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From a young age, my son was taught the value of each of our servicemen and women. He is well aware of the sacrifices others have made in order for the rest of us to live in this blessed country of America.

Memorial Day and Filipino Veterans

Sharon Zalsos

What does Memorial Day mean to you? It comes and goes year after year. When you ask most kids these days, it means no school for the keiki or a holiday for the working class. On the front lawn of the Kalana O Maui, 200 South High Street in Wailuku also known as the County Building, you can count on seeing tents set up with dozens of volunteers getting lei ready for the Memorial Day ceremony usually held at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery. Each year, a small U.S. flag is

placed on each tomb stone that spreads across the lawn of the Veterans Cemetery. Sometime during the official ceremony, a visit from a helicopter takes place as it drops thousands upon thousands of rose petals and other local blooms above the cemetery. I've witnessed this several times already. I try my best to have my son accompany me each time. From a young age, he was taught the value of each of our servicemen and women. He is well aware of the sacrifices others have

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Barrio Fiesta: 49 Years and Counting

Alfredo G. Evangelista | ASSISTANT EDITOR

Memorial Day is right around the corner and for almost fifty years, Maui's Barrio Fiesta has been held during or near the Memorial Day weekend.

This year's 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta, the longest running fiesta in the United States, promises many of the crowd favorites and some new features to encourage folks to attend this Filipino cultural event.

The 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta, with its hashtag #barriofiestamaui2018 will start on Friday, May 25 (from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.) and continue through Saturday, May 26 (from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.).

New Features

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The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Filipino Folk Dancers are shown here in their patadyong skirts and attire during the Barrio Wear contest at a previous Barrio Fiesta.

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Sharon Zalsos (left) positions a lei as part of the ceremony.



During the 46th Barrio Fiesta, the outdoor stage was set, and the memorial service was held at the War Memorial Soccer Field in Wailuku.

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made in order for the rest of us to live in this blessed country of America.

One of my personal mentors has a standing commitment each Saturday morning that spans from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a training session for his business and he doesn't miss. He happens to be an Air Force veteran and I invited him to accompany me to a memorial service in 2017. I knew full well that his answer would most likely be no thank you but I was curious. He smiled and he told me that he has never missed an opportunity to visit the Makawao Veteran cemetery to pay tribute to our fallen each year. I scratched my head and asked how that was possible since the formal ceremony starts at 10 a.m., the same

time as his training. He replied that he doesn't have to be a part of any formal ceremony to honor our fallen. He said he visits first thing in the morning and honors them in his own way. No crowd, no bands, no glitz. That made me think, we can each have our own way of paying tribute. What a concept. So I asked again, what does Memorial Day mean to you, personally?

Memorial Day by definition is a federal holiday in the United States. It is the day to remember the people who died while servicing in the U.S. armed forces. This holiday is observed every year on the last Monday of May. This year this falls on May 28, 2018. For all you students, this usually marks the beginning of summer vacation season.

Many confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day. Just remember, Memorial Day is a day of remembering the

men and women who died in the line of duty or while in active duty service. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

Do you recall Operation Iraqi Freedom which followed 9/11? We have a fallen soldier by the name Sergeant First Class (SFC) Kelly Bolor who died on November 15, 2003. He was 37 years old at the time. He was serving with the 137th Quartermaster Company, U.S. Army Reserve, based in South El Monte, California. He died when two 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters went down in Mosul, Iraq. "He said after everything was done, he wanted to come home and relax," recalled his brother, Conrad Bolor. The late Bolor was born in Wailuku and raised in Lahaina. He was the third-oldest of five boys and a girl raised in a Filipino family. He was raised by his mother, Annie, after she was widowed in 1968. Bolor was a member of the Lahainaluna wrestling team and enlisted in the U.S. Army soon after graduation from high school. He is survived by his wife Kelly and son Kyle. Bolor was laid to rest at Maui Memorial Park in Wailuku.

There are countless casualties of war in the Filipino community from different wars. To include military fatal casualties of the Vietnam War: Catalino B. Antonio, Jr., he was an Air Force Sgt. from Maui. He died on August 18, 1972. His remains were recovered. Albert Babanayan, he was a Corporal in the Marine Corps. He died on March 5, 1966. His remains were also recovered. Magno Campos, who was a Staff Sergeant in the Army. He died on November 8, 1965, his remains were recovered. The list goes on and on with names of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. For every remains recovered, there are many more unaccounted for and they remain missing in action or MIA.

At the upcoming Barrio Fiesta during Memorial Day weekend, the 9th Annual Veterans Memorial Service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, May 26. The solemn ceremony includes the POW/MIA ceremony, which remembers the thousands of Americans who are still prisoners of war or missing in action. It is a poignant ceremony that was established nine years ago by the late Rogelio Evangelista, a U.S. Air

Force veteran, who was very active in Maui's veteran community. I will be participating again and I encourage all to attend to pay homage to our veterans who often are forgotten.

One such group of forgotten Veterans are the Filipinos who fought side by side Americans during World War II. Over 260,000 Filipinos fought in World War II on behalf of the United States and many of them paid the ultimate sacrifice.

How well do you know your history? On December 21 of 1935, the Philippine Commonwealth Army was created by Philippine Commonwealth Act Number 1. Since the threat from Japan was imminent, a new command in the Far East was created on July 26, 1941 known as United States Army Forces Far East or USAFFE. Then President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the presidential order which called the Philippine Commonwealth Army into the service of the Armed Forces of the United States. Orders issued by general officer of the United States Army were mobilized and made an integral part of the USAFFE.

Despite their service, these Filipino Veterans, who were U.S. Nationals, were disqualified from receiving the same rights, benefits, and privileges as others who served under the U.S. Armed Forces (Rescissions Act of 1946). What is the Rescissions Act of 1946 exactly? This United States law retroactively canceled the benefits that would have been payable to Filipino troops on account of their military services under the auspice of the United States during the time that the Philippines was a U.S. territory and Filipinos were U.S. nationals. The rationale provided by the U.S. Congress in 1946 was that the United States gave the Philippines two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) after the war.

In 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvest Act provided for a one-time \$15,000 lump sum for the surviving veterans who are U.S. Citizens, and a \$9,000 lump sum settlement for non-citizens. Eligible people had one year from the time of passage of the bill to file claims. \$198,000 was set aside for these payments

Recently, congress decided to

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What is the parade of queens about during Barrio Fiesta?

The procession is called "Santacruzán" - a religious and historical pageant depicting the finding of Jesus' Holy Cross by Queen Helena, mother of powerful emperor Constantine the Great who ended the persecution of Christians.

While many variations have been re-enacted, the last queen of the parade is called "Reyna Elena," who plays Queen Helena. She usually holds a cross, and is typically escorted by a little boy, who plays her son Constantine.



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This young lady gives her all to climb the greased pole during the 48th Barrio Fiesta last year.
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with prize money of \$500 each that foodies and would-be-chefs will enjoy.

Eat Da Pansit Contest sponsored by **RG Electric** will be held on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. The Contest is open to all, with the first four participants to eat a pint of pansit moving on to the final round, where they will eat even more pansit. And yes, **\$500** will be awarded to the first one to eat all their pansit.

Any Kine Sisig Challenge sponsored by **Tante's Island Cuisine** will feature up to seven would-be chefs who will cook and prepare *Sisig*—any style with any kine ingredients—and be judged by a panel of judges and guest judges. The first seven participants to pre-register by emailing the registration form (found at www.facebook.com/barriofiesta) to barriofiestamaui@gmail.com will be eligible. Participants must be at the Barrio Fiesta by 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 26. The contest will begin at 4:30 p.m. The participants will

have thirty (30) minutes to prepare and cook their *sisig* on stage. The participants must bring all their ingredients, cooking utensils, pans, knives, cutting boards, propane gas stove, hot plate to serve, etc. The prepared *sisig* must be enough to fill thirty-five (35) portions (2 ounce containers). And yes, **\$500** will be awarded to the winner!

A new program feature will be

The TFC Hour with GELO sponsored by **The Filipino Channel**. On Saturday night, beginning at 7:30 p.m., GELO will host an hour full of TFC games and prizes. Those who follow GELO know he is the host of TFC's *Barangay USA*. It should be a fun hour with GELO!

More Contests

The popular **Amateur Karaoke Contest** sponsored by **Law Offices of Alfredo Evangelista, A Limited Liability Law Company**, will return on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. Limited to only fifteen contestants, with pre-registration to barriofiestamaui@gmail.com highly recommended. Even with pre-registration, con-

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GELO will entertain on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. with games and prizes to be had.



One new feature of the 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta is the Any Kine Sisig Challenge, which will be sponsored by Tante's Island Cuisine.
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Fiestas and Maui's Barrio Fiesta

Fiesta! Just the thought of fiesta brings a smile to my face and a quickening in my heartbeat. Fiestas are a special time of festivities, a traditional event in villages, towns and barrios, sometimes to celebrate the birthday of a patron saint. For many it is the ideal time to get to know our neighbors better and to spend time with old friends and even to make some new friends.

In the Philippines, the streets are festive, decorated with many colors in streamers, balloons, overhead lighting and flowers in season. There is a carnival atmosphere with games, rides, and my favorite, a Ferris wheel! We all look forward to the parade with floats, queens and princesses waving gracefully from slowly moving vehicles artistically decorated, sometimes in competitions with prizes. Everyone dresses in their best outfits and are there to be looked at and admired. It is important to be very careful not to smudge our fine clothes with the many kinds of delicious foods and drinks.

For those who enjoy drama and theater, the zarzuela performances in the Philippines are a big hit and some folks even watch the same show more than once, especially if one of your special friends is an actor on the stage or helping with staging or directing. Some amazing talent is discovered at this event. What a great opportunity to laugh with friends and maybe learn something new about a piece of history or share the solution of commonly shared problems in families and the bigger com-

munity.

The more sports-minded folks like to compete in the basketball tournament, where we can play or cheer for our friends on the team as they score, and block, and steal the ball from the opposing team. These games are a place for scouts to find new recruits for future stars but for most of us it was just to have fun with each other.

Wherever Filipinos live, these activities are replicated because they are a significant part of us and our cultural heritage. For the non-Filipino participants, it is a way to better appreciate Filipino culture, and in the end, perhaps make the bridges that encourage understanding and a deeper acceptance of the things that are different among people, that also add to living better in communities that commit to taking care of one another.

Maui will be hosting its 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta during the Memorial Day weekend, which is an awesome task. Think about it! The Barrio Fiesta has evolved over the years but still contains many of

the components of our fiestas back in our mother country—food, entertainment, queens and pageantry including a *Santa Cruzan* procession, culture, contests for adults and kids, and yes, even a basketball tournament.

This year's Barrio Fiesta has some new components, including the *Any Kine Sisig Challenge*, which I am happy and proud to sponsor. And during the Barrio Fiesta, the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation and the



Jia Garcia competes for the Little Miss Barrio Fiesta at the 46th Barrio Fiesta in 2015.

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For many, Fiesta time is the ideal time to get to know our neighbors better and to spend time with old friends and even to make some new friends.

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Santa Cruzan celebrated at Maui's 46th Barrio Fiesta back in 2015.

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Elizabeth Whitehead is shown here at the 46th Barrio Fiesta, selling her ready-to-eat puto.

PHOTO: LAWRENCE PASCUA



Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center will unveil the *Bahay Kubo* painting by Philip Sabado, which will be housed at the Center, thanks to the many contributions from individuals and donors. Don't forget to visit The Barrio Fiesta Experience with its cultural villages, including Pangasinan, sponsored by the Tante and Araceli Urban Foundation. My wife Telly is in charge along with

Teresita Noble and others from Pangasinan.

Yes, fiesta time is a time for merriment, sharing our culture, and making new friends. Maui's Barrio Fiesta—the longest running Filipino fiesta in the United States—is something we can all be proud of and The *Fil-Am Voice* encourages your support.

