the week,

eat a healthy diet and drink plenty of water.

■ Get connected. Find out about caregiving resources in your community. St. Francis Healthcare System has free caregiver education



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Preparing Yourself for Caregiving Needs

by Gary A. Powell, Founder & Executive Director, The Caregiver Foundation



Then our loved one with dementia cannot clearly express their own wishes, it becomes a guessing game. When you stumble across an unanswered question in your role as caregiver, just think of the difference guidance from your loved one would have made! So it is clearly important that we do our own preparation for our own potential caregiving needs. Documenting your wishes for your future will be a much-appreciated tool for your own loved ones.

A **Personal Care Planning Notebook** can be an invaluable tool. It should include:

- A Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form (update it regularly)
- An Advanced Health Care Directive
- A Power of Attorney document that goes into effect only when you become incapacitated
- A copy of your birth certificate, wedding certificate and the birth certificates of your children
- A will including a nomination for personal representative
- Location of your trust document
- Your health insurance, dental insurance and Medicare cards
- A list of the doctors you normally see
- A Quality of Life Statement

A **Quality of Life Statement** is a document for your family that describes the care you want:

- Where would you like to receive that care? Get as specific as you like.
- Who would you permit to bathe you, etc.?
- If your finances are depleted, what are other fincance options for your continued care?

- Include details about life support or physical conditions you would find acceptable.
- What treatment or loss of physical ability would you not accept?
- A topic that also needs to be addressed is what vou consider to be a "good death." Do vou want to be left alone or be surrounded by family? You will lessen stress for your loved ones by providing this important information in advance.

Start on your Personal Care Planning Notebook today and update it at least once a year — your family will be eternally grateful to you.

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ARCHs: A Home-Like Setting for Seniors

by Dr. Poki'i Balaz, Director of Nursing, Lunalilo Home

hat do you think of when you hear the word ARCH? ture or perhaps those golden ones that McDonald's is famous for? Or do you think of a cathedral arch typically used in bridge architecture? Did you know that in senior care, the acronym "ARCH" means adult residential care home?

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Booklets Offer Help Amidst Life's Crises

by Generations Magazine Staff

valuable resource to help us cope effectly during our most trying times is available **L** through Kōkua Mau. Hawaiian for "continuous care," the statewide network supports and assists people who may be facing serious illness, as well as their loved ones.

Kōkua Mau provides information that helps to relieve the symptoms and stress of illness. It also includes information about hospice care, in order to provide the best care possible at the end of life.

A set of five, 20-page booklets developed by the Center on Aging at the University of Hawai'i are practical, pragmatic and easy-to-use guides available at no charge from Kōkua Mau's website.

Booklet 1: Advance Care Planning—Making Choices Known is a workbook for documenting the kind of care you want if you are unable to make decisions for yourself. Knowing your wishes will help your family and loved ones if they have to make medical decisions on your behalf. In this booklet, you will learn about the types of decisions you can make ahead of time and how to let others know what you want.

Booklet 2: Planning Ahead—Funeral and **Memorial Services** offers options for funerals, memorials and burial. Which plans should you make now? Making plans ahead of time will help reduce the stress on surviving family members and loved ones when death occurs. Planning your funeral or memorial service with mindfulness is a gift you share with those you love. This booklet will help you make and document those decisions for the events following your death.



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Activities & Dementia

by Carol Hickman, CTRS-Recreation Therapist at Manoa Cottage Kaimuki

roviding meaningful activities for your loved one with dementia is very possible. Activities can add meaning, boost quality of life, and provide beautiful opportunities for connection.

Here are some tips:

- Consider past interests: Activities that bring up memories and past skills are more likely to be successful and meaningful. So try choosing an activity that is familiar and provides opportunities to reminiscence.
- Approach with ease: Make your loved one feel safe—speak in a calm tone of voice and explain in simple words what is happening before you begin the activity together.
- Sneak in physical activity: Gardening, assisting with dishes and going shopping all involve being active, and may be able to fit more naturally into the day than formal exercise.

