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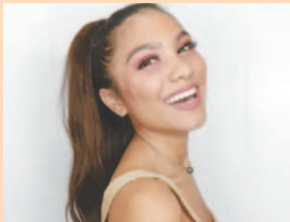
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Michael Victorino

The Fourth in a Series.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2022, Leadership for the State and Maui County will be at the forefront with elections for Governor, Maui Mayor, Council, and due to reapportionment, all State Senators and State Representatives will be decided. The Primary Election will be held on August 13, 2022 with the General Election on November 8, 2022, and it's not too early to start thinking about the type of State and County leaders needed. Our first series focused on potential gubernatorial candidates. We now shift our focus to our County's elected leaders. This month, we focus on Mayor Michael Victorino and the next three months we will focus on



Mayor Michael Victorino

the current members of the Maui County Council.

1. IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE TELL US YOUR BACKGROUND, INCLUDING DETAILS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY, EDUCATION AND EXPERI-



ENCE IN THE PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND NON-PROFIT SECTORS.

In 1871, my great-grandfather boarded a ship in the Azores to sail to a better life in Hawai'i. I inherited his work ethic and island values. After high school graduation, I studied business management at Hawai'i Community College and Hilo College then went into management in the retail, restaurant, and insurance industries. My greatest day was when I married Joycelyn Nakahashi in 1976. We've since been blessed with two sons, Michael Jr. and Shane. Together we've survived a cancer scare, two major surgeries and a near fatal

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"My vision for Maui County is a gradual and steady return to our roots. I want our island-born people to be able to live and work here, raise their families here, and retire here if they so choose."

— MICHAEL VICTORINO

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A. B. Sevilla (dressed in Americana and bowtie) with daughters Lolita (directly in front of him) and Linda (to his left) circa 1963.
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“If the Japanese can have one, why can’t we?” Linda Sevilla Kushi recalls her dad A.B. Sevilla saying at that time, referring to the Japanese Tea Garden built in 1961 at Kepaniwai.

News reports state in 1951 the County cleared four acres for picnic grounds and a year later the County dedicated Kepaniwai Park as its first park. Kepaniwai, translated to mean “damming of the waters” is the site of a 1790 bloody

battle between Kamehameha and Kalanikūpule, the son of King Kahekili.

The County engaged Richard Tongg of Honolulu—Hawaii’s first landscape architect—to develop a master plan for further development of Kepaniwai Park. In 1962, Tongg designed the gardens at Honolulu International Airport which included Chinese, Japanese and Hawaiian gardens—but no Filipino garden. (Tongg was also the brother of Rudy Tongg, who established the now defunct Aloha Airlines.)

Sevilla, a radio announcer on KMVI, used his connections and relationships to get the ball moving.

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Resolution

No 5 Introduced By Manuel Molina Supervisor

WHEREAS, Kepaniwai Park, in Iao Valley, has become one of the most attractive and popular parks in the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui, upon recommendation of the Economic Research and Development Commission, has engaged Mr. Richard C. Tongg, landscape architect of Honolulu, Hawaii, to prepare a master plan for the further development of Kepaniwai Park; and

WHEREAS, at present, there is a Japanese garden at Kepaniwai Park and plans are being prepared for a Hawaiian garden at said park; and

WHEREAS, people of Filipino descent in the County of Maui are desirous of having a Filipino cultural area located in said park; and

WHEREAS, such a Filipino cultural area should make Kepaniwai Park more attractive and interesting to tourists, as well as to the local people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Maui that it does hereby respectfully request the Economic Research and Development Commission and Mr. Richard C. Tongg to seriously consider the possibility of establishing a Filipino cultural area in the master plan for Kepaniwai Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Economic Research and De-

Resolution 5 (1964)

Sevilla called on his neighbor Maui County Supervisor Manuel Molina who operated a Market Street bar just up the hill from the A.B. Sevilla store at 1592 Mill Street. Sevilla, also president of the Maui Filipino Community Council from 1963 to 1965, enlisted other members of Maui’s fledgling Filipino community: Richard Caldito, president of the Maui Filipino Catholic Council; Cirilo Sinfuego, president of the United Sons and Daughters of Ilocano Regions Organization; Bernard Barbero, president of the Puunene Filipino Community Association; Augustine Quinsaat, president of the Paia Filipino Community Association; and Tesero Mantilla, president of the Lahaina Filipino Community Association.

Banded together in the Bayanihan spirit of working collectively for a common cause, their efforts under Sevilla worked and the ball started rolling with Resolution 5 introduced by Molina adopted on January 17, 1964:

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The resolution passed by a 5-3-1 vote with Chairman Eddie Tam and Supervisors Joseph Bulgo, Manuel Molina, Lanny Morisaki and Tom Tagawa voting

aye; Supervisors Wendell F. Crockett, Soon Oak Lee and Marco Meyer voting no; and Supervisor Goro Hokama excused. As per the normal procedure, Sevilla, Caldito, Sinfuego, Barbero, Quinsaat, Mantilla, Tongg, the Economic Research and Development Commission, and the Hon. Pacifico Evangelista, Philippine Consul in Hawaii received copies of the resolution.

Funding became an initial issue. Supervisor Bulgo introduced Resolution 64 in 1964 requesting \$75,000 be set aside for the Filipino cultural center from the 1964 bond issue. In 1965, Supervisor Molina introduced Resolution 8 requesting the State Legislature set aside \$25,000 to prepare architectural plans to develop Kepaniwai Park consistent with Tongg’s master plan.

By May 1967, the Maui News reported the first phase (Japanese, Filipino and Chinese gardens) was ready for construction while the second phase (Hawaiian, Portuguese and Haole gardens together with a large pavilion, a new toilet-shower building and about ten small pavilions) would follow. By then, the State had appropriated approximately \$187,000 of the expected \$325,000 cost.

Sevilla and other Filipino community leaders—Anselmo Adarna, Bernardo Aganos, Rev. Justo Andres, Richard Caldito, Silvestre Novida, Sinon Odocayen, and Dr. Jose Romero—traveled to Honolulu in the summer of 1967 to lobby the Philippine Consulate General to have Imelda Marcos, First Lady of the Philippines, pledge her support to “help create an authentic display of the culture of the Philippines,” as reported by the Advertiser.

By May 1968, Tongg reported the development would begin with funding from the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, the County of Maui and the State of Hawaii. Groundbreaking ceremonies occurred on August 22, 1968.

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accident caused by a drunk driver. Many people know me from coaching youth sports and my service through the Knights of Columbus, Maui Economic Development Board, my church and as Maui County Fair director. In 2006, I was elected to the Maui County Council and 12 years later, I was elected as Mayor of Maui County.

2. IN 200 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE TELL US: A) WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR HAWAI'I/MAUI? B) WHAT IS RIGHT WITH HAWAI'I/MAUI? C) WHAT IS WRONG WITH HAWAI'I/MAUI?

My vision for Maui County is a gradual and steady return to our roots. I want our island-born people to be able to live and work here, raise their families here, and retire here if they so choose.

The world has changed dramatically over the past two decades. Since 2000, Maui County has experienced three major disruptions to tourism: the 9-11 terrorist attacks, the great recession of 2007-2009, and the global pandemic of 2020 that still lingers. In the meantime, damage to our natural environment has gotten worse. We should resist the human urge to "get back to normal" and insist on a new normal where people and place are more important than profit.

What's right about Maui is that we are still very much a close community.



Mayor Michael Victorino tours the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility 1.

We saw this when the pandemic arrived and people came together to sew masks, help with food drives, take care of kids, and sharing whatever we had. What's wrong with Maui is that we are much too dependent on other places for our own survival needs. The more self-sufficient we are, the better for our residents and our future.

3. IN 125 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HAWAI'I'S/MAUI'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY.

My wife Joycelyn and I have several long-term relationships within Maui's Filipino community. Over the decades, we've connected through our shared service in civic organizations,

church, business and many personal friendships. We've also enjoyed in sharing Filipino culture (and food) at Barrio Fiesta, Filipino Heritage Day and many pageants. Our friendships are easy and natural because we all share the same devotion to family—we know that family isn't just impor-

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From the Editor's Desk

Vince Bagoyo, Jr.
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Filipinos look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday with the hopeful anticipation of eating not only *lechon*, fried fish and *pinakbet* but also treats like *bibingka*, *suman* and *halohalo*.

COLLAGE: LAWRENCE PASCUA

So Much to Be Thankful For ... Especially With the Pandemic

No doubt for many of us, the past year and a half have been extremely hard, challenging times. The year 2020 is not one we will look back on fondly but instead is a year we all want to forget. Just try to imagine having no graduation parties, no birthdays, weddings, or even the holiday celebrations! That is unthinkable, although we understand why it must be this way due to COVID-19. Some years, it is easy to feel grateful but this year with so much loss and pain during the pandemic, it is not easy. As we try just to get through these challenging times, let us not allow the pandemic to steal our joy as we celebrate the many things for which we are grateful.

November is one of my favorite months of the year, like many

who look forward to Thanksgiving as a special time to spend with family and friends—a time of feasting with roast turkey or for Filipinos, with the preferred *lechon* and fried fish, *pinakbet*, and special dessert treats like *bibingka*, *suman* and *halo halo*.

November is also when we collectively honor all the men and women who have served in our armed forces, who have been willing too often, to pay the ultimate price to guarantee our freedom of choice. For many of us, Veteran's Day is a day to reflect on the price of our freedom and to remember all who have made that ultimate sacrifice to keep America the "land of the free and home of the brave."

