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Waikiki welcomes 2010 with a fireworks display

Big mahalo to Waikiki Improvement Association members for their support of the fireworks extravaganza that ushered in 2010. Despite economic challenges, members came together to sponsor this important holiday tradition for the tens of thousands of kamaaina and visitors in Waikiki. The beautiful display was produced by Grucci—the world-renown fireworks experts.

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WIA is looking forward to a brighter 2010.

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Royal Hawaiian Center showcases free Twilight at Helumoa Concert with Makaha Sons

Enjoy a free concert with Mākaha Sons on Saturday, January 9 at the Royal Grove. Guests will also experience a traditional hula kahiko by Hālau i ka Wekiu with Kumu Hula Veto Baker and Michael Casupang and a New Year fashion show featuring Royal Hawaiian Center retailers. Randy Hudnall from Hawaiian 105 KINE will be the master of ceremonies.

"The Mākaha Sons - Louis Moon Kauakahi and brothers John and Jerome Koko - are legends in the Hawaiian music scene and will be a great draw for both our visitors and kamaaina community," said Manu Boyd, cultural director for Royal Hawaiian Center.

In ancient times, 10,000 trees beckoned at the legendary Helumoa coconut grove in Waikiki. Today, The Royal Grove at Royal Hawaiian Center is a festive gathering place, welcoming kamaaina and malihini alike. It is a fantastic destination for the entire ohana with more than a hundred shops, restaurants, and the Pā'ina Lāna'i food terrace.

WHERE: Royal Hawaiian Center at Helumoa - The Royal Grove
(Between Buildings B and C, along Kalākaua Avenue)

WHEN: Saturday, January 9

6:00 p.m. Hula Kahiko with Hālau i ka Wekiu, by Kumu Hula Veto Baker and Michael Casupang

6:30 p.m. New Year's Fashions by Ryan Brown/ADR Productions and Royal Hawaiian Center

7:00 p.m. Mākaha Sons in concert

WHY: Royal Hawaiian Center holds its Hawaiian cultural programming as a high priority. While quality Hawaiian music performers like the Mākaha Sons are a rare treat for overseas visitors, their performance at Helumoa provides a great opportunity for kama'aina visit Waikiki to enjoy its beauty and bounty. Ultimately, the regular performances of Hawaiian music, chant and hula pay homage to our kūpuna (ancestors) and the land itself. Helumoa has been an important gathering place for generations not only as a royal residence but as site for recreation.

PARKING: FREE PARKING: Offer valid through January 31, 2010.

Royal Hawaiian Center has the largest garage in the heart of Waikiki with 10 levels of parking and more than 600 stalls located adjacent to the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The Center's free parking promotion offers 3 hours of free parking with any restaurant validation and 2 hours free parking with any food court validation. Special event parking validation rates are available at \$5. Dining and entertainment validations can be combined with retail validations of \$2 for 2 hours. No minimum purchase is required for validation.

For more information, visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com, or call Lei Ohu Guest Services at (808) 922-2299.



Kani Ka Pila Grille is the place to be for ESPN 1420's Call the Coach show

UH coaches Charlie Wade and Bob Nash are on the Hot Seat with host Bobby Curran

The Outrigger Reef on the Beach's Kani Ka Pila Grille is the place to be for ESPN 1420's popular "Call the Coach" radio show this January, February and March with University of Hawai'i Rainbow Warrior men's volleyball coach Charlie Wade and Rainbow Warrior men's basketball coach Bob Nash in the hot seat with host Bobby Curran, the voice of Warrior football.

Fans are invited to join the live broadcast on designated evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. when Coach Wade and Coach Nash will recap their respective team's previous games and preview upcoming contests, while fielding questions from listeners and the live audience.

Mark your calendar for the following
Call the Coach shows:

Call the Coach with Charlie Wade

February 3
March 17
March 30

Call the Coach with Bob Nash

January 19
February 2
February 9



L-R Bobby Curran, Coach Wade, Coach Nash

Kani Ka Pila Grille's regular menu is available for those who want to snack while listening to the show and \$5 validated valet parking is available with a restaurant purchase. For more information, contact the Kani Ka Pila Grille at (808) 924-4990.



Delightfully Unexpected. Truly Unforgettable.

New retailer opens with rock 'n style

Rock n Ride features designers Travis Walker and Logan Riese

A new biker/rocker boutique retail concept just rode into town. Rock n Ride has opened on level 1 of Building B, behind The Apple Store.

The store features one-of-a-kind apparel and accessories by famous rock and roll designers for Hollywood's major A-list stars to top biker builders, Travis Walker and Logan Riese. In addition to purchasing the apparel and jewelry designs in the store, customers can also order items customized to their exact specifications.

"It's all about one customer - one design," said Joyo Dipuro, co-owner of Rock n Ride. "Our clothing and jewelry are made to help our customers define themselves and stand out from the crowd. There's a rock star in everyone."

