
KAFCE NEWS

Flashback: Kaua'i Council's History

The University Extension (U.E.) Service started on Kauai in July of 1929 with Miss Martha Eder as the first Agent. Martha was able to organize five 4-H (youth) and 12 U.E. (adult-family) Clubs assisted by Miss Wong over several years.

In 1943, the Kauai Homemaker's Council was organized by Miss Rugland and Mrs. Florence Fernandes. The Council assisted agents in planning U.E. and 4-H activities. Mrs. Tomiko Miyoshi was elected as Kauai Council's first President, 1943-46. Mrs. Ruth S. Otsuka, was the first State President in 1947-48. Edith Izumi of Maui served as second State President, 1948-49. Masako (Miura) Ishii, Kapa'a, Kauai became the third State President, 1949-50 and served again in 1954-55.



Pic above left: Mrs. Tomiko Miyoshi, Kauai Council's first President, 1943-46

Masako (Miura) Ishii wrote: "Serving as President of the Hawaii Home Demonstration Council was a rewarding experience for me and I shall be forever grateful for the assistance it gave me of my worth as a human being. We are all equal in the sight of God and each of us has the potential of becoming the best we can be. I feel that I put out my best when I served as both vice-president and president of HHDC. The lasting friendships formed with U.E. men and women have been a lifelong blessing."



Pic above: Masako (Miura) Ishii, State President, 1949-50 & 1954-55

Source: Memories and Histories of HI's Homemakers, Home Demo Council, Extension Homemaker's Council Assn for Family and Community Education, 1997



Mrs. Ruth S. Otsuka, First State President, 1947-48, initial building year. Wife of Wallace Y. Otsuka, Otsuka Store Founder, 1935

Special honors were conferred on Mrs. Josefina Abaya Cortezan, pic below right, for the part she played in Extension work since 1929 at the Annual luncheon meeting of the Homemaker's Council on April 31, 1948. Mrs. Alice Pedersen Trimble, a mom of 9 children, was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Cortezan was a Public Health Nurse from Candon, Illocos Sur, Philippines recruited by the HI Sugar Planters Assn in 1921. After working a year at Ewa Beach Plantation on Oahu, she arrived at Koloa's Plantation, Kauai in 1922. She assisted U.E. Agents in interpreting and delivering materials and lessons to Filipino homemakers; a mom of 4, she was active in Kauai's community, civic, health, and religious organizations for many years.

Kauai Homemaker Council's name changed to Kauai Family and Community Education (KAFCE) at the Annual Meeting in Hilo, HI 11/1992. This was Kauai's Hurricane Iniki year, 9/11/92. Denise Smith said, "It was the first FCE convention I attended (joined in 1991) and I was amazed that a few Kauai members (4?) attended too. I remember that we passed the "bucket" around during one of the dinners and collected over \$1000 for Kauai hurricane relief."

Hawaii FCE had been operating in HI for 45 years as U.E.Clubs and had 1,200 members. Natl FCE was represented in 44 states and two territories with a membership of 362,000. "FCE is the largest adult, volunteer organization in the nation dedicated to strengthening families through leadership development, continuing education, and community service." Source: Garden Island Newspaper, 11/1992



A Waffle Maker demo, the newest kitchen gadget in 1955 ~ "I gotta have it!"

"Pioneering spirit should continue. Not to conquer the planet or space. . . but rather to improve the quality of life." Bertrand Piccard

American Country Women of the World (ACWW) Zero Hunger Campaign®

Did you know that there's an acronym connected to this hunger campaign?

- Z – Zoo’s feed their animals, why can’t we feed our people?
- E – Everyone is needed to solve world hunger
- R – Raising money through DIMES and DOLLARS will greatly Assist feeding the hungry
- O – Optimism that world hunger can be conquered

- H – Hunger pains are for no one
- U – Understand what the less fortunate need..... FOOD
- N – No child should go to bed hungry
- G – Great ACWW Members want no one to go hungry
- E – Everyone deserves to eat, not starve
- R – Remember how fortunate we all are not to experience HUNGER or Famine



ACWW is completely reliant on public support - without this, they could not deliver their development programs, give women a voice at the UN and other international levels, or continue facilitating women-to-women empowerment and engagement.

ACWW Food Sovereignty Resolution:
It is the belief of ACWW that all people have the right to healthy and culturally appropriate food, produced through ecologically sound, safe and sustainable methods.

Hunger is only 1 of 6 areas where your donations can make a difference: education, nutrition, agriculture, income-livelihood, water-sanitation-energy, and maternal health. Visit: <https://www.acww.org.uk/support-acww.html>

Gladys Shizue Horner passed away on Aug. 6, 2020, at the age of 91, at Wilcox Hospital. She was born on Dec. 24 1928, in Honolulu. Gladys served as Kauai Council President in 1994-95 and was a member of Club Hui Anuenue for 45+ years. She was a vibrant part of our lives and her contributions will never be forgotten.



KAFCE Virtual Outing ~ 08.08.2020

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Summer “Outing” Day was postponed. Gathering in groups was banned for public safety. Living in a pandemic has seriously changed all our lives. To stay safe and at home, members took pics of our everyday lives and posted a video: <https://youtu.be/yfJc1SL3hp8> While staying home, members: exercised, cooked, crafted, played music & games, watched TV, etc. It was Hawaii’s first all mail-in election. This election was recorded as the State’s highest turnout with 51 percent of registered voters casting ballots.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPT 12 - **All Clubs Meeting**, Program Planning, Membership Dues, Election of Officers, Via Zoom, 9-11 a.m.

OCT 17 - HAFCE Annual Planning Mtg, Delegates Only, Via Zoom, 9-3 p.m.

NOV 14 - (tentative) **All Clubs Meeting**, Holiday Party, Intl Day, Lihue Neighborhood Center, 9-1 p.m.

DEC 12 - (tentative) No Meeting