



WIA hosts City Council Forum

Waikīkī Improvement Association hosted a Council Candidate Forum with candidates Stanley Chang and Richard Turbin on Wednesday, September 29, after the WIA Board of Directors Meeting at Halekulani.

It was interesting to hear the candidates share their background and views on why they are the best person for the job ahead and why the upcoming election is so important.

Stanley Chang: Life-long resident of City Council District 4, Chang is a Harvard graduate and practiced law prior to running for office. His grass roots campaign includes visiting over 18,000 homes in District 4 to listen to what the voters want.

The election is about the future with two strong pillars—defense and tourism, and now is the time to bring fresh ideas to the city.

Richard Turbin: A long-time Hawai'i resident, Turbin's illustrious career includes 28 years on the Waialae-Kāhala neighborhood board and President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association.

He believes this election is important because Honolulu is facing a physical crisis, infrastructure crisis, crisis of homelessness and an economic crisis.

Both candidates agree that tourism is a main driver of the city's economy and that Waikīkī needs the very best representation on the city council where there will be five (out of 9) new council members.



L-R Stanley Chang, Rick Egged, Marlene 'ākau, WIA President and Richard Turbin

Snippets on their positions regarding Waikīkī-related issues continue on the next page.

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Positions on Waikiki Related Issues

Homeless

Turbin: Cleaning up Waikiki and Kapi'olani Park are a priority. Longer term solution would be a housing solution.

Chang: Short term would be to keep Waikiki clear, create safe zones, use Seattle and San Diego as models. Longer term, we are the only state without a mental hospital for non-criminal mentally ill.

Working with the new Mayor

Chang: Not only will we be working with a new Mayor, but a new Managing Director and cabinet, five new councilmen, new Governor and Lt. Governor etc. We must be open to new ideas.

Turbin: Carlisle is old friend, "Peter will be a breath of air" he likes a good argument but does not take it personally. The City Council needs to take a collaborative approach with the Mayor.

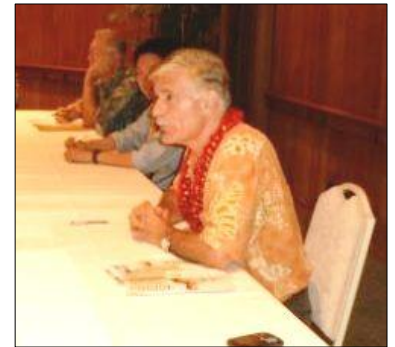
What new approach will you take?

Turbin: I ran a successful small business for 35 years in good times and bad. I know what it takes to keep a small business alive so I will examine the city budget line by line. Examples of areas of concern include the \$55 million spent rail PR and \$400,000 for independent counsel to defend rail against a lawsuit not yet filed.

Chang: We need master plan to coordinate infrastructure projects island-wide. Island-wide infrastructure affects Waikiki as well. Visitors travel around the island and our associates live in neighborhoods all around the island. We need a hotline for problems with visual follow-ups on the internet as to when the problem is addressed.

Turbin: Honolulu went from second best roads 25 years ago to second worst today. We need proper standards for road repair and infrastructure replacement.

For more information on their view on issues, visit their websites: www.votestanleychang.com/issues
www.richturbin.com/issues



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Marching Band Division

- 1st Place - Sacred Hearts Academy
- 2nd Place - Kamehameha High School
- 3rd Place - Moanalua High School

Inaugural Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band, Hawaiian March Competition

1st Place - \$500

- Kamehameha High School; Clarke Bright - Director

2nd Place - \$300

- Moanalua High School; Elden Seta, Rhona Barbosa, Erik Kubota - Directors

3rd Place - \$200

- Castle High School; Arnold Alconcel - Director & Waipahu High School; John Cravalho - Director

Aloha Festivals Announces 2010 Floral Parade Competition Results

Equestrian Unit Division

Pā'ū Marshall: Dean Harvest

Pā'ū Queen: LuAnn Faborito

John & Lita Cook Perpetual Trophy: Most Outstanding Pā'ū Unit

- Island of Kaua'i

Individual Pā'ū Unit Awards

- Governor's Award – Island of Kaua'i
- President's Award – Island of Maui
- Mo'i Award – Island of Moloka'i
- Ambassador's Award – Island of Ni'ihau