Three cheers to Barrio Fiesta! ✨

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award the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor to these Filipino veterans. The bill was introduced by Hawai'i's own Senator Mazie Hirono, and Representative Tulsi Gabbard. The bill passed both Senate and House in 2016 and signed by then President Barack Obama into law in December 2016.

At the ceremony held on October 25, 2017, the Emancipation Hall fell silent as a 100-year-old Filipino veteran, Celestine Almeda spoke, "Many have passed away waiting for 75 years for this time to come." (Recently, the Filipino community on O'ahu held ceremonies awarding the Gold medal to Filipino veterans, who need to pur-

chase their own replica of the Gold medal but fundraising led by Maj. Gen. (Retired) Antonio Taguba are underway to ensure that each Filipino veteran will receive at no expense, their Gold medal.)

As I write this article, I am overwhelmed with a surge of mixed emotions as Mr. Almeda uttered the same words that has been burning in my heart each passing year we celebrate Memorial Day. My grandfather, Filipe Abonales Zalsos, fought in World War II in the jungles of Mindanao. Ever so patiently *Lolo* Filipe waited year-after-year, for the American promise of receiving full veterans benefits for serving in the United States Armed Forces. Instead, because of the Rescission Act of 1946, my *Lolo* (grandfather) along with most Filipino World War II veter-

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What does the American Flag symbolize for you? Come to the 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta on Saturday, May 26 at 12 noon, attend the Memorial service, and allow yourself to be forever impacted by it. You will forever hold its meaning in your heart.

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ans, did not receive these benefits and have been under recognized for their contribution during the war. My *Lolo* could not avail himself of the benefits afforded by the 2009 law as he died from kidney failure in June of 1993. Even if the benefits were extended to the surviving family, it would have made it next to impossible to claim as it was limited to only one year to file a claim. My *Lolo* was from Southern Philippines and I wonder to what length did the U.S. government go through to notify those who qualified for such benefits.

“Our broken promise to Filipino WWII veterans and their families is a stain on our nation’s history,” said Sen. Brian Schatz in his recent press release dated Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018. “And while we’ve tried to right that wrong, there are still far too many who have not received the basic veterans’ benefits they earned. Time is running out, and for some, it is already too late. We must act quickly to pass this legislation and fully honor the men and women who fought with us and served so bravely when we needed them.”

When Celestine Almeda got up from his wheelchair to make his way to the stage, the whole room was silent. He rested his cane against a table next to the podium and reached



The Flags were positioned with great care at the 46th Barrio Fiesta, prior to the Veterans Memorial Ceremony.

inside his coat pocket for his prepared speech. At the end of his speech, he quoted the U.S. Army Soldier’s Creed, “I am an American soldier,” he said. “I am a warrior and a member of a team. I believe I served the people of the United States.”

Let us always remember all those who answered the call of duty, served and fought to protect and defend the United States and its territories. Let us always honor the sacrifice made by those who paid the ultimate price for the blanket of freedom we all enjoy day after day. It is incumbent upon each of us to teach the next generation of these precious sacrifices and the importance of what these brave men and women sacrificed and continue to sacrifice. ✱



The **Keiki Art Contest** sponsored by the Sabado Art Foundation will be held at approximately 2 p.m. on Saturday, immediately following the Greased Pole Contest. It’s free!

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testants must report to the Barrio Fiesta by 8 p.m., otherwise they will lose their pre-registration status. Each contestant will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to perform. The winner will receive **\$300**.

The **Barrio Wear Contest** sponsored by **Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran** will be held on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. There are two categories: male and female, with prizes for the first place in each category at **\$100** and second place in each category at **\$50**. Pre-registration to barriofiestamaui@gmail.com is highly recommended? What is Barrio Wear? Well, it certainly is NOT Maria Clara, Barong Tagalog, or a terna! It’s what one would normally wear in the traditional barrio.

The **Greased Pole Contest** sponsored by **Four Sisters Catering** will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. Limited to youth between the ages of 7 and 13. The first place winner will receive **\$300** while all participants will share in an additional pot.

Other Children Activities

Youth will have an opportunity to participate in **Pabitin!** on Friday afternoon at approximately 5:25 p.m. and Saturday morning at approximately 10 a.m.

The **Keiki Art Contest** sponsored by the **Sabado Art Foundation** will be held at approximately 2 p.m. on Saturday, immediately following the Greased Pole Contest.

Both activities are FREE!

The Pageantry

Miss Barrio Fiesta 2017 Kimberly Taroma will crown her successor on Friday night at approximately 8 p.m. Who will wear the 2018 crown? Will it be **Sierra Perryman** or **Alexis West**? Only one way to find out!

Not to be outdone, **Little Miss Barrio Fiesta 2017 Elizabeth Thomas** will also crown her successor on Friday night. The pageant will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday night so get to the Barrio Fiesta early as you won’t want to miss all the entertainment and pageantry by the five candidates.

And if you want to know who is running for the **2018 Miss Maui Filipina Pageant**, they will all be introduced on Saturday night at approximately 7 p.m. You will get to meet all candidates who are vying to succeed **2017 Miss Maui Filipina Gabrielle Gutierrez**.

And the **Santa Cruzan** returns as part of the 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta. In the Philippines, *Flores de Mayo*, translated as “Flowers of May,” is celebrated during the whole month of May. *Flores de Mayo* is a religious fes-

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Kwento Kuwentuhan

Have you heard of the “Blossoms for the Brave” event on Maui? Blossoms for the Brave is a wonderful time of community lei making held annually in the front lawn of the County of Maui Building. It is a remarkable annual community gathering co-hosted by Kaunoa Senior Services, the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and the Office of Mayor, currently Mayor Alan Arakawa.

Remembering and Honoring Maui Veterans with Blooms and Lei

Liza of “A Maui Blog”

This year’s Blossoms for the Brave gathering is on Friday, May 25, 2018 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Imagine a place filled with flowers and greeneries. It’s a beautiful sight! The flowers and greeneries are donated by Maui residents. Examples of frequently used blooms and greeneries are Green Tī leaves (cut and frozen); crown flowers; orchids; Bozu flowers; Plumeria (buds and partially open); Bougainvillea flowers and leaves and other sturdy flowers.

The lei made at this gathering are placed on veterans’ graves on Memo-

rial Day at the Maui Veterans Cemetery in Makawao. This is honoring our “Braves” the Hawaiian way.

Want to know how many lei we are making this year 2018? The goal is to make 2,870 lei! That’s a lot of lei!

You don’t need to be an expert in making lei to participate. You just need to be available and willing, and there are many tūtū and aunties there who will gladly teach you how to sew a lei.

Loose flowers are also gathered for the aerial drop on Memorial Day.

Pre-sewn lei are also welcome; finished lei should be 16 inches long before tying. Lei-making will begin at 9 a.m.

“As we sew lei together, we express our gratitude for their service, and for the many ways these men and women helped shape the community we live in today,” said Mayor Alan Arakawa. “Blossoms for the Brave is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends and neighbors as we remember our fallen heroes who gave their lives to serve our country.”

Ample parking and a free shuttle to the County Building will be available from Ichiro “Iron” Maehara



This year’s Blossoms for the Brave gathering is on Friday, May 25, 2018 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Baseball Stadium parking lot every half-hour beginning at 8:30 a.m. The last return shuttle will leave the County Building at 12:30 p.m.

And while the participants are making lei, Kevin Kanemoto & Friends will be playing and entertaining. The Emcee is the passionate and talented Kathy Collins. It sure will be a lot of fun!

The public is invited to participate. Lei Making is a great activity to do with family and friends. I love how we can see the keiki and kūpuna working together with aunties and uncles on this gathering. I am definitely going. Are you? Yes, come and let’s do it together as one big Maui ‘ohana! ✨

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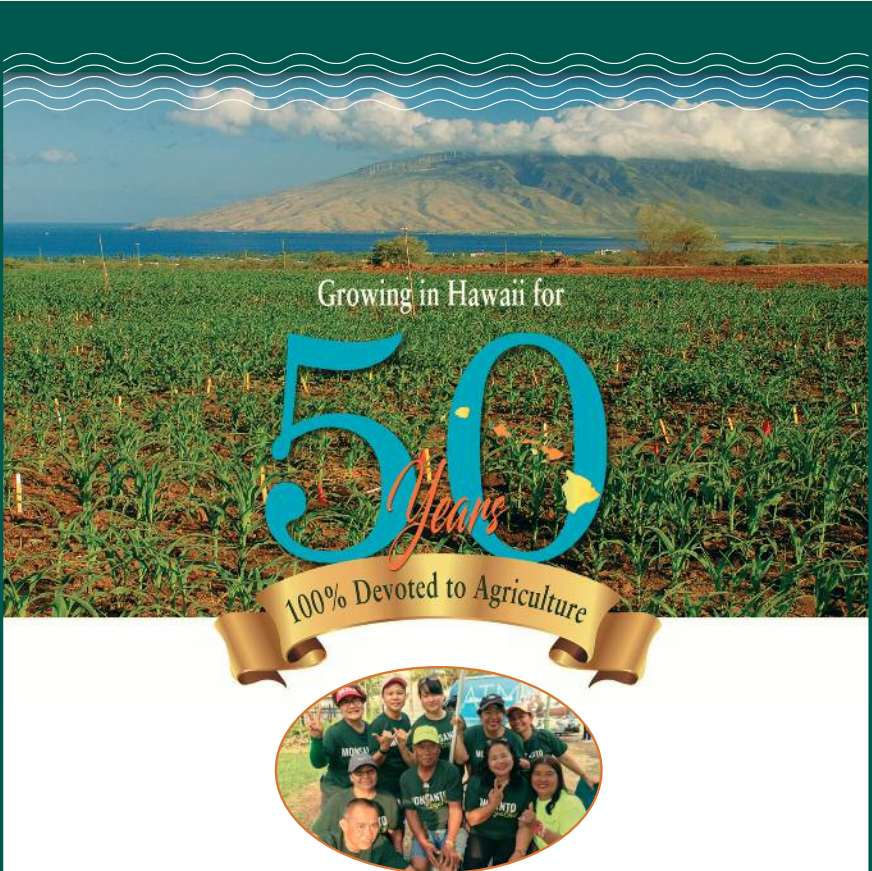
Displays of many varieties of lei are draped on display to lend their beautiful scent on the entire event.

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1st Row (L to R) Channe Asuncion, Chase Asuncion, Fred Asuncion, Leonarda Asuncion, Anela Asuncion. 2nd Row (L to R) Christine Asuncion, Chad Asuncion, Lynne Asuncion-Arcia, Fred Asuncion Jr., Malia Asuncion. 3rd Row (L to R) Zachary Asuncion, Nicholas Asuncion, Kawika Arcia



Luciana & Valeriano with some grandchildren

This month's featured *Sakada* Offspring is a devoted husband, father, grandfather and dedicated parishioner of Christ The King Church. He is none other than Frederico "Fred" Philip Asuncion. He is the son of a *Sakada*, the late Valeriano Asuncion and Luciana Domingcil Asuncion. Valeriano came to Hawai'i in 1923 as an agricultural contract laborer and was joined by his wife Luciana five years later in 1928. Both came from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. Valeriano worked for Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company in Pu'unēnē. He worked as an irrigator, seed cutter, and in the mill as a boiler room attendant where he retired from after forty-one years with the company. Fred, their son, presumed that his parents did not have any type of formal schooling in the Philippines because they were not able to read and write. They only had their verbal communication skills from the old country. According to Fred, despite their level of schooling, they were very loving and hard-working parents. They both worked hard to provide for their family here and in the Philippines. Valeriano was one of a kind. He had the "gift of healing." He was known not only on Maui but in the whole state of Hawai'i. He was able to put back sprained or fractured bones in place by gentle massage called *ilot* using a mashed up bark of *katimbaw* or *tawwa-tawwa* plant. He applied the heated mashed bark on the affected bone area called *tapal*. It was a very powerful medicinal plant. Many Filipinos have this plant in their backyard including this writer for emergency purposes. Valeriano was also known as *mammoyon*. To diagnose someone's cause of sickness, he used a plate with vinegar and two pebbles in it. When the pebbles move to different directions, he was able to diagnose the cause of sickness. Also by using an animal horn (goat's), he had the ability to ease someone's pain by placing it on the painful area using the horn to suck out the pain. By word of mouth, many came to Valeriano to seek his help. Fred became his assistant. He never accepted any payment even though people whom he helped offered.

