



## Waikiki Wiki Wiki Wire

### Royal Hawaiian Center Completes \$115 Million Revitalization

#### Attractive New Facade And World-Class Shopping Grace Central Waikiki

The regeneration of Waikiki took a major leap forward as Royal Hawaiian Center celebrates the completion of an unprecedented \$115 million revitalization and expansion of the retail complex. This is the first major renovation to the Center, which spans three city blocks on renowned Kalakaua Avenue, since it first opened in 1979. Visitors can now enjoy 110 places to shop and dine that include the largest concentration of luxury flagship boutiques in Waikiki, 10 anchor restaurants, and a signature showroom and nightclub. A weeklong celebration from June 14 - 20 featured hula and song from some of Hawaii's finest artists, merchant offers, discounts and special products.

"This investment is a tremendous commitment to the visitor industry and the Hawaii community," said Rosalind Schurgin, CEO of The Festival Companies, manager and developer of the Center. "This landmark revitalization brings a treasured piece of Hawaii's history back to life. The new shopping, dining and entertainment options combine world-renowned brands with local and lifestyle retailers. Because of our prominent location and innovative retail mix, our revitalization will make a major impact on Waikiki for years to come."

The result of more than two years of work, the Center's renewed Kalakaua frontage has a softer,

elegant look. The expansive new grove with majestic coconut trees and native gardens welcomes all visitors to sit, relax and enjoy the sounds, scents and soft



breezes of Hawaii. Enhanced pedestrian-friendly walkways throughout the Center create an open feel while island-inspired furnishings and lush landscaping add to the Center's comfortable and relaxing atmosphere.

With the renovations, the Center has added the largest concentration of flagship stores in Waikiki including 7 for All Mankind, bebe, Bvlgari, Cartier, FENDI, Ferrari,

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Hermes, Juicy Couture, Kate Spade, Marciano, LeSportsac, Rolex Kaimana Kea, Salvatore Ferragamo and Tourneau. The entire 4-level Center has been expanded from 290,000 to 310,000 square feet, hosting a total of 110 world-class shops, 10 anchor restaurants and a soon to open state-of-the-art showroom will morph into an ultralounge nightclub.

A wide range of dining options complement the shopping experience. These include P.F. Chang's, The Cheesecake Factory, (the most successful location in the U.S.), Restaurant Suntory, Okonomiyaki Chibo, Doraku Sushi, Paradiso Seafood & Grille, Villa Paradiso, Wolfgang's Steakhouse, Señor Frog's Restaurant & Bar, Beijing Chinese Seafood Restaurant, several sidewalk cafés and the Paina Lanai, a casual dining area with a variety of quick-service restaurant options.

On the fourth level, a new live entertainment venue is launching in mid-July with a state-of-the-art performance theater, including 135-foot wide screens, high wire trapezes and seating for 750 people. Roy Tokujo, a renowned producer for Hawaiian entertainment, has partnered with Realisations of Montreal to create a new acrobatic and musical production called Waikiki Nei. The production takes audiences on a journey through time with the story and history of Waikiki. After hours, the showroom converts to a nightclub and ultra-lounge called Level 4.

Royal Hawaiian Center is owned by Kamehameha Schools, an institution dedicated to providing education to Hawaiian children statewide. The Center is the schools' largest asset and is the only shopping, dining and entertainment destination in Hawaii that directly benefits Hawaiian children.

"We are so excited by what the Royal Hawaiian Center offers to people who come here - a place where all can play and enjoy the magic that once soothed our alii (royalty)," said Dee Jay Mailer, CEO of Kamehameha Schools. "The Royal Hawaiian Center sits on very precious ground which was owned by our founder, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, who bequeathed her lands to her private estate in order to establish the Kamehameha Schools. Educating thousands of Hawaiian children since her passing, the funds from this Center are vital to our mission of education."

"We thank our ancestors for bestowing it to our stewardship, the project team who has restored it, the tenants who have made it a destination without equal and all who visit and fill these grounds with the aloha that makes these lands thrive," said Mailer.

Culture and history play a significant role in Royal Hawaiian Center's identity. The building sits on Helumoa, an area of Waikiki with a rich past - a place where Hawaiian royalty lived and vacationed under the shade of more than 10,000 coconut trees. Accordingly, the Center's island-inspired landscaping accents components of the coconut tree, one of the most useful plants in Hawaiian culture. Different aspects of the plant are used for nourishment and sustenance, boating materials, drums, rope, weaving, and housing materials.

The Center has created the largest open garden space in the heart of Waikiki called The Royal Grove, which features 30,000 square feet of lush ethno-botanical gardens filled with coconut trees, Hawaii's native and indigenous plants, and a bubbling pond reminiscent of Waikiki's original "spouting waters" springs. A bronze statue of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, created by Kamehameha Schools graduate Sean Browne, has been placed in the Center's lush gardens to remind all who visit of her benevolence.

As part of its efforts to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture, Royal Hawaiian Center also hosts free ongoing cultural enrichment programs, providing hands-on experience in learning hula, ukulele, lei-making, Hawaiian quilting, kapa cloth making, lomilomi (Hawaiian healing) and many other Hawaiian traditions.

Royal Hawaiian Center is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For general information, or details on the free cultural programs schedule, call Guest Services at 808-922-2299 or visit [www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com](http://www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com).



