

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2020

Windward Oahu News

Oahu Association for Family and Community Education

PROJECT LEADERSHIP TRAINING (PLT) AND OTHER EVENTS

Mark Your 2020 Calendars!

- September 1 - CHARACTER COUNTS! Starts
- September 22 - Windward Oahu PLT Program Planning, 6:30 pm, via Zoom
- October 13 - Windward Oahu Board Meeting, 10:00 am, via Zoom
- October 15 - HAFCE Annual Meeting Test Link – Zoom @ 6:00 pm – Council President & Delegates and Members Attending Annual Meeting
- October 17 - HAFCE Annual Meeting – via Zoom
Executive Board 8:00 to 9:00 am; HAFCE Board 9:00 am to 10:00 am;
Annual Meeting 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon;
HAFCE Vice President’s Meeting 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
- November 10 - Windward Oahu Council Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom

Watch for updated listing of events as these are subject to change due to the Corona Virus situation.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

CHARACTER COUNTS!®

Windward Oahu’s CHARACTER COUNTS!® Essay and Artwork contest for 2021 has been distributed to Hanalani Schools in Mililani and St. Vianney in Kailua. The theme this year is “Responsibility”. Pending participation is Kapunahala Elementary. Due to the virus, I was unable to confirm its participation. If anyone else wants packets for their schools, please let us know.

Update for HAFCE State Winner at the National level has not been decided but the winner will be honored at the 2021 National Conference.

PROGRAM: FOOD WASTE

How are you doing with Food Waste? Has there been lots of waste or little? Have you been consolidating your leftovers into new meals. It’s amazing what one can come up with new dishes with a little imagination. If you have been participating in Food Waste, let us know what you have been doing and all the creative dishes you have been eating.

NA LEI FOR VETERANS PROJECT

Thank you members for those of you who are continuing to make yarn lei for our State Veterans at the Kaneohe Veteran’s Cemetery. Please hold on to your lei and continue to keep track of your time and costs. Windward Council members are the best as we still continue to support our community even in times of the Corona Virus.

PLT – JUAREZ, MEXICO MISSION TRIP PROJECT

Although we did not go to Juarez, Mexico last year, University Baptist Church did send the funds we raised for the family and asked that the Mission Ministries team build the house for us. The following is a story about the family:



"I (Alma) met my ex-husband ten years ago. We met because we were neighbors, then we later began dating. We dated for about a year before moving in together, but he turned out to be an irresponsible man and an alcoholic. After our daughter was born, I decided to leave him and move to Juarez. My daughter and I lived in rent houses for about a year and a half after moving here, then I was able to acquire a piece of land on which we are actually living now in a house we built out of pallet boards. I work cleaning houses in the city or sometimes helping out my mother and step-father. I also work in Pastor Miguel's church, which is how I came to petition for a home. I hope that someone will be able to help me and my daughter in this way. Thank you."



Present house; waiting for new house.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, REMINDERS& NOTES



The 2020 Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, October 17 with the Executive Board starting at 8:00 to 9:00 am; HAFCE Board 9:00 am to 10:00 am (Executive Committee, Board, Standing Committee, Education Chairs, Council Presidents), Annual Meeting 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon (Executive Committee, Board, Standing Committee, Education Chairs, Council Presidents, Delegates – able to talk/vote and members wishing to attend). Members wishing to attend must register with Patricia Kubo prior to the meeting in order to receive the invitation link to the Annual Meeting. Please note that members will be able to speak or vote at the annual meeting. After the Annual Meeting, Council Vice Presidents will have their meeting with Margaret Cambra. HAFCE Vice President from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm.