As we celebrate while feasting with families and friends, let us see FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK p. 6



Joycelyn and Mike Victorino wear their Kimona and Barong Tagalog respectively at an event held at the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center in Wailuku

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tant—it's everything. Even if we aren't related by blood we invite others into our families. In Hawai'i we call it 'ohana. Filipinos have *kumare* and *kumpare*, but it's the same idea of sharing our lives as part of a large extended family. I'm very grateful that so many of my supporters come from Maui's Filipino community.

4. IN 500 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THE THREE GREATEST NEEDS OF HAWAII'S/ MAUI'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY.

I believe the three greatest needs of our Filipino community are:

1. Coping with the high cost of living here

Maui's Filipino community faces the same struggles as many of our local people who must work more than one job to make ends meet. Even after working multiple jobs, wages often don't keep pace with the cost of living here.

The reasons are complex, but it all starts with Hawai'i's isolation. The high cost of shipping food, fuel and products from other places is added to everything we buy here. Also, tourism—our dominant industry—generates numerous service jobs but few professional careers with opportunities to advance. Finally, housing on Maui has become more of an investment than a way to fill a basic human need. Because of our economic conditions, off-shore investors have

an unfair advantage in buying up a limited housing supply. Short supply drives demand and that means high prices. Working families can't compete with wealthy investors, so the cycle repeats.

2. Under-representation in business and government

After the *Sakadas* arrived more than a century ago, many Filipinos started small businesses, but few have been able to expand to become major employers. Although Filipinos make up nearly one third of our population, they are under-represented among Hawai'i's influential business executives or elected officials.

Governor Ben Cayetano made history as the nation's first, and so far only, governor of Filipino ancestry and Maui County is fortunate to have the leadership of State Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, but we need many more like them. More Filipinos are needed to serve among Maui County's political leaders as well.

Keys to improving the status of Filipinos are political involvement and education. The Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce leads the way by encouraging college education with their generous scholarship program, but more can be done. A good place to start is by registering to vote.

3. Creating good quality careers for the next generation

If we want our island-born youth to stay here, succeed here, and raise their own families here, we must di-

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The Victorino 'ohana at the Kalana O Maui County building.



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Mayor Michael Victorino with 2019 Miss Maui Filipina Mary Grace Basig during Binhi at Ani's 2019 fundraiser Three Chefs and A Grammy.
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At the December 2020 blessing of the new County Service Center.
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A few days before All Hallow's Eve, some people held a rally announcing a petition drive to recall Maui Mayor Michael Victorino. Under the Maui County Charter, in the next month or so, they will need to collect at least 21,586 signatures, or 20 percent of the 107,930 Maui voters registered in the last general election.

I like Mike. My sister worked for Mike when she was fresh out of Cannon's Business School. Since I like his wife Joycelyn, I even can ignore the fact he passed on tapping my 92-year-old mother for a cushy County job after the 2018 election.

A former Mayor reputedly built the Kalana O Maui on High Street so his office would be the top spot in the tallest building on the island. Mayors are both the top administrator of county services and the top cheerleader for Maui Nui's community. The office has magnificent views but being Mayor is not a cushy job, especially when an international public health crisis upends normal life. As the top County official, Mike gets easily blamed for all sorts of complaints.

The recall proponents announced a variety of gripes against the Mayor, ranging from the longtime fight over East Maui water for taro growers to the County doggedly pursuing a U.S. Supreme Court appeal in the West Maui injection well lawsuit. Others had bones to pick about how he handled local responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, including general accusations about lack of transparency in spending federal COVID funds despite daily press briefings updating County activities. He also got painted with blame for the limits imposed or approved by Governor David Ige regarding State and County business lock-

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downs and capacity limitations, mask and testing requirements for travel, and State Department of Education policies on vaccination and social distancing requirements for school athletes and spectator attendance.

California held a recall election in September, spurred in part by California Governor Gavin Newsom's management of the pandemic in the Golden State. Newsom emphatically defeated a recall aimed at kicking him out of office early, a contest the Democrat governor framed as part of a national battle for his party's values in the face of the coronavirus pandemic and continued threats from "Trumpism."

For thirty days, the petition collectors must collect 21,586 valid voter signatures. If they fall short, they get one last shot at getting enough good signatures for ten days. If they do not get enough signatures in the original petition or a supplemental petition, no new petition for the recall can be filed for a year.

Depending on if and when the petition is certified by the County Clerk and presented to the County Council, an election would be held no less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days of the Council receiving the certified petition. If enough Maui registered voters sign a petition—for whatever complaint they have against Mike—then the County Council would

need to schedule an election to recall the Mayor sometime between February and March of 2022. Of course, that would require the County to pay the expenses for a special election, including printing 100,000-plus ballots and mailing those ballots to Maui's registered voters, and the costs of running the election and tallying the results. (In Kaua'i where there were 47,253 registered voters for the 2020 general election, the County Clerk estimates it will cost \$475,000 to hold a special election on December 18, 2021 to replace the Prosecuting Attorney who resigned to take another job on the mainland.)

The recall supporters appear undaunted by the fact elections are already scheduled nine months from now, with the Primary Election set for Saturday, August 13, 2022 and the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The Office of Elections website indicates voters receive their ballots in the mail for the Primary Election by July 26, 2022 and for the General Election by October 21, 2022.

If the proposed recall petition was launched later, the question could have been included in the scheduled elections. For example, a certified petition presented to the Council by May 16 could be included with the Primary Election ballot, or a recall proposal completed by August 11 included on the General Election ballot. Added to the already scheduled elections would have been helpful in meeting one Charter hurdle for recall elections. Given historical

election trends, holding a special election early next year makes recalling Mike challenging. The Charter also states if less than 50 percent of the registered voters vote in any recall election, the recall fails regardless of the outcome of that vote.

In the 2020 General Election, 71,653 or 66.4 percent of the registered voters participated. However, only 43,954 or 42.7 percent of the then-102,835 registrants voted in the Primary Election. And 2020—the first election held almost entirely by mail—proved to be one of the highest turnouts in recent elections.

Recalls are rarely pursued in this State and only succeeded once.

A 2015 proposal to recall Big Island Mayor Billy Kenoi did not get very far—no signatures were submitted after an effort was announced.

In 1985, three Honolulu City Councilmembers—George G. Akahane, Toraki Matsumoto and Rudolph Pacarro—lost after joining former Democratic Mayor Frank Fasi in switching from being Democrats to Republicans (and taking over the City Council). They lost even after popular GOP President Ronald Reagan endorsed them. With approximately 60 percent turnout, Matsumoto lost 7,896 – 8,854, Pacarro fell short 6,539 – 6,620 and Akahane was recalled 6,849 – 12,052. But that Honolulu recall effort took place when County races were still partisan affairs.

We will know in a few weeks

"We will know in a few weeks whether Mike will face the voters early. Even if a recall is held, I like Mike's chances of surviving."

– GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN

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Councilman Richard Caldito (center) brought members of the 1970 U.S. Army Friendship Mission from the Philippines to the Bahay Kubo.

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Present at the groundbreaking ceremonies were County Chairman Elmer F. Cravalho, Supervisors Richard Caldito, Goro Hokama, Marco Meyer, Lanny H. Morisaki, Barney Tokunaga and Yoneto



Patrick Constantino (second from right) was a constant presence next to Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho (seated, center), especially when meeting with Filipino community leaders such as Rafael Acoba, Paul Pladera, Richard Caldito, A.B. Sevilla, Pepito Ragasa, and Napoleon Agasid and their guests.

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Yamaguchi as well as Danny Fong of Fong Construction and Trucking Company, who held the \$210,000.00 contract to construct the Filipino, Chinese and Japanese gardens and the pavilions. Patrick Constantino, who was serving as Cravalho's Executive Assistant, recalls the construction of the Bahay Kubo.

"The Maui Filipino Community Council and its unit organizations played a significant role in the construction. Native materials for the Bahay Kubo like the *nipa* leaves for the roof and sides were shipped from the Philippines through the assistance of Cravalho, Councilman Richard Caldito and others." Constantino also remembers harvesting exceptionally large bamboo from the Bamboo Forest Reserve in Keanae for the walls, windows, steps and says H.C.&S. even loaned a truck each time they hauled the bamboo from Ke'anae to 'Iao.

Constantino says my Dad, Elias Acang Evangelista, was one of those who helped build the Bahay Kubo. Kushi recalls seeing a photo of my Dad along with Ramon Campos, his *kailian* from Paoay, a carpenter. My 97-year-old Mom's memory is a little faded but she confirms my Dad would go along with Sevilla, Cirilo Sinfuego, Campos, Johnny Espirito, Tony Acang, Lucio Nefulda and Isaac Cacayorin, all from Paoay. "*Adu da* (there were a lot of them)," she recalls. It was a real community effort and Mom starts rattling off names like Emigio Daba and Alfredo Campos from Waikapu, Augustine Quinsaot from Paia, Federico Pagdilao and Napoleon Agasid from Kahului. She even starts naming those who were *agkapatas* (supervisors) who would say *kastoy kastoy* (like this, like this). She tells me, "Your Dad, he always went." My Mom remembers how she and others cooked meals for the workers to bring to the Bahay Kubo.

"When the *nipa* came from the Philippines," Constantino recounts, "Napoleon Agasid of the Moncado Foundation insisted he be the one to weave the *nipa* for the roof. I was in my late twenties at the time and as a local-born Filipino, I was amazed at their



The Jose Rizal bust donated by A.B. and Frances Sevilla.

PHOTO ALFREDO G. EVANGELISTA



A.B. Sevilla loved to bring guests to the Bahay Kubo including Ben Cordial of Philippine National Bank in Honolulu.