# Pā'ina Lanai at Royal Hawaiian Center Debuts First Round of Restaurants

## Maui Tacos, Paradise Café, Ezogiku, Yummy Korean BBQ and Grove Bar Now Open for Business

Royal Hawaiian Center, formerly known as Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, is proud to open the Paina Lanai, its new casual dining area on the second level of Building B. Maui Tacos, Paradise Café, Ezogiku, Yummy Korean BBQ and the Grove Bar opened Monday with more eateries soon to come.

"We're very excited to offer this option for our visitors and also our residents who live and work in Waikiki," said Marleen Akau, general manager of Royal Hawaiian Center. "Our Paina Lanai casual dining concept is a great opportunity for customers to try the various flavors of Hawaii. Meanwhile, our kamaaina are clamoring for quick, convenient on-the-go options during their lunch breaks or after work. With all these new changes resulting from the revitalization, it's a thrilling time to be at the Center."

All the casual dining restaurants at the Paina Lanai are united with the same island-inspired façade and décor, to appear as one restaurant area. This is different from Hawaii's quick service dining establishments at other retail Centers. The dining area also features historical videos and entertainment on the lanai's closed-circuit flat panel displays. Through June, guests will also enjoy live piano music by Aaron Sala and Pat Sylva, daily from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Patrons can order their fare from the various restaurants at the lanai, then sit comfortably on the new furniture to enjoy their meal. Customers can also grab food "to go" – heading downstairs to "pull up a rock" and sit in the shade of The Royal Grove, now the largest garden in the heart of Waikiki.



Maui Tacos was created in 1993 by chef and restaurateur, Mark Ellman. This successful tidal wave combines the traditional Mexican fare with a splash of tropical flavors from the Hawaiian Islands. Enjoy your tacos and burritos with a douse of pineapple salsa. Your traditional favorites come in fun names like "Lahaina" (charbroiled chicken or steak with rice, monterey jack and cheddar cheese, guacamole and fresh salsa) or the "Maui Fish Tacos" (grilled fish with black beans and Maui 'slaw on a soft shell).



Paradise Café offers a full range of sandwich, soup and salad options, with a selection of muffins, cookies and other baked goods delights. Popular options include the

"Chicken Walnut Sandwich" or "Portofino Salad". Opt to have a sandwich on your favorite choice of breads, or combine a half sandwich with a soup or salad. Sandwich combos come with a drink, a bag of chips and two little cookies.



Ezogiku, a Japanese-style ramen café, came to Hawaii about three decades ago. They use traditional recipes to prepare authentic donburi (rice bowls with various toppings), and ramen dishes. Pick out your favorite ramen flavors and add a side of gyoza for a flavorful and filling meal. Order some fried rice or a sushi roll to kick it up a notch.



Yummy Korean BBQ specializes in plate lunches prepared using traditional Korean recipes. Favorite menu items include the kalbi, meat jun, or BBQ chicken plate. Entrées are accompanied by your choice of vegetable side dishes and steamed rice. Combination plates, mini plates, noodles and soups, and side orders are also available.

The Grove Bar is Paina Lanai's oasis. Guests are sure to find something to quench their thirsts with six ice-cold draft beers on tap, a tasteful assortment of wines and exotic tropical martinis. Try a Mangotini, Parrotini or Malibu Bluetini, a blend of coconut rum and vanilla ice cream.

Additional restaurants will open throughout the summer, with a total of nine options in the Lanai. Royal Hawaiian Center is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., but restaurant hours vary as some dining options are open for breakfast. For more information on Royal Hawaiian Center's dining options, call Lei Ohu Guest Services at 808-922-2299.

Royal Hawaiian Center has the largest garage in the heart of Waikiki with 10 levels of parking and more than 600 stalls located adjacent to the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Guests of the Center can enjoy dining validations of \$4 for four hours and merchant validation of \$2 for two hours with a maximum of six hours of validation. Additional parking over six hours will be \$2 per 20-minute increment. No minimum purchase is required for validation.



## Hale Koa Newest Dinner Show Experience Nostalgic Hawai'i

Nostalgic Hawaii pays tribute to the music that made Hawaii. This unique show takes you on a journey through time showcasing island favorites from long ago to the best contemporary music of today. To accomplish this we created three unique shows that rotate every Wednesday:

This is Hawaii with the Voice of Aloha Marlene Sai

An Evening of graceful hula, favorite Hawaiian tunes and Marlene signature songs that take you back to a time Hawaiian Music could be heard throughout Waikiki.



Experience Aloha with one of Hawaii's Diva's Nohelani Cypriano (in red).

An upbeat, exciting Hawaiian Variety show with songs and dances of Hawaii, and the mainland from Hollywood to the heart of Texas and contemporary island favorites.



Hawaii Forever Paradise - created by Harold and Michelle Kama of Malu Productions is a unique show of island music and dance told in a story from the birth of the islands, through the changes of Hawaii and the present day music we all love.



For information or to purchase tickets call 955-0555 or online at [www.halekoa.com](http://www.halekoa.com)

## Hale Koa Announces New Keiki Activities Program

Keiki 6-15 can enjoy a variety of activities including: Hawaiian Geography, Hawaiian Plants & Animals, Ocean Activities, Arts & Crafts and Sports. The sessions are offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and cost \$20 per session. Session times are 8:30am - 11am for keiki 6-10years and 12:00noon - 2:30pm for keiki 11-15yrs.

