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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope you and your families are enjoying the beginning of Spring.

At the Capitol, we are continuing to work through the legislative session. There have been many long nights at the Capitol working on the state budget before bills crossover to the Senate on March 8th. In addition, you can read more about bills I submitted on the back page of this update. As the legislative session goes on, you can access up to date information on any bills, resolutions, or issues relating to the state legislature through the newly redesigned legislative website :

www.capitol.hawaii.gov/

I feel that this has been a very productive session so far but there is still a lot more to do before session adjourns on May 3rd.

As always, please feel free to contact me at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov or 586-8500 with concerns or questions.

Aloha,

Sharon Har
Representative, District 40
Kapolei, Makakilo,
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Kapolei Elementary School

I am pleased to announce that the improvements to Building C at Kapolei Elementary School will begin shortly. The project has been awarded to Projects Enterprises, Inc. The exact scheduling and other details are being finalized between the contractor and the Department of Education and should be announced shortly.



Rep. Har welcomes Representative Giugni to the House of Representatives. She was recently appointed by the Governor to serve as Representative of the 33rd District (Aiea, Halawa, and Red Hill).



Representatives from the Salvation Army, Representative Har, Amy Reagan (granddaughter of Joan Kroc) and husband, and Representative Ty Cullen

Kroc Center Dedication Ceremony and Open House

On January 28th, 2012, I attended the dedication ceremony of the new Salvation Army Kroc Center Hawaii, located in Kapolei. This facility sits on 15 acres and is an amazing addition to our beautiful community. The Kroc Center Hawaii highlights aquatics, athletics, health and wellness, performing arts, and education. For more information regarding services or membership, please contact the Kroc Center Hawaii at (808) 682-5505.

At Kapolei Public Library this month:

March 24 "Legal and Accounting Matters for Small Businesses" an informational seminar for startups and for ongoing businesses. Speakers include Nolan K. Yogi, a lawyer and arbitrator with over 30 years experience, and Ted Ketcham, an accountant and QuickBooks Pro advisor with over 20 years experience. Topics include "How to Protect Your Business and Your Assets from Lawsuits," and "Tax and Accounting Issues for Small Business."

February 15—March 31 "The Hawaii Internment Experience" is a display by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH). In conjunction with the display, the JCCH will present an educational program at Kapolei Public Library featuring a 10 minute film about the Honouliuli Camp and the history of the Japanese internment in Hawaii on **Saturday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m.**

For more information, visit the library website: www.librarieshawaii.org or call 693-7050.

Save the Date: Talk Story with Rep. Har

I would like to thank everyone who joined me for my last Talk Story on Saturday, February 18. Please join me for the next Talk Story at **9:00 am on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Makakilo Elementary School Cafeteria.**

Rep. Sharon Har - 2012 March Bill Update

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for District 40 (HB2337) – Appropriates funds for Capital Improvement Projects in our district. (Referred to the Committee on Finance.)

Creative Media (HB2338 HD2) - Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to lease public lands for purposes of developing creative media production and post-production facilities in order to continue promoting and encouraging the creative media industry here in Hawaii. (Sent to the Senate.)

HCDA - Kalaeloa Community Development District (HB2339 HD2) - Clarifies residency requirements for community representatives of the Kalaeloa Community Development District to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. (Sent to the Senate.)

Financing Agreements (HB2341) - Streamlines major state projects by specifying that Certificates of Participation financing agreements do not require legislative approval which will expedite construction of new schools. (The Senate companion bill SB2948 SD1, has been received by the House.)

Moving Images Archives (HB2754) - Designates 'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i as the state archive for moving images to preserve Hawaii's history as we move to the digital age. (The Senate companion bill SB2110 SD1, has been received by the House.)

Shark Feeding (HB578 HD2) - Establishes administrative fines to penalize those who break the law by feeding sharks and thereby making our waters unsafe for our residents. (Sent to the Senate.)

Congratulations

Rep. Har congratulates members of the Kapolei High School Social Norms Media Project on their receipt of an Ola Pono Award from the Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii.



Kapolei High School Social Norms Media Project Youth Team was presented with an Ola Pono Award by the Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii. The award recognizes the Team's work promoting lifestyles that are safe; healthy; and violence and drug-free. The award was presented at the Star Advertiser's 12th annual Backyard Jam event Sunday February 26. I was honored to also present the students with a certificate on behalf of the 26th Legislature to commend the Kapolei High School Social Norms Media Project Youth Team for its work preventing underage drinking among peers and the community of Kapolei.

Congratulations to the "We the People" team from Island Pacific Academy for receiving second place in this year's statewide "We the People" competition. This event is a National Endowment for the Humanities program designed to encourage and enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history, culture, and democratic principles. In addition to taking second place overall, IPA's Unit 4 also won the Unit 4 award for their comparison of the US Congressional System with the British Parliamentary system. I was honored to be a mock judge at IPA to help prepare the students for the competition.



IPA's "We the People" team, instructors and mock judges.



Rep. Har presented a lei to Army Private First Class Edward Barut, a Purple Heart Medal and Combat Action Badge recipient

27th Leeward District Science & Engineering Fair Awardees and Participants

Kapolei High School

Jennifer Wong - Society for In Vitro Biology Award, Best of Cellular & Molecular Biology, District Finalist Award, First Place Overall

Aisha Tiera - American Psychological Association Award, Best of Behavior & Social Sciences Award, District Finalist Award, Honorable Mention Award

Erika Aganon, Melodi Deiner, Joyce Vilorio, Christian Bayoca, Kianna Nomura, Nicole Dan Cruz, and Kela Wong

- The **Life Rolls On Foundation** will be holding a **They Will Surf Again** event at **White Plains Beach March 24**. This program allows people with a spinal cord injury to enjoy the freedom and mobility of catching a wave through the assistance of adaptive equipment and volunteers. For more information or to sign up as a participant or a volunteer please visit www.LifeRollsOn.org.

- The **Grand Opening** of our new **Kapolei Walmart** will be taking place on Wednesday, **March 28th** at **10:00 a.m.**