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Nā Mea Makamae o Waikīkī

Honoring the Treasures of Waikiki



Annual Gala Dinner to Honor Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, Waikīkī Improvement Association and William K.H. Mau and Jean & William Mau Foundation

**Na Mea Makamae o Waikīkī
Friday, August 27, 2010**

Waikiki Community Center will honor Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa; Waikīkī Improvement Association and William K.H. Mau and Jean & William Mau Foundation with their Kahiau Awards for their unselfish generosity, making an impact on the visitor industry and supporting Waikiki Community Center over the years.

The annual gala fundraising dinner is scheduled Friday, August 27, 2010 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel showcasing a fusion of international culinary delights matched with a fabulous silent and live auction with international and domestic travel destinations, jewelry, designer bags and dining activities. Entertainment by: Polynesian Cultural Center cast; "Dueling Piano Concert" by Ms. Ginny Tiu and Mr. Noly Pa'a and special guest(s)!

Ticket prices are \$175 per person or \$1500 - \$10,000 for a table of ten.

Contact Denice Keli'ikoa today at (808) 923-1802 x108 for more information or reservations or visit our website at www.waikikicomunitycenter.org.

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Acid Dolls launches into Fall Fashion Week with its Urban Revolution Event at Royal Hawaiian Center

WHERE: Royal Hawaiian Center – 4th Floor Terrace, Building A

WHEN: Saturday, September 4, 2010 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Red Carpet VIP Cocktail Party
8:00 p.m. Seating
8:30 p.m. Fashion Show

DETAILS: Celebrate Fall Fashion Week with Acid Dolls and Taken Magazine as they take you through their Urban Revolution. This stylish event will fuel your senses as Acid Dolls unveils their new Fall/Winter 2010 Collection: Urban Ballerina, Wild Hard West, and Graffiti Zoo. Enjoy food from Doraku Sushi, Senor Frogs Restaurant & Bar Honolulu and Panda Express. There will also be entertainment, live dance performances, and a fashion show.

VIP tickets are \$45.00 and include reserved seating for the fashion show and an exclusive red carpet cocktail party with complimentary pupus and drinks. Standing tickets are \$20 and include admission for the fashion show beginning at 8:00 p.m. All attending guests will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Acid Dolls and a chance to win exclusive prize giveaways from participating merchants. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the non-profit organization Women Speaking Out, to help American women speak out against dating violence.

The following Royal Hawaiian Center merchants will be participating in this event:

- Allure Swimwear
- Harley-Davidson Honolulu
- Island Vintage Coffee
- Love Renaissance
- Princesse Tam-Tam Lingerie
- Royal Hawaiian Shooting Club
- The Cheesecake Factory
- Tropical Iceland

To purchase your ticket, visit the Acid Dolls boutique at Royal Hawaiian Center or go to www.AcidDollsHawaii.com.

For inquiries, contact Acid Dolls at (808) 387-9682 or contact@aciddollshawaii.com. The store is open from 10 am to 10 pm daily on the third level of Building B. For Center information, call Lei Ohu Guest Services at (808) 922-2299 or visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com.

FREE PARKING: Offer valid through January 31, 2011 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.



New \$49 menu at Ciao Mein Restaurant

Experience Four Diamond service and menu selections at an incredible price

Ciao Mein, the award-winning Italian and Chinese restaurant on the third floor of Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa, located at 2424 Kalakaua Avenue, announces the return of the popular \$49 menu. Selected items include: Tea Smoked Shrimp Salad; Fettucine with Pancetta in a Hamukua Mushroom Cream Sauce; a choice of Veal Scallopine with Sage or Warm Water Lobster Tails served with white rice; and, the award-winning Tiramisu with Amaretto strawberries. The new menu is available beginning Wednesday, September 1, 2010. Reservations are available at (808) 923-CIAO (2426).

"The \$49 menu was extremely popular with return and first time guests. This new menu represents more of the great fusion cuisine for which Ciao Mein is recognized. In it we have added items that include some of our more popular Italian and Chinese inspired dishes like the Lobster Tails and award-winning Tiramisu (pictured)," says Vince Brunetti, food and beverage director at Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa.