Enjoy the water, love to swim, want to learn about rescue and lifeguard skills? Sign up for Our Jr Lifeguard Training Program offered to kids 9-15 years old. This years program runs July 14-18 from 9am - 2pm. Registration fee is \$75.00 and kids must be able to swim 200 yards.

For information and registration call the Point Fitness Center 955-9155.

## Waikiki Beach Walk Sunday Showcase

This free weekly program takes place every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting) from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the Plaza Stage at Waikiki Beach Walk. **\*\*NOTE:** Sunday Showcase performances on June 22, July 6 and July 20 will take place an hour earlier, from 4 to 5 pm.

June 29 - Hula Ho'olaule'a - 5-7pm (special two hour performance) Kumu Hula Blaine Kia performs with Kekaniwai and Halau Ka Waikahe Lani Malie offering both adult and keiki (children) hula dancers in a unique blending of contemporary and traditional elements focusing on island traditions, cultural beliefs, classic hapa haole tunes and historical moments in Hawaii, all told through song and dance.

July 6 - Holunape (Hawaiian) - 4-5 pm Group members Kama Hopkins, Kekoa Kaluhiwa and Kanai`a Nakamura have committed themselves to the careful perpetuation of the Hawaiian language and are devoted to the playing of traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music. This firm foundation makes Holunape a popular band among hula enthusiasts in Hawaii and around the world.

### WAIKIKI WIKI WIKI WIRE - Newsletter Deadline

Waikiki-related news and information submitted for the weekly Waikiki Wiki Wiki Wire should be received no later than 10 am on Wednesday for newsletters published and distributed the same evening.

Information received after the deadline will be considered for inclusion in the following issue.

Photos which accompany stories are always welcome and, for best results, should be attached to the email as a separate jpeg - maximum 350 kb please. Your kokua is appreciated. *Mahalo.*

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## Waikiki Beach Walk®'s Newest Hot Spot Attracts Entertainment Seekers

Enjoy cocktails, dancing and live entertainment at CW's on Lewers, Waikiki Beach Walk's newest venue opens until 4 a.m.

Waikiki Beach Walk, Waikiki's newest lifestyle destination, has recently unveiled CW's on Lewers – a new entertainment venue that invites patrons to enjoy refreshing cocktails, daily happy hour and dancing and entertainment day or night. Quickly becoming Waikiki's newest hot spot for deep drink discounts and an exciting nightly party, CW's on Lewers is open from 11 a.m. to 4 a.m. and is located on the ground level of the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk at 227 Lewers Street.

"We're very excited to be part of the Waikiki Beach Walk experience, and we are looking forward to offering island-style entertainment and fun to Hawaii guests and residents," said David Kenney, owner of CW's on Lewers and Coconut Willy's Bar and Grill. "CW stands for Coconut Willy – it will be our second Waikiki venue featuring a more upbeat club concept."

Owner David Kenney has more than 20 years of experience in managing Coconut Willy's Bar and Grill, another night scene venue located at the International Marketplace in Waikiki. Catering to the 21 and older Waikiki crowd, CW's on Lewers offers live entertainment and dancing throughout the day – perfect for pau hana gatherings or nightclub outings. The 3,500 square-foot club combines the Coconut Willy island image with the flavors of Hawaii, and features tiki bar decor, an expansive dance floor, plush leather couches and booths with wide koa wood tables and counters. The highlight of CW's on Lewers is the custom-made bar made with a mahogany and glass encasement which holds a surfboard – exclusively signed by former world longboard champion, Bongo Perkins.

Unlike other restaurants or nightclubs, CW's on Lewers has no cover charge and allows its guests to bring in their own snacks to enjoy with friends. CW's on Lewers also caters to sports aficionados – flat screen televisions are placed throughout the club so that guests can watch sporting events.

"We're excited to offer this fun, new concept to our guests; it'll be the first-of-its-kind at Waikiki Beach Walk," said Conchita Malaqui, general manager of Waikiki Beach Walk. "CW's on Lewers will play a dominant role in providing both visitors and residents with even more variety of entertainment options and a great place to gather day or night, which will compliment all our other tenants."

CW's on Lewers offers an exciting party, whether day or night, with dancing to the Billboard's top 40 hits and premier lineup of entertainment:

- Rotating weekly is a schedule of Hawaii's most popular and up and coming classic and hard rock 'n' roll bands playing live.
- Nightly from midnight to 4 a.m., resident DJ Kutmaster Spaz spins hip hop hits from the 80s, 90s and today.
- Sundays from 8 p.m. to midnight, Taja, one of Hawaii's premier rock 'n' roll bands, entertains patrons.

CW's on Lewers also offers a treat for every palate:

- Pints of ice cold draft Steinlager for \$3.
- Daily happy hour from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring specialty mai tais and domestic bottled beers for \$3.50, and a variety of specialty drinks alternating daily at reduced prices.
- A wide variety of domestic and imported beers, Chimays, contemporary cocktails and an impressive wine selection.
- Guests at CW's on Lewers will also enjoy a variety of exclusive cocktails including "The Coconut Willy," a specialty drink with guava juice, rum and 7-Up served in a large coconut.

