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Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa Makes Wishes Come True ... A Special Christmas Wish Lighting Ceremony

Despite the news of the slowing economy and its impact to the visitor industry, the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa continues to make a difference in the lives of children and in our community. A special lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, December 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in front of the waterfall of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki. Join us as we present a check for \$53,000 to the "Make-a-Wish Foundation," raised at a recent golf tournament sponsored by the Hyatt, and a second check for \$5,000 to the Waikiki Community Center from Hyatt's company-wide "Hyatt Community" program funded by the Global Hyatt Foundation.

This special evening will also feature the sounds of up-and-coming local group, "One Right Turn," and a special appearance by Hawaii's biggest selling female Hawaiian group, "Na Leo," who will be singing, "A Christmas Wish," as a child representing the Make-a-Wish Foundation brightens the evening with a single light.

David Lewin, general manager of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa said, " We are proud to honor Hyatt's longstanding commitment to making a difference and supporting the community even during difficult times. We urge everyone to join us at this special lighting ceremony as we help make wishes come true".

Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in this special Christmas Wish lighting ceremony. For more information please call (808) 923-1234.



Photo: "Stephen Weldon, Assistant Director of Engineering at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, is getting ready for the Hyatt Christmas Wish Lighting Ceremony."

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Honolulu Marathon Update

Below are maps that show the Downtown/Ala Moana areas, Waikīkī, Kapi'olani Park/Diamond Head, and Kahala areas.

The bright red line is the outgoing path as the pink line is the incoming path. Areas in red indicate the sections that will be impacted the most as closed or having difficulty getting in or out may be a problem. The first two maps will become open as the last runners pass; however the other two will have restricted access for most part of the day until its completion.

Plan ahead and be sure your staff and guests know what's going on.



December 14, 2008 Sunday
5:00AM Starts and 1:00PM Ends

HONOLULU MARATHON sponsored by Honolulu Marathon Association. They expect to have 35,000+ runners. It will start on Ala Moana Blvd., near Queen St., to Ala Moana Blvd., ewa bound, to Nu'uaniu Ave., to King St., to Kapi'olani Blvd., to Pi'ikoi St., to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalākaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Wai'alae Ave., to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Hawai'i Kai Dr., to Keahole St. to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Road, to Kalākaua Ave., end at Honolulu Marathon finish/Kapi'olani Bandstand.

Roadways closed: 1) H1 Freeway closed at Wai'alae Ave. off ramp to Aina Koa Ave., 2) Kalaniana'ole Hwy., makai half closed for runners, between Aina Koa Ave. & Kawaihae St., mauka half converted to contra flow, 3) Kalaniana'ole Hwy., all lanes closed, between Kawaihao St. to Keāhole St.

Contact: Honolulu Marathon Assn. 734-7200 Fax: 732-7057

Twist At Hanohano, Rumfire and Ocean Terrace in the Sheraton Waikiki offer a variety of tantalizing Christmas menus

Have a merry Christmas at one of Starwood Hotels and Resorts Waikiki's exceptional restaurants. Our chefs have created seasonal Christmas menus to celebrate this most wonderful time of the year with family and friends as aromas of good food, stunning views of Waikiki and well prepared culinary delights fill your festive appetite at Twist at Hanohano, RumFire or Ocean Terrace. Reservations may be made from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Starwood Waikiki dining reservation desk at 808-921-4600. Complimentary parking available.

Sheraton Waikiki

Twist at Hanohano ~ A newly created epicurean delight, Twist at Hanohano incorporates bold influenced flavors paired with products of the land and fresh seafood, spices, herbs and fruits are all incorporated into the cuisine; from farm to table. In addition, the restaurant's interior has just been redesigned with beautiful organic touches in a modern contemporary. This revitalization, combined with the intimate lighting of the room, dramatically sets the tone for a stunning view of the sunset, Diamond Head crater and Honolulu's city lights. The room has a view, and the food is the Twist.