Fred was born on November 30, 1935 in Pu'unēnē, Maui, Hawai'i. He grew up in various villages and camps in Pu'unēnē. He attended Pu'unēnē Elementary School and Baldwin High School. After graduation, Fred enlisted in the military and was in active duty

until 1957.

Fred then enrolled in the two year Business Program at the Maui Technical School (presently University of Hawai'i Maui College). He graduated in 1959 with an Accounting Certificate. While at the school, he served as

vision. Fred felt that his decision in accepting this job was the benefits it offered for the long term and great potential for upward movement to higher positions in the department. While in the Division, he worked up the career ladder in the Real Property Tax

tired from the military in 1990, and credit union volunteerism.

After retiring from the County, he took three years leave to catch up with the deferred maintenance on his home. Fred is such a "life long learner." After the three year break, Fred

Frederico Philip Asuncion

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the student body president during his second year. At graduation, he received the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal. This award is given to a graduating student who possesses the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. His plans to further his education were placed on hold due to family obligations.


In 1960, Fred married the former Leonarda "Leo" Razo. Their children are: Fred Asuncion, Jr., retired as a Splicer from Hawaiian Telephone Company, who resides at Ohia at Kehalani with his wife Malia, two children and two grandchildren in Wailuku; Lynne Marie Asuncion Arcia, employed as a Pharmacy Tech at Kaiser Maui Lani Clinic and resides with her husband at The Parkway at Maui Lani in Kahului; and Chad Asuncion, employed as the Digital Operations Manager for KHNL/KGMB & KFVE on O'ahu, who resides with his wife Christine and two children on Oahu. All children were educated in Catholic schools, Christ the King and Saint Anthony Jr. & Sr. High School.

After ten years of being in the workforce, Fred enrolled at Maui Community College while still working and earned an Associate Degree in Accounting in 1970. As a veteran of the Korean War, Fred was entitled to further his education under the G.I. Bill. After earning his degree, Fred's first job was with Maui Dry Goods Company in Wailuku as their Credit Manager. The basic responsibilities of his job were reviewing all sales contracts for home furnishings, home appliances, and automobiles that salesmen sold on credit to determine the creditworthiness of the buyer and to approve or reject the sale. He managed the account receivables and handled collections on delinquent accounts. Fred claimed that he was not happy with the job and after three months on the job, he left the company to accept a civil service position with the State Department of Taxation as a Tax Clerk in the Maui County Real Property Tax Di-

vision from Tax Clerk to Appraisal Assistant, to Appraiser I, II, III, IV and for the last thirteen years before retiring he held the position of Real Property Tax Administrator for the County of Maui. His focus while still working on the job were family, church, military duty in the reserves until he re-

attended night classes at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for six months in the Real Estate Appraiser Course in preparation for taking the State Appraiser exam, which he successfully passed. Presently, he is also a Real Estate Broker: "I am still trying to keep


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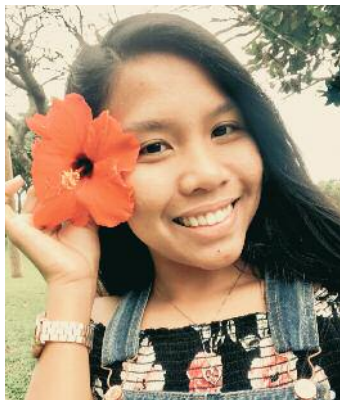


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Ashley Andres will enter the Applied Business and Information Technology program at U.H. Maui College.
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Rose Ann Rafael will major in nursing at Grand Canyon University in Arizona.
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Jaymar Quedding plans to get his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.
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Levin Bonilla hopes to major in dental hygiene at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
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Chealsey Corpuz will major in biological sciences at University of California, Irvine.
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The graduating class of 2018 at Maui High School are steps away from the beginning of a personal journey that will pave the way to their own futures. Every individual's dreams and goals will differ from one another. Some may choose to go to college, others will find a stable job, or even join and serve in the United States military. Success is something all of these graduates hope to achieve. Senior year of high school is a time spent reflecting back on all those years in the classroom. The values, lessons, and morals taught will make a comeback in the memories of future graduates.

High School was a "life changing experience" for **Ashley Andres**. She learned that "Failure to plan, is planning to fail." Her time at Maui High School has taught her that if she can

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set her mind on something, nothing can stop her from achieving any goal she makes. To Ashley, success is a state where you have accomplished your dreams and aspirations in the most moral path possible. Her own version of a successful future is to become a business/company manager. She plans on attending the University of Hawai'i Maui College and entering the Applied Business and Information Technology program as the first step in achieving this ambition. "Although the future is filled with so many pos-

sibilities, I'll definitely miss the memories I've made in the past four years with wonderful people and the teachers who helped me grow into the person I am today" said Ashley.

In order to be successful in her future career as a registered nurse, **Rose Ann Rafael** will be attending Grand Canyon University in Arizona. She will be majoring in nursing and hopes to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. "Senior year has been hectic, memorable, and fun," said Rose. While at Maui High School, she's learned to be confident in herself and not let anyone define who she is. Through her position as the Maui High HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) 2017-2018 Director of Communication, she learned how to become a leader. Rose advises all upcoming seniors to realize that there

is no time to procrastinate on any of the assignments that are given. "Cherish every moment and every time because everything will go by so quickly. It will be your last year of high school, so make it count and most importantly make the best out of it," she added. Being able to finish college is success to her because education is the greatest treasure she'll possess in her life. With it, Rose will be able to do anything she wants to achieve in life.

Senior year of High School proved to be "stressful, exciting, and enjoyable" to **Jaymar Quedding**. Joining HOSA made his high school year enjoyable. "HOSA has given me great satisfaction since I was able to realize my dream career of becoming a pharmacist through this organization and learn interesting things about the human body," says Jaymar. He's been accepted to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

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When Maria texted Junior she would see him very soon, Maria didn’t tell Junior she had to make another stop. And Maria didn’t want to tell Junior she was going to see Francisco, Junior’s second eldest son.

In the last year, Francisco had become Maria’s confidant, protector, and a very good friend. Nothing else. Although at times Maria would dream about what if....

Francisco inadvertently learned about Maria and his father late one night. Francisco was returning to the Mayor’s office when he saw Maria leaving the Mayor’s private office after 1 a.m. Francisco, Junior’s Chief of Staff, knew not to confront Maria; she wasn’t the first woman to be leaving Junior’s office late at night; and Francisco knew Maria would not be the last.

Francisco was torn because he was his Dad’s Chief of Staff and had to protect his Dad, the Mayor of Diliman, but he was also the son of Ofelia, his Mom. Francisco was also Maria’s mentor when Junior first hired Maria as a Special Assistant for Special Activities. Francisco knew his Dad was no saint and that his Mom tolerated his Dad’s affairs.

One day, Francisco asked his Mom why she tolerated Junior’s affairs and Francisco was surprised with his Mom’s response. “Cisco, I pledged my whole life to your Dad when we were married... and we became partners when he entered politics. My job was to raise you and your siblings,” Ofelia explained. “In our country, men are philanderers but in the end, women are the ones who make all final decisions. My Dad was the same as your Father and my Mom tried to leave him but that only caused me and your uncles and aunts more grief. When I married your Dad, I swore that I would not be like your Grandma, that I would honor my vows even if your Dad did not. Your Dad knows where his home is and that I will always be here for him. He cannot leave me because your Great-Great grandfather Jose made sure that all the family money was tied up in a trust that requires my approval for every transaction over two thousand pesos. So in between my raising you and your sib-

lings, I’ve been busy with the family’s finances. Your uncles Raul and Hector help with the accounting and legal stuff but in the end, I make all decisions.”

From that moment on, Francisco decided that it was not his business to try and stop his Dad from sleeping with young women. Instead, Francisco decided that as Chief of Staff, his job was to make sure that the ladies would not become a problem and instead, Francisco decided to befriend them.

It was easy with Maria as Francisco already had a former mentor relationship with her. A few days after his discovery, Francisco privately talked to Maria to ascertain Maria’s intentions and learn more about her. Francisco learned about Maria’s family in Davao, how poor they were, and how Maria’s family relied on her. Francisco had heard this story before but for some reason, Francisco believed Maria would not turn into a delicate situation when his Dad would tire of her.

Maria poured out her feelings and fears to Francisco. Her greatest fear was that her tuition waiver would stop before she completed her education. And Maria was at the top of her class, and despite her busy schedule, was her class president.

Maria showed a lot of promise at De La Salle and some professors even encouraged her to go beyond an RN degree but Maria would simply smile and say she could not commit to anything beyond graduation in a year.

For some reason, Maria felt so comfortable with Francisco; even more comfortable than with her best friend Elena. Despite all of his education and success, Francisco was humble and such a jokester when he was with Maria. At times when Maria would show up for a scheduled “appointment” with Junior and Junior was no where to be found, Francisco would step in and offer to have dinner with Maria. Maria would think “Wow, this is what a real date is supposed to be like... except there was no sex after dinner.”

So it was not unusual for Maria to text Francisco early in the morning to say she wanted to chat and had coffee for him. Francisco loved his coffee and drank it black—the darker the better he said.

Francisco lived just a few blocks from St. Mary’s Cathedral. Maria also knew the guard, Tino, who smiled and buzzed her in. Maria knocked on the door and a smiling Francisco opened the door, took the cup of coffee from Maria, and offered Maria some freshly



Maria, in a pensive moment thinking “what if...” while thinking about Francisco—Junior’s second oldest son and Maria’s mentor at the same time.

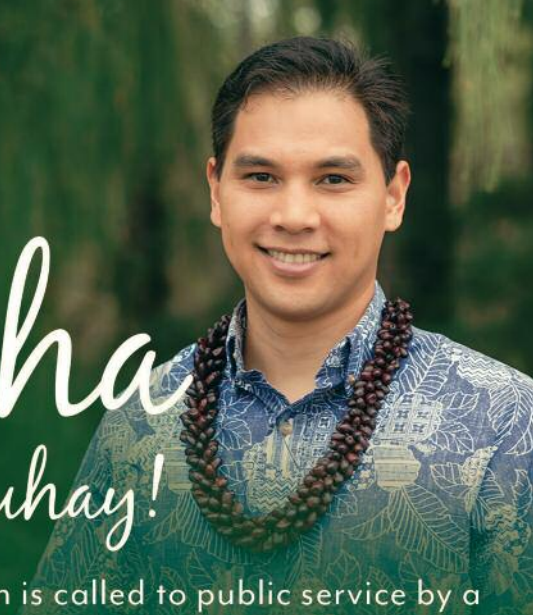
baked *pandesal*. Maria politely refused although the smell was tempting.

“Francisco, I don’t know what to do anymore,” Maria explained. “I am so confused and I don’t want it to affect my studies. Your Dad is so nice to me but what will happen in the future? What if I don’t finish school? My family is relying on me for support and I don’t want to become an overseas worker like my Tita Josie. And I’m not feeling well, I’m dizzy, and I don’t have an appetite. I think I’m gaining a little weight. I don’t know what’s happening to me...and I’m afraid to go see

a doctor. What if I’m pregnant or something?”

Francisco knew Maria was a chatter box with him. Maria was so comfortable with Francisco that she would just go on and on and not let Francisco interrupt. Francisco was always patient, always listening, and always letting Maria speak. But this morning, Francisco was shocked when he heard Maria mention the “p” word.

