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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

It has been quite a busy summer. Here are some of the events that I have attended during the summer.

JULY:

- * 22nd: Lunch with teachers and administrators of Hawaii Teachers Standards Board
- * 23rd: Hanafuda Tournament at Mililani Hongwanji to benefit MHS Project Grad Class of 2012
- * 27th: Monsanto Ag tour at Kunia, including Honouliuli Internment Camp site which Monsanto plans to turn over to National Park Service
- * 30th: Council of State Government –West 4 day conference at Sheraton Waikiki

AUGUST:

- * 9th: Visit with Pastor Derrick Norris to discuss how Mililani Baptist Church can be of assistance to Mililani community
- * 10th: Dinner with UH President M.C. Greenwood to discuss future needs for University of Hawaii
- * 12th: Friendship Tea at Japan Consul General's home with, Etsuko Kamo, and Japanese Women's Society Foundation (see picture below)
- * 13th: Presented Statement of Support at Employer Support of Guard and Reserve awards dinner with Senator Dan Inouye as keynote speaker.
- * 18th: MTA employee appreciation dinner.
- * 22nd: Tour of new Sheriff's booking station on Keawe Street and UH Cancer Research Center.

Me ke aloha,

Michelle



Mililani Town Assn. Board of Directors Will Kane, Dennis Ihara, Bob Barrett, Senator Kidani, Glenn Yoshimori, Farouk Wang at Rec VII MTA Employee Appreciation Dinner.



Honouliuli Internment Camp site sits on Monsanto agricultural park land in Kunia.

Reapportionment Commission

On September 8th the Reapportionment Commission will hold a Public Hearing at Mililani High School cafeteria at 6 pm. Another Hearing will be held on Sept. 15th at Waipahu High School cafeteria at 6pm. The purpose of this hearing is to inform the public about reapportionment, the process of redrawing voter districts based on updated Census figures. Hearings are open to the public.

The current lines for the two congressional districts, the 51 state House districts and the 25 state Senate districts are all proposed to be redrawn. While the Reapportionment Commission has chosen to include active duty military, there is a challenge that this decision goes against the State constitution.

To contact the Commission: toll free/neighbor islands: 877-854-6749 or 808-453-8683; email: reapportionment@hawaii.gov; or mail: State Capitol, Reapportionment Project Office, 415 S. Beretania St., Room 445, Honolulu, 96813.



August is back to school for most public schools. On August 9th and 10th, Senator Kidani assisted three students shop during Target's 2nd Annual School Shopping Spree. This year Target Stores on Oahu and the Salvation Army's Kroc Center were able to host 100 kids at each store.

The 100 students from Kapolei Elementary, Kapolei Middle school and Makakilo Elementary were able to spend up to \$80 on needed school supplies, clothing or shoes. It was a very worthwhile and heartwarming experience to help these students.



Senator and friends having fun at the annual Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance. As usual, the chicken hekka and andagi was "Oishi".



Senator Kidani with Etsuko Kamo, wife of Consul General of Japan, during tea with the Japanese Women's Society Foundation at their Nuuanu home.



On August 22nd the Senate Ways and Means Committee and staff toured several sites on Oahu. Pictured above is President Marcie Greenwood at the UH Cancer Center under construction located next to the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine School in Kaka'ako. Working with the UH, the contractor has been able to recycle 80% of their construction waste. The facility building will be approximately 150,000 square feet with 5 floors of both wet and dry laboratories and administrative offices and will house approximately 400 employees. It will provide world class research facilities that will assist in recruitment efforts of top scientists to the state. The Cancer Research Center will assist in the development of the states emerging biotech industry and continue to support the Center's mission of reducing the burden of cancer through science. Project completion was originally scheduled for February 2013; however ,construction has progressed ahead of schedule and the new completion date will be in November 2012.

Aloha to our MHA- Mental Health Hawai`i `Ohana!