Ciao Mein Restaurant is located on the third floor of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa. The AAA Four Diamond restaurant is open nightly from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit waikiki.hyatt.com or call (808) 923-CIAO.

\$49 menus are back at The Colony Restaurant

The new menu offers intense flavor at an unbeatable value

The Colony Restaurant - Waikiki's renowned steak, seafood, and sushi restaurant - located in Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa at 2424 Kalakaua Avenue, invites the public to enjoy an evening of casual elegance filled with flavor, ambiance, and incredible value. The new \$49 menu features: a trio of starters - California Roll Sushi, Casserole of Prawns, and Tomato and Maui Onion Salad; entree - Filet Mignon, New York Strip, or Macadamia Nut Breast of Chicken served with baked potato and steamed asparagus; and dessert - Mango Tango or Chocolate Crunch Bar. The \$49 menu is available beginning Wednesday, September 1, 2010. Reservations are available at (808) 237-6140.

"The \$49 menu was a great value for our guests and we are happy to bring it back with the addition of new flavors and options," says Vincent Brunetti, director of food and beverage at Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa. "Colony Chef, Michael Imada, and our Executive Chef, Jeff Wind, have created a menu that is pleasing from start to finish and features our most popular dishes for a portion of their regular prices."



"We wanted to showcase some of our more noteworthy cuisine. By creating this combination of starters, entrees, and desserts, we are giving everyone a truly unique Colony experience. We believe guests will also love the new spice menu which allows them to customize the entree by selecting one of our exclusive mixes created for our grilled dishes," adds Chef Jeff Wind, executive chef at Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa.

The Colony Restaurant is located on the second floor of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa. The restaurant is open from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. nightly. The Colony Lounge opens at 5:00 p.m. and features a special martini menu for \$7 until 7:00 p.m.

Please visit waikiki.hyatt.com for more information.

Duke's Waikiki to hold auditions for Its 5th Annual Duke's Ukes Contest

WHAT:

2010 Duke's Ukes Contest Audition. Duke's Waikiki will hold a second-round of auditions for its 5th Annual Duke's Ukes Contest. Amateur ukulele players of all ages are invited to audition for a chance to compete in one of four age categories: Ages 6 – 10; Ages 11 – 15; Ages 16 – 18; Ages 19 and older.

WHEN:

Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 10 a.m.

WHERE:

Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach Hotel, 1st Floor
2335 Kalakaua Avenue

INFO:

For additional information or to obtain an application form and flyer, visit www.dukeswaikiki.com <<http://www.dukeswaikiki.com>>, or call Becker Communications at (808) 533-4165.



The Duke's Ukes Contest will take place on October 2, 2010 from 10 a.m. to noon. The contest is sponsored, in part, by Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, the Pacific Music Foundation, Kamaka Ukuleles, Ukulele Puapua, Mountain Apple Company, Hawaii Music Supply, and Trophy House. The first place winner in each category will receive a brand new Kamaka Ukulele. Participation is free.

Aqua adds Jessica Rayneri and Nick Morley to home office team

Aqua Hotels & Resorts (www.aquaresorts.com) announced the appointments of Jessica Rayneri and Nick Morley to positions at the home office, located at 1850 Ala Moana Boulevard in Waikiki.

Jessica Rayneri, Internet Marketing Manager



Rayneri is responsible for online content management of all websites including Aqua Hotels & Resorts and nine standalone websites, five of which she assisted as project manager throughout their development. In addition she is in charge of maintaining accuracy of content for extranets, social media and Aqua's blog.

Prior to joining Aqua, she was the marketing manager for Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, LA.

She received her Bachelor's in Marketing from Universidad Metropolitana De Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Nick Morley, Revenue Analyst

In this position, Morley updates, improves, automates and creates revenue optimization reports, sales production reports and marketing reports.

Prior to Aqua, Morley was Purchasing officer and IT support and development at Butterworth Laboratories (an analytical chemistry laboratory, located in Teddington, UK) and Business Systems Support Analyst for Santander Global Banking and Markets in London, UK (9th largest bank in the world).