“No! No! No!” Francisco exclaimed. “You can’t be pregnant! That’s impossible!” ✨



Aloha and Mabuhay!

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Ating Kabuhayan

Making Personal Decisions

The Rev. John A.H. Tomoso †

When looking at another person's *ability*, whether it be a decision on who to hire, or who to choose as a leader or as a friend, I look at how my experience kind of "matches up" with that person. I also consider myself as one who likes to work hard; more importantly, to work smart. So, does this other person also like to work smart?

When looking at another person's ability, I look at how they can be engaged to help me solve things, to bring a solution to many of the challenges of life I face. I often ask others to help me find a *solution*. I know that we can learn from each other, so we don't have to start or do something that we've already done. This, I believe, is called "re-inventing the wheel." As a Priest, I respond to others who ask my counsel, from a spiritual, even theological perspective, for a *solution* to a problem or dilemma.

When looking at another person's ability, I think about how they can take something complex and make it easy for me to understand. Remember, I like to work smart, and not necessarily hard! You know, as a Social Worker, I have many years of experience helping others to problem-solve. Part of the effectiveness of my professional practice is about my ability to facilitate *problem-solving* with my own problems in mind.

Kababayan, when you look at another person's ability, can you understand who they are by "walking in their shoes?" Can you be *empathetic*, seeing the other as one just like you? Interestingly enough, I find this very challenging, i.e. to show empathy, warmth and compassion. I pray about this often, especially when, in my selfish thinking, I see myself as more important than the other.

With *empathy*—seeing the other person as you see yourself—comes the ability to see another person and what they do or stand for, as not interfering with who you are, your own ability, personality and *independence*. As much as I don't want to control others, I certainly don't want them to control me; I want them to walk with me! "I am who I am" and I want others to respect me, in every way.

As a Priest, I would like to be a part of a community that understands that "we're all in this together," i.e. that there is a *common good*, where all our abilities are seen as important to building community, to having a quality of life, which we share and nurture with each other. Thus, in a real sense, one's selfish need to gain more than others or to leave out those who are unable or have an inability to gain or obtain, thus diminishing their quality of life, should never be a way to discern or decide what is to be "*good for all*." Is this other person's ability about a shared quality of life?

When looking at another person's ability, do you see yourself, in who they are? Does the other have a *desire to make things better*, to work, perhaps like yourself, to build community in which you would like to live and contribute your own desire to make things better? Do you understand, clearly understand the other, so that truth is shared and built. I see "truth" as something, a reality that has to be found and lived. Another person's ability to help you find and live the truth can be a daily prayer for each of us to say.

When looking at another person's ability, do you see *courage*; the courage to make decisions and to live life in a way that builds up your own courage and ability to live a full life? I have several courageous individuals in my life. They all have one thing in common, i.e. to make a decision and to live, fully live, with the consequences of their decision. More importantly, they have *morality*; the ability to know what is right and what is wrong and always see goodness and mercy.

Kababayan, are you looking at another person's ability? I encourage you to keep looking, to keep deciding, with these abilities in mind, which will then keep you moving towards fulfilling a life well lived with an ability to see the truth in others and in yourself!

Have an idea or a comment or even a question? Contact me at this email address: atingkabuhayan@gmail.com So, until next time, take care! ✨



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Ka-Ching!

Women and Financial Education

Elsa Agdinaoy-Segal

We don't graduate students from high school until they know how to read and write, and we don't give out driver's licenses to people who can't pass tests showing they know the rules of the road and how to handle a car.

Yet every day we put credit cards and bank accounts, paychecks and mortgages, stock options and insurance policies into the hands of people who haven't proven they understand how to use them. These financial instruments are powerful tools—sometimes even weapons in the wrong hands. Understanding how to use them properly demonstrates a high level of financial acumen.

Financial education is rarely taught in schools, although some states now mandate this as part of the curriculum standards. Parents want to educate their children at home, but may lack the confidence or level of understanding themselves. They don't know how or when to talk to their children or what lessons may be age appropriate. People who understand how money works are better able to make sound decisions in their own lives, not to mention make sense of policies that affect our entire nation and the world.

There isn't a single approach to making financial education work but rather try to make it a lifestyle commitment, a long-term goal achieved via a series of small, manageable goals. Here are some steps you can take to achieve that long-term goal:

- Get into the habit of thinking in terms of money. Everything has an economic aspect; start looking for it as you go through your day. When you add a cold drink to your tab as you pay for gasoline, think: "I'm spending two dollars to quench my thirst." When you remember to register early for the conference, think: "I'm saving a hundred dollars by being organized and reaching a decision quickly." Becoming conscious of what you spend and why helps you to become aware of your spending habits and of patterns you may want to change.
- Keep track of what you earn and spend. Use a notebook, spreadsheet, personal finance software or any other form that's comfortable for you. (Most financial institutions and many sites on the Internet offer this software at no charge.) Write down every penny you get or give from any source, no matter how insignificant. Keeping track of your earnings and spending in this way demystifies money and gives you a sense of control over it.
- Develop a budget. The money log you've been keeping will help you decide how much you need to allot to each category. (Find budget worksheets wherever you purchase your daily money log.)
- Read about financial topics or attend informational seminars in your local community. Don't skip over the finance section of the newspaper. Pick up magazines devoted to economics and finance. Even publications for women focusing mainly on fashion or homemaking will contain some articles related to personal finance.

- Familiarize yourself with your pay stubs and billing statements. Do you know what rate you are being charged for credit cards and utility bills? Credit card companies may charge one rate for purchases and another, higher rate for cash advances. Customers with better credit ratings usually get more attractive rates. Utility companies may vary their rates depending on peak or off-peak usage, age or economic status of household members, or other factors. Look for hidden fees and determine if they are necessary.
- Send for copies of your credit report from the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Trans Union, and Experian). You are allowed one free report each year from each agency. Look them over and make sure everything on them is accurate. The U.S. government's Federal Trade Commission website (www.ftc.gov) has lots of good information about understanding these reports and correcting any errors.
- Ask questions. Are you taking full advantage of your benefits package at your place of employment? If you don't fully understand your benefits, speak with your human resources manager about them. If you don't understand your billing statements, call customer service and speak with a representative.
- Educate your kids. Explain to them that money is a finite resource: every dollar spent for one purpose is a dollar not spent—or saved—for something else. Depending on their ages, allow them to make financial transactions. Give them allowances. Sign them up for financial education classes. Resolve to make the whole family savvy about money!

Gaining Confidence Through Financial Education

There is no time like the present to improve your financial acumen. Take small, attainable steps and hold yourself accountable for achieving milestones. Guidance from a qualified financial professional can help you think about the best ways to plan for the future and manage your money. ✨
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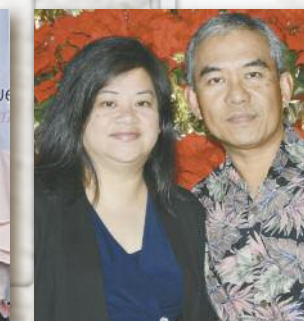
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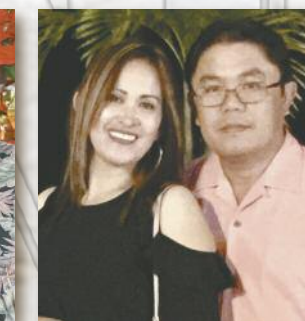
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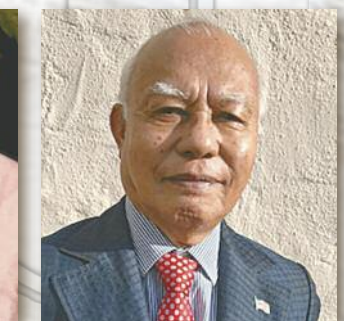
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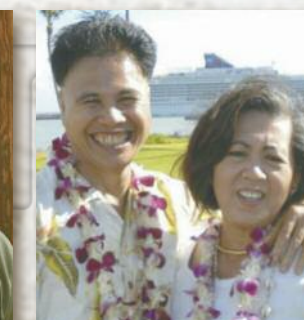
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Fred is a Korean War Veteran and served sixteen months in Korea after the war ended in July of 1953. He was still in high school when the Korean War began in June of 1950. When Fred graduated from high school in June 1953, it was one month before the Korean War ended. After graduation, Fred enlisted in the military. He received his basic military training at Fort Ord, California, military trade school in Georgia, and was assigned to Korea for a sixteen month tour of duty. After the Korean tour of duty, Fred was re-assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina doing administrative work in the battalion and group headquarters for the remainder of his active duty service. He separated from active duty in 1957.

The Korean War had no winners only a truce to end the fighting, leaving North and South Korea. They are still divided at the 38th Parallel to this



Great Grandchildren: (L to R) Noaa Fisher Asuncion, Kanoa Asuncion, Kalea Asuncion

day. By act of Congress, all those who served in the U.S. Military in Korea and had at least eighteen months of duty in the military at the end of 1955 were considered as Korean War Veterans. Fred fell in this category even if he did not go into battle because he served in Korea and had eighteen months of service during that period.

Fortunately, Fred was entitled to all of the benefits of the G.I. Bill. After Fred separated from active duty in 1957, he continued his military service

in the reserves—the Army Reserve and Hawai'i Air National Guard. He retired in 1992 with thirty years of service. He retired as the First Sergeant of the unit with a rank of Master Sergeant.

Memorial Day is a day when we remember all those who died during wartime, including Filipino Veterans, while serving in the U.S. Military and subsequent passing of all veterans. All veterans are honored for their honorable service in the U.S. military by the entire nation on Veterans Day.

“Memorial Day has great meaning to me because I had an older cousin, Julian Asuncion, who was like a big brother to me that I didn’t have while growing up, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War in 1950,” said Fred, with great emotion. “He now rests at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery. With all the aggressions in the world, especially in the Middle East and terroristic activities here in our own country, our country needs to maintain a strong and efficient all-volunteer military force. One can only hope and pray for world peace.” 🌸

Lucy Peros is a retired school teacher, having taught for 32 years, 11 years at St. Anthony Grade School and 21 years at Waihe'e Elementary School. Both of her parents, Elpidio and Alejandra Cabalo of Hāli'imaile, worked for Maui Land and Pine Company. Her dad was a 1946 Sakada. Lucy is currently a Realtor Associate at Peros Realty, the business her late husband Sylvester Peros, Jr. started 30 years ago, where her daughter Lianne Peros-Busch is now the Broker. Lucy devotes a significant amount of time to activities at Christ The King Catholic Church as well as babysitting her grandchildren.

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(MCPHS) and plans to get his PharmD or Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He'll undergo a rigorous curriculum of six years of pharmaceutical education to graduate. Jaymar said that in order to be successful in life you must learn to

be content with whatever you've accomplished. Through each club/organization he's joined and volunteering events he's participated in, Jaymar believes that his efforts have been worthy of enriching the Maui community.

Levin Bonilla described his time in Maui High School as full of change, personal growth, and realization of endless possibilities in the future. Sen-

For year has helped shape him to be a person who can be self-motivated, passionate, and committed to a goal which is to pursue a future career as a dental hygienist. "It's important to have these qualities in life because without it, it may be difficult to deliver your best effort when it's needed" says Levin. He will be attending the University of Hawai'i Maui College to do his prerequisite classes and then transfer to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in hopes of majoring in Dental Hygiene. His HOSA Advisor has instilled in him the saying, "Pressure Makes Diamonds." Levin explained: "To me, we need that extra push to go beyond what is expected of us and do more in giving back to the community that supports our generation's endeavors. With the current career path I'm planning on heading to, I feel that this really applies to me, knowing that the medical field is both rigorous and rewarding, since our main purpose is to help people get better and improve their lives."