Parking is available at the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk porte cochere at 201 Beachwalk or the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk at 227 Lewers Street (parking entrance off of Helumoa Street). Up to four hours of validated parking is available for a flat rate of \$6 when dining or shopping at any Waikiki Beach Walk restaurant or store.

For more information about Waikiki Beach Walk's exciting nightlife, call CW's on Lewers at 808-921-9000 or visit [www.WaikikiBeachWalk.com](http://www.WaikikiBeachWalk.com).



## Star of Honolulu's FIREWORKS CRUISES

Thursday, July 3, 2008 / 8:30 - 10:00 p.m.  
Star of Honolulu departs from Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8

Celebrate Independence Day in a special and memorable way this year, aboard the Star of Honolulu's Fireworks Cruises! Four levels will be offered, but all include champagne toast, live entertainment and the best ocean views of the fireworks show at Aloha Tower Marketplace and along the dazzling Waikiki coastline!

For reservations or more information, please call 983-STAR (7827) or visit [www.starofhonolulu.com](http://www.starofhonolulu.com).

Kama'aina / Military Rate: From \$31.85 and up with valid Hawaii ID (suggested retail \$42.00 and up)



## 4TH OF JULY COCKTAIL, HAWAIIAN MUSIC & FIREWORKS CRUISE

Friday, July 4, 2008 / 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.  
Starlet departs from Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8

Celebrate the 4th of July on the casual and fun Starlet! Start off with a champagne toast, dance to live Hawaiian music and enjoy the best ocean views of the fireworks!

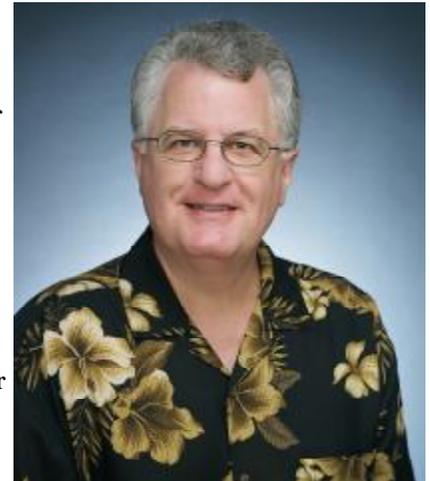
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## ResortQuest Hawaii Names David Jenner as Senior VP of Finance

ResortQuest Hawaii recently announced the hiring of David Jenner as senior vice president of finance. Jenner joins ResortQuest Hawaii with over 30 years in the hospitality industry. He will oversee all finance and accounting activities for the company.

"We welcome Dave's global perspective to our ResortQuest Hawaii leadership team as we guide our company into new ventures both in Hawaii and beyond. He brings with him extensive experience as a senior finance and travel industry executive whose prior leadership positions were with hotel management companies, branded convention hotels and mega-international destination resorts," said Kelvin Bloom, ResortQuest Hawaii president.



Jenner has held senior finance positions with Interstate Hotels Corporation, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Air Jamaica and most recently with Atlantis Island Resort in the Bahamas. Jenner also worked as a senior auditor with Pannell Kerr Forster, CPAs.

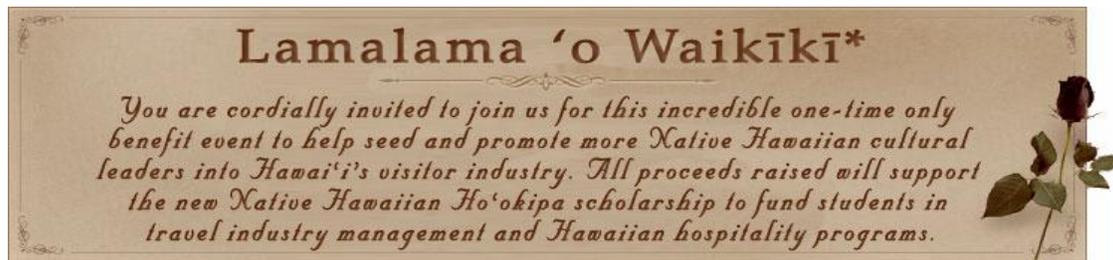
## The Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division would like to remind beachgoers:

- Always swim at a beach with a lifeguard.
- Consult with a lifeguard regarding ocean conditions before entering the water.
- Heed all warning signs - they are there for a reason.
- Never swim alone.
- If you see someone in distress call for a lifeguard or dial 9-1-1.
- Know your limits - IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT!

For public information regarding ocean conditions, advisories, and warnings, the Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division provides a pre-recorded report which can be accessed 24 hours a day; at 922-3888 x 51.

## Waikīkī to Glow July 24

### Gala Establishes Scholarship to Promote Native Hawaiian Leadership in Tourism



There will be an extra bright star shining in Waikīkī on Thursday, July 24, 2008. On the 4th floor rooftop of the newly renovated Royal Hawaiian Center, hundreds of guests are expected at "Lamalama 'o Waikīkī," a fundraiser for the new Native Hawaiian Ho'okipa (Hospitality) Scholarship for students pursuing a career in Hawai'i's travel industry.