Hawaii Pā'ū Riders Perpetual Trophy: Most Outstanding Pā'ū Princess

- Island of Kaua'i – Mele Apana

John & Lita Cook Perpetual Trophy: Most Outstanding Pooper Scooper Unit

- Island of Kaua'i

Individual Pooper Scooper Awards:

- Most Original – Island of Kaua'i
- Most Comical – Island of Kaua'i
- Aloha Spirit – Island of Moloka'i ... see photo



Floral Float Division

Grand Sweepstakes Award

- Hawaiian Airlines ... see photo bottom right

Governor's Award

- Island of Kaua'i, Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula – Kumu Hula Leimomi Ho

President's Award

- The Concierge Association of Hawaii

Mayor's Award

- Pā'ū Marshall Float



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PHOTO CREDITS: Pā'ū rider, Royal Court and Hawaiian Airlines floats by PHOTOlulu
Pooper Scooper by Aloha Festivals



Hawaiian Begins New Era of In-Flight Dining with Executive Chef Chai Chaowasaree

As Hawaiian Airlines prepares to launch a new era of service with flights to Asia, the company today announced that Chef Chai Chaowasaree has been appointed as executive chef and will design its inflight meal program for First Class and Coach Class passengers.

Chef Chai will initially design the menus for Hawaiian's new daily, nonstop flights between Honolulu and Tokyo, Japan, which launches November 17, before designing the menus for all of Hawaiian's domestic and international flights systemwide in 2011, including the start of service four times weekly to Seoul, South Korea, on January 12.

Blaine Miyasato, Hawaiian's vice president of product development, commented, "Chef Chai brings a fresh, pan-Asian approach to cuisine that is a reflection of Hawaii's diverse cultural influences and the perfect complement to Hawaiian's growing international service. Our customers are going to love the new meals that he has in store for them."

Based in Honolulu, Chef Chai is a nationally recognized, award-winning chef and owner of two popular Hawaii restaurants, Singha Thai Cuisine in Waikiki and Chai's Island Bistro at Aloha Tower Marketplace in Honolulu. He uses only fresh ingredients from the Hawaiian Islands and, as a founding member of Hawaii's Island Chefs, is committed to promoting the agriculture and aquaculture of the islands. Each week, Chef Chai hosts a Hawaii TV cooking show, and last year authored *The Island Bistro Cookbook*, which earned an award of excellence from the Hawaii Book Publisher Association.



"I'm honored to serve as Hawaiian's executive chef and excited about the challenge of offering customers a new selection of menus that will make the flying experience to and from Hawaii even more enjoyable," said Chef Chai. "Hawaiian has become established as one of the world's premier airlines and I'm very proud to now be part of the team that is bringing such high-quality service to its customers." Miyasato added that Hawaiian is complementing Chef Chai's inflight meals with wine pairings selected by Master Sommelier Chuck Furuya. A recognized expert at pairing wines with Pacific Rim cuisine, Furuya became the first person in Hawaii and the tenth person in the United States overall to earn the title of Master Sommelier in 1988.

Chef Chai is taking over as executive chef at Hawaiian from Chef Beverly Gannon, the award-winning restaurateur from Maui who has designed meals for Hawaiian since 1999.

"Our inflight meals have won awards and helped distinguish Hawaiian from every other airline because of the care and creativity that Bev Gannon brought to the program," said Miyasato. "We are deeply grateful to her for a decade of pleasing our customers."

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.

Aqua Waikiki Wave and Maile Sky Court receive 2010 Quality Assurance Awards from MLT Vacations

Aqua Hotels & Resorts (www.aquaresorts.com), a full-service Hawai'i hotel management company, announced that Aqua Waikiki Wave and Maile Sky Court were honored with the 2010 MLT Vacations Quality Assurance Award presented at MLT University in St. Paul, Minnesota on Sunday, September 12, 2010.

"We are happy to recognize Aqua Waikiki Wave and Maile Sky Court hotels for their outstanding quality, customer service and product delivery ensuring our customers receive the best experience possible," said MLT Vacations vice president of product development Elizabeth Moriarty. "Both hotels have demonstrated exemplary operational consistency and top-notch quality standards for MLT Vacations and its Delta Vacations, Continental Airlines Vacations and Worry-Free Vacations customers."

"We're honored to have two Aqua hotels acknowledged by MLT Vacations," said Robin Harlow, Aqua's Regional Director of Sales. "Customer service is a key initiative for Aqua so a big mahalo to MLT for validating the excellent work our 'employee-owners' are performing on a daily basis."

