

# KAFCE NEWS

## Celebrate The Hero In We!

At the beginning of this Covid Pandemic, Federal health officials realized that a severe shortage of face masks would occur. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) approved the sewing of cloth face masks from home. In March-April 2020, KAFCE members got busy and sewed over 600 cloth face masks; 325 volunteer hours; and spent approximately \$170.00.

Due to inconsistency of reporting at the State level, Kaua'i Council 2020 data did not get reported to Nat'l FCE. This Newsletter recognizes and celebrates KAFCE's contribution to the health of Kauai's community.

Cloth face masks were distributed to friends, family, and two organizations: Nana's House and Kaua'i Hospice.

Nana's House is a private, non-profit serving Hawaii since 1899. This non-profit provides a wide range of family support programs, services, and community activities. Kaua'i Hospice is also a private non-profit since 1983, providing services to individuals on Kaua'i diagnosed with a life-limiting illness with a prognosis of six months or less. Over 7K reusable cloth face masks got sewed by a group called, Massive Face Masks for Kaua'i. Kauai's Covid statistics were pretty good throughout the pandemic in comparison to other islands.



Thank you to the following members who volunteered their time and personal funds to sew cloth face masks in 2020 for our friends, family, and community: Suzie Yokoyama, Pearl Shimizu, Gail Murashige, Pearl Shimizu, Jo Shimamoto, Maurina Borgatti, Margo Hashimoto, Kay Nakata, and myself. Special thank you to Marcia Ota for making and gifting us beaded lanyards to help us keep our cloth masks in easy reach. Your efforts to keep Kaua'i safe have not gone unnoticed.

“It felt good using my sewing skills to protect my community. It was as if I sewed superhero costumes like Edna Mole in The Incredibles.”

Frances Dinnan  
Newsletter/Historian



Pic: Kai Guimarães, CHARACTER COUNTS!® KAFCE and HAFCE 1st Place Winner with his face mask poster for another contest

**Pillowcase Dress Report**

We shared with everyone what happened to the last of our pillowcase dresses in [Dec. 2020 KAFCE Newsletter](#). Here's a summary report that didn't make it to Nat'l FCE: 59 Pillowcase Dresses sewed by members found its way to Good Samaritan's Operation Shoebox. KAFCE reported that the 59 dresses sewn X 3 hrs/dress = sewn by 6 FCE members for a total of 1,062 volunteer hours.

Thank you 🙏🏻 🙏🏻 🙏🏻



**Potpourri Lumsy**

I think I was born for Covid isolation as nothing much has changed other than missing KAFCE meetings that always pot lucked. This was what brought me to KAFCE once Laurie drafted me into Club Musubi - how can you lose with such a winner name!

Of course I'm kidding as I have met and learned from an amazing variety of people. I remember Dolly & Haruko best for their joy & laughter & skills. I think Books for Newborn is closest to my heart and thank you all for providing funds and support. ❤️

I love you all and hope we can meet at the Food Court!

Carolynn Lum  
Vice President

**Volunteerism, What It Means to You**

Here's a Googled definition:

“Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. ... And volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.”

KAFCE is an organization of volunteers. The projects we take on benefit ourselves and our community. Your contribution and ideas matter. For the organization to grow, please think carefully about how this two-way street is working for you. Time is a very precious commodity. We hope to provide you a nurturing environment that aligns with your values, goals, and beliefs. Please feel free to share your thoughts with council leaders. Your presence at meetings and service to the community is needed now more than ever.

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

JUN 12 - Council Meeting, 10-11, via Zoom followed by presentation 11-12 via Zoom

JULY 30 - Nat'l FCE Convention, will be held virtually for the first time, everyone is invited to attend.

AUG 14 - Council Meeting, 10-11, via Zoom followed by craft workshop 11-12 via Zoom

SEPT 25 - HAFCE Convention, Windward Council Hosting, at Windward Community College, O'ahu via Zoom, TBA

**Attitude Determines Altitude**

Jean Young, Family Community Leader and FCE Advisor, was a guest speaker at KAFCE’s Achievement Day, 01.16.2000.

