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DISTRICT DISCUSSION FORUMS BRING TOGETHER COMMUNITY MANAʻO AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

PAʻIA, HAʻIKU, HANA AND MOLOKAʻI

Senator J. Kalani English and Senator Shan S. Tsutsui held a “Talk Story” session at Paʻia Elementary School on March 13th, and addressed many issues ranging from the Paʻia Bypass road to school funding in remote areas to water use in Hawaiʻi.

At the meeting, Lance Holter introduced the **Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park** proposal, which would protect coastline beaches along Maui’s north shore. This project would encompass 130 acres from Spreckelsville to Peahi.



Susan Alivado, Principal of Paʻia Elementary School was delighted to received the announcement that construction of a full service cafeteria will begin soon



Lance Holter introduced the Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park proposal. For more information and to view site map, please visit: <http://www.NorthShorePark.org/background.php>



Pualani Enos, Executive Director of Hui Malama Learning Center expressed gratitude for Sen. English’s service to the community.

A MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Over the past few weeks, I have been meeting with constituents across the district to discuss the most pressing issues before us. Meetings in East Maui, Hana, Paʻia and Molokaʻi have been fruitful and frank. Later, I will arrange gatherings in Kula and Lanaʻi for the same types of discussions. I report here on these meetings.

The Center for Pacific Island Studies at UH Manoa recently hosted an international conference, **Micronesian Voices in Hawaiʻi**, at the **East-West Center** in Honolulu. As a graduate of both of these institutions, I am especially honored to have given the opening remarks at this conference on behalf of the State of Hawaiʻi. I share a brief report on this important meeting.

Finally, I congratulate Bev Gannon of Haliʻimaile General Store and Nene Grill, Inc. for receiving the US Small Business Administration’s 2008 Hawaiʻi Small Business person of the year award. The Senate recently honored Bev in a ceremony in the Senate Chambers.

Aloha, *J. Kalani English*



DISTRICT GATHERINGS - HA'IKU



Teya Penniman of the **Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC)** discusses their work in Maui County with Sen. English. MISC is currently working on eradicating Coqui frogs from Maui as well as Miconia, Pampus grass, veiled Chameleon, Ivy Gourd, Rubbervine, Fire Tree and Giant Reed. MISC works to prevent invasive species from becoming established within Maui County, controls invasive species on private and public property, and educates people about invasive species and how to protect Maui County.

On Monday, March 17th at the **Ha'iku Elementary School** Cafeteria, a gathering of over 100 community members joined Senator English with Representatives Mele Carroll, Angus McKelvey, Pono Chong, Kirk Cadwell and Kyle Yamashita with over 24 testimonies ranging in issues from education, health, GMO taro, food security, energy and water issues. The legislators took time to respond to questions and talk story with the gathered crowd after the meeting.



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East Maui community members ask questions of the Legislators at Ha'iku Elementary School during a recent meeting. **AKAKU: MAUI COMMUNITY TELEVISION** was on hand to document the gathering and to also testify on their legislative proposals currently in the House.

You may request to schedule an airing of both of these recorded Town gatherings on the Akaku.org web-site: http://www.akaku.org/?page_id=13

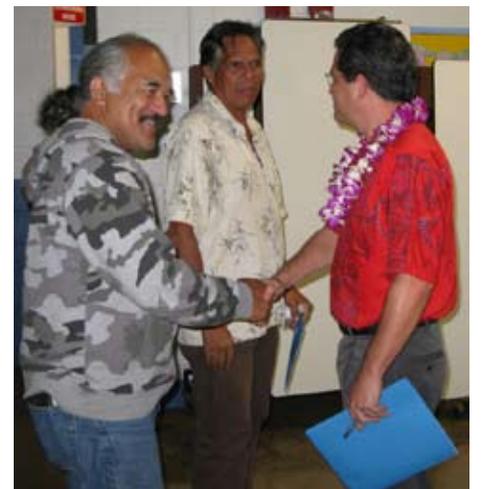
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Sam Kalalau III of Hana, discussing Hana Health Center funding and Hawaiian Water Rights with Sen. English.