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craftsmanship in creating an authentic Bahay Kubo, especially with how they fastened the bamboos together without using any nails. Mayor Cravalho was always interested in the progress and I would report on their progress."

The Bahay Kubo was completed by 1970 and Maui's Filipino community leaders would bring visiting dignitaries to show off the Bahay Kubo. The 1974 Miss Maui Filipina Grace Esclito posed in front of the Bahay Kubo in 1975. "I remember showing up for the photo shoot," recalls Grace Esclito Motta. "By then the Bahay Kubo was already complete while the other ethnic gardens were still being worked on." By January 1976, the Kepaniwai Park and Heritage Gardens officially opened with dedication ceremonies officiated by Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho, Councilmember Manuel Molina, and Monsignor Charles Kekumano.

But with the Bahay Kubo structure built and open, Sevilla still wanted one addition to the cultural garden. "It took my Dad some ten years or so to get the approval of the Council to install the bust of Jose Rizal," says Lolita Sevilla Eugenio. Sevilla had started a Knights of Rizal chapter on Maui. "I remember going to the Philippines with my Dad on one of his *Balibkayan* trips in the late 1960's. He had commissioned a company in Laoag to create the bust. On our return flight, we watched while the crew carefully loaded the bust in the Philippine Airlines special cargo hold. see BAHAY KUBO p.8



Miss Maui Filipina 1974 Grace Esclito graced the cover of the 1975 Maui Fiesta Filipina, taken at the Bahay Kubo.

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not allow the pandemic to steal our joy. Let us focus, instead, on the deep gratitude we feel for all blessings, big and small. Thanksgiving is fun and for many of us, a sacred time to appreciate our countless gifts of good fortune. Despite the difficulties of the last eighteen months, despite the stress and fears caused by illness, hospitalization and even death for some, and worse, even more dire circumstances for the many facing multiple challenges all at once, it is possible, or even desirable to acknowledge our blessings and celebrate Thanksgiving with profound gratitude.

So, what does being grateful during a pandemic look like? Here are some at the top of my list:

- First and foremost, I am grateful for the freedom to worship our God without fear of persecution.
- Second, I am thankful for family and friends. Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity to catch up with family that we have not seen all year due to the pandemic.
- Third, I am thankful for our frontline healthcare heroes for putting their lives on the line to take care of patients during this pandemic. They have endured enormous pressures fighting the virus and we owe them our deepest gratitude for their skills and compassion.
- Fourth, I am thankful for researchers and scientists who developed effective and safe COVID-19 vaccines that bring protection against this deadly disease.
- Fifth, I am thankful for Veteran's Day, for all it means to each of us.

- Sixth, I am thankful for a roof over our heads; having decent shelter is something to be grateful for, especially when we know so many individuals and families face housing insecurity.
- Seventh, I am thankful for good health. There may be some aches in parts of our bodies and still we are grateful to wake up every morning, able to breathe fresh air and enjoy the beauty of God's amazing creation.
- Eighth, I am thankful for good laughter as it reduces stress and is a great social lubricator we should be grateful for and cultivate as much as possible AND it is free indeed.
- Finally, I am grateful we live on Maui where Aloha is practiced and nurtured by residents and visitors alike.

Yes, I am sure there is much, much more that we are thankful for, as we are mindful that God is the ultimate provider for all we need, while also bringing us great joy. The Bible can be our guidepost on gratitude for all we have, as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 which states "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." May this year's Thanksgiving richly bless you and your loved ones with joy and happiness!

Enjoy the turkey and pecan pie ... or *lechon* and *bibingka* ... or better still ... a feast with all the above and more! ✨

Vince Bagoyo
VINCE BAGOYO, JR. | EDITOR



Hello November! It's almost the end of the year. As soon as Halloween is over, we get ready for the holidays. In the Philippines, All Saint's Day is celebrated on November 1 to pay tribute to those deceased saints and martyrs who have gone before us. All Soul's Day is celebrated the next day, November 2. We used to spend the day cleaning the graves of our loved ones, lighting a candle and leaving flowers. With the pandemic, that tradition

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Dulce Karen Butay

has changed. There is a scheduled day for each *baranggay* to visit their loved ones in the cemetery. This is to prevent crowding that will result in clusters. In the U.S., there are two holidays in No-

vember. Veteran's Day is on November 11. This is the time to honor all those who served our country—our U.S. Veterans of the armed forces and victims of all wars. Thank you for your service and

sacrifice for the country. The other holiday is Thanksgiving Day. It is a day of giving thanks for the autumn harvest and other blessings of the past year. I hope you are not just thankful on this day but every day of your life. Start your day with a grateful heart. May this month be a special one for you as you enjoy all thirty days.

Let's visit our friends Angel and Michael and see what's going on with them this month, shall we?

"WHERE ARE WE GOING?" Angel asks. "I set up a *balay* (house) in the countryside that a *kaluguran* (friend) owns. We should be safe there until we can figure out *anni* (what) to do. The *bahay* (house) is the only one in that area. The neighbor is far away," says Michael.

Angel looks at him with an innocence that turns into compliance.

"I will follow you until I cannot follow you anymore. Please God let my *puso* (heart) be right this time," Angel whispers.

"*Ano* (What)?" Michael irritably asks questions. "*Hani* (What) did you say?"

Angel smiles. "*Awan* (Nothing), dear. Let's *alistuam mu* (hurry)."

They walk to the *sakyanan* (car) hand in hand.

They load the last bag in the *lugan* (car) and dash off to Kahakulua. A man sits in a *sasakyan* (car) snapping a few photos and steadily proceeds to follow them.

The *kotse* (car) is filled with silence.

Michael concentrates on his driving. He looks straight at the road, scared to look at Angel. As he makes a right turn on a corner, he can't help but get a glimpse of Angel's *mukha* (face). She looks worried yet she still has that angelic *nawong* (face). Her eyes are closed as if she is saying a *dasal* (prayer).

They are almost to the street of his *kaibigan* (friend's) *bale* (house) when he notices a *saken* (car) following them. He doesn't recognize the *sasakyan* (car).

"Who is behind us? Who could be following us?" Michael exclaims.

Angel opens her eyes and turns around to look at who was behind them.

"I don't know a lot of people," she says to him. Her *kasingkasing* (heart) starts beating faster. She starts to get worried.

"I will just turn around and mislead him in town. Are you hungry?" Michael asks her.

"My *korason* (heart) is beating so fast and all you ask is if I'm hungry? I'm almost going to have a heart attack here. Where are we going? *Nanoyin* (What) are you planning?"

English	Pilipino	Ilokano	Cebuano	Ilonggo	Ibanag	Kapampangan
What?	Ano?	Ana?	Hani?	Ano?	Anni'?	Nanoyin?
Nothing	Wala	Awan	Wala	Waay	Awan	Wala
Face	Mukha	Rupa	Mukat	Lupa/Arap	Nawong/Dagway	Goya/Nawong
House/Home	Bahay/Tahan	Balay	Balay	Balay	Balay	Bale
Heart	Puso	Puso	Tutu	Puso	Kasingkasing	Korason
Car	Sasakyan	Lugan	Sakyanan	Auto	Kotse	Saken
Door	Pintuan	Ridaw	Lukub	Ganhaan	Puwerta	Pasbul
Prayer	Dasal	Lualo	Pag-ampo	Pangadi	Dasal	Dasal
Handsome	Pogi	Nataraki	Ambongan	Mabuot	Guapo	Masanting
No	Hindi	Haan	Awan	Indi	Dili	Indi
Friend	Kaibigan	Gayyem	Bai	Miga	Kofun	Kaluguran

Angel asks worriedly.

"I have an idea. I have a plan," says Michael with a smile on his *rupa* (face).

"It better be good," says Angel with a series of emotions.

Meanwhile, Ray turns towards the hallway that leads to his office at the end.

"Ray!" Katherine shouts.

She jogs to him and clasps his arm. He stops while breathing heavily.

"*Hani* (What's) wrong Ray?" she demands.

"*Wala* (Nothing)," he answers.

"Ray, I know when something is wrong with you. I have been with you too long to know that silly *mukat* (face) you make. The way your eye twitches when something is wrong. Now spill it," she demands as she clasps harder onto his arm.

He looks at her and nods towards his office.

They enter and lock the *pintuan* (door) behind him.

Ray stands still while Katherine grabs a chair and sits down.

KATHERINE: "*Anni* (What) is wrong Ray?" she asks again with irritation in her voice.

Ray sighs deeply and slowly exhales.

RAY: "Is he in trouble? Why didn't he tell me? He knows he can call me anytime "

KATHERINE: "Who are you talking about? Your *gayyem* (friend) Chris? Or your nephew Mark?"

RAY: "Let me see my phone if I have a missed call from him." He walks around his desk and grabs his cell-phone from his drawer. He sits on his chair and slowly reviews his missed calls. "*Hindi* (No), he didn't call me at all!" he exclaims.

KATHERINE: "Who are you talking about?" she shouts.

Ray: "Mickey!" he yells.

KATHERINE: "Michael? Oh, your *guapo* (handsome) nephew ... *ano* (what) did he do? He is such a quiet and smart man, why would he be in trouble?"

RAY: "Let's find out," he dials the phone to call Michael but to his dis-

may, it goes to voice mail right away. It's so quiet all you can hear is Ray's *puso* (heart) pounding

KATHERINE: "Try again!"

RAY: "I am!" He dials again but it still goes straight to voice mail.

RAY: "Arrgh! Let me call my brother!" He looks up his brother's name and presses the call button. He holds his breath while waiting for him to answer.

