



# The Homemaker Echo

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**Go Paperless!** ~155 FCE members have chosen to receive the Homemaker Echo via email. Please consider joining them by contacting me so that I can add your name to the email list. You will receive the Echo in COLOR and weeks before the USPS issue. This also saves HAFCE in mailing costs and it saves a few more trees for a healthy environment.

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Denise Smith

Homemaker Echo Editor

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Well, Oahu is currently in another Lockdown – Stay at Home order. Again! As I write this article, I keep wondering whether or not Oahu will be extended another two weeks. At least this time, we don't have to rush to the stores to stock up supplies. Isn't that a good sign? Oahu's numbers kept rising and pretty much summed up - another lockdown was coming but it had to be done for the safety of our community, family and friends. Neighbor Islands are doing much better than Oahu but all islands must keep careful and mindful of what our leaders are telling us to do in order to get back to some "order" in our lives.

How have you been surviving? Have you adjusted to the "mask"? I haven't. When going out for short trips, David says, "Where's your mask?" I then walk back into the house and get it. Now, I have come up with "The Plan"! Leave several masks in all the vehicles in a sealed container. Can't miss, right. Well, that plan only works if someone else doesn't use your masks. LOL. Never a dull moment.

Next big item on our agenda for HAFCE members will be the Annual Meeting to be held virtually via Zoom on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. I'm no expert in using Zoom as it can be very challenging needless to say. I am still learning and try the best that I can. Trying to set this meeting up has been a work in progress and hopefully everything will come together for this meeting. Your Executive Board, Board (Standing Committees, Education Chairs, Council Presidents and Delegates) will be linked together for this meeting. Members wishing to join in to "see and hear" what's happening in the meeting are welcome (see separate article for further information). Your president is trying her best working with her secretary to get information via email or mail out early to all involved so that this annual meeting will be a success.

The Executive Board is still seeking a member for the position of Vice President. Please contact any officer if you just have an inkling of what the position entails and we'd be happy to go over the details with you. Please inquire, okay?

Until then, remember to help one another, love one another, care for each other, contact each other.

Share the Aloha Spirit through Leadership, Education and Community Action

Ruthie Haitzuka,  
HAFCE President

## Hawaii FCE Board Members

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President ~ Ruth Haitzuka  
Vice President ~ Margaret Cambra  
Secretary ~ Pat Kubo  
Treasurer ~ Wanda Lew  
Past President ~ Martha Yamada

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Health ~ Katsuko Enoki  
Home ~ Carolyn Sewake  
International ~ Sue Stewart  
Leadership ~ Kalei Tong  
Youth ~ vacant

### CES Advisor

vacant

### *From the Editor.... A Reminder*

The deadline for articles for the next issue of the Homemaker Echo is:

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Please send articles and photos to:

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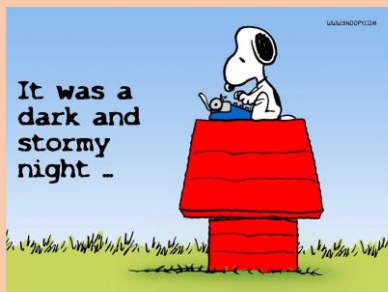
433 Sylvan Ave. spc. 39 Mountain View,  
CA 94041 OR (650) 969-3422 (leave a  
message if I'm not at home)

*Aloha, Denise Smith*



### Articles Wanted

Have you done something interesting, heard a funny story, or created fun activities for your family? How you are coping with the Corona Virus? Drop a note to Denise for the ECHO. With many of our councils/clubs on the lockdown order, other members would like to know how everyone is doing. Can you share with others? That would be great!



### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR HAFCE ANNUAL MEETING**

**September 26, 2020** - Reports due from HAFCE Board (Executive Officers, Education Chairs, Committee Chairs, Council Presidents)

**October 3, 2020** - Pat will send out - Reports, Agendas, Minutes from 2019 Hilo Annual Meeting, Proposed 2021 Budget, etc.