Twist at Hanohano ~ 4-course Christmas Day Dinner

5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at \$85 per person, plus tax and gratuity, December 25, 2008

Soup—*Roasted chestnut and Maui onion duck confit, preserved kumquats*

Salad—*Opal basil cured ahi Carpaccio, uni vinaigrette, pickled radishes*

Entrée—*Prosciutto wrapped beef tenderloin, wilted baby cabbage, morels, fingerling potatoes*

Dessert—*Kona coffee "misu," shaved dark chocolate*

RumFire ~ Heat up the Christmas holidays this year at RumFire. Set against the alluring backdrop of Diamond Head, this oceanfront hideaway offers the largest selection of vintage rum in the United States, an exotic blend of tapas-style cuisine and fire pits adorning its 7,000 square-foot interior. To complement the sizzling ambiance and drink selections, fiery elements have been incorporated into this year's holiday menu.

RumFire Christmas Offering

5 - 10:30 p.m. at \$75 fixed price, \$95 with libation, December 25, 2008

"Grilled cheese sandwich"

Open faced with wild mushroom confit, Maui purple rain goat cheese, baby arugula, and truffled crostini

"Tahitian vanilla scented scallops"

Pickled baby beet tartare, almond foie gras nage

"Lapsong and jasmine tea smoked duck breast"

Meyer lemon and plum compote, anise spiced parsnip puree with a pomegranate licorice essence

"Deconstructed Peach Melba"

Bourbon glazed peaches, pine nut crisps, cardamom apricot sabayon, and drunken raspberries

Ocean Terrace ~ With stunning views of Diamond Head, Ocean Terrace offers the perfect setting to enjoy a leisurely meal on this special day.

Ocean Terrace Restaurant Christmas Buffet

10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at \$42 for adults and \$17 for children (6-12 years old), December 25, 2008

Cold Station—*Peel and eat shrimp and crab legs, tropical and seasonal fruits, a salad display with a selection of fresh ingredients to create a personal salad, traditional smoked salmon, assorted bagels, a variety of cream cheese smears, tofu, pickled vegetables, breakfast breads, English muffins, fruit Danishes, sweet and savory flaky croissants, local honey, island preserves, flavored butters, Japanese pastries, Kona coffee and fruit juices*

Hot Station—*Delectable traditional main course items will include herb infused roast turkey with giblet gravy, macadamia nut and fuji apple dressing, orange cranberry relish, hand carved molasses and caramelized walnut baked ham, roasted alae salted prime rib of beef, local candied sweet potato mash, roasted Maui onion mashed potatoes, crispy bacon and sausage and eggs Benedict. Fresh crab cakes, Chinese style steamed fish with shitake mushrooms, soup de jour and steamed white rice will also be offered.*

Desserts—*Assorted holiday pies, cakes and cookies will be available for dessert.*

Na Mele No Na Pua Kama`aina Concert and Sunday Showcase at Waikiki Beach Walk (R)

Outrigger Enterprises Group is pleased to end this year and start the New Year with its Na Mele No Na Pua Kama`aina Concert and Sunday Showcase music series. These two popular programs continue to entertain visitors and residents alike with December and January offering an exciting calendar of great local entertainment.

Four talented groups culminate this year's Sunday Showcase series with scheduled performances by The Performing Artist Academy, The Carmen Haugen Quartet, A Touch of Gold, and Nihoa. Also, the Honolulu Boy Choir round outs this year's Na Mele No Na Pua Kama`aina concert series with a special musical holiday treat on Sunday, December 21 at 4 pm at the Grand Lanai of Embassy Suites®-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.

DECEMBER SUNDAY SHOWCASE

December 7 -The Performing Artist Academy (Variety)
Under the direction of William Daquioaq, the children and teens from the Performing Artist Academy will incorporate holiday, island, and contemporary tunes in their performances. Mr. Daquioaq, a musician with the Society of Seven Las Vegas, is the owner/director of The Performing Artist Academy and former vocal teacher for "American Idol" finalist, Jasmine Trias. Following their Waikiki Beach Walk engagement, this group will be performing at Disneyland and Las Vegas from December 12th through 16th.



