

Lisa Andrews

By Lilli Gross

Early this summer, Lisa Andrews attended the State Democratic convention in Honolulu, while I participated on Zoom. When it was her turn to speak, she walked to the podium beautifully dressed and well-versed on the topic. It was the proposed incinerator project and she had facts and data prepared. This wasn't new for Lisa; she had fought to keep Kohala's air and 'āina clean for decades.

This time was different, though. Because no one there—other than her family—knew the cost required for her to stand at that podium, fighting back the sickness that ultimately claimed her. I felt a deep sense of pride in knowing someone so brave, and always will.

She will be missed by her husband Todd, daughter Jessica and all of those in Kohala who knew her.

Florine Elarco

By J. Hau'oli Lorenzo-Elarco

Florine Dolores Ku'upualani (Santos) Elarco of Hāwī joined her heavenly loved ones on August 17, 2024, at 72 years old.

Born on May 24, 1952, to Henry Santos and Irene Kū of Wai'anae, she graduated from Honoka'a High School, circa 1970. Known as Mom, Grandma, Aunty, Sister, and Friend, Florine established her family and career in Kohala, founding her own tax preparation and bookkeeping business, Flo & Company. Florine is remembered by her children, Danusia Elarco, Teresa (Jason) Vega, Linda (Ika) Vea, Randall Elarco Jr., and Tammy Elarco; and her brother, Daniel E. Perreira.

She loved her entire family yet took special pride in her 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. As she is forever written in our hearts, let us continue to be inspired by the life and legacy of such a formidable woman. Celebration of Life: Saturday, September 28, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hāwī. Visitation: 8:30 a.m.; Mass: 10:00 a.m.

ClimbHI Exposure Fair Introduces Students to Varied Career Paths



Photos courtesy of ClimbHI West Hawaii

Students learn about flotation and displacement at the Pearl Harbor table.

By Jennifer Sudick

Fifty students and teachers from seven schools across Hawaii Island, including Kohala High School, participated in the ClimbHI West Hawaii Exposure Fair on September 3.

Fifty-eight businesses and organizations participated from industries including hospitality, tourism, and fashion and beauty; aeronau-

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WEEKLY EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2024					
DAY	START	END	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT (808)
M-S	8:30AM		NARCOTICS TALK STORY	RAINBOW CAFE	
MON	9AM		SENIOR CLUB @ CIVIC CENTER	KOHALASENIORS@GMAIL.COM	
	12:00PM		SENIOR DANCE CLASSES RESUME SEPT 30 @ KIC		238-6111
	4PM	5:30PM	TOOL LIBRARY	54-3842 AKONI PULE HWY	213-7779
	3:15PM	6PM	DANSE SPACE - CLASSES AGE 3-7+	HUB BARN	769-0464
	4:30PM		RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HUB HALE	895-2025
	5:30PM		DEFIANT BRATS (WOMENS' AA)	AINAKEA HOME	747 9627
TUE	8AM	9AM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	NEAR SKATE PARK	805-452-9501
	8AM	9AM	TAI CHI WITH PETER BEEMER	OUTSIDE HISAOKA GYM	895-0737
	8AM		YOGA/PILATES BEGINNER CLASS	OUTSIDE HISAOKA GYM	333-8275
	4:30PM	6PM	LOVE YOUR BELLY DANCE CLASSES	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111
	4:30PM		KOHALA CARES FOOD DRIVE	ST AUGUSTINE'S	ALOHA PETER @YAHOO.COM
	5:30PM	7PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
	6PM	8PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
WED	10AM	11AM	STORY TIME (NOT OCT 9)	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
	12PM	6PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	2PM	4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	960-3597
	2PM	3PM	LEGO CLUB: 10/2, 10/16, 10/30 BOARD GAMES: 10/23 KEIKI CRAFT:	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
	3:30 PM	4:30PM	RMD TAIKO CLASSES (NOT 1ST WED)	HUB BARN	895-2025
	5PM	6PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	6PM	8PM	FREE MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY	KALAHIKIOLA CHURCH	218-4872
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-1828
	7PM		SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE	54-3876 AKONI PULE STE 4	989-5995
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	AINAKEA HOME	747 9627
THU	8:30AM	10AM	TOOL LIBRARY	54-3842 AKONI PULE HWY	213-7779
	9AM	10:15PM	HEALING CIRCLE FOR ADDICTS	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
	11AM	12:30AM	GENTLE YOGA	HUB HALE	374-2808
	5PM		OPEN CIRCLE MEDITATION (NOT 2ND)	KEOKEA BEACH PARK	889-5390
	5:30PM	7PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
	6PM	8PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
FRI	8AM		NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING	WILEY HALL ON IOLE	805-452-9501
	8AM	9AM	TAI CHI WITH PETER BEEMER	OUTSIDE HISAOKA GYM	895-0737
SAT	8AM	1PM	COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	225-3666
	8AM	12PM	FARMERS MARKET	THE HUB	313-338 -7090
	8AM	10AM	TOOL LIBRARY	54-3842 AKONI PULE HWY	213-7779
SUN	6PM	7PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-1828
	7PM	8PM	RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	HUB BARN	805-452-9501