The Quality Assurance Award recognizes hotels that achieve 99% customer satisfaction index and 99% product delivery performance with a minimum of 100 bookings. For the 2010 award, results were measured against the experiences of more than 450,000 customers who traveled with Delta Vacations, Continental Airlines Vacations and Worry-Free Vacations from the U.S. and Canada.



Left to right: Ken Pomerantz, MLT President and Chief Marketing Officer, Karishma Chowfin and Robin Harlow with Aqua, Larry Chestler, MLT President and Chief Operating Officer

Out of the more than 700 hotels offered by MLT Vacations in Mexico, the Caribbean, Latin America, Hawaii and Las Vegas, only 117 qualified to receive the MLT Vacations Quality Assurance Award designation for 2010.

Aqua says "Try Hawaii First"

Aqua Hotels & Resorts is saying "Try Hawaii First" to kama'aina thinking about taking their next vacation.

"We've got rooms starting at \$59 per night in Waikiki, so now is a great time to explore our home," said Elizabeth Churchill, Aqua's VP Sales & Marketing. "The savings doesn't stop on O'ahu because we're also offering excellent rates at our resorts on the neighbor islands. We're an employee-owned kama'aina company taking care of kama'aina."

Aqua's "Try Hawaii First" kama'aina rates are available at the following Waikiki hotels:

Ilikai Hotel & Suites
Best Western Coconut Waikiki Hotel
Aqua Bamboo & Spa
Aqua Waikiki Wave
Aqua Palms & Spa
Park Shore Waikiki

Aqua Waikiki Pearl
Aqua Waikiki Beachside
Aqua Aloha Surf & Spa
Island Colony Hotel
Maile Sky Court
Continental Surf Hotel

"We've made visiting family or island hopping more affordable than ever," added Churchill.

Aqua's 'Try Hawaii First' kama'aina special is available until December 31, 2010. The rates are plus tax and based on availability. There is no minimum night stay. Valid Hawaii ID will be requested at check-in. The special cannot be combined with any other offer.

For reservations, see your preferred travel agent, book online at www.aquaresorts.com or call Aqua at 808-924-6543.

Royal Hawaiian Center Entertainment and Events Schedule

October 2010

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS:

ONGOING 30th ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES: September 16 to October 16

Guests can enter to win a \$30 Royal Hawaiian Center gift card throughout the Anniversary celebration timeframe by showing a same-day receipt from any retail store at the Center. You may also enter to win a gift card from any participating restaurant by showing a same-day receipt from one of the Center's restaurants. Receipts must be presented at Lei Ohu Guest Services. The Center will draw a gift card giveaway winner each day of the month-long anniversary celebration.

Guests at the Center are eligible to receive a gift with purchase - a sustainable, eco-friendly jute tote bag. The gift can be redeemed at Lei Ohu Guest Services with any same day receipts from retail merchants totaling \$200.00 or more, while supplies last.

Enjoy sales and discounts at various merchants throughout Royal Hawaiian Center. For a list of participating merchants, visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com/event-guide.

The Center has also created a photo gallery on level 2 of Building C to showcase photos of this historic Helumoa property in the heart of Waikiki. Photos will range from pre-original-construction shots to present day images of the Center, including changes the Center has gone through over the past 30 years. Guests will be able to walk by and view the photos daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

October 6 & 20, 2010

Enjoy the musical talents of the historic Royal Hawaiian Band on October 6 & 20, 2010 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Royal Grove. Under the direction of Bandmaster Michael Nakasone, Royal Hawaiian Band will perform Hawaiian and other classics featuring solo vocalists and hula dancers.

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Dress up and head down to Royal Hawaiian Center on Halloween. All restaurants will be giving out Trick or Treat bags to the first 31 keiki customers dressed in costume – applicable to ages 18 and younger. All bags are filled with candy and random bags contain prize coupons redeemable at Lei Ohu Guest Services for other goodies such as a \$25 gift certificate to Royal Hawaiian Center.

FREE WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Mondays (October 4, 11, 18, 25)

Live Hawaiian music and hula by Kawika Trask & Friends at Royal Grove 6 to 7 p.m.