Rock n Ride provides customers with unique and fashionable, yet affordable options for every personality. Included in its wide selection of apparel are exclusive T-shirts from Silver Star, Logan Riese and Travis Walker.

Logan Riese jackets, shirts and pants feature exotic leather inlays such as stingray, frog, lizard or elephant hide. Each piece is hand-sewn and custom made for the individual. All of their designs are hand washable and come with care instructions.

The signature Travis Walker sterling silver jewelry and accessory designs are also handcrafted and custom one of one. All items are 'guaranteed to the grave', and are created to be long-lasting heirloom treasures.

"We are proud to add another exclusive fashion merchant to our wide variety of options for our customers," said Marleen Akau, general manager for Royal Hawaiian Center. "Rock n Ride is a local store with a unique concept. Instead of traveling to California, these modern new styles of customized products are now available for customers in Hawai'i."

The store is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and phone number is 808-924-7625. For more information on Center shopping options, visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com.

FREE PARKING: offer valid through June 30, 2010. Royal Hawaiian Center has the largest garage in the heart of Waikiki with 10 levels of parking and more than 600 stalls located adjacent to the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The Center's free parking promotion offers 3 hours of free parking with any restaurant validation and 2 hours free parking with any food court validation. Five hours of parking is \$5 when validated at Royal Hawaiian Theater. LEVEL 4 validations apply for \$5 parking after 10 p.m.

Dining and entertainment validations can be combined with retail validations of \$2 for 2 hours. No minimum purchase is required for validation.

Royal Hawaiian Center, the premier shopping and entertainment destination in Waikiki, consists of more than 310,000 square feet along a three-block stretch of Waikiki's famed Kalākaua Avenue. The Center has more than 100 shops and restaurants to excite every taste. Complimentary music, hula and culture classes are available in The Royal Grove. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and beyond with late-night rendezvous hot spots. The Center is situated on more than six acres of prime real estate in Waikiki and is owned by Kamehameha Schools. To learn more about the Center, visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com.

[Free Ongoing Cultural Classes & Entertainment](#)

Royal Hawaiian Center continues to offer complimentary Hawai'i cultural enrichment programs every Monday through Friday as well as Hawaiian entertainment nightly, Monday through Saturday. Classes include hula dancing, kapa cloth making, lomilomi massage, Hawaiian quilting, lei-making and 'ukulele playing.

For a detailed entertainment call 922-2299.



Aqua Hotels offering “MSC Introductory Special” at Maile Sky Court

Aqua Hotels & Resorts, a full-service Hawai'i hotel management company, has announced an introductory special for the Maile Sky Court Hotel, the most recent addition to the Aqua family.

“We're eager to have travelers experience this great Waikiki hotel so we're offering a “MSC Introductory Special” of \$69 per night for a City view room,” with one free room upgrade upon availability said Elizabeth Churchill, Aqua's VP Sales & Marketing.

According to Luana Kekaula-Castillo, on-site sales manager for Maile Sky Court, “We are an ideal property for budget-minded travelers looking for comfortable accommodations, friendly staff and a convenient location.”

Maile Sky Court also offers a selection of amenities that will appeal to a variety of guests including on-site restaurant, sports bar, beauty salon, pool and Jacuzzi, business center and free WiFi Internet in the lobby.


“MSC Introductory Special” is available until June 30, 2010. There is no minimum night stay requirement as the special is based on availability. The rate quoted is based on single or double occupancy, plus taxes and cannot be combined with any other offer. For reservations, see your preferred travel agent or call Aqua toll free from the U.S. and Canada at 1-866-406-2782. From Hawai'i, call 808-924-6543.



News from Star of Honolulu Cruises and Events

Visit us anytime at our website, www.starofhonolulu.com, for "what's new" including Valentine's Day Cruises, educational cruises sponsored by SOHCE and more!

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Whales guaranteed and transportation available for both. Lunch option available for Hawaii's Premier Whale Watch. *Child free per adult. Meal and transportation additional. Not good in combination with any other offer. Offer expires at end of 2010 whale season.

Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Waikiki Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop (ʻ), macron (ā) in place names of Hawai'i, such as Waikiki and Kalākaua Avenue and will include them whenever possible. We also respect the individual use (or not) of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

There will also be times when we may not have a chance to add or change the markings in all of the articles submitted and when that happens, e kālā mai.



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Wedding Special at Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa

With 22 oceanfront acres, the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa provides the perfect place for couples to begin their lives together. Best Bridal Hawaii, operator of the Ocean Crystal Chapel at the resort, is offering an additional 10 percent discount on current wedding ceremonies and vow renewals for 2010 that are booked by January 31. Beach ceremonies begin at \$250 and come with a ceremony coordinator and a licensed officiate. At the ultra-romantic Ocean Crystal Chapel, packages begin at \$700. To book a ceremony with Best Bridal Hawaii at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, call (808) 922-4130.