One advice **Chealsey Corpuz** wants to give to upcoming seniors would be cherish your last year as a high school student. “Believe me, time sure does fly by really fast,” she said. Her last year at Maui High School was limitless, full of inspiration and filled with self-growth. In the next ten years, she plans to work in a clinic on Maui as a Pediatrician, or perhaps work in a children’s hospital on O’ahu. Chealsey will be attending the University of California, Irvine and major in biological sciences. Their well-integrated programs to help future health professionals like her to achieve their goals was why she chose this school. “I was always the quiet girl in class,” she said. Chealsey was part of the Maui High School Color Guard and served as the 2017–2018 MHS HOSA Secretary. “Being surrounded by outgoing people and being able to lead by example is what popped my introverted bubble,” she added. “Perseverance is what it takes to be successful in my future career. Going into medicine is very competitive (admissions to

medical school is less than 3%), I can't let failures hinder me; therefore, being ambitious of my goals is my priority to be successful in my future career as a physician," she added.

The end of high school will be a bittersweet time for most graduating seniors. They'll experience a wide range of emotions such as joy, exhaustion, nostalgia, pride and excitement. Friends, teachers, and families will be missed as they graduate. Behind the tears, these graduates have a vision of an alluring future on their mind. Going to college, finding a stable job, or joining the military are some steps people may take to get to the future they want. One thing motivates them to pursue their dreams, to be successful in whatever they choose to do. Success can be defined as many things but mainly to get to a state of comfort and achieve satisfaction in who you are as a person. As these seniors spend their last moments they have in school they must remember all they've been taught. The values obtained in the classroom are preparing them to take their first step into the world as adults. ❁

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Health Occupations Students of Ameri-
ca (HOSA) and is serving as its
2017-2018 Council Treasurer. Ghene-
sis hopes to become a respiratory ther-
apist in the future. He is the eldest son
of Benjamin V. Ballesteros Jr. and Jer-
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Barrio Fiesta Favorites

Sharon Zalsos

Barrio Fiesta is just around the corner, Maui! Then again fiestas have long been celebrated by each *barrio* or town in the Philippines for over 150 years. Just how many towns you might ask? The Philippines has approximately 1,489 municipalities according to the 2017 Philippine census. Each *baranggay* (formerly referred to as *barrio*, the smallest administrative division in the Philippines) has a fiesta. Municipalities and cities in the Philippines are subdivided into *baranggays*, except for the municipalities of Adams in Ilocos Norte and Kalayaan in Palawan with only one *baranggay*. 1,489 municipalities across the Philippines, multiply that to the amount of side and main dishes!

The traditional fiesta in the Philippines is celebrated by neighboring *baranggays* near and far as a means of getting together and celebrating each community within each municipality. The traditional fiesta for each community is typically celebrated with music, games, entertainment and a plethora of food!

In the month of May, there is a fiesta in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church. The fiesta known as *Flores de Mayo* in Antipolo is the most famous one. Bulacan also celebrates the fiesta of fertility and the image of Santa Clara is adorned in the hope of being granted a child. Although it's good to know the reasons for such fiestas, personally, knowing the food specialty of each *baranggay* is even more popular! For one, it's easier for me to relate food with certain areas and festivities. For instance, in Antipolo, I recall visiting their fiesta as a child in 1985 and going from house to house of total strangers just to have a small sample of their *hain* or *handa*, food specially prepared by each house for any guest who may stop by their homes. Odd tradition but it's what we did back then. I recall seeing tables full of colorful food but the one constant in Antipolo was the *suman*. This particular *suman* is made from glutinous rice cooked in coconut milk. It is wrapped in palm leaves and steamed



Kankanen, kakanen or kalamay (above)—all types have a common denominator ingredient of glutinous rice and sugar.

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Biko rice cakes (above) are made with malagkit rice and coconut milk, with a dark brown topping. This *Kankanen Biko* can be found at Paradise Supermart.

Leche flan (left) originating in Spain and France is a custard dessert with caramel topping. The *Letché flan* and coconut custard shown here is from Ilocandia Filipino Store in Lahaina.

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and becomes yellow in color. This treat is not sweet in taste so it's partnered with sugar on the side.

Speaking of *suman*, there are many types of *suman*. Another personal favorite is *suman* with *kamoteng kahoy* or cassava. This type of *suman* is wrapped in banana leaves instead of palm so the consistency is different than that of the rice. The cassava *suman* is made from grated cassava mixed with coconut milk and sugar. After it's wrapped in banana leaves, it is then steamed to cook. I find that most Filipino desserts are consistent with clean eating (common with those who train or body builders). Although high in carbohydrates, the ingredients are hardy, natural, wholesome. Steamed and not fried. Coconut milk is the common fat used instead of butter or other types of vegetable oil. Ingredients are easily recognized by the body and easily broken down. Of course, having said that, moderation is still key. I'm not preaching over eating. Having a serving after a meal during the day, preferably in the morning, *merienda* is *Sharon Zalsos approved*. Having a serving later in the day closer to dinner and having more than one serving however is not.

Traveling further south to Mindanao in the Philippines, desserts also vary. My *Lola* Cisay (*lola*: grandmother), originally from the island of Siquijor, made Iligan City her permanent residence after meeting my late *Lolo* Felipe. She learned to make baked goods to include the famous *biko*. *Biko* is also known as *kankanen* in the northern part of the country. In Manila, sweets or desserts are known as *kakanen*. My *Lola's* recipe includes sticky rice (glutinous rice), water, fresh coconut milk, dark brown sugar/molasses a.k.a. *kalamay* in *Bisaya*. Caramelize the coconut with the sugar first, once thickened gradually add the already precooked sticky rice until everything is mixed. Once the pan is *malagkit* or sticky, move the *biko* in a baking dish lined with banana leaves. Let it sit and settle a little. Slice and serve. Each fam-


ily developed secret ingredients and I can't reveal my family's. Mostly because I can't remember what it is exactly. But if you know my mama Lilia and tasted her *biko* then you have an idea of our family's traditional *biko* recipe.

Another dessert famous with most *Pinoy*s is the *leche flan*. France and Spain are noted as *flan's* origin. Regardless of where and when this was introduced to the Philippines, it has become a part of our *Pinoy* eats and

one of my favorites! *Flan* is basically a custard dessert with caramel topping. A close sister to this would be the *crème brûlée*. Sorry but if you have the perfect *leche flan* served to you, no *crème brûlée* can touch the perfection of that rich, creamy, sweet taste. Then again, I have a biased *Pinoy panlasa* (taste).

Now, nostalgia has one dessert that will always capture my attention and that is *binignit*. Depending on

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where you are in the Philippines, this is also known as *malagkit* (sticky), *bilog bilog* (circular), or *ginataan* (coconut milk). All of these names describe the ingredients in the *binignit* or *ginataan*. In the Visayan regions, bananas are plenty thus making it the primary ingredient for *binignit*, followed by *camote* (sweet potato), *sago* (tapioca) and *malagkit* (glutenous/sticky rice), sugar and coconut milk. A perfect dessert for the rainy, cold season. This is also on my

list of comfort food. Other ingredients can be added, again depending on the area in the Philippines and the abundant crop available. *Langka* or ripe jackfruit could be added for sweet taste, *nata de coco* or coconut jelly could also be added along with other fruits.

While out and about with my children on the weekends, we frequent Filipino stores and local eateries to sample delicacies. While in Lahaina recently, we

stopped by Ilocandia Filipino store and bought *leche flan* and *pitsi pitsi* for the kids to sample. When I'm at Paradise Supermart in Kahului, they make it so hard not to pick up *kankanen* located right in front of the dishes along the counter. So yes, I will try to limit one small tray of *kotsinta* (orange in color) or *suman*. What about

you, what is your favorite Pinoy sweets? If you happen to see me out in the community or eating at your



Pitsi-Pitsi
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favorite Filipino eats, please don't be shy and share with me what foods you would like featured in this column. Enjoy our local Maui Pinoy eats in moderation. **Sharon Zalsos** is a past president of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce (three terms) and has her own marketing business: Kalona International LLC. She's also an ACN Independent Business Owner. A former Miss Maui Filipina, Sharon played the lead in MAPA's presentation of Miss Saigon. A graduate of Maui High School, Sharon is employed with the County of Maui and a proud Veteran of the United States Air Force.



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- Starbuck's - Lahaina Cannery Mall
- Times Supermarket - Kā'anapali



H. Wayne Mendoza, lecturer in Philippine folk dance at U.H. Mānoa and sanctioned dance master by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts demonstrates "Pangalay" as he dances to the music of live *dabakan*, or drum—a key accompanying instrument to the *kulintang*. This was during the 48th Barrio Fiesta last year.

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Fiesta...

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tival in honor of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and marked with offerings of flowers to the Virgin Mary. On the last day of the Flores de Mayo, a religious procession—the *Santa Cruzan*—is held. The *Santa Cruzan* depicts the finding of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, who ended the persecution of Christians. At the 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta, the *Santa Cruzan* will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday evening.

Culture

What's a fiesta without Culture? Boring! The 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta will feature Filipino Folk dancing by the **Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Filipino Folk Dance Troupe** on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Plus on Saturday night, the hotel employees of **Kā'anapali Beach Hotel** will perform at approximately 6:15 p.m. Also performing on both Friday and Saturday nights will be **Bailes de Pilipinas**.

And you won't want to miss **The Barrio Fiesta Experience** inside the Center. There you will find a miniature *Bahay Kubo* and cultural villages from Cordillera [Abra (Itneg), Apayao (Apayao), Benguet (Kankanaey and Ibaloi), Ifugao (Ifugao), Kalinga (Kalinga) and Mountain Province (Bontoc and Kankanaey)]; Ilocos Norte; Ilocos Sur; Pangasinan; Manila; Visayas; and Mindanao.

The Barrio Fiesta Experience is



The Santa Cruzan depicts the finding of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, who ended the persecution of Christians.

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A special treat will be the **Kulintang Demonstration** on Saturday at 5 p.m. performed by Lawrence Pascua of La Galería: Compañía Baile Filipino.

Special Events

The **9th Annual Veterans Memorial Day Service** at the Barrio Fiesta will begin at 12 noon on Saturday. This service will include the solemn POW/MIA service to be led by Major Armenio Salaguinto of the United States Marine Corps.

Another special event will be the

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Aloha! *Mabuhay!* Welcome back! How was the *adobo* last night? Was it *Nasinga* (Na-Seeng-nga) (It’s delicious in Ibanag)? Or was it *Maalat* (Mah-ah-lot) (It’s salty in Pilipino and Ilonggo)? Or was it *Masarap* (Mah-sa-raap) (delicious in Pilipino)? Well, whether it was salty, sweet or spicy, at least you can say it in Filipino now. I’m here to help you to master your Filipino vocabulary. So Let’s Talk Pinoy!

My brother Jeslie celebrated his

Let’s Talk Pinoy!

Dulce Karen Butay

43rd birthday on the 4th of this month. My mom cooked *Chicharon* (Also known as *Lechon Kawali*, or Crispy Pork). Thank God it wasn’t *Parat ni* (Pah-rut nee) (Salty in Cebuano). Of course, what is a birthday

party without *pancit* for Filipinos, right? The *pancit* that was cooked by my sister Dianne was *Ay kanamit* (Aye KAH-na-mitt). (It’s delicious in Ilonggo.) But the tuxedo cake from Costco that my five-year old nephew

Zion picked, was really *matamis* (MAH-tah-miss) (Sweet in Pilipino). There goes my diet. *Nabsug-ak*. (Nub-soog-ak) (I’m full in Ilokano). *Dacal a salamat* for the grindz (DAH-kal AH SAH-lah-maat) (Thank you in Kapampangan).

Naimbag nga panagkasangay mo, Manong! (Nah-EEm-bug nga pah-nag-kah-sa-NGAY MU MAH nong) is Happy birthday Brother in Ilokano.

Now, *let’s talk basics*.

