KAFCE NEWSLETTER



Seasons Greetings KAFCE Members! Thank you for staying the course and

renewing your membership for the 2022 year!

What was accomplished in 2021?

2021 Books for Newborn (BFN)

KAFCE donated a total of 450 books to Wilcox Hospital's Pediatric Dept. Books are distributed to families in our community to help instill reading readiness for many children. As you may know, early reading supports a child's ability to learn and to grow in knowledge as they progress in school.

On behalf of the children who will receive books from this program, thank you! Each book has a KAFCE donation sticker on the inside cover. Thank you to all BFN volunteers. As reported earlier in March the BFN Program welcomed a few new donors. Grants and individual donations continue to support KAFCE's book purchases. We welcome your continued interest, support, and suggestions. Contact Carolynn Lum, Vice President and BFN Chair at hawaii96766@yahoo.com.



Pic: Andrew Bestwick, Carolynn Lum, and Dr. Bridgette Carreau

CHARACTER COUNTS!®

The theme was "Responsibility." Kai Guimarães, represented Kauai FCE at the State and National FCE levels. Kai took first in States and second in Nationals with his essay and art work titled "Bee" Responsible.

Summary of Outcomes: 1st Place - Kai Guimarães, Home School, Teacher Keya Guimarães (mom) 2nd Place - Ryder Vivas, King Kaumualii, Teacher Nathan Cotter 3rd Place - Jaeneiah Balubar, Wilcox, Teacher Katherine Stennett

Five Honorable Mentions (HM):

- 1. Liliana Kiilau, Wilcox
- 2. Elias Gaines, Wilcox
- 3. Kawehi Oana-Makanani, Kapaa
- 4. Emma Aki, Kapaa
- 5. Jazzmine McGlaughlin

Thank you once again to everyone who came out to help with application distribution, marketing, lei making, award prepping, letters, gift certificates, etc.

Please note that assistance may be needed in the upcoming 2022 year. If you can help please contact Laurie Ho, President, <u>laurieho1@hawaiiantel.net</u>

The 2022 CHARACTER COUNTS!® Essay and Art theme is on "Fairness." Forms are available online at <u>nafce.org</u>.

Frances Dinnan Newsletter/Historian

2021 Summary of Activities by Month

JANUARY - Covid cloth face masks were sewn in 2020 by KAFCE members and reported in 2021. Together, we sewed over 600 cloth face masks for a total of 325 volunteer hours and spent approximately \$170.00.

FEBRUARY - KAFCE held its last inperson meeting on February 20, 2021 before Covid indoor meeting restrictions.

JUNE - Tea Leaf Picking in Kokee. A few members participated in harvesting tea leaves up in Kokee. It was done by invitation of Kokee's Resource Conservation Program and Cloud Water Tea Farm.

KAFCE hosted its first Zoom presentation on "Hospice ," by Debra Spung, Kauai Hospice Nurse, on June 12, 2021.

JULY - NAFCE hosted a virtual Convention on July 30, 2021.

AUGUST - KAFCE donated \$100 to Kauai Hospice and made a \$50 donation to ACWW. A "Scrubbie" Workshop was presented on August 14, 2021 by Kay Nakata.

A farewell party for Suzie and Joyce Yokoyama, was held at Kukui Grove's Foodcourt on August 21, 2021. The Pascua family had been instrumental in making sweetbread for our fundraisers.

SEPTEMBER - HAFCE's Convention and Annual Meeting was held virtually on September 24, 2021.

OCTOBER - A "Poinsettia Ribbon" Workshop was held on October 9, 2021 by Marina Pascua.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021





Pic: Jaeneiah Balubar, Wilcox, 3rd Place

Pic: Honorable Mentions Jazzmine McGlaughlin & Liliana Kiilau, Wilcox

> May Levely, Happy Times Decorate Your Holiday Season, May Warm, Special Memories Brighten Your New Year, @ May The Nonder of Christmas Be With You Forever.



Pic: Margo Hashimoto, (in back) Terry Phillips, Annie Rellin, Maurina Borgatti, Laurie Ho, (in back) Kay Nakata and Marina Pascua at Ribbon Workshop

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Happy Holidays to all,

I joined KAFCE 9 years ago because I liked the Club Musubi name not knowing that besides eating Musubis, there were service projects and life lessons to be learned as shared by the more experienced and wiser members of the Club . I am thankful for what I have learned from members past and present and we always did have wonderful food sessions at all meetings.

The Christmas parties from simple Isenberg to fancy restaurant gatherings are all memorable as I learned about the giving spirit and generosity of each member. The Annual Meetings and Chinese Auction quickly followed for super fun and fellowship. Then came a year of projects: Character Counts, Special Olympics, Dresses to Love, and Books for Newborns to name a few.