**October 15, 2020** - (Thursday) 6:00 PM - Zoom Test for Executive Board, Education Chairs, Standing Committee Chairs, Council Presidents, Council Vice Presidents, and Delegates. (Please inform Ruth if you are connecting via phone or if you have a problem with connections. Be sure to update your Zoom account prior to this test.)

**October 17, 2020** - (Saturday) - Annual Meeting  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - HAFCE Executive Board  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - HAFCE Board  
(Executive Committee, Education Chairs, Standing Committee, Council Presidents)  
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - HAFCE Annual Meeting (HAFCE Board and Delegates)  
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM - HAFCE Vice Presidents Meeting (and Education Chairs) with Margaret Cambra (Meeting may start early if the Annual Meeting ends early.)

*Note* - Vice Presidents are welcome to attend the HAFCE Annual Meeting but do not have a vote.

*Note* - Other FCE Members are welcome to attend the HAFCE Annual Meeting, with no vote and must be recognized by the chair if they wish to address the group.

It is the hope that your Executive Committee receives all requested information in the deadlines set forth in order for all involved get the necessary documents before this Annual Meeting. If you have not elected your delegate, please do so as soon as possible. Please remember if at all possible, have their email addresses so that the Zoom link can be sent and tested prior to the Saturday meeting.

*Ruthie Haitzuka*



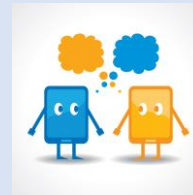
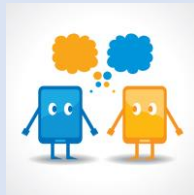
### NAFCE Reminder

In addition to the FCE TODAY newsletter, the FCE Flash (periodic news blurbs) can be found at [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org) . CHECK IT OUT!!



### THE BODY OF EVERY ORGANIZATION HAS FOUR BONES

- WISHBONES** - those who wish someone else would do all the work.
- JAWBONES** - those who do all the talking and little else.
- KNUCKLEBONES** - those who knock everything anyone else tries to do.
- BACKBONES** - those who get under the load and do all the work.



### THAT'S NOT MY JOB!

This is a story about four people named *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*. There was an important job to be done and *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that, because it was *Everybody's* job. Everybody thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have.

Interesting story huh? Does this sound like HAFCE? Could *Somebody* help *Everybody* with the Vice President position? *Nobody* wants to do it but *Anybody* could. Think about it.....



If you have made masks for family, friends, the community, etc. for use due to the Corona Virus, please send your information to Ruthie ([ruthb.fce@gmail.com](mailto:ruthb.fce@gmail.com)) indicating your council/club/individual, number of masks made, time spent, cost of materials, etc. I have received the number

of masks but not the corresponding information to complete the State report. Your help is very much appreciated.

## **HAFCE Needs a Vice President**

I still need to fill the position of *Vice President/ President Elect*. This is a very important position – to oversee our programs throughout the year, and most importantly, to become president when my term is finished. Ask anyone who has served in this position – the job can be challenging, but the rewards are outstanding! Our organization is full of mentors who are willing to help and support. The opportunities for learning and leading are extensive. Without members stepping up to the plate to help me run the organization, we may not be able to continue being a part of the Family Community and Education network. We all learn by participating, whether you are a newer member or one who has been around for a while. Please volunteer to join me in helping to support and enrich our HAFCE organization and programs. Contact your council president or a state board member for information on how to become nominated.

*Margaret Cambra* – HAFCE Vice President



## **International Education Chair – Susan Stewart**

1. Food waste suggestion from a member: If you have a great harvest of tomatoes and it's too much for you to consume, consider freezing them. Wash, dry, core tomatoes, and place in a plastic bag before freezing. When you're ready to use them, thaw at room temperature for 30 minutes before peeling, and use it in soups, stews, sauces, or recipes that require stewed tomatoes.