Bzzzz ... bzzzzzzzzzz ...

Thom answers the phone. "Hello?"

RAY: "Hey bro, is Mickey home?"

THOM: "*Indi* (No), he wasn't here when I came home last night. Then I went to bed early. I was hoping I could catch him this morning but it seems he has already left. I was going to discuss something with him about a big case the DEA asked me to handle. Wait, did you call him?"

RAY: "Yes bro, but it goes straight to his voice mail."

THOM: "That's strange. He usually answers his phone. Let me ask my wife."

Ray could hear Thom on the phone asking his wife.

THOM: "Did you see Michael last night? How about this morning? Did you call him?" Then there's a muffled voice that Ray could not hear or understand.

THOM: "Ray, I have to call you back. His mom was able to reach him."

RAY: "Can you tell him to call me? I want to show him something."

Uh, oh Michael's family is looking

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In 1989, A.B. Sevilla and his friends undertook a rehabilitation of the Bahay Kubo.

Bahay Kubo ...

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When it got to Maui, it stayed in its original crate in the back of our store at 1592 Mill Street until the Council approved the gift from my Dad and Mom.”

The Maui County Council unanimously adopted Resolution 79-158 (introduced by Councilmember Mariano M. Acoba) on December 10, 1979, accepting the gift of the Rizal bust from the Sevilla's. The community officially unveiled it on December 30, 1979—the 83rd anniversary of Rizal's death.

Over the years, the Bahay Kubo



Alfredo Manuel (left) used his carpentry skills in 1989, assisted by A.B. Sevilla (center) and Jorge Felipe (right).

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proved to be a major tourist attraction at the Kepaniwai Heritage Village. Sevilla, himself a travel agent, accompanied state and international dignitaries to the site, often posing with them. It would be a proud moment for the 1928 Sakada from Currimao, Ilocos Norte. “My Dad was so proud of his culture, his heritage, his humble beginnings,” says Kushi. “And he always wanted to leave something for future generations to enjoy.”

Zaldy Ugalino was mesmerized by the *nipa* hut replica and its history, having immigrated in May 1970 at nine years old. He recalls his first trip to the Bahay Kubo was with his family. “Two months after we arrived on Maui, my Dad who arrived earlier with my eldest brother, brought the whole family to Kepaniwai to visit the park and see the Bahay Kubo. It was like being home again.”

Shirley Evangelista, a teacher in the



By 1994, the rehabilitation work done by Sevilla and his friends were vandalized.

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Students of Limited English Program (SLEP) took her SLEP students on field excursions to the Bahay Kubo at Kepaniwai. “Zaldy Ugalino was one of my SLEP students at Lihikai School I brought to the Bahay Kubo,” Evangelista recalls. “And he was very interested.”

In 1989, Sevilla and his friends including Alfredo Manuel, Jorge Felipe and others, undertook a rehabilitation of the Bahay Kubo. “I remember my Dad was so concerned because it was falling apart,” says Kushi. “The *nipa* roof was already gone. My 80-year-old Dad and his friends had to change the inte-



In 2008, Zaldy Ugalino and his church began a Partnership in Parks to care for the Bahay Kubo.

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for him now. How is he going to face his family? Will he tell them about Angel? Will he leave Angel to face her own problems?

Keep an eye for the next issue. Please visit us on our facebook page and leave us a comment or ideas at www.facebook.com/Fil-AmVoiceMaui.

I'm Dulce, helping you to master your Filipino Languages. Like always, let's laugh, let's *making* (listen), and Let's Talk Pinoy! *Hanggang sa muli!* (Until next time!) *Ingat!* (Take care!)

Dulce Karen Butay was graduated from Maui High School and received her Associate in Arts degree in Liberal

rior and exterior walls as well as the bridge.”

"I remember my Dad going with Tata Jorge Felipe, Tata Bert Olais, Tata Nas Tabangcura, Tata Costo Madella and other Sakadas," said Marilyn Manuel Oura. "Even though my Dad wasn't a *Sakada*, those were his friends. As a carpenter, my Dad had a passion for fixing the Bahay Kubo."

Unfortunately, vandalism and high use led to more disrepair of the Bahay Kubo and the other gardens at Kepaniwai. “In 1994, I was sitting at the Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens and watched a busload of tourists drive by slowly,” recalls Virginia Dagdag Cantorna. “None of the tourists were taking photos as the Gardens were in such ruin and disrepair from neglect, vandalism and elements of weather. The Bahay Kubo, made of bamboo and *nipa*, was in tatters with large holes in the walls. The missing railings and weakened bamboo flooring made the building dangerous. I felt sad and embarrassed.”

This motivated Cantorna to undertake a complete renovation of the entire Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens. She recruited her PSI cohorts and the “Pride in Iao Heritage Gardens” raised approximately \$200,000.00 in monetary donations, with another \$400,000.00 of in-kind donations. The renovation project took months of planning and coordination with government, business and non-profit organizations.

“The Bahay Kubo and Hawaiian hale



trip to Cancún, Mexico. Butay has traveled to Texas, the Philippines and Thailand as one of the delegates from Island Healthy Solutions, a Saladmaster dealer here on Maui.



In February 2016, the old pathway was replaced.
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were the least expensive to repair because we used mostly natural materials like bamboo and grass that were gathered by volunteers,” says Cantorna. “The budget for the Bahay Kubo covered lumber and aluminum roofing. The response from the Filipino community

was phenomenal! We did not have to pay for much labor. Flor Ibuos planned the design and offered his construction skills and experience. He was most integral to the project. We consulted with him because he had a streak of winning the *nipa* hut booth construction at the



The Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation began planning for the restoration of the Bahay Kubo.
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- Barrio Fiesta.”
- The renovation plans for the Bahay Kubo included
- tear down and remove all walls, flooring, railing and the old aluminum roof;
 - rebuild using lumber and bamboo;
 - erect new aluminum roof;
 - repair the bridge and overhead covering;
 - clean out the streams; restock with small fish and *koi*;
 - clean and repaint Jose Rizal statue;
 - remove dead trees and weed; and
 - plant new plants (banana, bamboo).
- Over eight hundred volunteers would

work over two weekends. “The first weekend was to tear down while the second weekend was to rebuild,” explains Cantorna. “The community response was incredible. People came to volunteer in drives including doctors, scout troops, the military, school clubs, visitors from the mainland, and ethnic organizations including our Filipino clubs. Volunteers from the building and landscaping industries participated—carpenters, masons, painters, roofers, tree trimmers, and gardeners.”

One of those volunteers was Zaldy Ugalino. “At that time, I was living in Lahaina and became involved with the West Maui Filipino Club with Elmer To-

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The Mayor and his wife Joycelyn regularly help at the Bayanihan Food Distributions in 2020.
PHOTO: BASILIA EVANGELISTA

Recall ...

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whether Mike will face the voters early. Even if a recall is held, I like Mike’s chances of surviving. A few days after the recall effort was announced, the Mayor was being Mayoral passing out Halloween cheer to local residents and children at Keōpūolani Park. And given the various reasons listed by signature collectors, if Mike does well in the recall, does his possible Mayoral opponents have second thoughts about taking him on in the Fall? 🌟



Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran practices law in Wailuku. He currently represents Central Maui in the Hawai’i State Senate after being appointed by former Governor Neil Abercrombie. He previously served two terms as State Representative from Kahului/Pā’ia after being appointed by former Governor Linda Lingle. He worked for former Governor Ben Cayetano and former Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa.



Mayor Victorino helps present a scholarship to Jadyne Zane during Binhi at Ani’s 2021 Seed and Harvest Dinner.
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The renovated Bahay Kubo at Kepaniwai Heritage Park.
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The Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation Board Members pose next to the bust of Dr. Jose Rizal.
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COMMUNITY... IN ACTION

Compiled by Assistant Editor Alfredo G. Evangelista.
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BAHAY KUBO HERITAGE FOUNDATION

"Many thanks to all the volunteers who have assisted in the restoration project," said Zaldy Ugalino, president of the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation. "The volunteers include Dexter Acosta, Rowena Acosta, Romel Ancheta, Andy Andaya, Vic Andaya, Peter Browne, Victor Campos, Willy Campos, Junior Campos, Lauro Castillo, Doug Cernal, Richard Doral, Tom Downey, Benny Feig, Linberg Franco, Chris Guico, Lab Leano, Ralph Cacayorin Magliba, Rolex Magliba, Nick McClean, Yvonne McClean, Aris Molina, Rick Nava, Adrian Pascua, Anecito Ribao, Phil Sabado, Bart Santiago, Sr., Vic Sol, Elmer Tolentino, Nita



Ugalino, Zaldy Ugalino, Tante Urban, Cherry Urias, Frank Urias, Gerry Vilorio and Robert Arbee Virginio."

If anyone wants to volunteer to help maintain the Bahay Kubo, please email bahaykubomaui@gmail.com. Monetary donations are still needed and can be mailed to Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation, 32 Hapua Place, Wailuku, HI 96793. T-shirt sales are still available through flipsideurbanapparel.com.

BINHI AT ANI

Unfortunately, Governor David Ige is still not permitting the reopening of Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center for large gatherings. The public is requested to contact the governor's office to complain about the inconsistent rules in each



Bakuna at Binhi at Ani volunteers pose after the October 30 clinic.
PHOTO: ALFREDO G. EVANGELISTA

BAKUNA
at BINHI AT ANI



Vaccine QR Code



Testing QR Code



Veteran Archie Domingo gets vaccinated.
PHOTO: ALFREDO G. EVANGELISTA

County: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/contact-the-governor/> or call (808) 586-0034.