DISTRICT GATHERINGS - MOLOKA'I



Senator English talks with Moloka'i residents about renewable energy and what it could mean for the island. As the former Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and International Affairs, Sen. English is well versed in the field of energy.

Moloka'i residents support wind energy on their island by a show of hands at a recent meeting attended by Sen. English.



MAUI'S BUSINESS OWNER BEV GANNON RECIPIENT OF PRESTIGIOUS 2008 SBA AWARD

Every year, the U. S. Small Business Administration honors outstanding small business owners, entrepreneurs and advocates who best illustrate the important contributions of small business to the local economy and to our quality of life. The 2008 SBA Awardee is Beverly "Bev" Gannon of Hali'imaile General Store, Inc. and Nene Grill, Inc. on Maui.

On April 2nd, 2008, Senator J. Kalani English introduced Bev Gannon to the Senate stating "Ms. Gannon is one of the 12 original founders of

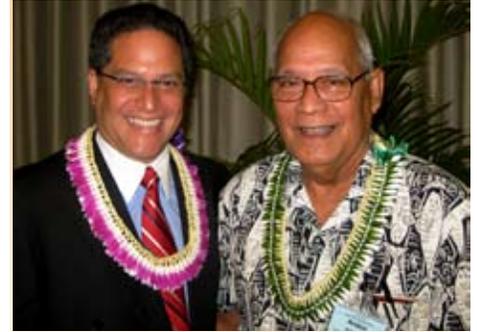


Sen. Shan Tsutsui, Sen. Roz Baker, Pam Tumpap (Maui Chamber of Commerce) Bev Gannon and Sen. English in the Senate Chambers, 2 April 2008.

Hawai'i regional cuisine and has made huge contributions to the local tourism and agriculture industries in Hawai'i. She directs a remarkably entrepreneurial culinary organization that generates millions of dollars in annual revenues."

Ms. Gannon will be honored at the SBA Small Business Awards Luncheon on April 30, 2008, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

VOICES OF MICRONESIA



Sen. J. Kalani English with Federated States of Micronesia Chief Justice Andon L. Amaraich at the Micronesian Voices in Hawai'i Conference, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

A landmark event took place at The Imin Conference Center at the East-West Center in Honolulu on April 3-4, 2008.

Senator J. Kalani English and Andon L. Amaraich, Lead Negotiator for the first Federated States of Micronesia Treaty with the US, joined in a presentation addressing the fundamental need to coordinate the diverse voices of Micronesians in Hawai'i.

The conference agenda hoped to inspire ideas that would strengthen communities, increase effective communication, build programs for health and education, and educate individuals on rights and responsibilities.

Rising unemployment and hardships in Micronesia continue to push its residents to emigrate to Hawai'i.

Migrants' eligibility for state and federal services under the Compact of Free Association (COFA) was also discussed.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.hawaii.edu/cpis/2008conf/index.htm>

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DISTRICT MANA'O

Maui District Science and Engineering Fair Merit Winners. Sen. English (center). Ayla Bicoy (left of Sen. English), from Moloka'i High School, won for her project **Redesigning Moloka'i's Lifeline**. Elena Abe (right) from King Kekaulike High School, with project titled **Can Maui Be Powered by a Pineapple?**



Sen. J. Kalani English visits Moloka'i High School's Hawaiian Immersion class to discuss Moloka'i Ranch's closure. Kumu Manuwai Peters moderates the discussion, which was in Hawaiian.



treatment to a safe and sober environment. The project will eventually include farming and other related job creation endeavors.

Hale Ku'oko'a, Hana's new sober living home in Nahiku was recently blessed and opened with a gathering of supporters and funders. Senator English gave a short address in Hawaiian and in English to the assembled guests, and spent the day talking story with them about all of the issues facing this remote community. Ray Henderson, Executive Director of 'Ohana Makamae, Inc. gave a history of the project and outlined how Hale Ku'oko'a will help our people return home after substance abuse

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Additional 49th SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR award winners: Kevin Kim, Lauren Shinozuka, Jamie Teshima and Jodi Tomooka, Tehilla Ben-Gershom, Katherine Chun, Zack Kresge, Steven Okada, Alisha Summers.

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