### 2. Cinnamon Toast Crunch Recipe

If you only have a small amount of cinnamon toast crunch cereal remaining (not enough for a bowl of cereal), you may add it onto toast! Spread butter on a piece of bread and sprinkle the crushed cereal on top of the butter, and place it in a toaster oven until toasted and golden brown around the edges. Enjoy!

Stay healthy and be safe! ..... *Sue*

## **Health Education Chair - Katsuko Enoki**

Dr. Dixie Dumarán has done an excellent job as your state Health Education chair. With other priorities in her life now, she is unable to finish her term so I will try my best to help complete her term.

In July, a memo was sent to council presidents asking 2 questions:

1. How have you kept yourself healthy during this Covid-19 pandemic?
2. What lessons have you learned in this “new normal” stage of life that you would like to share with others?

To date, I have not had any response so I am submitting my response as an example:



### *Health Education Continued*

I've stayed at home as much as possible. I work in the yard pulling weeds, watering the plants, enjoying the flowers blooming (white and yellow ginger, pink desert rose, heliconia, kahili, lehua, begonia, birds of paradise, plumeria, green and red roses). I wear a mask when I go for a daily morning walk with my 3 neighbor friends. The only time I go out mainly every 2 weeks is to see my 82-year-old sister who is bed ridden with Alzheimer's disease. I am thankful I can still do short errands to the Pukalani Shopping Center for medical, grocery, and banking needs. I missed 2 birthday parties because too many people were attending.

It's relationships that counts: I do zoom with my daughter and her family in Seattle on Mondays, my 6-year-old twin grandchildren read books to me and my daughter (retired from teaching) now on Saturdays since they have virtual school Monday through Friday. We have a break now but I also had a Bible study on Thursday mornings. I feel safer attending Sunday church services via You Tube, thank God for technology!

So, what I want to share with others is the importance of handwashing for 20 seconds, wearing of masks, and social distancing of 6 feet. My grandson and his wife are intensive care nurses at University of Washington Hospital in Seattle. They are seeing younger aged (in their 20 to 30's), gasping for air needing ventilation, some not surviving and if they do, having complications in their recovery! So please stay safe by practicing preventive measures! MAHALO!



### **Trimble Foundation Distribution Committee - Denise Smith**

The committee will be meeting via Zoom on October 2 to review the applications submitted this year. The awardee(s) will be announced at the Annual Meeting and will be published in the December Homemaker Echo and on the HAFCE web site. Individuals applying can be FCE members, members of our families, or members of the public. They can be first time college students or returning students.

Organizations who apply must be a non-profit dedicated to the betterment of communities through health, welfare, or education.

**Application forms are available on the [hawaiifce.org](http://hawaiifce.org) website or by contacting any FCE Council President or Board member. Deadline: July 31, 2021.**



### **QUALITY GIFT TICKETS**

Did you know there's a new procedure for HAFCE Quality Gift Tickets Fundraiser? Instead of sending out tickets to councils/clubs to distribute to members, every member is requested to donate, if possible, \$10.00 to Hawaii Association for Family and Community Education. Each member's name will be placed in a "drawing" for ten (10) \$10.00 prizes from HAFCE. No councils/clubs will be required to submit the usual \$15.00 prizes. Regardless of whether or not you donate to HAFCE, if you are an active member, your name will be in the drawing. So, how about joining in the fun and send your donation in to Lee Watanabe, 1073-F W. Kawaiiani Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Winners will be picked on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Annual Meeting.