English	Pilipino	Ilokano	Ibanag	Kapampangan	Cebuano	Ilonggo
Yes.	Oo. <i>Oh-oo</i>	Wen. <i>Ween</i>	Kurug. <i>KUH-roog</i>	Wa. <i>Wah</i>	Oo. <i>Oh-oo</i>	Oo. <i>Oh-oo</i>
No.	Hindi. <i>Hin-dee</i>	Haan. <i>HAH-ann</i>	Awan. <i>Ah-one</i>	Indi. <i>IN-dee</i>	Dili. <i>Dee-lee</i>	Indi. <i>IN-dee</i>
Who?	Sino? <i>See-no</i>	Sinno? <i>SEEN-noh</i>	Sinni? <i>SEEN-nee</i>	Ninoyni? <i>NIH-nooy-NEE</i>	Kinsa? <i>KEEN-sah</i>	Sin o? <i>SEEN-oo</i>
What?	Ano? <i>Aa-no</i>	Ana? <i>Aa-nah</i>	Anni? <i>Ah-n-nee</i>	Nanoyni? <i>Nah-nooy-NEE</i>	Hani? <i>Hah-nee</i>	Ano? <i>Aa-no</i>
When?	Kailan? <i>Kai-lan</i>	Kaano? <i>KAH-ah-noh</i>	Sonu? <i>SOH-noh</i>	Kapilan? <i>KAH-pee-laan</i>	Kanua? <i>KAH-new-ah</i>	Ngaa? <i>NGAA-a</i>
Where?	Saan? <i>Sah-ann</i>	Inno? <i>IN-noh</i>	Sitaw? <i>SEE-tau</i>	Nokarin? <i>NOH-kah-reen</i>	Aha? <i>Ah-huh</i>	San o? <i>SUN Oh</i>
Why?	Bakit? <i>BAH-keet</i>	Apay? <i>Ah-paay</i>	Kaam? <i>KAH-aam</i>	Bakit? <i>BAH-keet</i>	Nganong? <i>NGA-noh-ng</i>	Ngaa? <i>NGAA-a</i>

A MAN ENTERS A BAR and sees a beautiful woman sitting by herself. He orders a drink and can’t stop glancing at her. She catches him staring and smiles. In sheer embarrassment, he turns away and gathers his thoughts. With his chest pounding and palms sweating, he musters up enough courage to get up to walk over and talk to her.

Man: “Kumusta, ako si Michael, is this seat taken?” he says in a crackling voice.

Woman: She smiles, “Hindi. Bakit?” (Why?)

Michael: “Wala lang.” (Nothing). “Is it okay to sit with you for a while? I’m waiting for a friend.”

Woman: “Oo, just for a while though, I’m waiting too.”

Micheal: “Anong pangalan mo?” (What is your name?)

Woman: “Sino? Ako? Angel. Nice to meet you, sir.”

Micheal: “Sir? I’m not that old ha-ha. Angel, Taga saan ka?” (Where are you from?)

Angel: “Taga Makati po.”

Michael: “Makati? Saan yun?” (Where is that?)

Angel: “A city in Metro Manila, they call it the land of the soda pop,” she says with a giggle.

Michael: “Talaga? So, do you know what happens if you drink a dozen soda pops?”

Angel: “Hindi. Ano?”

Michael: “You burp 7-Up.”

They both laugh.

Michael: “Angel, kailan ka pumunta dito sa America?” (When did you come to America?)

Her phone vibrates and she reads

her text message.

Angel: “Sorry, Michael, my ride is here. Nice talking to you, I have to go now, bye.”

Did you figure some of the conversation out by yourself? Often, English is mixed with Filipino, like in this case Tagalog, and makes for a dynamic conversation called *Tag-lish*. Filipinos learn two, even three languages, so don’t be afraid to try it. Well, it looks like Michael just ran out of time. What do you think he is going to do? She is about to walk right out of his life before it even begins. Find out next time when Michael says something he might regret tomorrow! So, here is your homework. Go out and practice saying “yes” in Filipino to 20 people today! It’s been fun, stop on by next month and *let’s laugh, let’s listen, and Let’s Talk Pinoy!* 🌟

Dulce Karen Butay was graduated from Maui High School and earned her Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts from Maui Community College and her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, specializing in Accounting, from the University of Hawai’i - West O’ahu. She is currently the Administrative Officer at the County of Maui, Department of Finance. Butay is a licensed Resident Producer of Life Insurance with World Financial Group and an Independent Consultant of Saladmaster. She recently became part of the Travel Club of Saladmaster and won an all-expenses paid trip to Cancun, Mexico with the love of her life. Butay recently returned from a trip to Texas as one of the delegates from Island Healthy Solutions, a dealer of Saladmaster here on Maui.



BARRIO FIESTA SCHEDULE

...as of press time and subject to change

Friday, May 25

- 5 PM** Food Booths opens
Farmers' Market opens
The Barrio Fiesta Experience opens
Opening ceremonies
Invocation
Singing of National Anthems and State Song
Welcome by Nora Takushi,
Binhi at Ani President
Remarks by Mayor Alan Arakawa
- 5:30 PM** Pabitin for Youth
Little Miss Barrio Fiesta
- 7 PM** Santa Cruzan
- 7:30 PM** Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Filipino Folk Dance Troupe
- 8 PM** Crowning Ceremonies of 2018 Miss Barrio Fiesta
- 9 PM** Zumba by 808 Cru Dance Fit
- 10 PM** Philippine Airlines Drawing (must be present to win with proper identification; 18 years only; one entry per person per day)
- 10 PM** Closing

Saturday, May 26

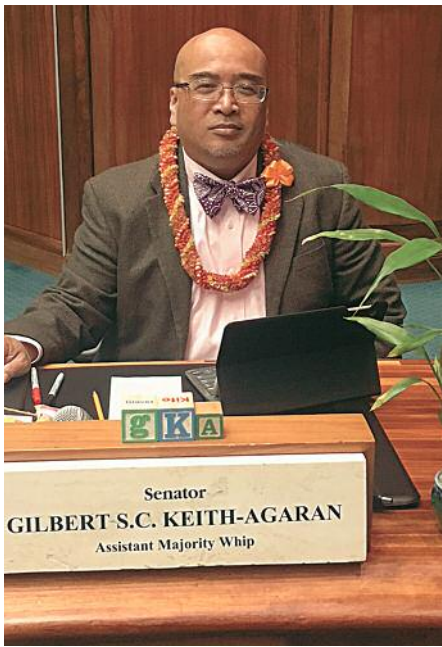
- 10 AM** Food Booths opens
Farmers' Market opens
The Barrio Fiesta Experience opens
- 10:30 AM** Pabitin for youth
Eat Da Pansit Contest sponsored by RG Electric
- 11 AM** Barrio Wear Costume Contest sponsored by Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran
- 12 PM** Veterans Memorial Service
- 1 PM** Grease Pole contest sponsored by Four Sisters Catering
- 2 PM** Keiki Art Party sponsored by Sabado Art Foundation
- 3 PM** Bahay Kubo painting unveiling
- 4 PM** AnyKine Sisig Cooking Challenge sponsored by Tante's Island Cuisine
- 5 PM** Kulintangan demonstration
- 6 PM** International Housekeeping Awards and Entertainment by Kā'anapali Beach Hotel
- 6:30 PM** Presentation of Binhi at Ani Scholarship Awards
- 7:30 PM** TFC Hour with GELO, TFC's host of Barangay USA
- 8:30 PM** Amateur Karaoke Contest sponsored by Law Offices of Alfredo Evangelista, A Limited Liability Law Company
- 10 PM** Philippine Airlines Drawing (must be present to win with proper identification; 18 years only; one entry per person per day)
- 10 PM** End of 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta

Philippine Consul General Amb. Joselito Jimeno's Visit to Maui

Maui's Filipino Community gathered on Thursday, April 19 to welcome the new Philippine Consul General, Ambassador Joselito Jimeno and his wife Madame Araceli.

Photos by Lawrence Pascua, Ryan Piros and Alfredo & Basilia Evangelista





Sen. Gil S.C. Keith-Agaran



The House (left photo) and the Senate (right photo) in conference committee.
PHOTO: GIL KEITH-AGARAN

When Bob Nakasone passed in the winter of 2008, shortly after winning another term as the House of Representatives member for Kahului-Pā‘ia, Maui lost one of its great appropriators. For much of his tenure in the State House, Rep. Nakasone was also one of the most influential members of the Maui Nui legislative delegation. While he had no title, he served on the House Finance Committee as the member in charge of capital improvement projects (CIP).

Bob was old school. He wasn’t one for speeches. He didn’t seek any fanfare. He was a workhorse, not a showhorse, and a tireless advocate for Maui and especially for Maui Memorial Medical Center and longterm care. He helped move the local public hospitals towards more community-based governance, an effort which eventually led, after his passing, to the landmark bill allowing private management of what is now known as Maui Health Systems. His portrait hangs prominently in Maui Memorial Medical Center as a mark of his work.

When he died, Governor Lingle appointed me to his seat. I inherited his committee assignments but not his role in reviewing and approving the State CIP. Fortunately for Maui, that position was assigned to Rep. Nakasone’s former staffer Kyle Yamashita who had won the upcountry seat. Maui was also fortunate that in the State Senate, Shan Tsutsui handled the same duties.

Since 2009, the Maui House delegation has seen several changes—with Lynn DeCoite being appointed to replace the late Mele Carroll for East Maui-Molokai-Lāna‘i, some turnover in South Maui from a Republican to a Democrat, and then in 2013, a new

member to replace me in Kahului. This year, the Governor appointed former Maui County Democratic Chair Troy Hashimoto to finish the term of former House Speaker Joe Souki for

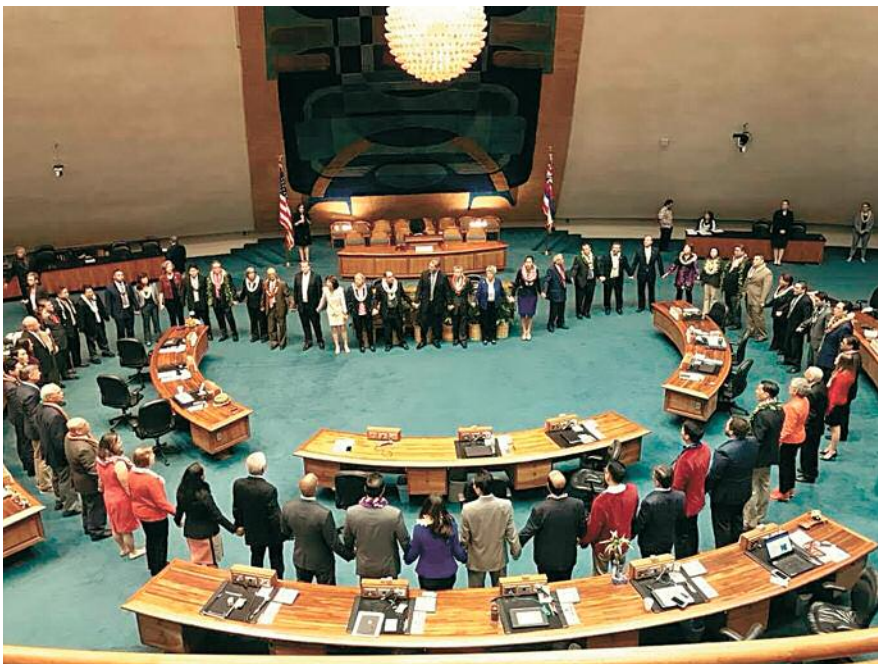
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Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Wailuku. His additional voice in the House, along with Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Rep. Yamashita and Sen. J. Kalani English, was a key in securing the full \$28M subsidy for the Maui Health System. After this November, there may be further changes as the South Maui seat is vacant and most of the House members face challengers.

From Territorial days, Maui has always benefitted by having legislators in key positions. House Speaker Elmer Cravalho accepted the phone call from Delegate John Burns that the Statehood bill passed. For several seasons, Maui Senator Mamoru Yamasaki chaired the Ways and Means Committee while Maui House Member Souki chaired the Finance Committee. Maui legislators have chaired other major committees, including Senator English on Transportation, Senator Baker on Consumer Protection, Rep. Angus McKelvey on Consumer Protection and Higher Education, Senator Avery Chumbley on Judiciary, and myself as Judiciary chair in both the House and Senate.