Quality Gift Tickets: New Plan. Since Covid-19 has impacted many of us, your Executive Committee made a decision to alter the way we handle the Quality Gift Tickets this year. HAFCE is asking all members to donate to HAFCE Quality Gift Ticket Fundraiser. Although it would be nice to receive \$10.00, any amount towards this fundraiser will be accepted. This fundraiser is the only income to fund our organization. Instead of clubs/councils donating a \$15.00 prize, members are encouraged to donate funds. HAFCE will have ten (10) \$10.00 prize award for winners. Each member of our organization will have their name place in the "hat" and Lee Watanabe of the Ways & Means Committee, will draw the names of winners. Checks should be payable to: HAWAII ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY COMMUNITY EDUCATION and sent to your club treasurer. I hope that even though we will not have "tickets" each of us will support our organization by giving.

Denise Smith of the Trimble Distribution Committee has already sent out the tickets for the "Roses for Ruthie" Quilt. All funds raised goes to the Trimble Foundation. Tickets and money (payable to Trimble Foundation) should be mailed to Martha Yamada, P.O. Box 7066, Hilo, HI 96720.



STATE AWARD/TIME REPORTS/HOURS, ETC. are suspended for this year. Due to the Covid-19 Virus and members not being able to meet, the Education Chair awards will not be

awarded at the 2020 Annual Meeting. Please, if you are still working on projects, please continue track your time and costs for future filings of Windward Oahu's projects.

CORONA VIRUS MASK PROJECT:



Don't forget, if you have made any masks for friends, family, the community, etc., please let Ruthie know so she can update our report.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

IMIOLA NEWS:

ChutimaLeider, president of Imiola, called a Zoom meeting for its members. Members were able to discuss the business of our organization but also see each other. It has been a long while since we met as a club. Jacquie Maly continues to send emails entitled "Corona Laugh". " and has reached 149 as of the writing of this article and is still going strong. Some of her daily "laughs" do create chuckles/smiles to ones' face. Thank you Jacquie for taking the time to look for these "laughs" to bring a cheer or two each day.

Updates on members: Carole cannot feed the chickens at Windward Mall anymore, eating and sleeping lots. Health is okay. Ruthie is now a 7th grader so she can help Ketzen with school work, making masks for schools, helping at her church and constantly doing HAFCE business. David is working around the house, in the yard, catching up of things that were put off, purging, helping neighbors with their yards. Chutima is doing yard work, cooking, cleaning, lots of time on the internet. Hubby Herbert is watching tv, reading and lots of time on the computer probably watching the stocks. Jacquie is very busy with "farming" in large raised beds, daily Corona Laughs, may Zoom meetings up to three a day. Scott is safe from the West Coast fires for now but there's lots of smoke. He indicated that the 2021 National Conference will be in Kentucky. His store is doing well now that he is able to open. He also restored a chest that had been in his family for 7 generations that was made without nails. Jeanette was not present at this meeting for her update and Lucy is well and busy in Minnesota. Club members will meet again in October.

HUI `O MAKANI NEWS:

On Wednesday August 12th, Natalie Oda-Lee, our beloved friend and Hui O Makani club member, passed away. According to Natalie, she had a wonderful 99th birthday on July 25th. Members of her church, the Kailua United Methodist Church, put together a caravan of well-wishers in front of Pohai Nani Retirement Community where she had lived since February.



Natalie was planning on responding to every one of the over one hundred birthday cards and well wishes that she had received.

Natalie is pictured here at one of our activities making her own creation of a flower arrangement.

Until the Covid-19 shutdown, Natalie was active as a Board Member for the Kailua Boys and Girls Club, a long time Kailua Rotary member, the leader of the fund raising Crafty Ladies at her church, as well as a member of the Hui O Makani FCE group. In the past, Natalie was part of a coalition of churches that organized to open what is now the Windward Senior Care Center. I will miss her as the gracious hostess of our monthly Scrabble challenge at the Mid Pac Country Club where she was able to use all 7 of her tiles 2 times.

The comment most heard has been that Natalie’s life is an example of a well lived life, filled with kindness, humor, grace and community service. We will truly miss you Natalie.

Plans for a memorial service are pending and will take place later this month or in early September. Condolences can be sent to her home at 139 Omao Street, Kailua, HI 96734-2149.

