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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

With many bills moving through legislative committees in preparation for conference, we still take the time to honor Hawai'i's fallen heroes and commend organizations deserving of recognition for their considerable services to our State.

In this issue, we honor fallen war heroes with the Hawai'i Medal of Honor, we recognize the Maui recipients of the 2013 Hawai'i Invasive Species Council Awards, Coffees of Hawai'i for 20 years of operating on Moloka'i and the Youth of the Year from Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the State.

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HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI,
MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHO'OLAWÉ



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MAUI
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Sen. English and colleagues were happy to recognize members of the State of Hawai'i Boys and Girls Club for being named the 2013 Youth of the Year finalists and honorees in the Lieutenant Governor's office. This year Mason Aquino, of the Central Clubhouse; Kalani Minihan of the Lahaina Clubhouse and Tia Bright of the Haiku Clubhouse were the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui 2013 Youth of the Year Honorees with Aaren Soriano, of the Makawao Clubhouse representing Maui as the 2013 Youth of the Year Finalist.

The Boys and Girls Club's Youth of the Year program has brought hope and opportunity to hardworking and deserving young people who have overcome enormous odds. The organization's premier character and leadership program, Youth of the Year is a comprehensive, nationwide program that identifies and recognizes outstanding young people 14-18 years of age for behavior that warrants celebration. It promotes and celebrates Club members' service to Club, community and family; academic performance; ethical values; life goals; poise and public speaking ability. The program is an effective year-round tool

for fostering young people's personal growth and leadership qualities. Local Clubs throughout the State of Hawai'i recognize Youths of the Month, followed by the selection of their Club Youth of the Year. These individuals participate in a statewide competition, followed by the winner moving on to the regional competition. Five regional candidates will then compete for the National Youth of the Year honors.

Shortly after receiving his Senate Certificate of Recognition as a finalist for the 2013 Youth of the Year program, Kamehameha Schools, Maui Campus, junior Aaren Soriano was selected as the State of Hawai'i Boys and Girls Clubs 2013 Youth of the Year and will represent our State at the regional level. "I congratulate Aaren for this tremendous accomplishment," said Sen. English, "He is a great representative for all the Maui Boys and Girls Clubs."

*Above - Senators present Senate Certificates to the 2013 Boys & Girls Clubs of the State of Hawai'i, Youth of the Year honorees and finalists in the LT. Governor's office.
March 19, 2013.*

KA IPU KUKUI FELLOWS MEET WITH MAUI SENATORIAL DELEGATION



Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows meet with their Senatorial delegation; Senators J. Kalani English, Roz Baker and Gilbert Keith-Agaran. March 7, 2013.

Earlier this month, Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows met with their Senatorial delegation; Senators J. Kalani English, Roz Baker and Gilbert Keith-Agaran. They also had the opportunity to meet with Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui and other lawmakers.

The Fellows are studying governance and came to O'ahu to observe the Legislative Session in the House and Senate Chambers as well as tour the Hawai'i State Capitol. While at the Capitol, the students were able to ask legislators tough questions regarding policies and other topics. They were also enthusiastic about the Hawai'i State Senate's social media initiatives.

"I am so impressed with the quality of these young leaders," said Sen. English, "Their insightful questions and willingness to engage with government is promising for the future."

Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows is a year-long program designed to train community-identified future leaders. It was conceived to promote and develop future leaders through a community-based program designed to address planning for Maui's future.

MAUI COUNTY SENATE TEAM WELCOMES HAWAI'I STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Maui members of the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities met with their Senators and Representatives during its 13th annual Day at the Capitol. Hosted by Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui, the meeting gave caregivers and providers the opportunity to discuss budget items and bills relating to developmental disabilities with their legislators.

"I know that the services that we provide are important and it was good to hear the members express their thoughts and concerns on these issues," added Sen. English.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Hawai'i and is part of a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness and build understanding. The 2013 national theme, "Look Beyond," encourages people to get acquainted with someone who has a developmental disability, look beyond the person's disability, and recognize that all individuals have talents and abilities to contribute.



Maui County Senate team, along with other legislators, welcomed the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities to the State Capitol. March 14, 2013.

TRANSPORTATION IN HAWAI'I CONFERENCE



Sen. English provides the opening remarks at the Transportation in Hawai'i conference in Honolulu. Feb. 28, 2013.