Lamalama 'o Waikīkī, which translates to "glowing Waikīkī," will feature food, drinks, entertainment and a private showing of Waikīkī Nei, the newest and most exciting theatrical and multi-media show in Waikīkī. After the show, the theater is reconfigured to a nightclub and ultra lounge called Level 4, featuring state-of-the-art technology, aerialists and a dance environment like no other in Hawai'i. Attendees have VIP access to Level 4, and will be treated to a special performance by Henry Kaponu, featuring music from his Grammy nominated and award winning DVD, *The Wild Hawaiian!* A portion of proceeds from the evening's sale of *The Wild Hawaiian!* DVD will be donated to the scholarship.

Exclusive VIP tables of ten at \$10,000 and \$5,000, and individual tickets at \$250, \$175 and \$150 are available (see attached fact sheet for more details). For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.Pauahi.org](http://www.Pauahi.org).

The gala is presented by the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association (NaHHA), the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's School of Travel Industry Management (TIM) and the Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation (KAPF) which are joining forces to encourage youth with Hawaiian cultural knowledge to explore leadership opportunities in Hawai'i's visitor industry.

"Kamehameha Schools' mission is to improve the capability and well-being of the Hawaiian people through education. These scholarships will provide the means for such an education and promising leadership positions in our community that are deeply rooted in Hawaiian wisdom and ways," explains Dee Jay Mailer, Kamehameha Schools CEO and president of KAPF.

According to Ramsay Taum, director of external relations and community partnerships at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's School of Travel Industry Management (TIM), "Of the nearly 400 students currently enrolled in our TIM program, less than 7% are of Hawaiian ancestry. In order to ensure and promote an authentic Hawaiian cultural experience, it is essential that more Native Hawaiians assume leadership positions throughout the visitor industry."

In 2004, the Hawai'i Hotel and Lodging Association conducted a statewide survey of its 180 member properties to determine the ethnic make-up of their general managers, managers and department heads and chefs. The survey determined that only 11% of hotel general managers and 13% of managers or department managers were of Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian ancestry.

"This is a statistic that we need to improve upon," said Lulani Arquette, executive director of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association. "At NaHHA, we are committed to increasing Hawaiian leadership in our industry and this scholarship will open the door for many more Hawaiian students to enter this field."

Waikīkī Nei, the centerpiece of the evening benefit, is the brainchild of entertainment executive Roy Tokujo and former executive producer of Cirque du Soleil, Roger Parent, creators of Maui's ŷUlalena in conjunction with Las Vegas entertainment executive Todd Dougall. The show promises to be a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience featuring accomplished dancers, live musicians, acrobats and actors together with cutting edge lighting, sound, stage machinery and automation never before used in Hawai'i.

"Waikīkī Nei will be the talk of the town," said Tokujo of Royal Hawaiian Showroom, LLC. "It is a beautifully crafted production, authentic to our Hawaiian culture and will delight attendees both young and old, kama'āina or malihini."

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# HTA Seeks to Fund Projects That Perpetuate Hawaiian Culture

## Free workshop to be held statewide for interested applicants of HTA's Kūkulu Ola - Living Hawaiian Culture Program

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state agency for tourism, in partnership with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), is pleased to announce that applications for HTA's 2009 Kūkulu Ola - Living Hawaiian Culture Program (HTA LHCP) will be available in July. This program provides funding support to organizations for projects that strengthen, support and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture and community, a key initiative of the Hawai'i Tourism Strategic Plan: 2005-2015.

"HTA continues to dedicate resources to support organizations and businesses with programs and projects that perpetuate and respectfully portray the Hawaiian culture," said Rex Johnson, president and chief executive officer of HTA. "Our partnership with CNHA (announced in August 2007) has helped us to reach the broader Hawaiian community as shown by the increase in quality applications that we received last year."

"HTA and CNHA's partnership through the HTA Living Hawaiian Culture Program has touched more than 200 participants through last year's workshops," said Robin Danner, CNHA President and Chief Executive Officer. "We greatly appreciate HTA's leadership in supporting the very essence of Hawai'i that makes it a top visitor destination, and we encourage organizations to learn more about this great funding opportunity."

To assist individuals and organizations with the application process, HTA and CNHA will be holding free statewide workshops throughout the summer to provide technical assistance and training that will explain objectives of the Kūkulu Ola - Living Hawaiian Culture Program, including the application and award process.

Registration forms for the workshops will be available on the HTA LHCP website at [www.livinghawaiianculture.org](http://www.livinghawaiianculture.org) on July 7, 2008. Information on the workshops is provided below:

**Hawai'i Convention Center:  
July 18, 2008, 1-5 p.m.**

Beginning July 15, 2008 application packets for the program will be available for pick-up at CNHA's office (1050 Queen Street, Suite 200) and at workshop locations above. Proposals must be received no later than 6:00 PM on October 10, 2008 at CNHA's office.

For more information about the program or to register for a workshop, contact Rosalee Puaoi of CNHA at toll free 1-800-709-2642 or via email at [info@livinghawaiianculture.org](mailto:info@livinghawaiianculture.org).

CNHA is dedicated to enhancing the cultural, economic and community development of Native Hawaiians by supporting the capacity of community-based organizations that contribute to the well-being of the Hawaiian Islands and its people. CNHA achieves its mission through policy advocacy, community convening, leadership development, training and technical assistance, and linking resources and solutions to community challenges.

