

Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Kokua Mau Newsletter

April 2009

Dear Kokua Mau newsletter reader,

We are happy to announce that Patricia W. Nishimoto, one of Kokua Mau's own, was recognized with the **Serving Heart Awards**, by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. "Dr. Pat," as her patients affectionately call her, is worldrenowned for her work in oncology, end of life care, grief and loss, and cultural awareness. To read more <u>please click here</u>

Caring the Pacific Way

From April 22-24, 2009, Kokua Mau is collaborating on an innovative, community-based participatory course titled "Caring the Pacific Way: Palliative Care and Cancer Survivorship". Participants will represent all ten jurisdictions of the US Associated Pacific Islands. All ten cancer coordinators along with representatives from the Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands, cancer survivors, clinicians, outreach workers and others involved in health and cancer prevention and control in the Pacific will attend. Kokua Mau is creating the palliative care content for the course, providing speakers, materials and technical assistance and creating a curriculum that can be used in different venues. To read more <u>please</u> <u>click here</u> April Topics Caring the Pacific Way Star Bulletin 4/16/09 5 Teleconferences Kokua Mau Resources

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Star Bulletin Article Features Kokua Mau April 16,

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In the article "End-of-life care planning urged" by Helen Altonn in the April 16, 2009 Star Bulletin, Kokua Mau and our website was prominently featured. In case you cite the article please make sure to give out the Kokua Mau phone number (808) 585-9977, not the number listed in the article (since this is a private home phone number). <u>Click here</u> to go to the Star Bulletin website.

5 Hawai'i Teleconference sites - April 29

Living with Grief "Diversity and End-of-Life Care," the Hospice Foundation of America's 16th annual National Bereavement Teleconference, will be broadcast in five sites in Hawai'i. Continuing education credits are available and can be seen on Wednesday, April 29 from 7:30 am to 10 am HST (1:30p-4p ET) on Hawai'i, Maui, Kaua'i and O'ahu. Click here for details about the 5 sites. This program will focus on ways of understanding diversity and how cultural histories, traditions and beliefs can affect end of life care. For <u>the HFA website</u> <u>please click here</u>.

Kokua Mau Resources to Help You

The Star Bulletin Article has generated quite a few phone calls about Advance Directives. As a reminder, Kokua Mau features information about Advance Directives and a downloadable pdf on our website. <u>Please click here</u>

In addition Kokua Mau distributes the highly acclaimed five booklets of the Complete Life Series developed by the Center on Aging at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Each 18-page booklet addresses end-of-life issues that can be very helpful for loved ones in an easy-toread format. All booklets are available for free as an immediate download or for sale in a printed version via the postal service. <u>Please click here</u>

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