Bakuna at Binhi at Ani

FREE vaccinations and COVID testing will be offered on Tuesday, December 7 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (see page 3) and on Saturday, December 11 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (see page 17). No appointment necessary but highly recommended. Appointments for the vaccination and booster shots may be made by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A5AB2DA3FEC07-binhi5> or by using the QR code (above photo). Appointments for the testing may be made by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A5AB2DA3FEC07-binhi6> or by using the QR code (above photo). The first 100 to be vaccinated will receive one FREE mini bento and a

bottle of water. For more information, contact Alfredo Evangelista at (808) 242-8100 or Chelsea Guzman at (808) 268-4557.

Bakuna for Veterans at Binhi at Ani

The Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands will be vaccinating veterans, spouses and their caregivers at Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center on Saturday, November 20 and Saturday, December 4 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you have not received a notification, please call 1-800-214-1306.

A Bayanihan Christmas

... will be broadcast on Saturday, December 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Binhi at Ani's Facebook page: Facebook.com/BinhiatAniFilipinoCommunityCenter. The virtual broadcast will celebrate Sakada Day (December 15), Christmas (December 25) and Rizal Day (December 30) and will be co-hosted by Chelsea Guzman and Kawena Kanhai.



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**Chicken Adobo, Pork & Peas, Pansit & Rice Plate Combo**
Fundraising \$15
Saturday, December 18, 2021-- 9 am to 2 pm
Binhi At Ani Filipino Community Center
780 Onehee Avenue, Kahului, Maui



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**Fried Marinated Bangus, Vinegar Longganisa & Rice Plate Combo**
Fundraising \$15
Pick-up: Saturday, December 18, 2021-- 9 am to 2 pm
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**6 Cascarón Balls & 5 Banana Lumpia**
Fundraising \$10
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Tickets for yummy Filipino cuisine available for purchase as part of the virtual broadcast of "A Bayanihan Christmas."



Members of the Philippine Nurses Association Maui Hawai'i pose after the Bayanihan Feeding Program. Spreading S.P.A.R.K. (Stories of People Achievement Resilience Kindness) in Maui County.
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Golfers pose in front of sponsor signs during the 2021 Golf Tournament.
PHOTO BASILIA EVANGELISTA

A drive by food pick up will also be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A plate of rice, *longganisa* and fried *bangus* will sell for \$15. A plate of rice, *pansit*, pork and peas and chicken *adobo* will sell for \$15. Filipino desserts (6 *cascaron* and 5 banana *lumpia*) will also be available for \$10. For more information about the drive by food pick up, contact Melen Agcolicol at (808) 205-7981 or Marilyn Oura at (808) 280-2057. For more information about sponsorships and advertising during the virtual broadcast, contact Alfredo Evangelista at (808) 242-8100.

#BayanihanFeedingProgram

The program provides a Sunday lunch to Hale Mahaolu Residents in Central Maui. As of October 31, a total of 4,682 meals were served. There is a need for additional teams of volunteers to prepare the free lunches. The teams serving during the month of November are Binhi at Ani,

Friends of Michael Victorino, Miss Maui USA and Philippine Nurses Association Maui Hawaii (PNAMHI). Create a Team by by contacting Chelsea Guzman, chairperson of Binhi at Ani's Health and Wellness committee at guzman.chelsea.i@gmail.com or Sheena Marie Garo, co-chairperson at sheena.garo@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations are accepted via PayPal or a Credit/Debit card or by mailing a check payable to Binhi at Ani, 780 Onehee Avenue, Kahului, HI 96732 [Memo: Feeding Program].

Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at The Dunes of Maui Lani. The application will soon be finalized. If you would like to be listed as an Early Sponsor, please contact Arnel Alvarez,

Chairperson of the Golf Committee, at (808) 357-0748 or via email Lenra1268@gmail.com by November 30.

Scholarship Awards

The Application for the 2022 Scholarship is now available on-line and through the guidance counselor of each high school. For more information, contact Michelle Balala, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, at (808) 268-8915 or via email michelle.balala@live.com. Applications are due by March 1, 2022.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

Another fundraising is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Drive-through pick up will be at the Christ the King Church Hall. Tickets for the pancake, fried rice,

sausage, eggs and coffee for \$8 may be purchased from the Knights after mass services at Christ the King Church or by calling Joselito Yuzon at (808) 269-5128 or Joe Gage at (808) 385-0149. The Knights thank you for your support.

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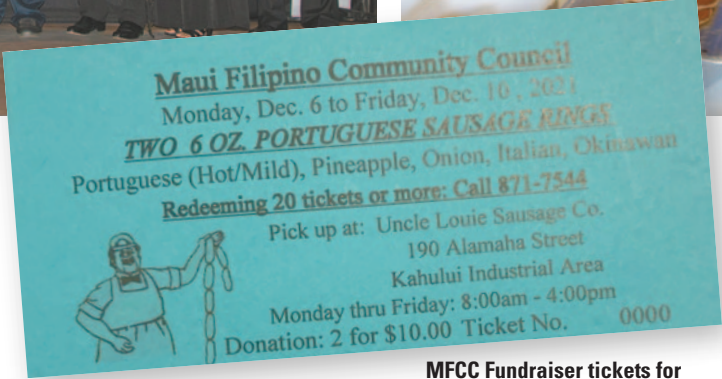
The Council is holding an Uncle Louie's Portuguese Sausage fundraiser. Two rings of sausage are available for \$10. Flavors include Regular (hot or mild), Pineapple, Italian, Maui onion, and Okinawan. Pick up is from December 6 through 10. Please contact Marilyn Oura at (808) 280-2057.



A presentation to one of the top-rated scholars during the 2021 Seed and Harvest Dinner.
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Tom Fairbanks and Joselito Yuzon of the Knights of Columbus, Christ the King Council, prepare breakfast plates for their fundraising.
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MFCC Fundraiser tickets for Uncle Louie's Portuguese sausage rings.



Kyra Ong



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Google® Is Not Everything ... High Schools' Need for Extracurricular Activities

Brooklyn Jones | MAUI HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2022

Extracurricular activities are a highlight of high school. Not only can students use clubs and organizations to spend time with friends and make new ones but they can also pursue their interests with a specialized group. Freshmen can look forward to “club days”—an outdoor event where members place their club on display for freshmen to join. Some sign up for career-oriented clubs like HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), focusing on healthcare and business while integrating community service and competitions. Others try for cultural clubs like Japanese Club, Spanish Club, or PAAC (Pacific Asian Affairs Council). The list doesn't stop there though. There are community service clubs, national honors organizations, STEM clubs, art clubs and more. There's a club for everything and if you find an area lacking a group, you are free to make your own!

Students have been back in school for an entire quarter which means school clubs are up and running too. There were clubs during virtual school last year; it's just that all the meetings were virtual. This year, there is a mix of in-person and virtual club meetings and events, depending on the club.

Are students still interested in the clubs and events they used to be in and attend? Also, what's going on with one of the most significant events of high school for upperclassmen: prom?

After sharing her thoughts, Maui High School Senior **Kyra Ong** made it clear the answer to the first question is a resounding “Yes.” Kyra is a part of Maui High's National Honor Society, HOSA, swimming and diving team, golf team and is senior class president in the student council. “I have been in Maui High's student council, swimming and diving team, golf team and HOSA club since my freshman year of high school,” she recounts. This list may seem like an overwhelming number of activities and clubs. Still, Kyra

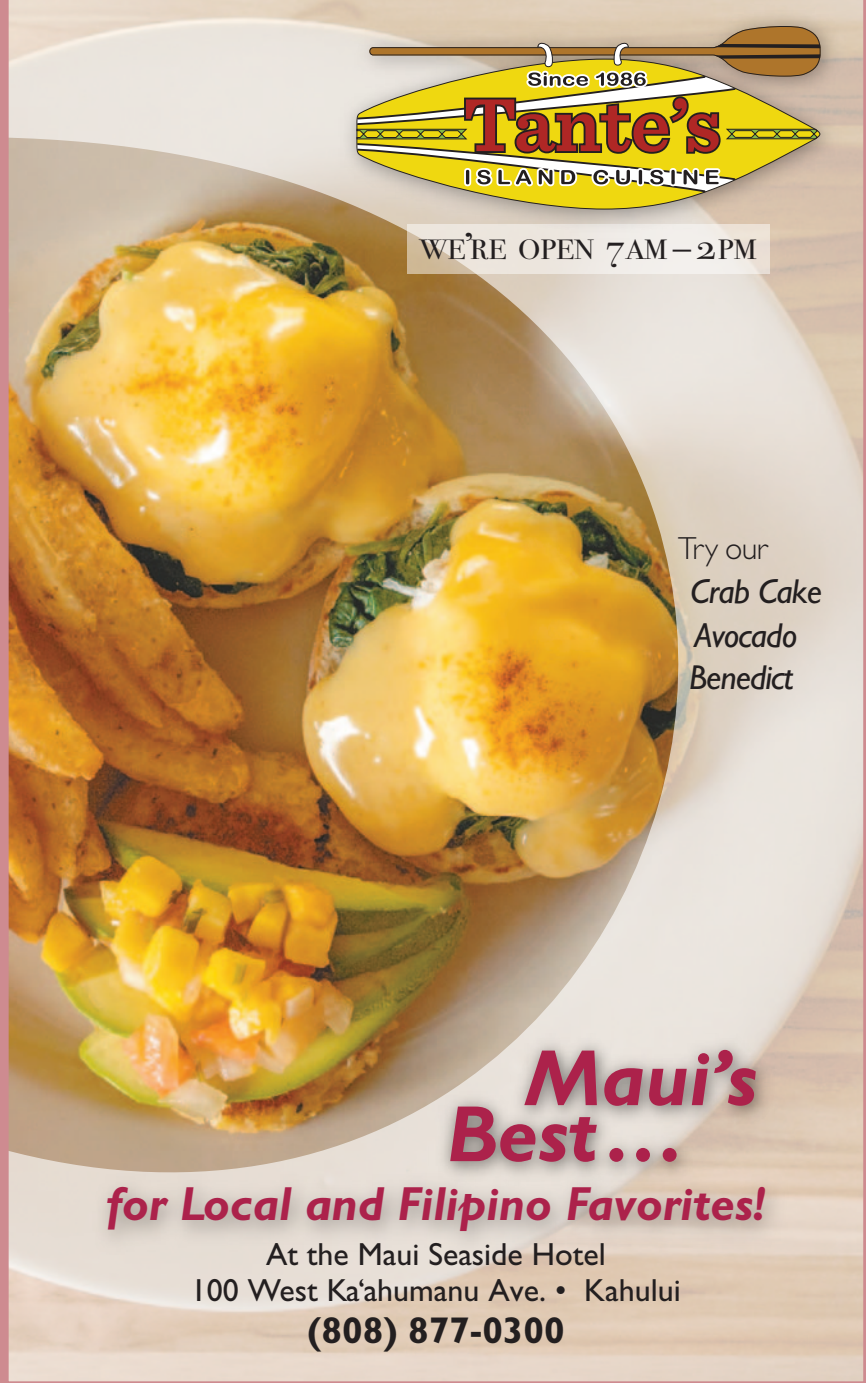
enjoys being a part of a group and practicing her leadership abilities: “I have found outlets to express myself, learn about other people's stories and can empower others to find their voice.”

