

APRIL - MAY 2016

Windward Oahu News

Oahu Association for Family and Community Education

APRIL PLT: INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK – COUNTRY FLAGS



Three council clubs met on Tuesday, April 26 to present their respective country flags. Hui O`Koolau - Liechenstein; Hui O`Makani – Brazil; Imiola – Sri Lanka. Each club gave the location of their country, background history, food, culture, places of interest, and interesting facts about their selected flag. The food was delicious!

Hui O`Koolau:



Hui O`Makani:



Imiola:



MAY PLT: CRAFT NITE



Members met to learn how to make a necklace using a specialty yarn purchased and taught by Patricia Kubo. The necklaces that members learned to crochet were the same necklaces that Pat sold at our 2015 State convention with funds going to the Trimble Foundation. Each member paid \$3.00 for a kit and monies will be donated to Trimble Foundation.

WINDWARD OAHU'S CHARACTER COUNTS!sm WINNER PLACES THIRD IN STATE DIVISION

Kawakua Palafox placed third in the State division of the CHARACTER COUNTS!sm contest. Kawakua is from St. John Vianney's School in Kailua. We look forward to their participation again in the 2016-17 contest. Watch for more details in August. Congratulations to a job well done.



FUN CAMP AT HO`OMALUHIA



Windward and South Oahu clubs met at Ho`omaluhia on Saturday, April 16. The planning committee a full day of events – crafting (braided ribbon lei – in time for graduation by Jeanette Pang and origami boxes by Kathy Uehana), food demonstrations by Kathy Uehana (sauerkraut), Wanda Lew (microwave oatmeal), Mary Takeshita (prawns with fennel, and Patricia Kubo (garlic chicken and chocolate cake) Contest was held for the best name tag, coloring sheets by Kathy Uehana mini bazaar sale, a delicious taco salad bar for everyone to feast on for lunch. Even though the mini bazaar was small, the table for Trimble Foundation by Patricia Kubo raised \$163.50. Thank you Pat!

2016 SERVICE PROJECT: FAMILY PROMISE

2016 Service Project with Family Promise in Kailua, Hawaii continues to do well. Members bring to each meeting items to be used by these families. Not only goods are being donated but monetary donations too. Hui O`Makani continues to lead by collecting, tallying and delivering donations to Family Promise. Continue the great job Windward! For members who cannot attend any of our events, please give your club members your donations to bring to our meetings for collection. Every bit helps.

FUN DAY AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Kailua, Hawaii



With supplies and craft kits ready for 45 youth at the Kailua Boys & Girls Club, 11 members taught these youths to make pizzas, pill bottles into handy holders, 9 oz. cups turned into a mini shooter game, and spam cans decorated as presents for moms. Over 80 hours were put into this project and many supplies were donated as well. Nancy Arakaki, Stella Wakamatsu, Natalie Oda-Lee and Emily Deai were the leaders for the spam cans, Patricia Kubo, Pachi Tomasa, Ketzen Lane, Asja Deai and Annie Sagawa leading the pizza making and David and Ruth Haisuka, Jeanette Pang and Jordan Lane leading the mini shooter and pill bottle craft. The youths were excited to make these recycled crafts as they were planning to give their special crafts to their mothers.



CLUB NEWS:

Hui O`Koolau:

Hui O`Koolau is full of Educational and fun projects planned for the coming months. Besides the Homemaker's Creed or the Mission Statement to open our meetings, members are sometimes read an inspirational article or poem. Dixie Dumarán, our president and health chairperson, always has interesting articles on health issues consisting of research and new methods of treatment and prevention.

An Events Coordinator has been added to our club and Bernadette Baker is our leader. Bernie keeps members active with planning educational tours and exhibits for upcoming months. Members had a tour of the Farmer's Market in Kailua, which was very overwhelming. In April, members visited the Rose Garden and succulent collection of Lillian Bloombaker in Kaneohe. She shared her knowledge of her hobbies especially her Rose Garden collection. She offered a "TIP" to keeping her blooms Bug Free: place a battery lamp that lights up at night in the rose garden. Members went home with many succulent plants.

Majhon anyone? Dixie has gotten her members to learn the basics of the game and has her members "HOOKED". They have become more competitive and into the game more. There's always snacks and lunch at this event. They plan to meet on May 31 at Evelyn Cabral's home which should be lots of fun.

There's always a local treasure right here in our backyard at Kaneohe – Ho`omaluhia. It never fails to amaze us our visit started with review of local artists works which were on display to the public our visit was highlighted by several sightings of wild pigs foraging for food. Bernie Baker just had to have tamarind fruits "just to taste" from the 3 trees! The day was topped off by a delicious lunch at Zia's nearby. Over lunch discussions for next excursions came up such as a cruise around the islands or an overnight camping at Ho`omaluhia (allowed on weekends with permits).

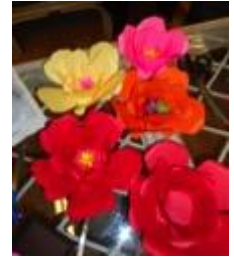
Imiola:



As you can see from the pictures above, members are having quite a grand time making items for their upcoming fundraising event. Each member who leads the program for our monthly meeting presents a craft to make. In addition, members make crafts at home to contribute to the various items already made.

Hui O`Makani:

Looking for a way to decorate and enhance festivities at your next get-together? Iris Fukunaga provided all materials to make large 3-D flowers for wall decorations or centerpieces. The attractive flowers were fun to make and some members used them for their Easter celebrations.



A favor that Iris created using wide mouthed jars planted with wheat berry grass seeds was used by Iris to make an Easter favor for members. Nestled in the grass was a chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs – a perfect Easter treat. Thank you Iris!

Providing precut multicolored cards, paper strips and stamps and even envelopes, Annie Sagawa and her daughter Susan Stewart showed members how to make pretty greeting cards. Now, members know that they can produce an inexpensive customized greeting card with just a bit of investment of time and materials.



Pat Kubo shared a delicious English muffin pizza for each member. The pizzas were one of the food/crafts the Boys and Girls Club members learned to make at their beautiful new facility in Kailua during the public schools' Spring Break. About 45 children attended the session. A sincere thank you too, to all the club members who volunteered to prepare kits and food and teach the children at this event.

Pat Kubo shared her long time passion for the Sogetsu school of flower arranging with members. Lucky members then had a chance to make their own arrangements. We thank Pat for all the materials and especially for the fun and relaxing opportunity. Our homes are now graced with beautiful arrangements that we actually created!



COMING PROGRAMS:

WWO & SO	June 8, 14 & 29	4-H Urban Gardens
SO	June 15	PLT
WO	June 28	Blue Zone –Dr. Carl Ottinger
WWO & SO	July 2	2017 Convention Committee Planning – UGC
WWO	July 9	Juarez Mexico Mission Project
WWO	July 12	Board Meeting
WWO & SO	July 15	Deadline for Convention Registration
WWO	July 16	PLT – Foster Gardens
SO	July 20	Board/Council Meeting UGC
WWO	August 9	Council Meeting
SO	July 17	PLT
WWO	July 23	PLT – Karaoke
WWO & SO	July 31	Articles due for Newsletter