For more information on CNHA, visit [www.hawaiiancouncil.org](http://www.hawaiiancouncil.org).



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### E kala mai ...

Apologies to ResortQuest Hawaii for flipping this guest room photo of the ResortQuest Waikiki Beach Hotel last week. The photo that ran with a story on ResortQuest Hawaii's K-Class Pass for Kamaaina.



ResortQuest Hawaii offers a new 'K-Class Pass' Kamaaina promotional package that includes a complimentary upgrade, complimentary parking (self and valet) and a late 2:00 p.m. check-out. The 'K-Class Pass' Kamaaina promotion is available at ResortQuest Hawaii's participating 26 properties now through August 31, 2008.

## Battleship Missouri Memorial Appoints Michael Carr President

Effective June 20, Michael A. Carr, former banker and a leader in the visitor and non-profit industries, will take the helm at the [Battleship Missouri Memorial](#) as president and chief operating officer. Carr will work closely with the memorial's volunteer board of directors to oversee and administer the continuing refurbishment of the world-famous battleship and her operation as a private, non-profit historic attraction in Pearl Harbor.

"Mr. Carr's vast knowledge and experience in finance and the visitor and non-profit industries will prove invaluable as he helps to lead the Battleship Missouri Memorial into its second decade," said retired U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Robert K.U. Kihune, chairman of the Missouri's board of directors.

Carr said: "I am honored and privileged to be entrusted with the stewardship of the Battleship Missouri Memorial, one of our greatest national treasures. I look forward to devoting my efforts to building upon the Missouri's already successful programs and the continuing preservation of her formidable legacy."

Carr joins the Missouri from Bank of Hawaii, where he served as vice president of Family Wealth Management. From 1989 until 2004, Carr was the president of Polynesian Adventure Tours, one of Hawaii's largest private tour and transportation companies. Prior to 1989, Carr served as vice president and visitor industry manager at Bank of Hawaii, and as general manager of Bancorp Leasing of Hawaii. He was also the president of the Hawaii Convention Park Council, a non-profit organization that promoted the building of the Hawaii Convention Center.

Carr earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Claremont-McKenna College (formerly known as Claremont Men's College). He is a graduate



of Pacific Coast Banking School in Washington and the Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan.

He currently is a director of Punahou School O-Men, a support organization for Punahou School athletics; a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu; a fourth-term board member of Waikiki Improvement Association; and a budget and finance committee member at Kawaiahao Church.

Carr and his wife, Connie, reside in Honolulu. They have three adult children.

For more information, visit [www.ussmissouri.org](http://www.ussmissouri.org).

## Hyatt Regency Waikiki Claims Four Diamond Rating!

The Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa has been awarded AAA's coveted Four Diamond rating for excellence of service, hospitality, and exceptional guest accommodations. Only three hotels were awarded this prestigious rating in Honolulu.

According to AAA Hawaii, more than 50 million AAA members and the public depend on the Diamond ratings to assist them with their travel decisions. AAA inspectors conduct unannounced inspections reviewing all aspects of the hotel including exterior, room décor, ambiance and amenities, and staff and guest service. This results in an assignment of rating to qualifying establishments in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

David Lewin, general manager, said, "It is wonderful to have our Ohana recognized for their dedication and commitment to authentic hospitality. We are honored and inspired by this award and we look forward to maintaining this unique position in our industry."

Richard Velasquez, AAA Hawaii district manager, added, "We applaud the hospitality industry for their ongoing efforts to provide their guests exceptional accommodations and stellar customer service."



## 2008 Hawai'i Tourism Conference

Registration is now available for the 2008 Hawai'i Tourism Conference on August 7 & 8 at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Themed "Hawai'i a Ma 'Ō Aku – So Much More Hawai'i," this year's conference will highlight all that Hawai'i has to offer its residents and visitors beyond "sun, surf, and sea."

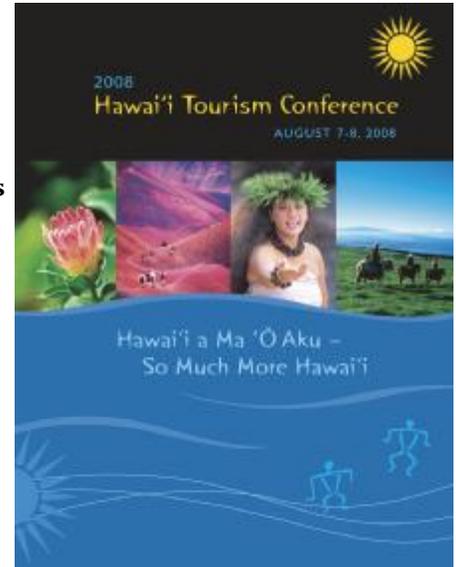
### August 7:

On the first day of the conference, learn about the latest visitor industry trends and issues as it relates to the airline industry; hotel industry and meetings; conventions and incentives market; and online branding and marketing. Sign up for workshops in the areas of visitor statistics; Hawaiian culture and marketing; travel media; and preparing for the Chinese and Korean visitors.

The luncheon keynote will address tools to help your business decisions and customer relationships. Closing out the day will be the Keep It Hawai'i® Recognition Awards ceremony and reception.

