



KŌKUA MAU

"Continuous Care"

Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Kōkau Mau Newsletter

**July
2013**

Dear Jeannette

Congratulations to All of Us!! We have won the National Trailblazer Award!!

Kōkua Mau has been honored with the 2013 Trailblazer Award by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization ([NHPCO](#)).

The national trailblazer award recognizes us for "for developing innovative methods to improve patient access to quality and compassionate care".

"One of the things that we were impressed with was Kōkua Mau, Hawaii's Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's commitment to working collaboratively across the healthcare continuum in the creation of this program that can be used as a model in other states," said Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO.

We have created a press release which you can use for your internal communications or to reach out to other media sources you work with. Please contact [Jeannette](#) for a copy. We posted the [entire press release on our website](#).

Thur 7/11 Your Family, Your Story

Sponsored by the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society (HPGS) they present: "Your Family, Your Story - A Guide to Digital Storytelling"

Thursday, July 11, 2013

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

15 Craigsid e Place, Solarium

15 Craigsid e, Honolulu, HI 96817

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Join Kōkua Mau and help support our work!

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

Our Members

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Janette Sargent-Hamill, Author, Film Maker and Kokua Mau member, will provide information on how to document family and personal stories that will enlighten and enhance future generations.

Visitor parking is available. Free but limited to 80 attendees. Please RSVP to [Felicia Marquez-Wong](#) by July 5, 2013.

Wed. 7/17 Palliative Pupus

It is a Palliative Pupus month again! Please come and join us ([more](#)) for this interesting palliative clinical case discussion.

Wed. July 17

5:15 to 7 PM

The Queens Conference Center (QCC)
Room 200
510 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

The theme and presenters for the next Palliative Pupus will be announced one to two weeks prior to the meeting via our Kokua Mau eNewsletter and reminders.

Wed 7/24 Kokua Mau Meeting

Please note the **July 24** Meeting will be on **Wednesday instead of Thursday** from 3-5pm.

Please join us **Wed. July 24** for our July Kokua Mau meeting. Our special guest is **Lani Maxera**, **POLST** coordinator for California. Lani has agreed to come and speak with us during her vacation and will be presenting about how their state engages on POLST. They have 27 regional POLST committees, a physician champion group and education around the state. Lani is also interested in how we are using POLST and looks forward to talking with us. Hope you can join us.

Wed. July 24

3PM to 5PM

Room 224
Weinberg Building at
St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawai'i
2226 Liliha Street

For directions and parking information [check our website](#)

Nominating Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Visionaries

In celebration of its 25th Anniversary, AAHPM will recognize 25 hospice and palliative medicine "visionaries" who have greatly influenced the development and expansion of the field. You have a chance to submit [your vote](#), (also for our very own from Hawai'i!) starting July 2. You are able to vote for up to ten individuals. The [voting is open to anyone](#). Feel free to forward the link to your teams.

Save-the-date Nov 11: QMC Conference on Pain & Palliative Care

The Fine Art and Science of Pain and Palliative Care
November 11, 2013
Koolau Conference Center

This is Hawaii's premiere pain and palliative care conference. For more information [see our website](#) or contact: The Queen's Office of CME at (808) 691-7009 or cme@queens.org

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Kupuna Pono

At a recent Kokua Mau meeting, we had a presentation by Tracey Wiltgen

on [Kupuna Pono](#). Tracey reported that many of the family conflicts they mediate involve health issues and the conversations are similar to those we see in hospice and palliative care. We see opportunities for collaboration as we both seek to prevent crisis and relieve stress.

Tracey Wiltgen sent this description of their program: Conflict is a fact of life. When families are faced with the challenges of caring for an aging family member, conflicts often become more emotional and escalate. To assist families engage in difficult conversations and prevent or resolve conflicts that arise around the care of the elder member, the Mediation Center of the Pacific created the Kupuna Pono Program. Through family conferences and mediation, families are able to talk through the sensitive issues with the assistance of impartial facilitators and mediators who then help the families create custom plans that meet the unique needs of the elder person and the other family members. To learn more about Kupuna Pono, call the Mediation Center at 521-6767

8/9 2013 Bioethics Conference

The 2013 International Bioethics Conference entitled, "**Caring for Our Kupuna (elders): Balancing Human Dignity and Economics**" will be held:

Friday, August 9, 2013 at the **Sheraton Waikiki** Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii.

- [Click here](#) for details, on-line registration and the [Conference Brochure](#). [more](#)

Register before July 15 for the early bird special of \$100.00. For further information contact [Katherine Korenaga](#), Ethics & Education Coordinator, St. Francis Healthcare System or call (808) 547-8126.

8/16 A Remembering Walk

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9:30 - 11:30 am

Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

45-680 Luluku Road, Kaneohe - [more](#) -

Sponsored by St. Francis Bereavement Services. Please RSVP to [Luisa Wyant](#) or call 808-547-8147.

See you soon!

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