Incorporating events that benefit our community outside of school is a great way to build character and show the importance of working together. **Carl Vincent McNabb** of Baldwin High School knows a lot about being part of a team. He began his swimming career at seven years old and is now a team captain of Hawai'i Swimming Club, Maui. HSC (the nickname for the club) volunteers at organized fun runs and marathons. COVID hindered this for about a year and a half but now “since Covid is getting better, we recently were able to help volunteer for mile runs in Lahaina,” Vincent remarked. With the return of volunteering opportunities were swim meets too: “We didn't have any swimming competitions for a couple of months but the County started allowing swim meets a couple months ago.” Being cut off from sports during the pandemic was hard on athletes and now Vincent is determined to

make the most out of his senior year.

Most high school students look forward to one night to elevate their high school experience: prom. No matter the exhausted clichés or the high expectations of the night, many high school juniors (or in this case, seniors) will look at this night with fond memories. Amidst the setbacks of COVID, having this traditional high school rite of passage would be great, says **Jennifer Calibuso**, a senior at Maui High. Jennifer points out this “opportunity to make memories” has been lost to a few graduating classes now and hopes this year will be the year to bring prom back. It is easy to see many other students share her sentiment. For Maui High, Class of 2022 students will tentatively have this special school dance on January 22, 2022.

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Deacon Patrick Constantino gets his booster shot.
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Alfredo Evangelista gets a Moderna booster shot after receiving his one-time Johnson & Johnson shot.
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Our delta variant surge of COVID is over. We have felt this wave of illness run through our Maui community. Many of our friends and family were exposed and infected. Many were extremely ill and we have lost loved ones during this last spike of infections. We managed to pull together and stayed strong through it all. Another holiday season in a pandemic is upon us once again. Many gatherings will take place

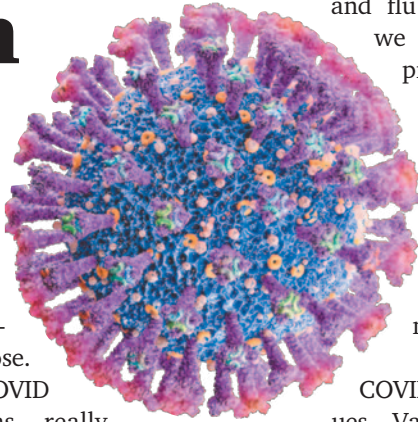
Preparing for the Holiday Season

Errol Buntuyan, M.D.

in the next few months as we travel off island or host our mainland visitors. The good news is during this surge,

our Maui numbers of completed vaccinations have increased to 65 percent with up to 75 percent receiving at least one dose. Last year our COVID safety precautions really helped in preventing the spread of almost all the other respiratory viral in-

fections like the common cold and influenza. November usually signals the start of the normal cough, congestion and flu season. This season, we should continue to practice the safety measures of masking, physical distancing, covering coughs and staying home if feeling sick to keep viral symptoms and spread at a minimum. The campaign for COVID vaccination continues. Vaccination is still the best way to prevent serious hospital-see ITI SALUN-AT YO next page



Below are the medical conditions and employment eligibility criteria to receive a booster

For individuals who received a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine primary series, the following groups are eligible for a single booster shot at least six months after their primary series. For individuals who received the J&J COVID-19 vaccine, the following group is eligible for a single booster shot at least two months after the single-dose primary regimen

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| 65 years and older | Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) |
| Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings such as residential care, assisted living, nursing homes and continuing care retirement communities. | Liver disease |
| Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions (see below) | Overweight and obesity |
| Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings | Pregnancy |
| Selected Underlying Medical Conditions FOR THE COVID VACCINATION BOOSTER that may increase the risk for severe COVID-19 infection | Sickle cell disease or thalassemia |
| Cancer | Smoking, current or former |
| Chronic kidney disease | Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant |
| Chronic lung diseases, including COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension | Stroke or cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood flow to the brain |
| Dementia or other neurological conditions | Substance use disorders |
| Diabetes (type 1 or type 2) | Occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include front line essential workers and health care workers as previously detailed by the CDC FOR COVID BOOSTER (List could be updated in the future) |
| Down syndrome | First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff) |
| Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies or hypertension) | Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers) |
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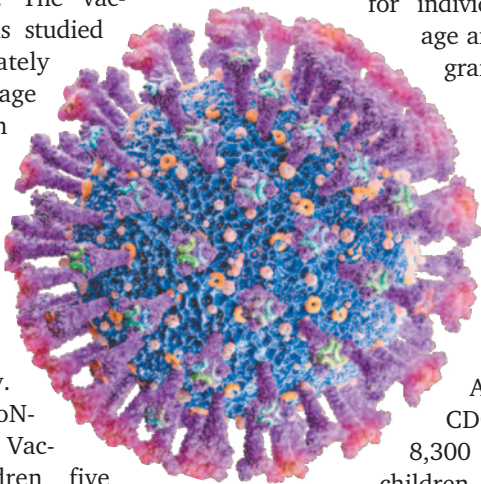
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ization and death from COVID. This is especially true for the elderly over 60 years old and for those with other health problems like obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and lung problems.

Booster recommendations have started for all three vaccines (J&J, Pfizer and Moderna). The criteria to get a booster shot is very inclusive with many people qualifying to receive the booster. You could mix and match these vaccines, and supply is readily available at local medical clinics, pharmacies and various vaccination events throughout Maui. (See sidebar on page 13.)

Children over the age of five years old through eleven are now eligible to get the Pfizer vaccination series. The vaccine was found to be 90.7 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 in this age range. The vaccine's safety was studied in approximately 3,100 children age five through eleven who received the immunization and no serious side effects have been detected in the ongoing study. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for children five through 11 years of age is administered as a two-dose primary se-



Dr. Buntuyan (center) along with other health professionals at the Bakuna at Binhi at Ani clinic.

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ries, three weeks apart, but is a lower dose (10 micrograms) than that used for individuals 12 years of age and older (30 micrograms).

In the U.S., COVID-19 cases in children five through 11 years of age make up 39 percent of cases in individuals younger than 18 years of age. According to the CDC, approximately 8,300 COVID-19 cases in children five through 11 years of age resulted in hospitalization. As of October 17, 691 deaths

from COVID-19 were reported in the U.S. in individuals less than 18 years of age, with 146 deaths in the five through 11 years age group.

Thankfully, the majority of the COVID cases for *keiki* on Maui remain mild to moderate with cold and flu like symptoms. It still is hard, however, to see any of our children sick at home with these symptoms. Getting our *keiki* vaccinated will prevent them from coming down with COVID illness and further help protect our community from the spread of this virus as the Winter season approaches.

As we move to the next phase of this COVID pandemic, the bottom line is to know your risks and options. It seems clear COVID will be with us for many years to come. Many of us were exposed and more will have a run in with this virus in the future. We hope those that do become infected with COVID will only exhibit mild or moderate symptoms. The biggest risk factors, however, for getting really sick, hospitalized and dying from COVID are those that are unvaccinated, those that are older and those with other medical conditions.

When people in these high-risk groups are infected with COVID or exposed, we do have monoclonal antibody treatment to help boost the immune system and fight off worsening symptoms. Receiving monoclonal antibody works best at the early stages of the infection and should start no more than ten days of exposure or infection. There may soon be an oral pill ap-

proved and available to also reduce the symptoms of COVID infection if taken early upon diagnosis.

When we look at our journey as a community on Maui over the last 20 months, it is quite amazing to see how we have survived the pandemic thus far. We followed the rules of lock down, stayed distant from gatherings, wore masks and practiced hand hygiene. We were vaccinated when we could, did not report to work, school or go out when we felt sick with symptoms, and continue to remain vigilant with taking precautions to limit the spread of COVID.