Kawika, a Kamehameha Schools graduate, along with Keao Costa, Dwight Kanae and others, performs a traditional “cha-lang-a-lang” style of Hawaiian music, a nickname associated with strumming patterns. His dancers are clad in ti leaf skirts, fresh flower lei and colorful attire.

Tuesdays (October 5, 12, 19, 26)

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Wednesdays (October 6, 13, 20, 27)

Live Hawaiian music and hula by Keoahu at Royal Grove 6 to 7 p.m. Leilani Vakauta leads this family ensemble, also known in the music community as “The Soundettes.” Leilani is also a part of our Polynesian Cultural Center ohana (family).

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Thursdays (October 7, 14, 21, 28)

Live Hawaiian music and hula by Puuhonua at Royal Grove 6 to 7 p.m. Ensemble leader, Puakeala Mann, also teaches hula and 'ukulele at the Center. This group is associated with Halau Hula o Maiki, the hula school established by the late Kumu Hula (hula master) Maiki Aiu Lake whose spirit lovingly embraces Helumoa.

Fridays (October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

Live Hawaiian music and hula by Kuuipo Kumukahi at Royal Grove 6 to 7 p.m. Kuuipo is a multi-award winning Hawaiian musician, recording artist and composer. She is currently the president of the Hawaii Academy of Recording Arts and is also associated with the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame. The Royal Grove comes alive in her festive Aloha Friday performances.

Saturdays (October 9, 16, 23, 30)

Enjoy traditional hula kahiko performances by Halau Mohala Ilima led by Kumu Hula Mapuana de Silva at the Royal Grove from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

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. 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.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa names New Assistant Director Of Property Operations

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa has named Andrew Popp as its new assistant director of property operations. As assistant director of property operations, Popp assists with overseeing the maintenance and operations of the 22-acre resort.

Popp was most recently director of property operations at the Waldorf Astoria in Park City, Utah. He began his career in hospitality property operations more than 10 years ago when he was a property operations manager at the Hilton San Francisco. He continued his career at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport, then following that, he worked at Hilton Hotels Corporation as manager of engineering/housekeeping systems, then later as director of engineering standards/operations.

Popp holds a bachelor of science degree in construction management from the University of Wisconsin Stout in Menomine, Wisconsin



'ŌLELO OLA O KA 'ĀINA
LIVING LANGUAGE OF THE LAND

Kanakolu – 30!



30
YEARS
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

makahiki = year • **kanakolu** = 30 • **le'ale'a** = fun
pā'ina = party • **likiki ho'oka'a** = receipt • **'elua haneli kālā** = \$200 • **eke lawe ukana** = tote bag

'O ka makahiki kanakolu kēia no mākou ma Helumoa nei. Nui ka le'ale'a ma nā pā'ina like 'ole. E ho'iho'i mai 'oe i kāu mau likiki ho'oka'a, 'elua haneli kālā a 'oi i loko o ka lā ho'okahi, a na mākou nō e makana iā 'oe i ke 'eke lawe ukana hou loa.

This is the 30th anniversary for us here at Royal Hawaiian Center. We're having a blast with great parties and celebrations. Turn in \$200 in same-day purchase receipts from Royal Hawaiian Center at Lei 'Ōhu Guest Services in The Royal Grove, and we will gift you the brand-new, eco-friendly RHC tote bag! Very cool ...



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, Oct 2 – Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A O Hula

Sunday, Oct 3 – Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani



Waikīkī Wiki Wiki Wire - Newsletter Deadline

Waikīkī-related news and information submitted for the weekly Waikīkī Wiki Wiki Wire should be received no later than 4 pm Wednesday for newsletters published and distributed the same evening.

Information received after the deadline will be considered for inclusion in the following issue.

Photos which accompany stories are always welcome and, for best results, should be attached to the email as a separate jpeg - maximum 1 MB please.

Your kokua is appreciated.

Mahalo.



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Waikiki Improvement Association

2010 Annual Membership Meeting



Tuesday, October 19, 2010
The New Waikiki Edition Hotel
(1775 Ala Moana Blvd.)

Featuring Mayor Elect Peter Carlisle & Surprise Guest
Great Food & Entertainment

3:30pm - 6pm Business meeting, Program

Please RSVP
Guests are welcome!

Validated valet parking
available!

Tickets sold as follows:
Group seats: \$750 for 10
Individual Seats: \$80

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

No. of tickets: _____ No. of Group seats (10) _____ Total \$ _____

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