- Engage the senses: Your loved one may not be able to "do" an activity but can still "experience" an activity. Things like lighttouch massage, music and sitting outdoors can provide calm engagement.
- Share love: Emotion still holds meaning for those with dementia, and sharing kind or loving words can bring joy.

Caregiving for someone with dementia is challenging. Keep in mind that your loved one lives in moments, so aim to provide moments of joy throughout the day to boost their quality of life.

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Adult Day Care Supports Aging in Place

by Kathy Wyatt, President, Hale Hau'oli Hawaii

▲ dult day care services offer professional care for seniors and adults living with dementia and other disabilities. They receive therapeutic, social and health services during the day. Adult day care is also a great solution if the senior needs supervision for safety reasons, is expressing depression or isolation, needs socialization and engaging activities, or if the caregiver simply needs respite. Adult day care gives caregivers the opportunity to work while their loved one is safe.

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Adult day services information can be found at adultdaycentershawaii.org.

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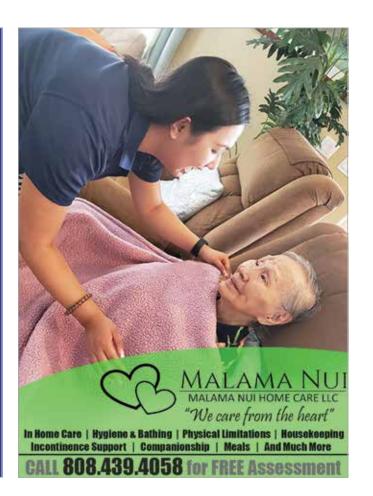


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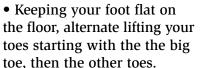
by Debbie Kim Morikawa, GYMGUYZ Owner

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To test your strength, mobility and coordination, try the following (these can be done seated):







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Free Dental Care & Education for Seniors

by Toni Murakana, Executive Director of Aloha Medical Mission

ince 1995, the Aloha Medical Mission (AMM) Dental Clinic has provided basic dental care at no cost for adults who are unable to afford it.

AMM Dental Clinic is a secular. nonprofit organization supported by government grants, independent donors and private foundations. Our independence and dedication to our mission has allowed AMM Dental Clinic to thrive, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, while other health centers closed. In 2020 between the months of April and June, the clinic experienced a 267 percent increase in patient visits.

AMM Dental Clinic continues to be a dental health "safety net," providing care at no cost for the homeless, immigrants, abused women, the elderly, and those with financial limitations, or limited or no dental insurance.

We support the local dental community by referring patients to participating providers. As a no-cost dental clinic, care is limited to dental examinations, cleanings, X-rays, fillings, extractions, limited dentures (for abused women) and limited root canals, with the goal of treating acute dental disease and preventing systemic health problems.

AMM Dental Clinic is grateful to the local dental community for volunteering their expertise and skills and providing pro bono dental care. Each month, five to 12 dentists step up to offer pro bono care. These volunteers allow AMM Dental Clinic to be a "safety net" at no-cost to those in need.

HOW CAN SENIORS BENEFIT?

Tooth decay is common among older adults. Nearly 50 percent of adults 65 years and older have untreated dental conditions, including tooth decay, gum problems and missing teeth.

A virtual educational format called "Kupuna Smiles" has been designed by the HDS Foundation to provide training to nursing home staff and caregivers to obtain certification for oral health care. Expansion through outreach with community partners is on the horizon. The primary goal of this initiative is to improve the oral health of

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Prevent Permanent Disability Due to Stroke

by Dr. Chris Dubuque, DO, FACP Internal Medicine, Ohana Pacific Medical

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What is a stroke? A stroke or "brain attack" occurs when the brain does not get enough oxygen from the blood, causing death of brain cells. It is easier to prevent a stroke than to recover from stroke disability.

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Will exercise help? A brisk walk 30 minutes per day has been shown to have many benefits. If you are unable to walk, many exercises can be conducted from home while seated in a chair.