### August 8:

Day 2 features an overview of Hawai'i's marketplace and the 2009 tourism marketing plan presentations by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's marketing partners from around the world. The day ends with a luncheon featuring our conference theme, Hawai'i a Ma 'Ō Aku – So Much More Hawai'i.



Visit <http://www.hawaiitourismconference.com> for registration and program information.

## Waikiki's Magic of Polynesia Ready To Announce Third Magical Neighbor Nights

**Mililani was the first Magical Night neighborhood at the Magic of Polynesia.  
Until June 29 the offer continues for Kaneohe.  
On June 30 the next neighborhood will be announced**

The Magic of Polynesia Magical Neighborhood Nights is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the Magic of Polynesia at reduced kama'aina prices this summer. The Magical Neighborhood Nights is available for two-week periods for a single neighborhood at a time and features discounted prices and free parking in Waikiki.

Anyone who lives in the selected neighborhood can enjoy The Magic of Polynesia for \$25 for an adult and \$15 for each keiki and receive free parking too! The regular kama'aina price is \$42 so this is a wonderful chance to experience this great evening of music, dance, comedy and illusions by the extraordinary John Hirokawa.

The Magic of Polynesia is performed live every night at the Ohana Waikiki Beachcomber hotel's \$7.5 million showroom. To enjoy a magical evening at The Magic of Polynesia, make a reservation at 954-8652 and ask for the Magical Nights ticket prices. On the evening of the performance, bring along a way to identify that you are a resident of the neighborhood.

The next neighborhood will be announced on June 30th. Watch for it on Hawaii's Morning News on KHON2 or at businesses in the neighborhood. At least thirteen Oahu neighborhoods will each have two weeks to enjoy the number one show in Waikiki because Roberts Hawaii is offering these special prices to kama'aina as the selected neighborhood changes all summer long.

# MAGIC OF POLYNESIA®

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Flavors of Honolulu, June 27 – 29

### Presented by HMAA and the City & County of Honolulu

This year's "Flavors" Celebrates Abilities Unlimited's 25 years of helping individuals with disabilities lead productive lives.

#### Highlights:

Spencecliff kicks-off their "comeback" by sponsoring the "What's Cooking?" Celeb cook-off, pitting local celebs like "Dog the Bounty Hunter's" Duane & Beth Chapman against City Prosecutor Peter Carlisle, and a highly-competitive re-match between Rep. Calvin Say and Sen. Colleen Hanabusa, plus more exciting match-ups

The premiere food, wine & family event in Honolulu - the much-anticipated 2nd Annual FLAVORS OF HONOLULU - will take place June 27-29, on the Frank Fasi Civic Grounds next to Honolulu Hale, and is presented by HMAA and the CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU. FLAVORS OF HONOLULU is the major fundraiser for Abilities Unlimited, which is celebrating its 25th year of serving individuals with disabilities in the pursuit of achieving self-sufficiency through employment. 100% of all funds raised by FLAVORS OF HONOLULU will remain in our community to support our islands' needs.

#### PUBLIC INFO:

Tel. 532-2100  
[www.FlavorsOfHonolulu.org](http://www.FlavorsOfHonolulu.org)

#### HOURS:

Friday, June 27th, 5-10 p.m.  
Saturday, June 28th, Noon-10 p.m.  
Sunday, June 29th, Noon-6 p.m.

#### FREE EVENT PARKING:

Alapai Transit Center Parking Lot (enter from Alapai Street)  
Frank Fasi Civi Center Parking (enter from Beretania Street)  
Board of Water Supply Parking Lot (2 lots - Lisbon Street or Lusitania Street)  
Kalanimoku Parking (enter from Punchbowl Street)  
OPTIONAL VALET PARKING (FEE): Valet parking is available at the front of Honolulu Hale, enter from King Street.

#### ADMISSION INFORMATION:

General Admission - \$5.00  
Military (Military ID Required) - \$2.50; FREE on Sunday, Military Appreciation Day  
Senior Citizens (65 yrs and older) - \$2.50  
Children 12 & Under - FREE

And, in celebration of Abilities Unlimited's 25th Anniversary ...

Born in 1983 (ID Required) - FREE  
Married in 1983 (Proof Required) - FREE from each sheet).

#### RESTAURANTS

At the heart of FLAVORS OF HONOLULU are our restaurants. Come and try over 40 'ono dishes from 13 restaurants - several first-timers to our event or its predecessor. Waikīkī-based participants in bold type.

Bali by the Sea  
Cream Pot  
Da Spot  
Ichiriki Japanese Nabe Restaurant  
India Café  
Koi  
Laverne's Catering & Restaurant  
Le Crepe Café  
Mark's Specialties  
Planet Hollywood  
Senor Frog's  
Steak & Seafood

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE MAIN STAGE

#### WINE AND BEER TENTS

#### SPENCECLIFF'S "WHAT'S COOKING?" PAVILION

We invite all Spencecliff alumni to come down to their tent, catch up with Chantal and other past employees, and sign a register so she can get in touch with you for the reunion.

#### CELEB COOK-OFF SCHEDULE

#### KEIKILAND

#### NEW! THE TOM MOFFATT & JOHN HENRY ROCK'N ROLL CLUB

And much, much more!!

