



# KŌKUA MAU

*"Continuous Care"*

## Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

### Kōkua Mau eNewsletter

**May  
2013**

Dear Jeannette

I hope to see some of you on Kauai this weekend. Participation in the "Palliative Care - Setting the Stage" conference has grown to over 150 participants. We see this great attendance as another sign that things are moving forward with Palliative Care in Hawai'i.

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#### **Tue 5/7 Oncology on Canvas Art Exhibit Honolulu Hale**

We hope you will be able to attend the reception next Tuesday evening (5-7 pm) at Honolulu Hale. There will be refreshments and a very short (15 min) presentation at 6 pm.

The paintings will be displayed at Honolulu Hale May 6-23. Honolulu Hale is only open Monday through Fridays during the day hours. The reception

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is scheduled in the evening so that folks can attend after office hours and enjoy pupus with the art.

Pat Nishimoto, Oncology Nurse Specialist at Tripler and Kokua Mau member invites us: To come and see the amazing art work done by our patients, their families and the staff about their 'cancer journeys.' One person who viewed the art exhibit in 2012 said, "The paintings are great-some truly talented and the others the voices of their souls."

Oncology on Canvas has been the 'key' to helping these families come out of the cancer journey stronger. We also started this at Tripler because we have many people who speak English as a second language. Art is communication that happens no matter what verbal language is spoken.

The nurses of Oncology Nursing Society for the 7th year in a row provided an opportunity for survivors, family members and staff to reflect on their cancer journeys at Oncology on Canvas (OOC). That is exemplified in this story of a painting: "The phoenix is a mythical bird that is consumed in flames at the end of its life. But from the ashes, it is reborn again. Like life, we all encounter hardships that sometimes consume us completely. But we must keep in mind that we have the power to rise again, like the phoenix."

### **Wed May 15: Palliative Pupus**

You are invited to join us for Palliative Pupus, our exciting local networking and clinical education opportunity. If you are involved with palliative care cases or what like to learn what palliative care actually is, you are invited. Please tell your colleagues and friends. Topic will be announced in the reminder.

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

[Details on parking on our website](#)

### **Fri 5/31 Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death**

A presentation of this year's Hospice Foundation of America teleconference will be shown on May 31 from 9 am-12 pm HST and will address care for veterans.

The teleconference will be held at the  
**3rd floor conference room of the**

### **Spark M. Matsunaga Ambulatory Care Clinic (ACC),**

located at: 459 Patterson Road, bldg 111

Honolulu, HI 96819.

**This is a free event;** no registration fee. Limited seating available.

**Please RSVP by May 20th** to [Janelle Miyashiro](#) Interim VA Hospice and Palliative Care Coordinator or call 808-433-7676.

Note: Attendees are required to stay for the full presentation and expert panel discussion to be eligible for CEs. [Details and flyer](#) with further information on speakers is on our website

Parking will be limited, so carpooling is encouraged. All cars without a Tripler parking sticker will have to check in after passing the sentry gate and a free day pass will be issued. Please allow extra time for this.

### **ACP Decision Videos**

You may remember the presentations of Dr. Volandes in October last year. Since then a lot has happened in getting the Advance Care Planning videos to Hawai'i and we will have a longer update soon.

For those of you interested in the making of ACP Decision videos, you might want to read the article on Dr. Angelo Volandes in Atlantic Magazine's May 2013 issue. Witten by Jonathan Rauch it is titled: "[How Not to Die](#) - Angelo Volandes's low-tech, high-empathy plan to revolutionize end-of-life care". Currently the article is [available on-line for free](#).

### **Reminders from past eNewsletters**

#### **Sat. 5/4: Palliative Care Setting the Stage - Kaua'i**

##### **Saturday, May 4, 2013**

8:00a.m. - 5:30p.m.

Kaua`i Marriott Resort

Lihu`e, Hawai`i

A full day educational conference on palliative medicine. For more details and the [updated agenda please visit our website](#).

Continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be included in the cost of \$45 per Doctor and \$35 for Nurses, Medical Social Workers, and Medical Chaplains. For early registration call 808-245-7277. Visa or Mastercard accepted. Or mail **check payable to Kauai Hospice**, 4457 Pahee St., Lihue, Hawaii, 96766.

## Kōkua Mau Cool Stuff

### Announcing a Statewide Palliative and Hospice Training (S-PHC) Program

A grant from the HMSA Foundation provided funding for a collaborative partnership with Kōkua Mau, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and UH Mānoa Nursing to benefit long-term care and hospice patients statewide. The goal of the training program is to provide a broad foundation of knowledge in palliative and hospice care focused on delivering quality patient and family-centered care to long-term and hospice patients. [More on our website.](#)

See you soon!

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