Following the ceremony, couples can have their reception at any one of Hilton’s many function venues, including the Lagoon Green, which is adjacent to the Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon. The outdoor venue provides a romantic setting for a wedding reception under the stars. The recently renovated Rainbow Suites in the Rainbow Tower provide breathtaking views of the ocean and the Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon. And the Lanikai room in the Kalia Tower offers panoramic views of the ocean and of the property. To find out more about holding an event at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, call the resort at (808) 949-4321, and ask for the Events Department.



January and February 2010 Calendar of Activities at Waikīkī Community Center

Jan. 9 (Sat.) Aloha Health & Wellness Series. 201E \$149/\$200, 2pm, 10 wks.
Jan. 11-17 Sony Open @ Waialae Country Club. Great golf event!
Jan. 12 (Tues.) Coffee Hour for New Members, 10am, Lanai, register at office
Jan 18 (Mon.) WCC Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday.
Jan 19 (Tues.) Zumba! New class starts, 6 week sessions \$60/\$75 Aud., 6:30pm
Jan. 19 (Tues.) Salsa Exercise & Dance Classes, 5:13-6:15pm, Aud.
Jan. 23 (Sat.) Belly Dancing, new class! #203E, \$55/\$65, 10 weeks till 3/27

Jan. 24 (Sun.) **WCC 25th Annual Ala Wai Challenge**
8am @ Ala Wai Neighborhood Park.
Races, food booths, crafts and entertainment.
There's still time to sign up for a team. Call Jeff Apaka at 912-1802.

Jan. 29-March 5
(Every Fri.) Chronic Disease Self-Management, 9-11:30am, WCC Chapel, free.
6-week session. Register at WCC office.

FEBRUARY 2010 **Closed Feb. 15 for President's Day**
Feb. 3 (Wed.) AARP Safe Driving Class, 9am-1pm, Chapel \$12/\$14
Feb. 8 (Mon.) Organizing Your Important Documents & Records
Feb. 9 (Tues.) Coffee Hour for New Members, 10 a.m., Lanai. Reg. at office
Feb. 12 (Fri.) Hawaiian Culture and Language w/Palakiko resumes till 4/23/10

To book any of these classes or more information, contact Waikiki Community Center - (808) 923 1802.

Waikīkī Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows by Hawai'i's finest hula *hālau hula* (dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers. Opens with traditional blowing of conch shell.

Tues-Thurs-Sat-Sun, weather-permitting from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound, near Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside at Uluniu & Kalākaua Ave. in Waikīkī.

FREE and open to the public. Outdoors, casual, seating on the grass; beach chairs, mats, etc. okay. Cameras welcome. Presented by the City & County of Honolulu, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Waikīkī Improvement Association.

For information, call Marnie Weeks, Producer, Kūhiō Beach Hula Shows, 843-8002.

Week-nights

Every Tuesday – Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Hālau Ka Liko O Ka Palai

Every Thursday – Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia

Weekends

Saturday, Jan 9 – Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sunday, Jan 10 – Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani



Event information (courtesy of the City)

January 11-17, 2010
7 days a week
6:30AM Starts
5:30PM Ends

SONY OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT IN HAWAII by Sony Open In Hawaii.
Avoid Kahala area because of increased traffic.

NO PARKING AREAS: 1) KAHALA AVENUE, odd address side, Pueo Ave to Kealaolu Ave (for shuttle bus), 2) KAHALA AVENUE, both sides, Kealaolu Ave to golf course property, 3) PUEO STREET, odd address side, Kahala Ave to Aukai Ave (for shuttle bus), 4) 18th AVENUE even address side, near Iwalani Pl., fronting Hawaii Film Studio (for shuttle bus), 5) FARMERS ROAD, odd address side, 4777 (one-half block from Kealaolu Ave) to Kealaolu Ave. 6) FARMERS ROAD, even address side, Kealaolu Ave to Makaiwa St., 7) KAIMOKU PLACE, golf course side, from Kaimoku Way to makai property line of 1108 Kaimoku Pl., 8) KAIMOKU PLACE, odd address side, for its entire length, including the cul-de-sac, 9) KAIMOKU WAY, both sides for its entire length, 10) KEALAOLU AVENUE, both sides, Waiālae Ave to Kahala Ave., 11) KEALAOLU PLACE, odd address side, for its entire length, 12) MAKAIWA STREET, odd address side, Kilauea Ave to Farmers Rd., 13) MAKAIWA STREET, even address side, Farmers Road to Pueo St., 14) MOHO STREET, odd address side, for its entire length.

Contact: Sony Open in Hawaii 808-523-7888

Email: friend@friendsofhawaii.org

For more info, visit their website:

<http://www.sonyopeninhawaii.com/index.html>



The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.



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