December 14 - The Carmen Haugen Quartet (Hawaiian)

After 30 years of performing in Waikiki and around the world, Hawaiian music legends Keith and Carmen Haugen return to Waikiki as The Carmen Haugen Quartet.

Known for their pleasant mixture of old and new Hawaiian songs, in Hawaiian and English, Keith and Carmen are joined by pianist Ron Miyashiro and Pakini (washtub) bass master Frank Uehara. Allow them to share their laid-back style of life and you'll walk away with a sense of what aloha is all about.



December 21 - A Touch Of Gold (Classic Oldies, Motown, Contemporary)

A Touch of Gold is known as one of Hawaii's premiere musical groups. Over a decade since they began, "A Touch of Gold" continues to delight people of all ages. Their soulful harmonic voices will mesmerize you as they sing those classic hits of "Motown" from the 50's up to today. Join "A Touch of Gold" as they celebrate the release of their second CD.

December 28 - Nihoa (Hawaiian)

Veteran Hawaiian entertainer Andrei Puchert and Guitar Institute of Hawaii's Mike Barques come together as the duo

Nihoa. From Hawaiian Falsetto singing, Hawaiian slack key guitar, to country and contemporary music, Nihoa brings an assortment of music to Waikiki Beach Walk.

Valet parking for up to four hours is available for \$6.00 at the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk (201 Beachwalk) and the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk (227 Lewers Street), with any same-day purchase from any Waikiki Beach Walk merchant.

Honolulu Zoo Society offers twilight tours



What's Wild in Waikīkī? 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 for info.



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 & Kalākaua Ave. in Waikīkī.

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 Hawai'i Tourism Authority. FREE. Schedule subject to change without notice.

For December

Mondays: No show

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

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Halau Ka Liko Ka Palai

Friday, December 5 – Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Saturday, December 6 – Colsen Kanei and Halau Kawaianuhealehua

Sunday, December 7 – Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A O Hula



December 1, 2008 Monday to
January 3, 2009 Saturday
various times,
7 days a week

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SEASON PARKING BAN by the City and County of Honolulu. No Parking Tow Away Zones:
Honolulu area - 6 am to 10:30 pm, 1)Kapi'olani Boulevard, makai side, South St. to Atkinson Dr., 2)Ke'eaumoku Street, both sides, Liona St. to Makaloa St.

Contact: DTS Street Usage 768-8392

December 6, 2008 Saturday
6:00PM Starts
11:00PM Ends

MAYOR'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY/PARADE sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu. The event is expected to have 2,000 marchers, 40 vehicles, 15 floats and 15 bands. It will start at Aala Park to King St., Kokohead on King St., to end in closed off portion of King St., between Punchbowl & South Sts.

Contact: Eddie Oi, Department of Customer Services 523-4128

December 7, 2008 Sunday
10:30AM Starts
1:00PM Ends

STREET BIKERS UNITED-TOYS FOR TOTS CARAVAN sponsored by Street Bikers United Hawaii. The event is expected to have 4,000 motorcycles. It will start at Magic Island, to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalākaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd. to end at Kapi'olani Community College-DH campus.

Contact: Ray Pagan 282-6419

December 25, 2008
and January 1, 2009

WAIKĪKĪ WIKI WIKI WIRE UPDATE

The newsletter will not be published on December 25, 2008 and January 1, 2009. Please submit any Christmas and News Year information for the December 11 and 18 issues as early as you can. Mahalo.



Hilton Hawaiian Village Encourages Giving the Gift of Life this Season

This holiday season, give the gift of life at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. It'll take place at Tapa 3 Ballroom between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Prospective donors should be in good health, at least 18 years of age, and more than 110 pounds. Repeat donors should not have made a donation within the last 8 weeks, and everyone is asked to bring a picture I.D.

To make an appointment, call Ai Lee Wong at 947-7931.



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