
KAFCE NEWS

Love Packed in Shoeboxes

For several years, Club Musubi had sewn pillow case dresses for girls around the world. A total of 59 dresses were found in our inventory in March. Vice President, Carolynn Lum, met Diane Horita at a garage sale and Carolynn asked if she could use a donation of dresses. Diane's mom, Yukiko Yamane, was a former member of KAFCE. Diane's church participates in "Operation Christmas Child," a Samaritans Purse program. Samaritans Purse is a non-denominational ministry assisting communities in-need around the world. Through their efforts they are able to bring relief and joy to many communities.

Shoeboxes are packed especially for children by age and gender then shipped in November to make it in time for Christmas.



The 59 completed dresses were donated in support of this cause. Frances Dinan sewed face masks from unfinished dresses earlier in the year.

Pic left: Diane Horita preparing to pack official shoeboxes with toys and clothes for children around the world

According to Samaritan's website 28K shoeboxes were distributed in 1993, their start up year. Last year over 178 million shoeboxes were packed and shipped. Don't have time to shop? At this website you can purchase items for shoeboxes and they will pack and ship it on your behalf. Consider sharing Christmas joy with a child or teen as next year's giving project.

Operation Shoebox

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/about-us/>



"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."

— Ruth Carter Stapleton



Pic L-R: Lisa Nambu, Carolynn Lum, and Diane Horita holding pillowcase dresses and shoeboxes



Pic: Shantel K.T. Rita in the middle with her parents, Stacie and Jeffrey Rita

\$3,500 Trimble Scholarship Awarded

Shantel, a Kauai resident, was one of two scholarship recipients in 2020 and she wrote: “Thank you so much! I appreciate your support and commitment and I am so grateful for all of this and everyone who has supported my journey thus far. It takes a huge load off of my worries about paying for school!”

Mahalo nui loa again & take care,
Shantel K.T. Rita

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Pic left: Matteo Romero, 2020 Kauai and State 1st Place Winner took 3rd Place in the National FCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® Contest.

“Responsibility” is the 2021 Topic, deadline: February 1, 2021

Books for Newborn Donated 300 books to Wilcox Hospital Pediatrics in 2020

Ever wonder where KAFCE got our Books for Newborn grant? There once was a program called the Kauai Baby Book Club organized by Niki Mori, Literacy Coordinator for the Kauai Community School for Adults in 1994. The focus of that program was to provide books for families so reading daily to the babies could be part of their upbringing.

With support from Borders Books and Music, Kauai Baby Book Club was formed. The group was able to obtain funds to provide books to all babies born on Kauai and to provide a book yearly up to age three. Several hundred babies and toddlers received books through this program. Unfortunately circumstances made it impossible for them to continue. Later, it was learned that KAFCE’s Books for Newborn had a similar mission. Upon Kauai Baby Book Club’s dissolution in Jan. 2009 a grant of their remaining funds was awarded to KAFCE.

Individual and organizational support is still needed. Thank you ahead for your continued support in donating books or money to purchase books for this program. Your thoughtful gift is appreciated by Kauai’s families.

Pic below: Carolynn Lum, Vice President and Books for Newborn Chair, with Dr. Brigitte Carreau, Wilcox Hospital Pediatrician



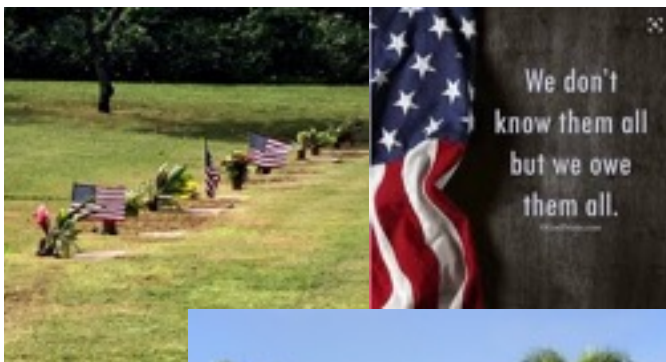
Lonesome Grave Project ~ Nov. 10, 2020

The Lonesome Grave Project was suggested to the Kauai United Buddhist Women's Association (Hongwanji) by one of the members to decorate the graves for Veterans Day since many of the older graves on Veterans Day are not visited or do not have any relatives to have a floral offering. Veterans Day was suggested because the graves are decorated on Memorial Day by the community with leis and the other holidays are not celebrated at the cemetery. This project was started more than 10 years ago.

KAFCE members were asked to assist this year by providing greenery and decorating the graves at Hanapepe's Veterans Cemetery.

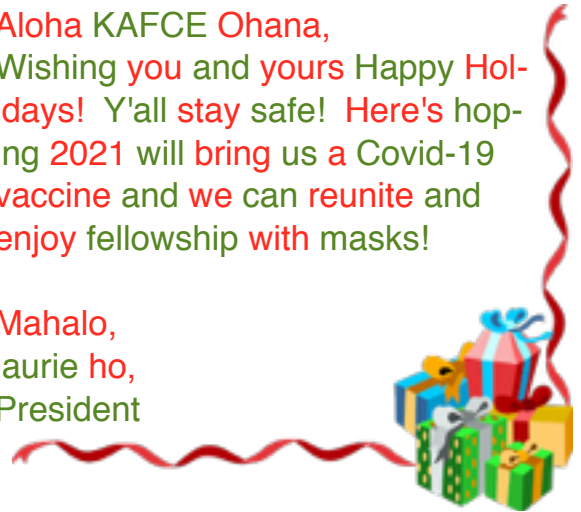
Thank you to Maurina Borgatti, Daphne McClure, Frances Dinnan, Terry Phillips, and Carolynn Lum for your generous donation of flowers, greenery, and assistance in making the Lonesome Grave project a success! The Cemetery was beautiful with most of the graves decorated for Veterans Day.

Pearl Shimizu
Club Musubi Member



Aloha KAFCE Ohana,
Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays! Y'all stay safe! Here's hoping 2021 will bring us a Covid-19 vaccine and we can reunite and enjoy fellowship with masks!

Mahalo,
laurie ho,
President



Remembering the
*Joy of Christmas
Past . . .*