Sen. English, Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, was invited to present opening remarks at the, "Transportation in Hawai'i – How are we getting around these days" conference sponsored by the Hawai'i Venture Capitol Association and ThinkTech on February 28th, 2013. Conference topics focused on: the evolution of cars and congestion, mass transit, complete streets, biking alternatives, air and sea travel among the islands, city and state plans to improve the current systems, entrepreneurial and investment opportunities, the importance of transportation policy to the economy and prospects for the future of transportation in Hawai'i.

The agenda for this conference consisted of a diverse array of perspectives that included panelists from; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute, Automobile Dealers Association, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, PACXA Hawai'i, the University of Hawai'i and Honolulu Transit Oriented Development.

COFFEES OF HAWAI'I ON MOLOKA'I

In celebration of its 20th anniversary of coffee production on Moloka'i, Coffees of Hawai'i hosted a two-day festival on March 15 and 16 at their baseyard in Kualapu'u. Owner Mike Atherton and Albert Boyce manage their company by being fair and treating their employees and customers with respect and aloha. The festival is an opportunity for them to showcase the plantation and give thanks to the community for their support over all these years.

The festivities opened with a pule by Kumu Manuwai Peters. Festival highlights included: a parade, fashion show, coffee poetry reading, a purely Hawaiian Country Fairgrounds, coffee brewing and cupping workshops, and coffee growing and processing tours. Popular local musicians provided entertainment. There were espresso and batik artwork for sale. The Moloka'i police, firemen and TSA agents competed in a coffee chili cook-off. Festival attendees also enjoyed ono Hawaiian plate lunch, shave ice, cotton candy, and a variety of drinks besides coffee.

"I am pleased that Coffees of Hawai'i has been an economic presence on Moloka'i for twenty years," said Sen. English, "More importantly, their online distribution of Moloka'i coffee provides international interest in the island and consequently the people of Moloka'i and the State benefit from all of this."

MAUI RECIPIENTS OF THE HAWAI'I INVASIVE SPECIES 2013 AWARD

March 4, 2013 was the beginning of Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Week at the Hawai'i State Capitol. The week-long event featured briefings, workshops and events that focused on strategizing solutions to address invasive species prevention, detection, monitoring, control and management at the federal, state and local levels. Officials have estimated that at least one invasive species becomes established in Hawai'i weekly. Invasive species impact our natural resources, food security, health, cultural heritage and the economy.

The week started with the first annual Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) Awards, which honors those statewide who dedicate their time and effort in the ongoing battle against invasive species. Peter Vorhes received Maui County's Most Valuable Person award. Peter is a Windward Aviation pilot and works with conservation crews throughout the state. During 2012, Peter was instrumental in developing herbicide ballistic technology from the experimental phase to the fully operational level. This technology has the potential to aerially control and eradicate invasive plants.

Honorable mentions for Maui County MVP are Pat Bily and Paul Miller. Pat is a Nature Conservancy Plant Specialist and has led the Conservancy's weed control efforts for almost two decades. His work includes more than 22 years of ginger control work at Waikamoi. He was recognized for his dedication, commitment and hard work and is highly respected by many in the field. Paul Miller is a Ha'iku resident known for his contribution and support towards the eradication of coqui frogs. He has taken every available opportunity to volunteer his expertise and heavy equipment to help the Maui Invasive Species Council coqui crew.

"As a lifelong resident of Maui, every year I have seen more and more alien species invasion that threatens our native ecosystem," said Sen. English, "I am glad that there are people who have dedicated their time and resources to control and eradicate invasive species."



*Sen. English with Peter Vorhes, recipient of HISC Maui's **Most Valuable Person Award**. March 4, 2013.*



Via Google+ Hangout; lawmakers in Washington DC and the State along with early childhood education advocates, participate in a roundtable discussion on early childhood education in Hawai'i. March 22, 2013.



Sen. English with student shadow Michael Kikukawa from Moloka'i High School. Michael will be attending Harvard University when he graduates. March 19, 2013.

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FALLEN WAR HEROES HONORED BY LEGISLATURE

In 2005, Act 21 was signed into law, which created the Hawai'i Medal of Honor (HMOH). This special medal is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i to an individual who was killed in action while serving our country as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Recipients of the medal include members of the United Armed Forces, the United States Military Reserves, and the Hawai'i National Guard, who were residents of the State of Hawai'i, attended an educational institution in Hawai'i, or were stationed in Hawai'i by order of the United States Department of Defense.

As of December 31, 2012, Hawai'i has lost 327 service members with Hawai'i ties, who have sacrificed their lives, while in the line of duty.



- United States Marine Corps Captain Daniel B. Bartle**
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