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See Your Dentist if Your Mouth Feels Dry

by Kahala Howser, Wellness & Events Manager, Hawaii Dental Service

oes your mouth often feel dry and uncomfortable? Does it make eating, speaking or swallowing difficult?

Dry mouth can cause oral health issues that can affect your smile and overall quality of life. Persistent dry mouth is not a normal sign of aging and may be a possible side effect of many common medications, a symptom of certain diseases or health conditions, or a side effect of substance abuse or cancer treatment.

This uncomfortable condition can lead to tooth decay, gum disease, mouth sores, cracked lips, bad breath and may affect your ability to eat and speak. It's important to see a dentist and physician if you suffer from persistent dry mouth, so they can determine the cause and offer solutions

to alleviate symptoms and stimulate

saliva flow. Solutions may include drinking more water, limiting caffeine, avoiding tobacco and alcohol, rinsing with an alcohol-free mouthwash or using an over-the-counter saliva substitute.

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Protect Your Eyes From Computer Overuse

by Dr. Steven Rhee, Medical Director & Cornea Specialist, Hawaiian Eye Center

Tf you spend your working day behind a computer screen, you are at risk **▲** of experiencing digital eye strain, or Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS). Symptoms of this include dry eyes, blurred vision, headaches, and neck and shoulder pain.

Any combination of the following factors can lead to CVS: uncorrected refractive errors (nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism), poor lighting, screen glare, and poor workstation setup for posture and viewing.

Many experts believe that daily computer use may be a contributing factor to the rise in nearsightedness and dry eye disease.

How you can help protect yourself from CVS:

• Make sure your prescriptions are correct.

• Make sure you blink regularly to rehydrate your eyes.

> • Use Dr. Rhee's 20-20-20 rule. Look up from your screen every 20 minutes at something at least 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds.

• Make sure the the center of your

screen is just below eye level and around 20 to 28 inches away from your eyes. Make screen brightness similar to your

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• Visit an eyecare professional to find out if you need special computer glasses or treatment for dry eyes.

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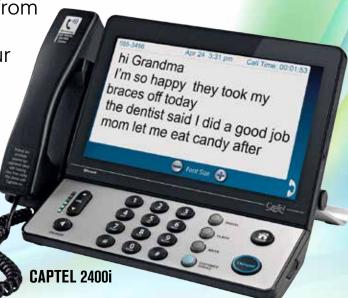
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Visitor Aloha Societies in Hawai'i Care for Travelers Touched by Adversity

by Jessica Lani Rich, President & CEO, Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii



espite the ongoing pandemic, Hawai'i continues to attract scores of visitors lured by the promise of pristine beaches, pictureperfect scenery and a balmy, tropical climate. Yet, the fact remains that while our state continues to be one of the safest destinations in the world, it is not unlike anywhere else. The islands still can be a place where unfortunate circumstances may befall just about anyone.

Of course, no person goes on vacation expecting the worst. Many are even prone to letting their guard down — which is when Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i (VASH) steps in.

Established in 1997 by the Rotary Club of Honolulu, with the cooperation of the Honolulu Police Department, VASH serves as a temporary lifeline from which US mainland and international travelers may receive free moral support, translation services, and help with funeral arrangements and other emergency assistance.

Although there are VASH branches throughout the state, all operate independently of each other. Those found on Maui and Kaua'i, for example, work in conjunction with Maui Visitors Bureau and Kaua'i Visitors Bureau, respectively, while VASH on the Big Island and here on O'ahu operate as nonprofit organizations.

How Can VASH Help?

The way it works is simple: When a visitor files a police report, encounters a social worker in the hospital or requires emergency medical services, VASH may be called upon to assist.

Be it car break-ins at popular lookout points; incidents of theft, domestic violence or injury or even the unexpected passing of a loved one our team of carefully trained volunteers intervenes with empathy and guidance to help vacationers in need find solace and move forward.

