



KŌKUA MAU

"Continuous Care"

Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Kōkua Mau Newsletter

May 2012

Dear Jeannette,

In case you missed the special report from *Emese Somogyi, Chair of Board, Kōkua Mau* and to find out why Diane Meier, one of the undisputed leaders and visionaries of our field reminded us: "*Everybody, take notice, because the future is here. Hawai'i is doing what the rest of the country will be doing in 5 years.*" [please visit our website.](#)

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Help us meet our ambitious goal:

100 Kōkua Mau members for 2012!

We have listened to your feedback. We are offering the Stakeholder KM [Membership](#) for 2012 starting at \$40 (\$25 for students or persons in training) per year.

Of course, we are grateful if you can join as a [Sustainer](#) at \$100 or more to help us reach our financial goals more quickly. And yes - it is tax-deductible.

Membership is the backbone of

Tue. 5/8 Compassionate Caregiving through Poetry

Child & Family Service Gerontology Program is celebrating Older Americans Month with a workshop featuring award winning author [Frances Kakugawa](#). Frances will speak on how she was able to transform herself from a burdened, scared person into a compassionate and competent caregiver. She will also speak on how poetry and journaling has helped her in this process.

The workshop will be held at **15 Craigsid e on May 8, 2012 from 10:00 am to 12 noon** with a complementary lunch to follow. We are pleased to have 15 Craigsid e and Kupuna Concierge as co-sponsors of this event.

Seating is limited. **Please make your reservation ASAP.** For more information contact Dawn Casil at 543-8423. More [background on our website](#)

Tue. 5/15 - Social Work: Credentials, Climate and Value

This audio conference will provide background on the hospice and palliative care macro-level climate in which social workers operate and will discuss the value of credentials in palliative care practice.

The audio conference will be broadcast at the **Queen's Medical Center**. People interested in attending please RSVP to Beth Freitas at 691-4726.

Tuesday, May 15, 2012
7:30 am to 8:30 am HST! (1:30 - 2:30 PM EDT)

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) credentialing process is developed in partnership with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). This audio conference is co-sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers. [More on our website.](#)

5/15 Living With, Through & Beyond Cancer

The Tenth Annual Cancer Survivorship Series: Living With, Through & Beyond Cancer

On Tuesday, May 15, CancerCare, will present one of four **free**, telephone workshop entitled: **Recapturing Joy and Finding Meaning**. You can listen to these programs on the telephone or via live streaming through the internet. For [more information go to our website](#) or register directly on the [CancerCare website](#).

Kōkua Mau's budget and helps us to be a financially sustainable organization. Just follow the steps outlined on our [website](#).

We especially encourage organizations to join. If you have recommendations of organizations who might want to support Kōkua Mau's [Vision and Mission](#), please let us know. A personal introduction from somebody they know well is always best.

Our Members

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Wed. 5/16 Palliative Pupus

The next [Palliative Pupus](#) will be held on **Wed. May 16** from 5:15 to 7:00pm at the Queen's Conference Center. This clinical case discussion is open to all (although RSVPs are appreciated.) Parking and other [details on the website](#).

- - Reminders from past newsletters: - -

ASCO new recommendation advocates starting palliative care at the time of diagnosis with advanced cancer

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) recommends steps to ensure that physicians initiate candid discussions about the full range of palliative care and treatment options soon after patients' diagnosis with advanced cancer (defined as incurable disease). [Read their policy statement](#) and find more links on their website.

Eden at Home Trainings

The *Caring for elders who live at home* workshop focuses on changing perceptions of elders at home and in the community. Information about workshops in [Honolulu and Kaua'i on our website](#).

Sat **May 5** Lihue, **Kaua'i**

Sat **May 19** **Honolulu** (limited to 20 participants)

Tuesday Family Caregiver Classes

Tuesday Mornings, April 3 to June 26. [More on our website](#)

The Child & Family Service - `Ohana Care Program is very excited to have a wonderful Caregiver Group facilitator who is bringing new life to their support group. Potential topics [in their flyer](#).

2012 Aging and Disabilities Issues Booklet

The 2012 Aging and Disabilities Issues booklet is now available ([Download PDF file](#)). The seventh annual publication offers an overview of legislative issues dealing with aging, disability, caregiving, and long-term supports and services. The purpose is to call attention to the priority issues which deserve the serious attention of our lawmakers,

advocates, and the public.

This is a joint project of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition, the Hawai'i Pacific Gerontological Society, and the Maui County Office on Aging. The booklet was distributed to legislators in March 2012 during a Family Caregiver Advocacy Day.

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