Below was her closing message:

“I woke up early today, excited over all I do before the clock strikes midnight. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

TODAY: I can complain because the weather is rainy or I can be thankful the grass is getting watered for free.

TODAY: I can feel sad I don’t have enough money or be glad my finances encourage me to make purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

TODAY: I can lament over all that my parents didn’t give me when I was growing up or I can feel grateful they allowed me to be born.

TODAY: I can cry because roses have thorns or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

TODAY: I can whine because I have to go to work or I can shout with joy because I have been given the power to create wealth.

TODAY: I can murmur because I have to do housework or I can feel honored because I have shelter for my mind, body, and soul.

TODAY stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!”



**Picking Tea in Koke’e**

Koke’e Resource Conservation Program is a partner with Cloudwater Tea Farm. With volunteers, they harvest tea in Kokee near a home on the road to Camp Sloggett just before the Sugi Grove fork.

Christine Wong & I joined Katie Cassel (KRCP) and Michelle Rose (CTF) along with 7 others and picked the special delicate leaf that has a lot of caffeine in it. We got about 15 pounds which may dry to only 4 pounds of hand processed tea! About 5 years ago, Phyllis Tokita arranged a tour of CTF in Kalihiwai where we saw the plants and processing. Michelle would love to see us in Kokee in June or July when they gather tea again...watch for emails!

Carolynn Lum  
Vice President



Pic: Carolyn Lum, Katie Cassel, and Christine Wong

“It was a nice opportunity to learn about tea leaf picking, enjoy the beauty of Koke’e and be with a nice group of people. It wasn’t strenuous but you needed to be willing to walk through the brush to pick the tea leaves. Thank you for sharing about this event.” —Christine Wong

**President’s Message**

Regarding Covid-19, KAFCE members moving cautiously forward. As of May 25, 2021, Kauai County is in Tier #4 - 10 fully vaccinated members can gather inside and 25 out-of-doors. KAFCE members urge your families and friends to get their vaccinations and our community can move to Tier #5 - when 60% of our population is vaccinated. Here’s hoping we can move to Tier #6 - when 70% of our Kauai Community is vaccinate! Stay safe everyone.

In the spirit of community volunteerism the status of HAFCE and KAFCE was conveyed in March’s statewide FCE Meeting. The Kauai Association for Family and Community Education remains committed to support and participate in three (3) national FCE programs: CHARACTER COUNTS!®; Books for Newborns; and supporting the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). The “dissolution” committee talks were suspended and the discussions to streamline and reorganize HAFCE continue.

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President



**Trimble Scholarship Due**

Alice P. Trimble was Hawaii’s first Extension Agent in 1936. The Trimble Foundation, established in 1974, honors Alice’s outstanding contribution and service to Hawaii’s communities.

Scholarships are awarded annually by HAFCE to individuals and organizations. Trimble Scholarship Application: <http://hawaiiifce.org/trimble-3/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2021**.



**Hui Holomua Report**

Kay sewed masks for friends, neighbors, and family. Her son Kevin, who she hasn’t seen for over a year, visited them for a few days.

Marina Pascua created fancy ribbon leis during the pandemic.

Sanae’s granddaughter Lilli, graduated from Kauai High School. She will be majoring in Hospitality at Johnson & Johnson University in Florida.

Margo’s son and wife will be visiting from Belgium (USAF NATO) for a few days. Haven’t seen him since the pandemic started while he was stationed in Korea.



Marina Pascua, Master Lei Maker, crafted some magnificent leis during the pandemic. If you are interested in reserving a lei for purchase, contact her at (808) 742-2414 with the lei's #. A donation of 20% of the proceeds goes to St. Raphael's Church in Koloa, HI for their Laulima Fundraiser. Marina volunteers at Kauai County's Office for Elderly Affairs. Each lei was named. The most popular \* leis are: Kaua'i Blossom 6, Royal Kahili 17, Phoenix Roses 19, and Cream Buttercup Flowers 18 (worn by Marina) .