In some instances, guests on cruise ships that dock in Honolulu, particularly the elderly, slip and fall, sustaining an injury, while others simply become ill. Whatever the case, they may find themselves in a local hospital, separated from loved ones in unfamiliar territory. That's when a VASH volunteer steps in to let them know they are not alone.

In another case not long ago, The Queen's Medical Center-West O'ahu reached out after treating a domestic abuse victim on vacation with her family. Every step of the way—from keeping her and her three children safe at their hotel to seeing them through TSA at the airport—VASH was right there, even following up with her after she returned home.

Unsurprisingly, our focus within the past year has expanded to include protecting Hawai'i from the possible spread of COVID-19. Last year, for example, in partnership with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, we introduced the COVID-19 Flight Assistance Program, helping to monitor visitors who violate the state's mandatory quarantine. In some of these instances, VASH has helped violators find discounted plane fares. In others, particularly when an offender has been arrested and is found to be without any money, we have donated return flights. VASH is funded by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. VASH is very grateful for this support.

But none of these efforts would be possible without the contributions of our dedicated volunteers, many of whom are Hawai'i seniors. With only one other full-time staffer and five part-timers, volunteers are what keep VASH running full speed ahead.

With the islands reopening to visitors from all over the world, who continue to arrive en masse, VASH welcomes anyone interested in lending their time to our organization.

The Role of VASH Volunteers

The most common role our volunteers take on is that of friend and confidante, connecting with distressed visitors over the phone from the comfort of their own home. It is through these conversations that, with a friendly, understanding attitude, VASH volunteers offer hope and compassion. More often than not — particularly for those visitors who find themselves alone, far from family and friends in other parts of the country or world—all they are looking for is a sympathetic ear.



Robert Gentry, 83, a former mayor of Laguna Beach, Calif., has been with VASH for almost 13 years.

Volunteer opportunities abound: Some prefer to spend their time helping out in our office. One woman designs floral arrangements for visitors who find themselves in the hospital. Whatever their interest, there is something for everyone.

There are no extraordinary qualifications required of potential volunteers. However, those hoping to serve as liaisons for agitated visitors should possess excellent listening skills to best determine their needs.

Everyone must undergo a mandatory four-hour training session before being put to work. All we ask for is a mere three hours of their time each month—and it isn't uncommon for an initial commitment to turn into a lifelong passion.

To learn more about getting involved, call 808-926-8274 or fill out our volunteer application form at visitoralohasocietyofhawaii.org/ volunteer-program.

SAFETY TRAVEL TIPS FOR EVERYONE

While going on vacation certainly is a time to have fun, it doesn't mean throwing caution to the wind. It's all about finding a balance between leaving with both a memorable experience and everything intact. Seniors in particular should heed these simple safety tips:

- Upon arriving at your destination, take your luggage to your hotel. Even if your room isn't ready, hotels will typically store luggage, ensuring it doesn't have to sit in your car.
- Instead of traveling with all of your cash, credit cards and other valuables, use the safe in your hotel room to store personal items. Hopping out of the car just for a minute to snap a photo or grab a bite to eat? Take everything with you. On that note, don't arrive at a destination and then store something in your trunk before embarking on an activity. You can never be sure of who's watching. Never leave items unattended, as well.
- Pack a photocopy of your passport or driver's license just in case the original is ever lost or stolen. Be sure to store them separately.
- Keep your hotel door locked at all times and use the peephole if anyone knocks.
- Look and listen. Be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, leave or get help. ■

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What's the 'Advantage' in Medicare Plans?

by Robin Reisinger, Insurance Agent

here's been a lot of buzz about the extra benefits that come with Medicare Advantage plans. I'm asked everyday, "What's the best plan?" There really isn't a one-sizefits-all best plan — but chances are, there could be a better plan out there for you than what you have.

While choosing the most valuable plan for you, make sure your prescriptions and providers are covered and in the network. Consider the specific benefits that are most advantageous to you and what is personally important to you.