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tical and maritime transportation; engineering, architecture and construction; law enforcement and military; healthcare and health services; education; nonprofits; and much more.

The event, which reimagines and transforms the hiring process, was held at The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort. The first-ever West Hawaii Exposure Fair was held in December 2023.

Exposure Fairs are more effective

than typical career fairs due in part to the “speed-dating” style that allows participants to uncover more opportunities. Businesses also benefit from dedicated time with participants by sharing career paths that lead to economic self-sufficiency here in our islands. By exposing students to high-quality careers with a clear progression plan well before graduation, we are helping them understand the requirements and experience needed to begin their path to success.



The Waikoloa Beach Marriott staff spoke about the culinary industry.

Happy 70th Birthday, Class of 1972

By Shirley Nakamura

The Kohala High School Class of 1972 celebrated their 70th Birthday together during the Labor Day weekend.

Much of the planning was done by Dennis Lewis, who updated class contacts and kept everyone informed with his monthly Kama’ilio Newsletter.

The class started off with a service project on Friday, August 30, at the high school library boxing up books to make way for a new student lounge. Many have not been on campus since graduating 51 years ago. Possibly some of the books that were packed were ones that they used back in the day. After a couple hours of packing books, a few classmates got adventurous and went ziplining to conquer their fears and check off an item on their bucket list.

After much consulting with the County of Hawaii road department heads Neil Acevedo and Guy Nakamura, along with community resident Michael Van Berg, the class beautified the community on Saturday, August 31, by replacing some of the dead plumeria trees along Akoni Pule Highway between the school and Self Help #2.

A big Mahalo to the Bowman Ohana—Kimo, Nadine and Joshua, who cared for those plumeria trees through the years. Thank you to all

that were involved in this community project.

That evening nearly 40 classmates and guests gathered at the Waikoloa Marriott Hawaii Calls Restaurant. There were many recognition awards and prizes distributed by Dennis Lewis, who spearheaded this event.

Ronald Sparrow, who came from Tennessee, was the classmate that came the farthest.

Others came from California, Las Vegas, Oahu and Maui. Many drove from the Eastside of Hawaii Island, as well as Kona. Many stories and memories were shared along with tears of joy and lots of laughter, but mostly was a time to realize that “We’ve Only Just Begun” to live (class song sung at graduation).

It didn’t stop there. Some of the classmates got together for a potluck at Keokea Beach Park. They had special guests—Chris and Billie Brown.

The class of ’72 were Mr. Brown’s first homeroom assignment the very first year he arrived in 1968. He was fresh out of college. CB has always been our favorite teacher throughout high school and have always said we are his favorite class!

Rosalind and Makaio Kupukaa lead the class in singing our Alma Mater with our class cheerleaders leading, which was very emotional

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