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Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Kokua Mau October Newsletter

October 2010

Dear Jeannette,

I hope this finds you well. I hope to see you at some of the upcoming events. As usual, there is a lot going on!!

Kokua Mau Members getting awards!!

Congratulations to our Kokua Mau members who continue to serve our community with distinction. It's great that others recognize them as well.

Ken Zeri has been named a Finalist in the American Savings Bank Business Leader of the Year awards!! Ken has been actively involved with Kokua Mau for over 10 years and is currently serving as Kokua Mau Board chair in addition to being the President and CPO of Hospice Hawaii. These awards are given by the Pacific Business News. Good job Ken.

[Faces of Nursing awards](#) from UH School of Nursing have been given to four people associated with Kokua Mau: Brenda Ho, Hospice of Hilo (and KM board member) Mimi Harris, the Queen's Medical Center Agnes Pigao Cadiz, Hospice Hawaii Fely Pula, Hale Nani

Palliative Pupus - First Session - Nov. 17

We'd like to invite you to participate in a new and exciting local networking and clinical education

This Month's Events

Palliative Pupus
End of Life Handbook
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opportunity: Palliative Pupus. The model is an informal, interactive, collegial, pau hana to discuss challenging cases as a group. Our recent poll showed that 45 of you were very interested in attending so we are going to start and build it as we go.

Please join us on Wednesday November 17 from 5:15-7pm at Queen's Conference Center for our first Palliative Pupus. Anyone is invited so please tell your colleagues and friends. This is for clinicians in a variety of fields: doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains. If you are involved with palliative care cases, you are invited.

We have room for 30 people so please RSVP as soon as possible to [Jeannette](#) Kojjane. There is validated parking for the first 15 people who request it with their RSVP. Others can feed the meter across the street at the Department of Health until 6pm.

***End of Life Handbook* author speaks Oct. 23**

[David Feldman](#) will be the keynote speaker at an upcoming conference on October 23rd. You can view the entire program and get registration information at the event's website [Light Perpetual](#): Spirituality, Communication and Preparation for the End of Life.

A palliative care clinical psychologist, David's research and writings have addressed such topics as hope, meaning, and growth in the face of negative events. His book, *The End-of-Life Handbook: A Compassionate Guide to Connecting with and Caring for a Dying Loved One*, was written for families facing the serious illness of a loved one.

The workshop will be held at St. Clements Church in Makiki.

Mission Possible IV: Queen's Medical Center Conference on Pain and Palliative Care

Thursday, November 11, 2010, 7:30 am - 4:35 pm
The Queen's Conference Center

This annual conference is Hawaii's premiere palliative care event and brings national and local experts together for a full day of excellent presentations. This year's conference features Judith Paice and Anthony Back as

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well as our own Daniel Fischberg and Hob Osterlund. Plan to attend!! For more details on the speakers, program and for full registration materials, visit our Kokua Mau [calendar](#).

Palliative Care in Long Term Care Facilities - Come to a presentation on Dec. 2 at the Kokua Mau Meeting!

Over the past 18 months, Kokua Mau has worked with five long term care facilities on Oahu to improve their ability to offer palliative care. Funded by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Public Health Fund, the IMPRESS grant has worked to educate staff on the basics of palliative care as well as with management to implement policies and procedures to make quality palliative care a reality.

On Thursday, December 2 the facilities will be presenting their work along with the Primary Investigator Dr. Aida Wen. Each of the facilities will be making a presentation and Dr. Wen will present her results from family satisfaction surveys.

Please invite your colleagues and friends to what is certain to be an interesting afternoon. The presentation will take place from 3-5pm at Hospice Hawaii and is part of the normal Kokua Mau meeting. (The November-December Kokua Mau meetings have been joined because of Thanksgiving and will be held on December 2.) Please RSVP to [Jeannette Kojane](#).

Eden at Home Workshop Oct. 21 and 28

An Eden At Home workshop will be offered on 2 consecutive Thursdays this month at Kailua Methodist Church in Kailua. Sue Pignataro and Liz Nelson will be conducting the training, which is free and lunch will be provided. If you are a caregiver and/or have elderly spouse or parents and would like some wonderful information about care partnerships, please call Sue and register. Feel free to call Liz Nelson at 265-5725 or 239-7849. A flyer with additional information can be found on the [Kokua Mau calendar](#).

Kokua Mau usually meets on the last Thursday of every month from 3-5pm at Hospice Hawaii in Iwilei. The next

meeting is October 28. Please contact [Jeannette](#) for more details. All are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you.

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