For more information: Call 532-2100 or visit  
[www.FlavorsOfHonolulu.org](http://www.FlavorsOfHonolulu.org)

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## Honolulu Zoo Society offers twilight tours

What's Wild in Waikiki? Take a stroll to the Honolulu Zoo and learn the sort of monkey business that goes on after hours. Learn about the lives of the Zoo's remarkable citizens. Tours are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday evening! It's a fun evening of education never experienced by day visitors. Special arrangements can be made for large groups. Families are welcome.

The tours are appropriate for all ages 5 to 105! Please purchase tickets in advance from the Honolulu Zoo Society (HZS) by calling 971-7195.

Walk-ups are welcome if space is available - meet at the Front Entrance at 5:15pm. See [www.honzosoc.org](http://www.honzosoc.org) for more information.



## Waikīkī Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed **nightly except Mondays**, 6:30PM – 7:30PM, by Hawaii's finest hula hālau (troupes) and Hawaiian performers at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound, near Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside Uluniu & Kalakaua Ave. in Waikiki.

These are outdoor performances with seating on the grass or on beach chairs or beach mats. Cameras are welcome.

Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority. FREE.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

For the month of June:

**Mondays:** No show

**Tuesdays and Thursdays:** Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia

**Wednesdays:** Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Halau Ka Liko Ka Palai

**Friday, June 27:** Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

**Saturday, June 28:** Lilinoe Lindsey and Ka Pa Nani O Lilinoe

**Sunday, June 29:** Momi Cruz-Losano & Halau Hula Namakahonuakapiliwale



## Waikīkī (and nearby neighborhoods) parade watch and events (courtesy of the City)

June 27-29, 2008 Friday-Sunday  
5PM-10PM Friday  
12n-10PM Sat.  
12n-6PM Sun.

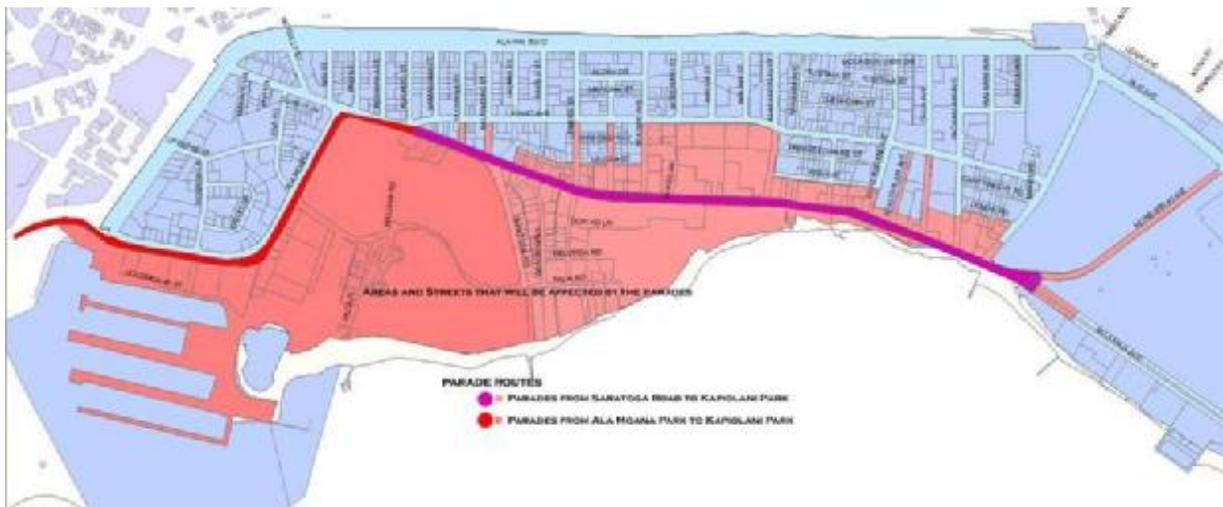
FLAVORS OF HONOLULU sponsored by Abilities Unlimited/dba Winners at Work, Inc. The event is expected to have 10,000+ participants. It will take place at the Honolulu Hale and Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds at King Street. The event will highlight the flavors of local restaurants, local entertainment and provide fun and 'ono' food for the entire family. Contact: Janet Maduli 282-5577, Fax: 842-0927. For more info, visit their website: <http://www.flavorsofhonolulu.org/> or <http://abilitiesunlimitedhi.org/>

June 28, 2008 Saturday  
9:00AM Starts  
11:30AM Ends

PRIDE PARADE sponsored by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). The event is expected to have 250 marchers, 15 vehicles 1 band. It will start at Ala Moana Beach Park (Kkhd entrance), to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact: Carolyn Golojuch 672-9050, Fax: 672-6347. For more info, visit their website: <http://www.honolulu.pff.org>

July 4, 2008 Friday  
8:30PM Starts  
8:50PM Ends

ALA MOANA 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY sponsored by Ala Moana Shopping Center. The event is expected to have 20,000+ participants. Show will be off Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park. Vehicles will be prohibited in Ala Moana Park from 10 pm Thursday, 7/3 until 4 am Friday, 7/4. Various traffic controls will be instituted by HPD at end of fireworks show. Contact: Kristen Kong 946-2811 ext. 5609, Fax: 955-2193, E-mail: [Kristen.Kong@ggp.com](mailto:Kristen.Kong@ggp.com) For more info, visit their website: [www.AlaMoanaCenter.com](http://www.AlaMoanaCenter.com)



The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.



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