## "Roses for Ruthie"



The quilt top has been pieced and is back from the long arm quilter! This soft sweet little quilt is named "Roses for Ruthie" in honor of outgoing president, Ruth Haisuka. The colors are creams, soft blues, and sweet pinks, sewn in a classic "star" pattern. It is 53" X 62" in size - a comfortable lap blanket. The tickets are now available from your council president. Filled in tickets and your check made out to "Trimble Foundation Trust" are due by October 9th. Donations are **\$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10**. All donations go to the Trimble Foundation Trust for future scholarship awards. The drawing will be held during the 2020 annual Zoom meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. I will mail the quilt to the lucky winner. Good Luck to all who

buy tickets and mahalo for supporting the Trimble Foundation..... Denise Smith



### Our Statewide Project by Dr. Jacquie Maly



Aloha! Here we are, continuing on our list of tips for Eliminating Food Waste, from our June Echo issue. Look over these following tips, think about them, and adopt any that might work for you. Certainly, food waste is a major problem worldwide. I encourage you to take the first step, and think about the problem and some possible solutions. Consider how you can share this information with others in your community. Watch for more tips in upcoming issues of the Echo and let's see if we can get this project to "spread like a virus."

#### **Tip #4 - Go Digital**

There are some apps you can use for meal-planning, but old-fashioned pencil and paper work just as well.

#### **Tip #5 - Odds and Ends Dinner**

Leave one meal a week unplanned - inevitably you'll have an assortment of ingredients left over. It's a fun challenge to figure out how to make a meal out of your odds and ends.

#### **Tip #6 - Meal-Planning Bonus**

Aside from reducing food waste, meal planning will help you save money and eat healthy.

#### **Tip #7 - Review Your Fridge Before Shopping**

Before you go to the store, take a quick look to see what you already have. Even if you are planning, you might have forgotten about that green pepper in the crisper.

#### **Tip #8 - Buy Exactly What You Need**

Look at the quantity of ingredients you'll need, and buy that exact amount whenever possible. If you don't need an entire head of romaine, hit the salad bar and get the right amount. Even if there are specials on buying a certain number of vegetables for a certain price, often if you just buy the amount you need, you'll still get the deal.

**Tip #9 - Don't Go to the Store Hungry**

Make sure you're not starving before hitting the Piggly Wiggly. Shopping while hungry can lead to impulse buying, which ends up leaving you with more food than you need.

**Tip # 10 - Buy Misshapen Fruits and Vegetables**

Just because something looks a little funny doesn't mean it's still not good. Even if it has a nick or a spot you don't like, you can just cut it out later. Buying these foods saves them from being chucked at the end of the day. It also sends a message to grocery store clerks that these foods will be sold if they stock them.

**Tip # 11 - Organize Your Fridge**

Take stock of what you have in your fridge, and arrange it by its sell-by-date. This method is called Fi-Fo (first in, first out), and chefs around the world organize their fridges the exact same way. This way when you grab a yogurt, you'll be sure to eat the oldest one first. Reviewing the contents of your fridge periodically will also help you remember what you need to use up the soonest.

**Tip # 12 Keep a Well-Stocked Pantry**

Having a variety of beans, jarred vegetables like artichokes, sauces, and grains will make it easier to put left-over ingredients to use at the end of the week. You can also pull together a meal entirely from pantry items if necessary, and skip the take-out! - - - to be continued.

**Hilo FCE – Submitted by Kalei Tong & Denise Smith**



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**Sue Nakamura 1927 - 2020**

*“I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.” -- Oprah Winfrey*

When I think of this quote, Sue Nakamura comes to mind. Sue's temperament, attitude, thoughts, beliefs, behavior, and character was all FCE encompassing. She was honored with HAFCE Heart of FCE in 2000 but, for many of us, Sue was the heart of FCE every year. You never seen someone more happy to share her God given talents with others than Sue Nakamura. Sue’s hands were on auto pilot serving. Nobody ever had to ask Sue to sew yarn leis, no, she was the first to always volunteer her services. It was obvious to most of us, that Sue did what she loved to do. Sue's dedication to the FCE cause was authentic and real. The extra element that Sue brought to FCE, and which made all the difference to the result, was her unique giving personality, that is rare to find in this day and age. Whenever we had council meetings, Sue willingly brought her delicious pickles, seasoned rice, or dried li hing mui star fruits. Inquiring minds always wanted to know what did Sue bring this time? She was full of surprises. Sue didn't care if it was her turn to donate or not. Sue was always prepared to share. And the interesting thing that I remember about