We must remain just as strong because the Winter season is upon us. We will depend on this continued vigilance to help reduce the spread of not just COVID but all seasonal viral illnesses. More developments with COVID vaccines, boosters, mandates, testing, treatment protocols and easing of restrictions are certainly on the horizon. Know your risks and explore your options. Please reach out to your licensed medical health care professionals if you have any questions about COVID vaccines and treatments.

With Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years on the way we have a much better outlook than we did last year. Thank you for those who have gotten the COVID vaccines and the healthcare teams and volunteers that have been so crucial to distributing them. It is utterly amazing how we have stepped up to protect each other and those at risk for severe disease. Without those who received the COVID vaccine, our Maui would have suffered much more illness, suffering and death. With our collective ongoing efforts, we have hope for a 2022 that looks much closer to how our lives used to be before the pandemic. 🌟

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Extracurricular ...

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Thanks to school being back in session, students can join communities while pursuing their passions, helping others and making memories and new friends. Because of this, students are becoming well-rounded, resilient young people, able to take on any challenge. It is plain to see the movers and shakers of tomorrow are here, doing the activities they love. 🌟

a monthly column authored by high school students. The title of the column emphasizes education is more than just googling a topic. Google® is a registered trademark. This month's guest columnist is **Brooklyn Jones**, a Senior at Maui High School. She is an assistant editor in



her school's journalism program, *Saber Scribes*, and also a member of the *Girls Can STEM Club*. Brooklyn is in the *ACOM Pathway* at Maui High, specializing in graphic design. In her free time, she swims for *Hawai'i Swimming Club*, bakes and likes to go to the beach. She is the daughter of

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“Life and Faith”



Deacon Keith Cabiles



Deacon Keith at a church mass.



Deacon Keith at the mass installation for Fr. Arnel at St. Theresa Church Kihei Maui.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Deacon Keith Cabiles, son of Carlito and Gloria Cabiles from Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. Deacon Keith was ordained in 2015 as a Deacon for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawai‘i and assigned to his home parish at St. Anthony Church in Kalihi, O‘ahu. He was assigned in 2016 to St. Augustine Church in Waikiki where he continues to serve.

In 2019, Deacon Keith was appointed by Bishop Larry Silva as Chancellor for the Roman Catholic

Keith worked as a graphic designer and Hazell, with a degree in early childhood education, was a preschool teacher.

All his life, Cabiles attended St. Anthony Church in Kalihi on O‘ahu, considering it his home parish. He greatly revered the deacon at St. Anthony, a man named George Thorp. “Deacon George was always a mentor of mine and I respected him so much in his roles of deacon, husband, father and businessman,” says Cabiles. “I remember sitting in the pews one Sunday, thinking ‘I’d like

work ethic of the Ilocano people is really admirable,” Cabiles says. “I saw it in my grandfather and my dad Carlito, who were amazing providers. They embodied the nobleness of hard work and understood it took industry and sacrifice to flourish.” And from his mother Gloria, whose family is from Cavite, Cabiles says he was shown the embodiment of generosity.

An alum of Damien Memorial High School, Cabiles recently graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in Religious Studies from Chaminade University. Now employed as the Chancellor of the Diocese of Honolulu, his responsibilities are vast and varied. As Chancellor, Cabiles serves

as chief notary, record keeper and archivist of the Diocese. He is Liaison for the Diocese’s new columbaria/cemetery services, Chair of the COVID-19 Task force and recently named Co-Associate Director for Permanent Deacon Formation. He sits on the Bishop’s Administrative Advisory Council, Priest Retirement Committee and Campaign for Human Development Committee. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawai‘i Corporation and serves as the respondent advocate in the Tribunal Office.

At the parish level, Cabiles is involved in Baptism Preparation and enjoys activities related to Adult Faith Formation and feeding the hungry once a week in Waikiki. He presides over Communion services on Mondays at St. Augustine and on Fridays at Blessed Sacrament in Pauoa.

As the father of Kacie, 13, and Hailey, 11, Cabiles finds his days are

generally packed full. “Between raising a family, work, ministry, extended ‘ohana and friends and finishing up a graduate degree, life can be absolutely overwhelming,” he acknowledges. “In the call to be a Deacon, God pours on the necessary charisms to help the journey—even if it’s simply the gift of being okay with four hours of sleep!”

The Deacon, Cabiles reminds us, is an icon of Christ the Servant. “Serving the Church is what we are called to do. For me personally, I must constantly remind myself service doesn’t mean only doing what I want to do nor is service something only done if I have the time. There’s a level of sacrifice explicit in the call to be a cleric. And I accept this as a reality, keeping faith I will be able to accomplish His will.”

Cabiles finds his greatest motivation comes from his gratitude for God and all his blessings, even during hardship. “I am grateful for my amazing wife, my daughters, family and friends; beautiful church communities; a fulfilling ministry; and for a God that surrounds me with so much love and joy,” he says simply. Early on, his mentor blessed him with some profound and loving advice which served him well. “Deacon George suggested I immediately look for the good in everyone I encounter,” Cabiles recalls. “Focusing on someone’s goodness will allow you to be a better servant. That’s what being a Deacon is all about.”

Thank you Deacon Keith for sharing your story. This is certainly a message to our young men and women in our church to look and experience the Holy Spirit with interest on how God can make a difference in their lives. Deacon Keith you are truly gifted to give, your life and

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Deacon Keith Cabiles

A man gifted to give his life and faith in service to his church

Deacon Patrick Constantino | PHOTOS COURTESY KEITH CABILES

Church of the Diocese of Honolulu. A Chancellor oversees the reporting requirements of the Diocese: October count of all parishes in the state, the Official Catholic Directory, and annual reports, Second collections for all parishes, Sacramental records of all parishes, and the Diocesan archives are maintained by his office. He and his wife Hazell were also appointed by Bishop Larry as Co-Directors for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Core Team.

After just a brief time of being ordained, Deacon Keith has great responsibilities God has called him to do. It is with great honor, I present my brother Deacon Keith Cabiles’ story.

For some, a vocation is sudden, profound and unmistakable. For others, it’s something which happens over time, with prayer and deep reflection. In 2008, Keith and his wife Hazell had started a family; their daughter was a year old. At the time,

to be just like him!” That Sunday morning, a curious thing happened during announcements. “Deacon George—who, with his white hair and beard, always reminded me of an Old Testament prophet—announced a new class of deacons was starting up,” Cabiles recounts, smiling. “I took it as a sign and simply followed where the Holy Spirit led me and my wife. We’ve taken it one day at a time, through the application process, through five years of formation and through this very day.”

Born in Honolulu, Cabiles’ earliest memory still makes him chuckle. “I remember blowing out the candles at St. Anthony,” he confesses. “Oops!” He credits his grandmother Andrea Cabasag Cabiles and grandfather Tereso Domingo Cabiles, originally from Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, for planting the first seeds of faith in his heart. The fortitude of the men in his family also inspired him. “I think the

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Deacon Keith leading a procession with the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Larry from St Theresa Co-Cathedral to the Bacilica Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace.



Deacon Keith preparing to proclaim the Holy Gospel.



Deacon setting the Altar for Bishop Larry Silva at a special Mass.

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versify our economy. Although tourism will always be a key industry for Maui County, we need other alternatives to keep our best and brightest here, or to bring them back home if they've left. Our youth deserve upward mobility. We need to look far beyond the beaches that attract visitors here and take advantage of technology, creative industries, high value agriculture, ocean sciences, astronomy, health and wellness traditions, and our abundance of natural energy sources to create high quality careers for our young people.

My Four Pillars of Recovery Plan is designed to solve these problems with a long-term view. My first priority is upgrading to green infrastructure to speed up development of residential housing. We need affordable rentals and attainable housing that working families can buy. Lack of infrastructure is often the biggest barrier to developing residential housing. With recent passage of the Federal infrastructure Bill, Maui County will be able to solve long-standing problems such as insufficient water and waste water systems, inadequate roads and bridges and more.

My second priority is to "right-size" tourism. Our hospitality industry will always be our #1 industry, but it can no longer be #2, #3 and #4 as well. We've learned that "more is not necessarily better" when it comes to



Mayor Victorino personally thanks first responder with a handshake.

tourism. Too many visitors alter our lifestyle and degrade our natural environment. Maui will always welcome the right number of visitors who visit for the right reasons.

My third priority is to diversify our economy. The pandemic was a crisis we can't afford to waste. We can accomplish many of our goals through

smart and deliberate economic diversification. Maui County can become more self-sufficient, more environmentally balanced, and more able to respectfully use our natural assets while generating new and better career opportunities for future generations.

Finally, I plan to continue to build

the County of Maui's assets by acquiring more land for nature and cultural preservation, for inland parks and recreational areas away from rising seas, and to partner in developing badly needed residential housing for working families. By working together, anything is possible. ✨

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Deacon Keith with his lovely family; wife Hazel and daughters Kacie and Hailey.

faith, and a witness to Jesus, for the 'ohana in Christ.

May God continue to bless you in your endeavors! Jesus, I trust in You! ✨

On June 18, 1987, **Patrick Constantino** was ordained as the first Deacon of Filipino ancestry for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawai'i. For twenty-two years, he served as Administrator at Holy Rosary Church in Pā'ia, St. Rita Church in Ha'ikū and St. Gabriel Church in Ke'ānae. Constantino is presently assigned to St. Joseph Church in Makawao.

Prior to his ordination, Constantino was in government—first appointed in 1966 as Assistant Sergeant of Arms by the Speaker of the House Elmer F. Cravalho. When Cravalho became Maui's first Mayor, Constantino became his Executive Assistant—the first of Filipino ancestry. Later, Constantino became the first County Treasurer of Filipino ancestry and the first County Grants Administrator and Risk Manager of Filipino ancestry. Constantino has served as a Deacon for thirty-four years and married to his lovely wife Corazon for sixty years.