There are two times per year that most members can change plans; however, very often, there are additional windows that allow Medicare beneficiaries to make changes mid-year. These windows may be available to you.

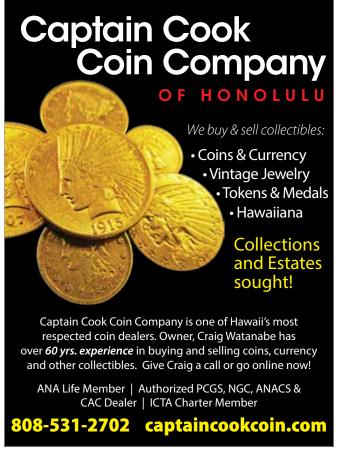
While the employees of each carrier are trained about the specific plans they represent, they can be examples of "If the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

To get the most unbiased advice, I suggest you find a local, independent insurance agent who specializes in Medicare and represents multiple plans.

Medicare can be confusing, but with a bit of help from experts, it doesn't have to be intimidating or overwhelming.

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Relay Conference Captioning Service

by LisaAnn Tom, Customer Relations Manager, Relay Hawaii

ommunication access is critical to stay connected for our health and overall quality of ✓ life. As we age, hearing loss may affect our lives, making it more difficult to understand what is happening during in-person meetings, community services, safety workshops and many other events. Struggling to hear and understand what is being said in our daily activities may cause us to feel a loss of independence and dignity, and may even cause us to withdraw socially.

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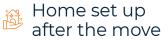
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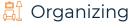
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by Jane Burigsay, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Hawaiʻi

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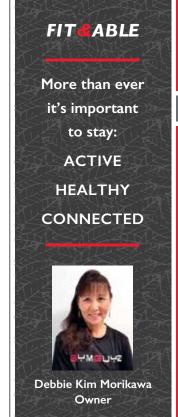
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Alzheimer's: Steps to Prepare Financially

by Michael W. K. Yee, Financial Advisor and Certified Financial Planner



If a person close to you has been diagnosed **▲** with Alzheimer's disease, it may be time to address some serious financial questions. It is wise to get financial matters in order as soon as possible due to the debili-

tating nature of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia that affect your loved one's ability to make sound decisions.

Here are four important steps to take:

1) Look for signs of unusual financial activity

Discrepancies involving money can often be among the early signs of cognitive challenges for an individual. Red flags may include difficulty paying a proper amount for an item, leaving bills unpaid or making out-of-the-ordinary purchases. If you observe signs of a loss in judgment related to financial matters, additional action may be required.

2) Identify and designate a power of attorney

Many people are reluctant to hand over control of their personal finances. It's important to have an honest discussion with your loved one and help them appreciate the importance of having someone look out for their interests.

It is important to identify a trusted surrogate to help manage day-to-day money matters when that becomes necessary. The individual should be designated as the financial power-of-attorney, authorized to sign checks, pay bills and help keep an eye on the affected person's finances. The powerof-attorney designee can ease into the role, only assuming full control when it becomes absolutely necessary as the person receiving the diagnosis loses capacity to make rational decisions.

3) Make sure proper documentation is in place

An individual needs to be considered competent to complete or update legal paperwork such as wills, trusts and other estate planning documents. This should include an advanced health care directive that will indicate the levels of care that should be provided if health deteriorates. Also check beneficiary designations on any retirement and financial accounts, as well as life insurance policies. With all relevant documentation, be sure the information and named beneficiaries are up to date and that proper processes are followed. Check with an estate planning attorney for help.

4) Assess costs of care and how it will be covered

A top priority is to determine a strategy for how your loved one will be cared for, particularly if his or her cognitive abilities should deteriorate over time. Will specialized care be required, either in the home, or in a nursing or assisted living facility? If so, are there resources or long-term care insurance policies in place to help deal with those costs? This will greatly affect any decisions regarding a care strategy. Talk to an elder law attorney about trusts that can be established to provide for care for the disabled individual while still protecting the family's assets.