Oarlene and Sue  
HAFCE convention – Oct. 2019

*Sue Nakamura continued*

Sue is that she came prepared with her Ziploc bags to give out to anybody who wanted to take home some of her delicious goodies. Sue was a giver, and always gave with a cheerful heart. She was a proud member of FCE for 69 years. I am glad that I had the opportunity to know her. When I first joined FCE, Sue was the person who quickly introduced herself and took me under her wings. She was very passionate about the FCL training and encouraged me to attend it. Although I'm missing Sue, I'll always remember her with joy because of the light she brought to FCE. Sue Nakamura is a legend now and we were blessed to know this humble, phenomenal woman. Sue died on July 1, 2020

**Kalai Tong ~ President Hoolulu Club**

### **Oarlene Wingate 1947 – 2020**

*To everything there is a season, And a time for every purpose under heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die ..... Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 8*



On July 19, 2020, Oarlene Wingate passed away, at peace, in her home in North Bend, Oregon with her family close by. She had struggled for over a year with cancer before succumbing to it. She was almost 73 years old. She is survived by her husband Tim, her children Christopher, Cami, Christen, and Shelly, her mother Margaret, a sister, two brothers, and 5 grandchildren. Hawaii FCE has lost a dear friend, a courageous leader, and an FCE member who found something she cared about and then chose to live a life that showed it. Oarlene represented everything that FCE stands for ..... Education, Leadership, and Community Action. She had a bright quick smile and an infectious laugh. What I always admired about her was that when she was talking to you, even in a crowded room, she always made you feel that you had her sole attention. She made you feel like you were her very best friend! She was a founding member of the Ho'aloa FCE Club in 1977, guided by Big Island CES advisor, Betty Jo Thompson. With Betty Jo's encouragement, Oarlene eventually took on leadership roles and attended FCL training sessions. She served as HAFCE President from 1987 – 1988 and then as NAFCE Western Region Director from 1989 to 1991. She was elected NAFCE President-elect in 1993- 1994 and then served as President from 1995 to 1997. During her presidency she traveled the US extensively, meeting with FCE organizations, and she attended the ACWW Triennial in Christchurch, New Zealand. Oarlene was invited by President Bill Clinton to serve as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in 1995 and was invited back to the White House in 1996 for a briefing on children and television viewing issues. There were also turbulent NAFCE issues which developed during her term as president and she struggled to do what was best for our organization. After her NAFCE presidency ended she became a mentor for all of us who wanted to follow in her footsteps. She was always generous with her time and willing to serve as a guest speaker, as someone to install club officers, to assist with FCL sessions, present a workshop, or to bring refreshments to council meetings. She was presented with the HAFCE and NAFCE "Spirit of FCL" award in 2009. There was always a lesson to be learned from her and I would sometimes muse .... "What would Oarlene do?" if I were in a particular situation. Oarlene loved life, her family, her church, and FCE. Her season has ended but her purpose under heaven has not. She will long be remembered for all she has done for FCE and we will all be thankful for her presence in our lives.

*Denise Smith - - Friend, Admirer, FCE Sister*





# Kauai FCE – Submitted by Frances Dinnan

## 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.



*Pic left – Mrs. Tomiko Miyoshi  
Kauai Councils first president  
1943 - 1946*



*Pic left: 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**

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.

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."



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."

*← 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

### *Kauai Continued*

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. 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!" ↓*



**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.



## **WINDWARD OAHU FCE – Submitted by Ruth Haituka**

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2020

### ***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. 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.

## **CLUB HAPPENINGS**

### **IMIOLA NEWS:**

Chutima Leider, 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.

Jacque 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, Jacque, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Jacque is very busy with "farming" in large raised beds, daily Corona Laughs, many 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 12<sup>th</sup>, Natalie Oda-Lee, our beloved friend and Hui O Makani club member, passed away. According to Natalie, she had a wonderful 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 fundraising 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.

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