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The 100-year flood in 2016 tore a hole in the roof.
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lentino and Rick Nava,” he says. “Our club helped Cantorna and her group with providing labor. We helped to clean up around the Bahay Kubo and the other ethnic gardens.”

But after the 1994 renovations, there was no continuation of the maintenance needed and there was a leadership void. Sometime around 2008, Ugalino contacted the County Parks Department and received permission to create a Partnership in Parks through Ugalino’s church, Crusaders of the Divine Church of Christ. Little by little, the Church began repairing the Bahay Kubo. But after the repairs, the Bahay Kubo was vandalized, demoralizing the volunteers.

A six-year void occurred before volunteers resumed repairing the Bahay Kubo. Ugalino contacted his friends Victor Campos, Rick Nava, Bart Santiago, Elmer Tolentino and Rhod Casio to assist. In 2014 and 2015, the group did semi-annual clean-ups and minor repairs. In 2015, Tante Urban approached Ugalino and offered to help. In 2016, Campos led the pouring of cement over the old pathway.

Simultaneously, the group discussed with Mayor Alan Arakawa their plans--the initial plan was to use native materials again to retain the authenticity. But due to the fire code, the County would not agree to the use of *nipa* on the roof. The group also learned they needed a



The Field and Harvest fundraiser poster.

permit and plans.

Urban suggested forming a non-profit corporation and getting a tax-exempt status from the IRS so donations would be tax deductible. The Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation was incorporated on February 26, 2016 with Ugalino as President, Urban as Vice President, Tolentino as Secretary and Nava as Treasurer. The IRS granted a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status on October 28, 2016, retroactive to the date of incorporation.

But before the Foundation received approval of its tax-exempt status, Maui experienced a 100-year flood on September 13, 2016. “I was away in the Philippines at that time,” recalls Ugalino. “Our boots on the ground reported to me there was a huge hole in the roof and a lot of the tin roof was gone.”

The Foundation realized they needed to get serious about fund-raising because of the need for more renovations. Urban presented a concept of having multiple chefs host a fund raiser. After listening to several proposals, Urban brought in Jake Belmonte, a Chef Instructor at the UHMC Maui Culinary Academy. Belmonte decided the UHMC would be a great venue. The August 19, 2017 Field and Harvest Fund Raiser featured over ten of Maui’s finest chefs: Charles Andres, Larry Badua, Isaac Bancaco, Lyndon Honda, Kyle Kawakami, Joey Macadangdang, Madame Donut, Geno Sarmiento, Jeff Scheer, Chris Schogel, Jeffrey Valdez, James Simpliciano and Jojo Vasquez. The fund raiser

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The Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation Board of Directors rejoice after receiving the permit.
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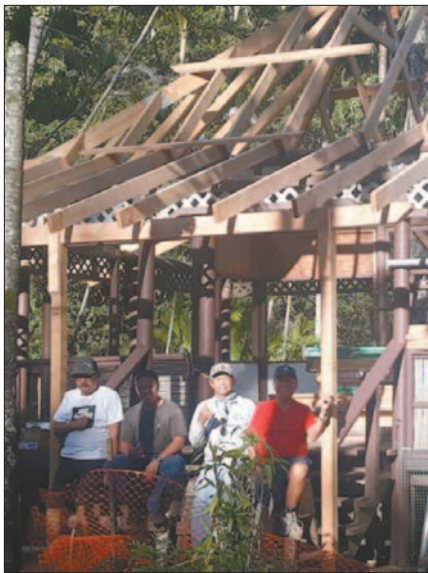
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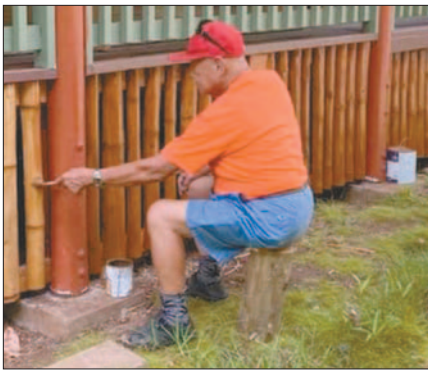
The first task was to remove the remaining roof.
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A new roof structure.
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A bird's eye view of the new roof.
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Bart Santiago does final work on the bottom railings.
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raised over \$40,000.00.

The Foundation proceeded with getting plans drawn and selected Chris Martinez of CKS Martinez Builders as its contractor. A major problem, however, was getting the permit for restoration approved because there were no records at the County. “So we followed their instructions and drew up a blueprint of the existing Bahay Kubo,” explains Ugalino. “We had to draw it to the exact inch before the permit was approved.”

By September 2019, the County granted the permit, allowing the Foundation to proceed. The County approved a \$20,000.00 grant for the roof restora-

tion. The Foundation removed the remaining roof and the roof structure and cleaned the debris, using their personal



The County erected a plaque at the entrance to the Filipino Exhibit. Notice the misspelling of Philippines.
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trucks and renting a bin from Maui Disposal. “Even though the *nipa* and most of the tin roof were gone, the bamboo roof structure was still intact and strong,” observed Ugalino. “It was neat to see how the original builders had used the authentic methods of tying the bamboos together without any nails but instead using bamboo dowels.”

The plans called for the installation of a galvanized steel roof which required stronger support posts. Once the support work was finished, it took about eight weekend days to install the new roof. “Everything was special cut,” says Ugalino. “They had to fit perfectly like a jigsaw puzzle. The Bahay Kubo was not a perfect square which made it more difficult, requiring more special cuts.”

With the roof installation completed, they turned their attention to replacing the old railings. Sadly, along the way, vandals would paint obscene figures on the walls and floor. But the Foundation was not deterred and instead met the challenges head on. “At first, we were disappointed humans defaced our hard work. But that’s been an ongoing problem since its construction,” says Ugalino. “To protect the original narra floor, we covered it with plywood and painted it.”

A private blessing is scheduled for mid-December to officially declare the restoration over. In the meantime, the landscaping will be improved and the Foundation is working with the County to clean the pond.

“I feel blessed I was given the opportunity to be part of this project,” says Ugalino. “I didn’t imagine when I was nine years old, newly arrived and first visited the Bahay Kubo I would be given a responsibility to help lead the restora-



Virgilio Agcolicol proudly stands near the Narra tree planted on June 13, 2009 (commemorating Philippine Independence Day) by the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce (of which Agcolicol was president) and the University of the Philippines Alumni Association Hawaii Chapter.
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tions. Along the way, I’ve learned more about the history of the Bahay Kubo and the original builders. It is really amazing what was built here. We all need to do our part to keep it a safe place for future generations. With the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation, we now have an organization whose focus is to maintain and preserve the Bahay Kubo.” 🌟

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On Being Grateful

What are you grateful for?

Liza A Pierce of “A Maui Blog” | PHOTOS COURTESY LIZA PIERCE

While this pandemic made our life a bit more complicated, there still are so many things (and not just things) we can be thankful for. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I thought it is appropriate for us to talk about “Gratitude” here at Kwento-Kwentuhan.

First, let us define what gratitude is. This word is derived from the *Latin gracia*, meaning grace, graciousness or gratefulness. One formal definition is “the willingness to recognize the unearned increments of value in one’s experience.” Simply said, it is that overwhelming feeling of being thankful for the unexpected gift.

If gratitude is something we feel inside of us, why do we have to express it? According to many studies, expressing gratitude whether verbally or in writing is powerful and can have a real impact on our physical health, emotional wellbeing, motivation, engagement and belonging.

So, what are you thankful for? Since we are on Kwento-Kwentuhan mode, let me share with you some of mine: My husband got to spend a lot of time with our daughter as she came home from college and stayed with us for a year before continuing her adventure in the mainland; our son graduated with a B.S. Fine Arts degree majoring in Digital Animation

at the Gnomon School of Visual Effects, Games and Animation; my husband and I celebrated our 28th Wedding Anniversary; and I published my first book “Maui 2021 and Beyond.” Whew, these are major accomplishments and I share them not to brag but to express how grateful I am for the blessing. I do not take them for granted. Moreover, I would like to share that along with these big things there are many small things I am thankful for. Gratitude is best when we not only focus on the majors but also acknowledge and be thankful for the many little things in our lives. The kindness of our neighbors sharing their fruit trees with us; the joy our dogs and cats give us; the smile of a child; the touch of a caregiver; having a shelter to live in; and more. Now it is your turn. Again I ask, what are you grateful for these days.

Not feeling the vibes to be grateful due to the crises going on? Are you getting tired and weary? The good news is gratitude can turn around our negative emotions to positive ones. Let us start with baby steps. When you wake up in the morning, you can immediately acknowledge it is indeed a blessing. Be thankful you are alive. Be thankful you can breathe. Ate breakfast and lunch? Be thankful you have food to eat. As many moms would say when their kids don’t want to eat the food served to them, “Be thankful you have food because there are many hungry people in a third world country or even here in the U.S., who do not have food to eat.” I know you may think this sounds like a cliché but it isn’t. Let us be thankful for what we have and our attitude will change for the better.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner but we do not have to wait for Thanksgiving Day to be thankful. Let’s make it a practice every day.

And thanks for reading this article. I am grateful for you.

The accomplishment of having published my first book, *Maui 2021*, is one of the things I am truly grateful for this year.






One of my greatest sources of finding my gratitude during this time of COVID-19 is looking to the successes and good health of my own family.

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