I appreciate KAFCE educating me about life but I still like the idea of musubis, bentos and parties to share the cheer!

Carolynn Lum Vice President



Wednesday, December 8, 2021



Club Musubi Members at a restaurant



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JAN 8 - Council Meeting, (tentative) 10-11, via Zoom

MAR 5 - Council Meeting, (tentative), 10-11 via Zoom

MAR 12 - HAFCE Mid-Year Meeting, 9-12, via Zoom

JUN 11 - Council Meeting, (tentative), 10-11 via Zoom



Pic: Margo Hashimoto, Suzie Yokoyama, Laurie Ho, Kay Nakata, Joyce Nakahara, and Lucinda Tasaka



2021 Council President's Report

Annual Meeting

Date:	September 1, 2021
Council:	Kauai
Council President:	Laurie Ho
Number of Clubs:	<i>Two</i> (2)
Number of Members:	Total of 21 members (Hui Holomua = 4 members) (Club Musubi = 17 members)
Members 80+:	Total of 5 members (Hui Holomua = 3 members) (Club Musubi = 2 members)
Council Meetings: When: Where: Time:	January ~ <u>NO</u> Achievement Day ~ second year of a two year term
When: Where: Time:	February 20 ~ 1 st KAFCE Council meeting of the year via zoom : review of Kauai CHARACTER COUNTS! ® Essays and artwork; work on KAFCE handbook and directory with proposed 2021 budget and 2021 calendar 9a.m. to 11a.m.
When: Where: Time:	March ~ <u>NO</u> Council meeting
Time.	Activity: Sweet Bread fundraiser for KAFCE March 7th
When: Where: Time:	April 10 ~ KAFCE Council meeting via zoom ~ report on HAFCE Mid Year Board meeting (3.20.21) 10a.m. to 11:30a.m. <u>After</u> zoom meeting Maurina Borgatti, FCE volunteer non-member, Bev Pang and Laurie Ho processed and prepared all KAFCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® certificates and awards and packaged by teacher/class for distribution

Council Meetings: (continued)	
When:	<i>May</i> ~ <u>NO</u> Council meeting <i>However</i> , the Hawaii Pacific Health ~ <i>Wilcox</i> Health Foundation sent a letter of thanks and acknowledged our KAFCE gift of books (Books for New Borns project)
Where:	June 12 ~ KAFCE Council meeting via zoom 10a.m. to 11:30a.m.
When: Where: Time:	July 29 to August 1 st ~ NAFCE National Convention ~ Erlanger, Kentucky ~ Cincinnati Airport Inn ~ because of COVID reduced to zoom meeting on July 30 th ~ learned that HAFCE''s CHARACTER COUNTS!® 1 st place winner also placed 2 nd in the NAFCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® competition
	Activity: Sweet Bread fundraiser for KAFCE July 31st
When: Where: Time:	August 14 ~ KAFCE Council meeting via zoom <u>and</u> face-to-face in small group of 10 ~ craft workshop after meeting 10a.m. to 11:30a.m.
	<u>Acknowledgement:</u> KAFCE, Sanae Morita and Carolynn Lum, are featured in the Hawaii Pacific Health 2020 Annual Donor printed report page 47 for our Wilcox Foundation donation of books (Books for New Borns FCE Program)
When: Where: Time:	September 25 ~ HAFCE Annual via zoom TBA
When: Where: Time:	October 9 ~ KAFCE Council meeting via zoom 10a.m. to 11:30a.m.
When: Where: Time:	November ~ <u>NO</u> Council meeting
When: Where: Time:	December 11 ~ KAFCE Council Meeting via zoom 10a.m. to 11:30a.m.
When: Where: Time:	January 2022 ~ KAFCE Achievement Day TBA TBA
	*** as per University of Hawaii ~ they have suspended all FCE face-to-face activities ~ taking PRE-cautionary measures ~ and practicing social distancing and sheltering–in-place
	 *** <u>all</u> "activities" are suspended until further notice ~ conducting KAFCE business via telephone, snail mail, email, text messaging and zoom KAFCE is committed to three(3) projects this year: 2021 CHARACTER COUNTS! ® ~ Responsibility BOOKS for NEW BORNS Supporting the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

Quality Tickets/ number of members by club (Distribution information for Ways and Means Chair @ Mid Board)	*** AS per HAFCE , this activity was waived and the Trimble Fund has pivoted to supporting the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)
Activities your Council is doing to grow:	*** because of COVID <u>and</u> its variants, we continue to monitor our community and take precautions to keep our members and their families healthy and safe ~ KAFCE strives to keep the <u>status quo at this time</u>
Challenges that you would like to brainstorm solutions	What is the future of HAFCE? KAFCE <u>remains committed</u> to supporting HAFCE and continuing to serve our community as best as we can in these COVID-19 times.

~ **PAU** ~