Morley received his Bachelors degree in Engineering and Management from University of Nottingham, England and completed the Executive Accounting Program at University of Hawaii.



“Find Yourself at Aston” with New Fall Deals from Aston Hotels & Resorts

Find yourself at Aston Hotels & Resorts this fall, and enjoy savings of up to 45 percent off published standard rates at Aston's hotels and condominium resorts in Hawaii, California, and Nevada.

Starting rates for the limited-time Find Yourself at Aston promotion on O'ahu are as follows:

OAHU

- Aston Waikiki Joy Hotel (hotel room standard) – \$89
- Aston Waikiki Circle Hotel (hotel room city view) – \$91
- Aston Pacific Monarch (studio city view) – \$108
- Aston at the Waikiki Banyan (one-bedroom standard) – \$119
- Aston Waikiki Sunset (one-bedroom standard) – \$125
- Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel (hotel room partial ocean view, complimentary “Breakfast on the Beach”) – \$139
- Aston at the Executive Centre Hotel (business suite deluxe mountain) – \$140
- Aston Waikiki Beach Tower (one-bedroom deluxe oceanfront) – \$301



Rates are valid for travel Aug. 24, 2010, through Dec. 21, 2010, and may not be combined with other programs, specials or discounts. Prices do not include tax and are subject to change without notice. Blackout dates and some restrictions may apply. Visit AstonHotels.com for more information.

For more information, visit www.AstonHotels.com or call toll free 866-774-2924.

Aston is an operating segment of Interval Leisure Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: IILG), a leading global provider of membership and leisure services to the vacation industry.

More Birthdays mean More Savings with Aston Hotels & Resorts “50+” Program

Aston Hotels & Resorts welcomes guests of at least 50 years of age to enjoy instant savings of up to 10 percent off Best Daily Rates at all Aston hotels and condominium resorts in Hawaii, Nevada and California with its “50+” program. Plus, guests booking the 50+ rate at select properties receive special added amenities such as complimentary upgrade (subject to availability), bottle of wine, Aston souvenir items and more.

In Hawai'i, special “50+” rates start from only \$80 a night:

- Kauai: Aston Aloha Beach Hotel - \$80 a night
- Maui: Aston Maui Lu - \$81 a night
- Oahu: Aston Waikiki Joy Hotel, Oahu: \$85 a night (see photo)
- Big Island: Aston Shores at Waikoloa - \$157 a night

Valid for booking and travel through Jan. 2, 2011; blackout dates apply and subject to program availability. Not combinable with other discounts.

At least one guest in the traveling party must be 50 years or older in order to qualify.

Guest must present valid picture ID with proof of age upon check-in. Other restrictions may apply.



Sharon Ogawa announced as Director of Spa at the Moana Lani Spa, a Heavenly Spa by Westin at the Moana Surfrider, a Westin Resort & Spa

Sharon Ogawa has been named director of spa at Moana Lani Spa, A Heavenly Spa by Westin at the Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa as announced by Erik Berger, general manager. In her new position, Ogawa will be responsible for overseeing the general operations, creating direct marketing strategies and departmental growth.

Ogawa was most recently spa director for the Golden Door Spa at the Waldorf Astoria Dakota Mountain Lodge in Park City, Utah. She coordinated the grand opening and operationally managed the prestigious spa and was instrumental in the development of the first branded spa in Park City. Her previous work experiences include spa director at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six in Florida, corporate operational spa consultant for WHM LCC, Luxury Resort Hotels in Jamaica, Boca Raton and Naples, and spa manager at Mandara Spa for both Wailea Beach Marriott and Hilton Hawaiian Village during the \$3 million renovation.



Ogawa received her Bachelor of Art degree in Economics from the University of Northern Colorado. She enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, and is training to participate in the 2010 Honolulu Marathon.

Roxanne Choy announced as Spa Manager at the Moana Lani Spa

Roxanne Choy has been named spa manager at the Moana Lani Spa, A Heavenly Spa by Westin at Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa as announced by the Sharon Ogawa, director of spa. In her new position, Choy will be responsible for overseeing retail, front desk and daily operations.