Senators and Representatives sing *Hawaii Aloha* together to mark the end of the two year 29th Legislature.
PHOTO: CINDY McMILLAN

Currently, Sen. English is Senate Majority Leader while Sen. Baker leads Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health. The two of them helped move forward a productive session in many areas that have been debated for years. Sen. Baker approved a Medical Aid in Dying statute for Hawai‘i (HB 2739 HD1—Our Care, Our Choice Act) and served as a key negotiator for final language on a pesticide buffer bill that also bans Chlorpyrifos (SB3095 CD1). Along with Sen. Baker, Sen. English was a key voice in the conference committee agreement to ban oxybenzone and octinoxate to better protect Hawai‘i’s coral reefs (SB2571 CD1).

Sen. English and Rep. Yamashita served on the conference committee that passed an omnibus bill to address homeless programs, including establishing and funding Ohana Zones, an Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program, Medical Respite Pilot Program, and new family assessment center for homeless families (SB2401 CD1). Sen. Baker served

on the conference committee that appropriated a huge amount of State funds for housing needs: \$200,000,000 into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund; \$10,000,000 into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund; increasing the aggregate available amount of the general excise tax exemption for costs of developing affordable rental housing from \$7,000,000 per year to \$30,000,000 per year, and extending availability of the exemption for an additional eight years to 2030; and \$50,000 to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to prepare an assessment of housing needs for persons with significant access and functional barriers and available supportive services (HB2748 CD1).

Sen. Baker also helped craft language to provide better access to cancer treatment for Fire Fighters (HB1778 CD1).

Maui’s non-profits and business can also thank Sen. Baker and Rep. Yamashita for moving a package of Maui
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bills to reform the liquor commission’s revisionist application of the state liquor laws (SB 2945 CD1, SB2612 CD1, SB2613 CD1, HB 2414 SD1).

On the Civil Rights front, Sen. English and Rep. Yamashita served on the conference committee that passed the bill establishing Title IX language into State law (HB 1489 CD1).

Finally, Rep. Yamashita helped lead House leaders to agree to Senate language that will place State representation on the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) (HB2175 SD1). Presently, while most projects receiving federal aid involve the State highway system, only County officials sit on the MMPO.

The last bill is important because State legislators decide how much State money will be allocated to match federal funds. This session, Rep. Yamashita and I reviewed the CIP budget as part of the overall State Budget (HB1900 CD1). From our negotiations, the following projects were included in the State Budget:

- Lahaina By-Pass (Northern Leg) \$40M
- Pā’ia By-Pass \$49M
- Maui High School STEM Building \$12M
- Kahului Civic Center/Bus Hub \$2.5M
- Baldwin High School Re-roof Buildings C & D \$3.2M
- Ha’ikū Elem Expansion \$800K



Sen. Keith-Agaran with Sens. Jill Tokuda and Donovan Dela Cruz
PHOTO: GIL KEITH-AGARAN

- Īao School Security Improvements \$200K
- Kalama Interm. School Band Room Improvements \$8M
- Kihei High School Construction \$40M
- Lokelani Interm. School Library/Administration Building \$1.2M
- Pā’ia Elem. New Building Planning \$2M
- Kahului Library Roof R&M \$700K
- Molokai Veterans Center \$4M
- Leiali’i Parkway Improvements \$1.4M
- Kēōkea-Waiohuli Development Phase II \$5.48M
- Kula Residence Lots Improvements \$1.2M
- Maui Health Systems Improvements \$6M
- Kamehamenui Forest (Erehwon Ranch) Purchase \$11M
- Kā’anapali Beach Restoration \$9.3M

- Lahaina Small Boat Harbor Pier \$2.1M
- Kaho’olawe Island Reserve Commission dryland forest restoration \$1.5M
- Watershed Initiative \$6.5M
- Maui Community Correctional Center Dorm Renovation \$500K
- Kahului Airport Projects \$24,555M
- Hāna Airport \$1.5M
- Molokai Airport \$6.25M
- Kalaupapa Airport \$4.5M
- Lāna’i Airport \$28.808M
- Kahului Harbor Modernization \$17.002M

In August, I will not be up for reelection for the first time since 2010 (I am in the middle of a four-year term). My colleagues Sen. Baker, Sen. English, Rep. Yamashita, Rep. Hashimoto, Rep. McKelvey, Rep. Justin Woodson and Rep. DeCoite will be up for election, and all will likely face races in the August Democratic Primary. The



The legislature opened and completed negotiations early in order to consider a bill for \$125 Million in flood relief.
PHOTO: GIL KEITH-AGARAN



Sen. Keith-Agaran with Sens. Roz Baker and J. Kalani English.
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voting public will have the opportunity to decide whether they want to continue with a delegation in key legislative positions or choose the unknown. ✨

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran serves as vice-chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. He has represented Central Maui in the Hawai’i State Senate since 2013.

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The **Pyramid Insurance** team garnered first place and received the Mayor's Cup at the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament.
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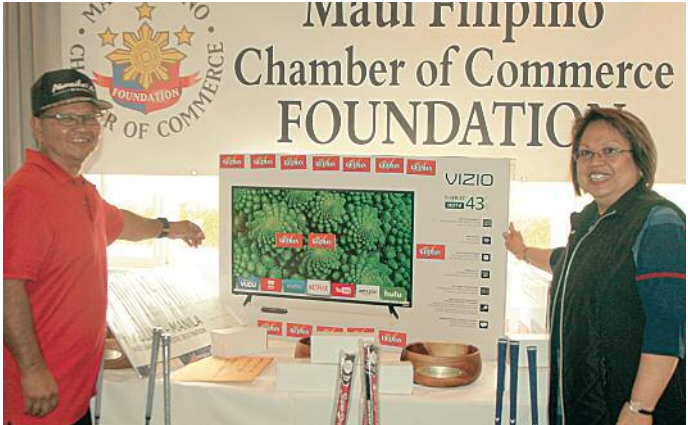
Philippine Airlines Hawaii Manager **Sol Solleza** and **Teresita Noble** present the Grand Prize to lucky golfer **Steven Molina**.
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The **Friends of Michael Victorino** provided refreshments at the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament.
PHOTO: ROCHELLE MENDOZA



Paul Manzano, Lawrence Pascua, and Kimo Apana help to cook hot dogs donated by **JM&LP Education Services** at the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament.
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The early bird prize for the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was donated by **Friends of Don S. Guzman**.
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A welcome party for **Myca Mones** was held at Tante's Island Cuisine on April 29, 2018.
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Members of the **Kabatak Club** during their Appreciation dinner.
PHOTO: BASILIA EVANGELISTA



New **Kabatak Club** officers lead by Tait Baoit (2nd from right) for the year 2018–2019, the Filipino Club of U.H. Maui College.
PHOTO: BASILIA EVANGELISTA



The four UH MC students who will be studying in the Philippines. Sam Peralta, Princess Bumanglag Cainguitan, Mikhaela Valite, and Alickzander Pasalo
PHOTO: BASILIA EVANGELISTA



Anela Menor, 2017 Miss Hōkū Li'i; **Jedd Ann Gadia**, 2017 Miss Kultura; **Ava Torres**, 2018 Miss Hōkū Li'i; **Christal Bismonte**, 2018 Miss Kultura; **Lynn Araki-Regan**, 2018 Mrs. Ambassador of Culture; **Jessica Juan**, 2018 Miss International; **Vilma Loque**, 2017 Mrs. Ambassador of Culture.
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2018 Dance International Foundation Scholarship recipient **Malia Rae Maguddayao** (above-left)
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Alfredo Evangelista and **Benjamin Acob**, show their lawyerly skills in carving the lechon at the Kabatak Appreciation Dinner.
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Philip Sabado held a preview unveling of his mural for Maui High School.
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What's Happening On Maui

Calendar Fil-Am Voice 2018

Please submit your community event by the seventh day of each month via email to info@filamvoicemaui.com

May

- 19 MAUI HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- 20 KAISAHAN CLUB OF MAUI'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER** Wailuku Community Center. 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. \$15. Contact Lu Symonds at 757-0161 or Cathy DeRego at 633-1559.
- 22 BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- 24 KING KEKAULIKE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- 25-26 49TH ANNUAL BARRIO FIESTA** sponsored by Binhi at Ani. Fri. 5-10 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Binhi At Ani Filipino Community Center in Kahului. Contact Nora Takushi at 276-8861.
- 26 KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS MAUI GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

- 26 SEABURY HALL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- 27 LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

June

- 2 ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**
- 5 DEADLINE TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE**
- 13 GINTONG PAMANA LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** sponsored by the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce. For more information or sponsorship opportunities contact Elsa Agdinaoy-Segal at 276-6946.
- 30 MISS MAUI FILIPINA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT** sponsored by the Maui Filipino Community Council at Wailea Marriott. Contact Maui Filipino Community Council President, Marilyn Oura at 280-2057 or Event chairper-

sons Michelle Santos at 264-0871 and Dolores Perreira at 283-1605.

July

- 7-15 2018 AMBASSADOR'S TOUR: MANILA-CEBU-BOHOL** For more information contact Teresita Noble at 244-4609.
- 12 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**
- 19-23 WORLD ESCRIMA KALI ARNIS FEDERATION (WEKAF) CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT** at Lahaina Civic Center. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsorships available. Contact Madelyne Pascua at 268-0686.
- 30 EARLY WALK-IN VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN**
- 9 EARLY WALK-IN VOTING ENDS**
- 11 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

October

- 9 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**
- 21 MAUI FIL-AM HERITAGE FESTIVAL** presented by Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Queen Kaahumanu Center. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Event Chairperson Melen Agcolicol at 205-7981.
- 23 EARLY WALK-IN VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN**

November

- 3 EARLY WALK-IN VOTING ENDS**
- 6 GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

December

- 29 ANNUAL RIZAL DAY CELEBRATION** sponsored by Maui Filipino Community Council. Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center. Contact Maui Filipino Community Council President, Marilyn Oura 280-2057.

Fiesta...

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Unveiling of the Bahay Kubo Painting housed in the Center. The unveiling of artist **Philip Sabado's** depiction of the *Bahay Kubo* at the Kepaniwai Gardens will be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. The event is coordinated by the **Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation** and the **Sabado Art Foundation**. The list of donors who made possible the display of the *Bahay Kubo* will also be displayed.

The **International Housekeeping Awards** will be held on Saturday night, beginning at 6 p.m. and will honor outstanding employees in the Housekeeping Department from the Grand Wailea, Kā'anapali Beach Hotel, and the Westin.

The presentation of **2018 Binhi at Ani Scholarship Recipients** will be held on Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. Scholarship recipients must be present to receive their award.

Barrio Fiesta Basketball

And what's the Barrio Fiesta without the basketball tournament? Coordinated by **Donnie Dadiz**, the tournament will feature almost twenty teams from O'ahu, Kaua'i, Hawai'i Island, and Maui. Games will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Wailuku Gym and War Memorial Gym, and will continue on Saturday, with the championship game on Sunday at the War Memorial Gym.

New stuff; old stuff; something for everyone! And yes, food!

And there you have it! Lots of contests, entertainment, and pageantry! And **food!** Where else but the Barrio



A scaled-down bahay kubo sample will be amidst the Barrio Fiesta Experience.
PHOTO: ALFREDO EVANGELISTA

Fiesta can you have your fill of *Arroz Caldo*, *Banana Lumpia*, *Bangus Caliente*, *Cascaron*, *Chow Fun*, *Empanada*, *Gulaman*, *Halo Halo*, *Ice Buko*, *Korean Chicken*, *Lau Lau*, *Lechon*, *Miki*, *Pancit*, *Pinakbet/Chicken Adobo* Plate Lunch, *Pork Adobo*, *Pork and Peas*, *Roast Chicken*, *Sangkutsar*, and *Vegetable Lumpia*?

