



# KŌKUA MAU

*"Continuous Care"*

Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

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## Kokua Mau Newsletter

Events and News in our Community

### Events for August 2011

Aug 1-5: Oncology on Canvas Art Show  
Aug 4: Planning meeting Celebration of Life  
Aug 22-30: Oncology on Canvas Art Show  
Aug 28: Koua Mau Meeting  
Plus: articles and reports

### Oncology on Canvas Art Shows

#### 1-5 August 2011 (8am - 4pm)

Tripler Army Medical Center  
Medical Library, 11th Floor  
(It is a library - so remember to whisper when you go to view the work.)

#### & 22 - 30 August 2011

9am - 3pm on weekdays only  
Honolulu Hale (City Hall on King Street)

There will be a reception for the artists and their guests on Tuesday, 23 August (4 - 7pm). There will be a short program at 5pm. Artwork from Tripler AMC, Kaiser, Queen's and Kapi'olani will be exhibited at this show.

### Topics

Oncology on canvas  
Celebration of life  
KM Monthly meeting  
12 Breaths  
ACS Article  
CAPC opinon research  
Educational summit

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Download [the pdf flyer](#) of the event

## Aug. 4: "Celebration of Life" Planning Committee Meeting

April from Bristol Hospice sent us this invitation: Join us for a "*Celebration of Life*" event in observance of Veteran's Day and National Hospice/Palliative Care Month on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Kokua Mau and the Oahu-based hospices will all be participating.

If you are interested to join the event committee, please join the meeting on August 4, 2011, Thursday at Oahu Veterans Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you there. For more information contact [April](#). Let us come together to remember and honor those who served, who are still serving and our loved ones.

## Thur Aug. 25 Kokua Mau Meeting

[Kokua Mau Monthly Meeting](#) is usually held on the last Thursday of every month from 3-5pm at St. Francis. These meeting are open to anybody interested in our work and all are welcome. Please contact [Jeannette](#) for more details. Next dates: Sept. 29 & Oct. 27

## Twelve Breaths: Lessons From The End Of Life

In case you missed the show "*Twelve Breaths: Lessons From The End Of Life*" on NPR on July 25, you can [listen to it on-line](#). Thank you to Rachael Wong for sending us the link. Here is a short preview from their website:

*"When life draws to an end, family, caregivers and medical professionals face a flurry of often heartbreaking decisions. Are there any last treatments to try? How much longer can a patient hold on? When is it time to turn off the ventilator - and who gets to decide?"*

## Care of the whole person - Article from ACS

We are happy to share with you this article from The American Cancer Society talking about the importance of palliative care. "*Care of the whole person*" by Jennifer L.W. Fink, RN was published in [Triumph](#) Summer 2011. Click here for a [PDF of the article](#)

## CAPC: 2011 Public Opinion Research on Palliative Care

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We thought you might be interested in a recently released fascinating study from [CAPC](#) (Center for the Advancement of Palliative Care) about how people perceive the language used around hospice, palliative and end-of-life care, including a new definition of palliative care that we will be adopting. Key findings include:

- Language makes a difference. Palliative care is about improving quality of life, providing an extra layer of support, and having a team focus to patient care.
- Palliative care is a relative unknown among consumers.
- Once informed, consumers say they would be very likely to consider using palliative care if they or a loved one had a serious illness.
- 95% of respondents agree that it is important that patients with serious illness and their families be educated about palliative care.
- 92% of respondents say it is important that palliative care services be made available at all hospitals for patients with serious illness and their families.

You may want to have an in-depth look and download the [15-page pdf of the survey](#).

## **TRANSFORMATION: Enhancing care; Containing cost; Maximizing satisfaction**

Save the date: **Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011** for Kokua Mau's Educational Summit. Visit our [website for information and updates](#) (on-line registration coming soon) or send us an email [summit@kokuamau.org](mailto:summit@kokuamau.org).

Best wishes and Happy August,

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