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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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Legislative Issues



Don't Close Lili'uokalani School! – Dep. Supt. Randall Moore heard testimony from dozens of students, parents, alumni, district officials at Kalani High cafeteria, asking the BOE to keep QLS open. No one called for closure. See www.timeforbarbaramarumoto.com for more information. Rep. Marumoto, Rep. Calvin Say, and Devon Peterson, parent of a Lili'uokalani 1st grader, were on Tiny Tadani's tv/radio show recently discussing the school's possible consolidation.

Marumoto Bills – Rep. Marumoto will introduce bills dealing with ATV safety, requiring helmets on two-wheeled vehicles, no riding in pickup truck beds, DNA collection from arrestees of violent crimes and sex offenses against minors, sanctions on owners who own several unkempt properties, removing the statute of limitation for rape cases, establishment of a LUPUS Task Force in the Dept. of Health, and several others. A complete list will be provided on www.timeforbarbaramarumoto.com and in next month's Neighborhood Report.

Kahala Residents Oppose Museum – The Kahala Community Association and Rep. Marumoto held a meeting at Kahala Park to receive input from neighbors on whether they would like a museum on Kahala Avenue or not. District officials that participated include Sen. Slom, Rep. Hashem, Councilman Chang and Neighborhood Board #3 Chair Anderson. The Japanese billionaire Gensiro Kawamoto has been talking about an art museum and garden on two adjacent lots he owns on Kahala Avenue. On a straw vote, no one voted for a museum or a museum with certain conditions. Everyone voted against it. Should Mr. Kawamoto apply for a zoning variance or special management area permit, district organizations and elected officials will be aware of the sentiment of the residents.



Wayne Yoshioka of HPR interviews NB #3 Chair Scotty Anderson about the condition of Kawamoto properties.

District Concerns

E. Honolulu Residents Featured in Publications – The Hawaii Herald outlined the careers of several AJA athletes including pioneer open-heart surgeon, **Dr. Richard Mamiya** who was a star letterman at St. Louis High School and UH. He was one of the founders of the UH Medical School. Dr. Mamiya has made significant contributions to many institutions including St. Louis, Punahou, and Bishop Museum. **Kahala Nui resident Wally Yonamine** was the first Nisei to play for the SF 49ers. He later played baseball for the SF Seals and then the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants. His scholarship foundation presents \$5,000 annually to college student-athletes. **Waiialae Iki's Keo Nakama** learned how to swim in plantation ditches on Maui. Not having access to swimming pools in the '30s, science teacher/coach Soichi Sakamoto trained his team in the irrigation canals. Nakama went on to swim and play baseball at Ohio State University. At the age of 41 Keo was the first to swim the Kaiwi Channel between Molokai and Oahu. In 1964 he was elected to the State House for 5 terms from Palolo.



Arthritis & Exercise - Rep. Marumoto & Arthritis Foundation held a forum at Kahala Nui Retirement Community. Seventy-five people heard a panel of experts talk about the disease and how exercise and stretching can help relieve symptoms. To view the meeting, see www.timeforbarbaramarumoto.com. Next month it will be shown on Ole'lo.

Kapiolani Community College Chapel to be Spruced Up – Dean Carol Hoshiko convened a group of district leaders and interested participants to discuss improvements with the Department of Accounting & General Services. DAGS will be implementing the project.

Clubhouse to Recognize Advocates for Mental Health – The Diamond Mental Health Clinic Clubhouse will hold a fundraiser on Feb. 24 at D & B where an individual who has advanced mental health services and a business who has supported its temporary employment program will be recognized. Director Paul Newell would appreciate your support – 733- 9188.

Inside Out Recognition – Kalani/Kuliouou Neighborhood Board Member **Charlie Palumbo's** backyard aquaponics system was featured in the December issue. His unique system combines aquaculture and hydroponics and is based on “the symbiotic relationship among fish, bacteria and plants in an ammonia-nitrogen conversion cycle”. The **Kahala Hotel's** holiday activities were also featured as well as desserts from **JJ's Bistro & French Pastry** in Kaimuki. JJ will open a second restaurant right next door to his first on Waiialae Avenue.

The Best Poke – *Honolulu Weekly* mentions the shoyu poke at **Tamura's** on Waiialae Avenue. Also try “special Tamura” ahi poke.

SECOH Website – The **Special Education Center of Hawaii**, located off of 22nd Avenue, wants you to know about their mission to serve disabled people of all ages. Check its new logo and website, www.secoh.org.

Green House in Kaimuki – We will soon be able to visit a “green house” in Kaimuki. Built with donations by Building Industry Association members, it will feature photovoltaics, energy-saving appliances, water-saving plumbing, and landscaping, an aquaponic garden, and many other sustainable features. The public will be invited in two months before the owners move in.



President of the University of Hawaii, MRC Greenwood, and Rep. Marumoto at the ground breaking of the new University Cancer Center in Kakaako.

Kaimuki Christmas Parade & Tree – Mahalo to the **Kaimuki Business & Professional Association** for another well-organized Holiday Parade. Thank them, and the City, for the lighted tree above the Kaimuki Fire Station. Mahalo to Waiialae Nui Ridgeline resident **Bill Green of Kahala Shell** and his red Mustang for driving Rep. Marumoto for the past 30+ years. The turnout was tremendous despite the off-and-on rain.

Census Data – Makiki Heights is the most affluent in Hawaii with a median household income of \$175,521, but **Waiialae Iki** came in second at \$149,175. Third was Spreckelsville, Maui.

Marumoto Activities

Activities legislators were invited to attend included, an observance of the Emperor's birthday at the Japanese Consul General's residence, Friends of the Library, Outrigger Hotels, the winter graduation at UH-Manoa, the Red Mass.

Rep. Marumoto attended the Adult Friends for Youth benefit, a Clubhouse Advisory Board meeting, a Junior League Sustainer gathering, the Friends of the Medical School annual meeting, and a UH Na Koa banquet. She traveled to S. California (not at taxpayers' expense) to attend a Women in Government conference where she was elected Secretary, enjoyed meeting with the Retail Merchants of Hawaii, breakfasted with the Dental Association, attended a communication workshop presented by the Alternate Dispute Resolution Center. In addition she attended a half-day session with biotech experts given by the Crop Improvement Association, a Kamehameha School reception at the YWCA, a discussion entitled *Insights into Oahu Home Building* hosted by the Building Industry Association, a function held by Pacifica Institute, an event with the Substance Abuse Coalition, the Realtors Association, a forum put on by Kaimuki resident Liz Chun of Good Beginnings Alliance, and a briefing by the Host Committee for the upcoming APEC meeting. After a Sierra Club forum on sustainability legislators were asked to conduct tours of the Capitol.



Former Miss Hawaii Kehau Christian held an elegant wedding reception catered by Chai on the grounds of Iolani Palace.



The Inauguration of Gov. Abercrombie on the grounds of Iolani Palace.



Paul Saito moderated a legislative panel for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Reps. Marumoto, Lee & Say and Sens. Ige & Taniguchi participated.

Signposts: Aloha to Diamond Head resident Vernon Zane, a former Matson Terminal employee, Golf course resident Edward D. Sultan, Jr., founder of Sultan and Na Hoku Jewelry, and family friend U.S. District Judge Sam King. During WWII Rep. Marumoto's parents taught both Judge and Mrs. King Japanese at the Naval Language School - University of Colorado. Prominent businessman and developer Bill Mau of Diamond Head also passed away. Former social worker Ah Nee Leong of Ainakoa passed away recently. His services were held at Star of the Sea.