Choy joined Starwood Hotels & Resorts in 2006 as housekeeping manager for the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani and the Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa. She received her Bachelor of Science in Travel Industry Management from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

During her leisure time, she enjoys shopping, watching Korean dramas and University of Hawaii sporting events.



Kevin Sahara named Revenue Manager at The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort

Kevin Sahara has been named revenue manager at The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort as announced by Director of Revenue Management Bryan Staman. His responsibilities include analyzing and implementing sales strategies to capture optimal revenue producing businesses for the resort.

Sahara most recently served as beach and pool manager at The Royal Hawaiian and was recognized by Sheraton Kauai as leader of the second quarter in 2010 in his position as housekeeping manager and guest services manager.

Sahara received his Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing and information systems management and a minor in speech from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. During his free time he enjoys jogging, playing tennis and golfing.



Sunday Showcase

The Sunday Showcase is a free weekly program that takes place at the Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza Stage every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting) from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

August 29 - Halau 'O Kaululaua'e

Halau 'O Kaululaua'e is a hula halau that emphasizes cultural leaning and personal development through hula, chant and cultural practices.

Dancers learn to appreciate as well as to interpret and demonstrate cultural knowledge in the hula they dance and also in their daily lives.

An emphasis in oral learning coupled with written knowledge fosters literacy and a balance of traditional learning with modern training.



Valet parking for up to four hours is available for \$6.00 at the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk (201 Beachwalk) and the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk (227 Lewers Street), with any same-day purchase from any Waikiki Beach Walk merchant.



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 **6:30-7:30 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, Aug 28 – Sallie Yoza and Hālau O Napuala'ikauika'iu

Sunday, Aug 29 – Shirley Recca and Hālau Hula O Namakahulali



Street activity celebrating Aloha Festivals (courtesy of the City)

August 27, 2010 Friday
6:00PM Starts
10:00PM Ends



ALOHA FESTIVALS

ALOHA FESTIVALS BLOCK PARTY sponsored by Aloha Festivals/Murphy's Bar & Grill.

The event is expected to have 300+ participants. The event will close MERCHANT ST., all traffic lanes/sidewalk areas, from Nuuanu Ave. to Bethel St. Lanes will be closed from 3 pm for setup.

Contact Don Murphy 531-0422, Fax: 533-4943

Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Waikiki Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop (ʻ), macron (ā) in place names of Hawaiʻi, 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 kala mai.

Beginners 'Ukulele Class at WCC

Beginners 'Ukulele Class is each every Monday with Stan Jackson from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in room 203A (2nd fl) of the Waikiki Community Center. The class is ranked for beginner but anyone with a 'ukulele is welcome and new students are welcome at any time!

There is a fee for instructional materials paid to instructor. Mr. Jackson asks that students should bring: 'ukulele (already tuned), music stand, 3-ring binder, pen or pencil.

The cost for WCC member is \$2 and for non-members \$5. For more information call WCC at 923-1802.



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WIA Mayoral Forum

Meet the Candidates



**Kirk
Caldwell**



**Panos
Preveduoros**



**Peter
Carlisle**

WIA presents the Mayoral Candidates' Forum, a chance to meet your candidates for Mayor.

When: Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Time: 4:00 pm—5:30 pm

Where: Hyatt Regency Waikiki, Mauka Ballroom

Validated parking is available at Princess Kaiulani Hotel

Please RSVP to mail@waikikiimprovement.com or 808-923-1094

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

2:00 pm - Investiture of the Royal Court
Hilton Hawaiian Village, Village Green
5:00 pm – Opening Ceremony
Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10 am to 3 pm – Keiki Hoolaulea
Pearlridge Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

7 pm to 10 pm – Waikiki Hoolaulea
Kalakaua Avenue Block Party

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

6 pm to 9 pm - Taste of Helumoa
Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9 am to 12 noon – Floral Parade
From Ala Moana Park, along Kalakaua Ave to
Kapiolani Park

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