These fabulous food and desserts are being prepared by several Filipino community organizations: Binhi at Ani, Alcalaianians, Central Maui Catholic Club, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Ilocos Surian Association of Maui, Kings Cathedral, Lahaina Filipino Catholic Club, Magsingal Association of Maui, Maui Filipino Community Council, and San Juan Lapog Association of Maui.

And if you don't know what a particular food is, such as Roast Chicken, go ahead and Google It!

Grand Prize - Airfare to the Philippines

And if all of that is still not enough reason for you to attend the 49th Annual Barrio Fiesta... At the end of each

evening, Friday night at 10 p.m. and Saturday night at 10 p.m., one lucky person, over eighteen years of age, who is present when their name is called, will win a roundtrip airfare from Honolulu to Manila via **Philippine Airlines**. Yes, you must be present to win, over eighteen years of age, and entry is limited to only one (1) per person per day! [Sign up to enter at the Philippine Airlines' booth at The Barrio Fiesta Experience inside the Center.] Other restrictions apply. Thanks to **Ma. Soledad "Sol" Solleza**, Philippine Airlines Area Manager for Hawai'i, for her generosity.

Celebrating and Sharing Our Culture

The **49th Annual Barrio Fiesta** is one of the most important cultural events in the County of Maui—and the longest running fiesta in the United States. The organizing committee, led by **Binhi at Ani** president **Nora Takushi** and her co-chairpersons **Rowena Andaya**, **Lerma Santos**, and **Jeanice Paa**, has worked hard to present a Barrio Fiesta all of Maui



The 9th Annual Veterans Memorial Day Service at the Barrio Fiesta will begin at 12 noon on Saturday.
PHOTO: ALFREDO EVANGELISTA

can support.

The *Fil-Am Voice* encourages all of you to attend and to share our culture with all of Maui.

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He attended the first Barrio Fiesta in 1970, performed *Maglalatik* in 1974, and chairs *The Barrio Fiesta Experience*. But he personally is most proud to continue the tradition of the Veterans Memorial Service at the Barrio Fiesta, that was started nine years ago by his late brother Rogelio Evanelista, who served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.



Dance International Foundation

FROM JULY 18–23, the Foundation and WEKAF Hawai'i will play host to the Unity in Diversity: Honoring Hawai'i's International Culture and Arts and 15th World Escrima Kali Arnis Federation Championships at the Lahaina Civic Center from (WEKAF) Championship Tournament. The cultural displays, international performances and dance lessons will feature and honor Hawai'i's immigrants and plantation legacy. The WEKAF championships will include Forms, Padded Stick, Padded Daga, Single Stick, and Double Stick. For more information, contact Madelyne Pascua at 268-0686.



Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce/Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation

THE CHAMBER is preparing for its Annual Gintong Pamana Leadership and Scholarship Awards Banquet which will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at the Maui Beach Hotel, at 5:30 p.m. Sponsorship information and dinner tickets may be obtained from Event Chairperson Elsa Segal at (808) 276-6946 or Event Co-Chairperson Jeanice Paa at (808) 357-2303.

Honored that evening will be the five Gintong Pamana Leadership Awards recipients:

Saturnina Balasan is a dynamic and hardworking community and church leader. A retired nurse, she has dedicated her time and energies to serve and lead the parish community of Christ the King Church in Kahului. In 2017, she led the Lady of Manaoag Prayer Group, organizing prayer rallies, block rosary and family prayer sessions and novenas throughout the year that intensified the Catholic faith in Kahului. She also initiated successful fund raising activities for the parish.

Aris Banaag is the Univeristy of Hawai'i Maui College's Personal Support Counselor providing crisis intervention and promoting health and wellness throughout the campus. He is also the Behavioral Intervention Team leader and runs the PAU Violence program which brings awareness and advocacy on issues relating to domestic and other forms of violence. For many years, he has chaired the Suicide Task Force for Maui County. He is also a veteran, a proud member of the Hawai'i Army National Guard, and a Basketball/Track coach at King Kekaulike High School.

Edward Baldonado Garcia is currently the Vice Principal of the 'Iao School in Wailuku. A lifelong educator, the first eight years of his career were spent in the classroom, teaching Ele-

mentary School on O'ahu and Maui. He then took on a new challenge, becoming a counselor for Maui Waena Intermediate for nearly a decade before returning to the classroom at the 'Iao School and rising to his current position. He is an active leader in the state teachers union (HSTA) and the Maui County Democratic Party.

Chris Rabang is a 20 year veteran of the hospitality industry, with a successful track record of providing leadership and management and providing world class guest service. Through hard work and dedication, he rose from Director of Housekeeping at the Westin St John Resort in the U.S. Virgin Islands to General Manager of the newly completed West Nanea Ocean Villas. He presently serves as Chair of the University of Hawai'i Maui College Campus Hospitality Board.

J o - A n n Marie Yap's career has been

dedicated to guiding the youth and preparing them to lead productive lives. For over 30 years, she has been a home economics teacher at Iao Intermediate School in Wailuku. For over 25 years she has been an active and recognized Cheerleading coach, taking teams to national championship level competition and inspiring a generation of cheerleader and cheer coaches. With the University of Hawai'i Maui College, she is currently involved with the TRIO Educational Talent Search, a program that helps grade 6–12 students prepare for their future college and professional careers.

Also honored that evening will be the eighteen Scholarship recipients:

Shanelle Ancheta, daughter of Celso Ancheta and Grace Ancheta. Shanelle will graduate from Maui High School and attend the University of San Francisco, majoring in Entrepreneurship and Innovations. Ancheta will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Levin Gil Bonilla, son of Lee Bonilla and Gina Irene Bonilla. Levin will graduate from Maui High School and attend the University of Hawai'i Maui College, majoring in Dental Hygiene. Bonilla will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Maui Island Cozy Dental Scholarship.

Mary Jicel Butac, daughter of Fernand N. Butac and Marilyn G. Butac. Mary will graduate from Maui High School and attend the University of Hawai'i Maui College, majoring in Nursing. Butac will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Chealsey Corpuz, daughter of Fortunato, Corpuz Jr. and Carolyn Corpuz. Chealsey will graduate from Maui High School and attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, majoring in Biology. Corpuz will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Joanna Corpuz, daughter of Joel Corpuz and Mabel Corpuz. Joanna will graduate from St. Anthony High School and atted Seattle University, where she will major in Pre-Sciences. Corpuz will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Cham-

ber Foundation Scholarship.

Darrian Cremer, son of Brian Cremer and Jocelyn Cremer. Darrian will graduate from Baldwin High School and attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he will major in Civil Engineering. Cremer will receive a \$1,000.00 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Ray-Anne Mae Godoy Dela Cruz, daughter of Reynaldo Dela Cruz and Anelyn Ulep. Ray-Anne will graduate from Baldwin High School and attend the University of San Francisco, majoring in Business Management. Dela Cruz will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship/Megan, Meredith & Mallory Bagoyo Scholarship in Business.

Camille Kimoto, daughter of Jon

COMMUNITY... IN ACTION

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Kimoto and Geri Kimoto. Camille will graduate from Baldwin High School and attend San Diego State University, where she will major in Marketing. Kimoto will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Tony Orlando V. Lazo, son of Moro Virgilio M. Lazo and Maria Praxedes V. Lazo. Tony will graduate from Maui High School and attend Grand Canyon University, where he will major in Biology. Lazo will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Emily Mitra, daughter of Ramon Mitra and Michelle Mitra. Emily will graduate from Baldwin High School and attend California Baptist University, where she will major in Architecture. Mitra will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Jaymar Caluntad Quedding, son of Marlon S. Quedding and Marites C. Quedding. Jaymar will graduate from Maui High School and attend the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Quedding will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation Scholarship.

Trisha Mae Rapacon, daughter of Jusant Rapacon and Milagros Rapacon. Trisha will graduate from Maui High School and attend the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where she will major in Hospitality and Tourism. Rapacon will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Tante & Araceli Urban Foundation Scholarship.

Remy Romo-Valdez, daughter of Miguel Valdez and Raynette Romo-Valdez. Remy will graduate from Maui High School and attend the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, where she will major in Sustainable Science Management. Romo-Valdez will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Elle Cochran Scholarship.

Katherine Swor, daughter of Tita Ann Swor. Katherine will graduate from Baldwin High School and attend Saint Martin's University, where she will major in Education. Swor will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber

Foundation/Rev. Walter Baloaloe Memorial Scholarship.

Taylor Tagud, son of Bert Tagud and Myrna Vinoray Tagud. Taylor will graduate from Maui High School and attend Seattle University, where he will major in Administration of Justice. Tagud will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Richard "Pablo" Caldito, Sr. Scholarship.

Emily Tshako, daughter of Ken Tshako and Cynthia Tshako. Emily will graduate from Maui High School and attend the University of North Texas, where she will major in Music Education. Tshako will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamnber Foundation Scholarship.

Hannah Valencia, daughter of Orlino Valencia and Leticia Valencia. Hannah will graduate from Lahainaluna High School and attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, majoring in Architecture. Valencia will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Alfred Basioa Scholarship.

Caitlin Villarosa, daughter of Rodney Villarosa and Traci Fujita. Caitlin will graduate from Baldwin High School and attend the University of California-Irvine, where she will major in Criminology. Villarosa will receive a \$1,000 Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation/Friends of Gil Keith-Agaran Scholarship.



Maui Filipino Community Council

THE COUNCIL will hold the 2018 Miss Maui Filipina Scholarship Pageant on June 30 at Wailea Marriott. The Miss Maui Filipina pageant is the longest running pageant on Maui and in its 59th year and will feature five contestants this year. Pageant tickets (no dinner) cost at \$30 presale, \$35 at the door. Contact Event chairpersons Michelle Santos at 264-0871 and Dolores Perreira at 283-1605 for more information.

The contestants who are vying to succeed **2017–2018 Miss Maui Filipina Gabrielle Gutierrez** are **Vanessa Joy Baldos** of Kihei, **Sheila Joy Manuel** of Lahaina, **Rosabelle Honey Pualei Nartates** of Kihei, **Fayma Angel Domingo Sales** of Pukalani, and **Joylene Nina Delos Santos Tabon** of Kihei.

Disclosures: Alfredo G. Evangelista is Legal Counsel for Dance International Foundation. He is a member of the Scholarship Committee of the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation, for which he previously served as Legal Counsel (2011–2017). He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Maui Filipino Community Council (1975–1976).





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by creating agricultural parks and community gardens in each area of the island



Work with the Council to improve regulations on development that

PROTECT OUR REEFS, PRECIOUS AGRICULTURAL LAND, AND WATER USE

Address the reality of

RIISING SEA LEVELS

by working to relocate our vulnerable coastal roads inland, address storm drainage & flooding issues, and examining "managed coastal retreat" as a real option for long term planning, instead of seawalls & coastal hardening.

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Celebrations:

Barrio Fiesta

Aloha and Mabuhay! Barrio Fiesta is always such a joyous festival. I love meeting up with longtime friends and coworkers from the past to catch up. I look forward to indulging in all my favorite foods too! Masarap! Bangus tops it!

Love all of the colorful, sparkly outfits. So many rich colors, beaded and embroidered Filipiniana Kimona, beautiful Maria Clara dresses and Terno (Balintawak). Such incredible workmanship and great attention to detail!

The men are always so handsome in their Barong Tagalog and the ladies look absolutely beautiful! Salamat pō to all who make the special event happen!



Stopping for a Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation photo with Godofredo Godoy & Sonia Balquiqui Godoy.



Ele Cochran and Telly Urban from Tante's Island Cuisine. After years of success in Kona on the island of Hawai'i, one of their signature dishes, Shrimp Sari Sari quickly became a Maui favorite.

Calender:



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