The 2011 *Finding Help Phone List* is now available for download on their website www.mentalhealth-hi.org. It is statewide and contains contact information (phone numbers and websites) for agencies and programs that offer assistance with substance abuse, anger management, grief support, mental health problems, domestic violence, homelessness, sex abuse, employment, developmental disabilities; and help for seniors, children and adolescents, veterans, immigrants - just to name a few.

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Here are a few of the programs that Mental Health Hawaii offers:

- **Youth Suicide and Bullying Prevention.** Hawai`i has double the national rate of teenagers attempting or planning suicide – highest in the country and significantly high rates of middle and high school students who report that bullying is a serious problem at their schools. MHA Hawai`i is reducing teen bullying, depression, and suicide by helping middle and high school youth, parents, teachers, and staff of youth-serving organizations to identify and intervene with bullying and suicide.

- **For more information and Finding Help Phone Directory:**

<http://www.mentalhealth-hi.org/Resources/Documents/FINAL2011FHPhList.pdf>

CSG West Conference

HALAWAI - "Where Leaders Gather"

Hawaii played host to the 64th annual CSG-West meeting from July 30th through August 2, 2011 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Over 600 legislators and their families from 13 western states participated. The conference was spearheaded by Representative Marcus Oshiro and Senator Brian Taniguchi who did an excellent job welcoming our visitors.

Some of the meeting topics included "Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation", "Keys to Political Communication", as well as an annual Legislative Training Assembly session. There was a keynote speech from CNN's Chief Political Correspondent, Candy Crowley. The conference also offered daily topics from the various states on Education, Energy and Public Lands, Fiscal Affairs, International Trade, Water and Environment.



Early morning tour of Honolulu's live fish auction hosted by Brooks Takenaka, General Manager of the United Fishing Agency.



Hawaii legislators and Mililani's own Miss Hawaii, Lauren Cheape, gather for a group photo in front of Sheraton Waikiki with lei in hand to welcome over 600 legislators and guests from 13 western states.

MHS STADIUM AND FIELD TURF PROJECT

On August 10th our office was informed that the MHS Track and Stadium improvement project has been awarded to CO-HA Builders. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled before the start date to address concerns prior to breaking ground on this much needed project in the John Kauinana Stadium.

This \$1.8M project is expected to begin in November 2011 and be completed in March of 2012.



CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Q: Is anything going to be done about the roads in Mililani? Kuahelani, Meheula and Lanikuhani are all in terrible shape. Meheula, from the High School to Kam Hwy; both sides are pretty bad; and from Kam Hwy to Safeway, especially the lanes closest to the median where the tree roots are raising the asphalt. Kuahelani, from McDonald's heading towards Kipapa Park. Lanikuhana, from Kam to the District Park Mililani Uka. Kam Highway is the worst.

A: As Senate Ways and Means Vice Chair, I was able to include \$14M in the budget to repair and resurface Kamehameha Highway all the way through Mililani from Ka Uka Blvd to Waikalani Drive. The other roadways are City streets and have been referred to the Department of Transportation Services for a response. This project is scheduled for next year but we are trying to get it expedited on the priority list.

Q: I would like to express my concern and opinion regarding those teams that solicit donations at intersections, such as Ka Uka and Moaniani fronting Costco Waipio. This type of fundraising should NOT be allowed.

A: Chief Kealoha's office recommends 911 be called to make a police report for future violations. Although some organizations can get permits for this activity through the City's Dept. of Transportation Services, it is probably not the case with most groups out soliciting on the street.

@ the Capitol



Congratulations to Marion Poirier on her appointment as a member of the Hawaii Health Authority



**Congratulations !
(L-R) Rep. Lee, Marion Poirier & Sen. Kidani**



A quick hello to Governor Abercrombie on Zara Zimbrich's Last Day with Senator Kidani's office. Thank you Zara for volunteering this Summer.

Walk Wise Poster Contest!

To promote pedestrian safety, students from around the state participated in a poster contest. Some of the winners were at the Capitol for unveiling on August 24th.



Agnas Plum from Wheeler Elementary School & Her Parents