Be proactive in your approach

Waiting too long to address financial considerations after an Alzheimer's diagnosis can exacerbate an already stressful and emotional time.

Take steps to get on top of the situation as soon as you become aware of an impending problem. Keep in mind that establishing a plan for addressing these issues even before a form of dementia is firmly diagnosed also makes sense.

Consult with your financial advisor for guidance on how to manage these challenging times.

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Make Plans to Win the Game of Life

by Scott A. Makuakane, Counselor at Law, Est8Planning Counsel LLLC

The clock will wind down on all of us some day, and most of us are going to need some level of long-term care before it does.

Winning the game of life—and death—depends on having an effective plan in place before the inevitable happens.

If you do not have an advance healthcare directive, your loved ones may find themselves blindsided and sidelined at the precise moment you need them to step in and make medical decisions for you.

If you do not have a will or a trust to pass your assets to your chosen receivers, not only might your estate be intercepted by the wrong team, it may also be sacked by creditors, or disgruntled family members and their lawyers.

Think of your trusted advisors as your coaches. They have playbooks

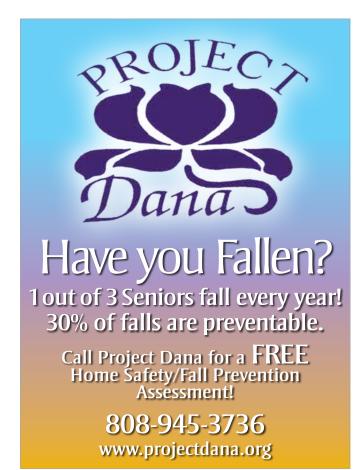
filled with strategies to overcome every opponent. Think of yourself as your estate's quarterback. If you listen to your coaches and execute the right plays, your loved ones will eventually be wearing championship rings.

WISDOMS:

Where will your loved ones be when the final gunshot sounds and the lights go out? It's up to you. Nobody plans to fail, but too many of us fail to plan.

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Passing on Keepsakes

by Stephen B. Yim, Attorney at Law



Question: Should I write instructions regarding my jewelry and other personal assets in my will?

Answer: The best method for passing on keepsakes is to use a Personal Property Memorandum.

he State of Hawai'i allows you to make your own list of beneficiaries of tangible personal property. Just hand-write the list of property and the beneficiary, sign it and date it.

What are the Benefits of Creating a Personal **Property Memorandum?**

Passing on keepsakes to those we care about and who we know will cherish them can be a meaningful experience. We hope that the recipient of these items will continue to find value and meaning in the keepsake long after we are gone.

• It can help reduce any conflict that might oc-

cur between siblings after parents die. A parent's death can be a very stressful time as people are asked to deal with assets while they are grieving. This can strain relationships. A parent making the decision rather than leaving it up to the children to decide can greatly reduce conflict.

- It can reduce legal fees. A Personal Property Memorandum does not require the assistance of an attorney, thus eliminating attorney costs.
- Enrich your relationships by fostering communication now. It can bring relationships closer when you engage in a conversation with each beneficiary, in person, to tell the story and value of the item vou intend to leave for him or her. ■

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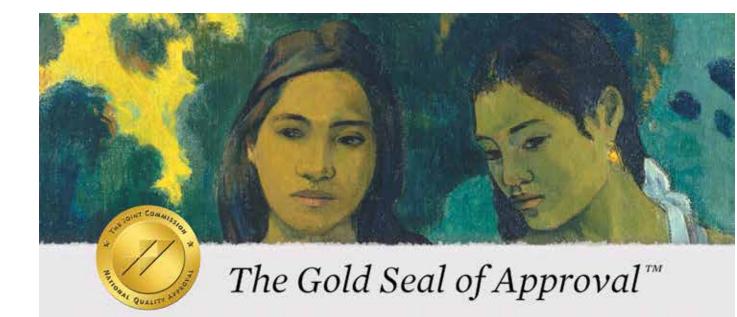


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