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**ON THE COVER**

An ornament made from recycled material sparkled at a Festival of Lights celebration at the Historic County of Kaua'i Building in 2019. Photo courtesy of Ron Kosen.



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# Chairman's Message

Aloha, KIUC 'Ohana!

As we navigated the uncertain waters of 2021 together, we successfully stayed the course and are looking forward to smoother travels in the coming year.

One of the most significant accomplishments of the past 12 months was the progress we made in moving the West Kaua'i Energy Project forward. WKEP is our most ambitious renewable energy undertaking to date. Its importance to our future as a cooperative and an island community cannot be understated.

We seek to create the world's first pumped-storage hydropower facility powered by solar, eliminating the use of 8 million gallons of fossil fuel a year and meeting nearly 25% of Kaua'i's electricity demand.

During the past nine months we've held numerous virtual and in-person meetings to share information on WKEP and we couldn't be more pleased with the productive dialogue that's occurred. You can be certain 2022 will bring many more opportunities for you to learn about WKEP. We hope you will actively participate in the process of bringing this innovative project to life.

As we close out 2021, let's continue to be thankful for the many blessings we enjoy on our beautiful island home. Please take care of yourselves and each other, and have a blessed holiday season.

Warmest regards,  
Allan A. Smith



# Board Actions

Below is a summary of some of the actions taken by the KIUC Board of Directors in September and October 2021.

## September 23, 2021, Board Meeting

Motion carried, Board Policy No. 18, Qualifications and Eligibility for Directors, Attachment A. Reviewed, approved with proposed changes.

Motion carried, Board Policy No. 23, Electioneering. Reviewed, approved with proposed changes.

Motion carried, Board Policy No. 30, Electric Rates and Rate Design. Reviewed, approved with proposed changes.

Motion carried, Board Policy No. 29, Equity Management. Reviewed, no substantive changes.

Motion carried, approval of 2022 Nominating Committee members Kelli Barsness, Allison Mizuo Lee, Eddie Topenio and Milo Spindt.

## July 27, 2021, Board Meeting

Motion carried, election of NRECA director-Hawaii: David Iha for 2022-2024.

Motion carried, 2022 budget request for distribution transformer-new customer (overhead), \$750,000 (transmission and distribution department board approval request form).

Motion carried, 2022 budget request for distribution transformer-new customer (underground), \$1.21 million (T&D BAR).

Motion carried, attorney invoices over CEO limit. STRAT inv#5-9001-187M, \$114,528.75; STRAT inv#8-9001-187M, \$103,666.97; STRAT inv#9-9001-187M, \$159,524.54; (Other BAR)

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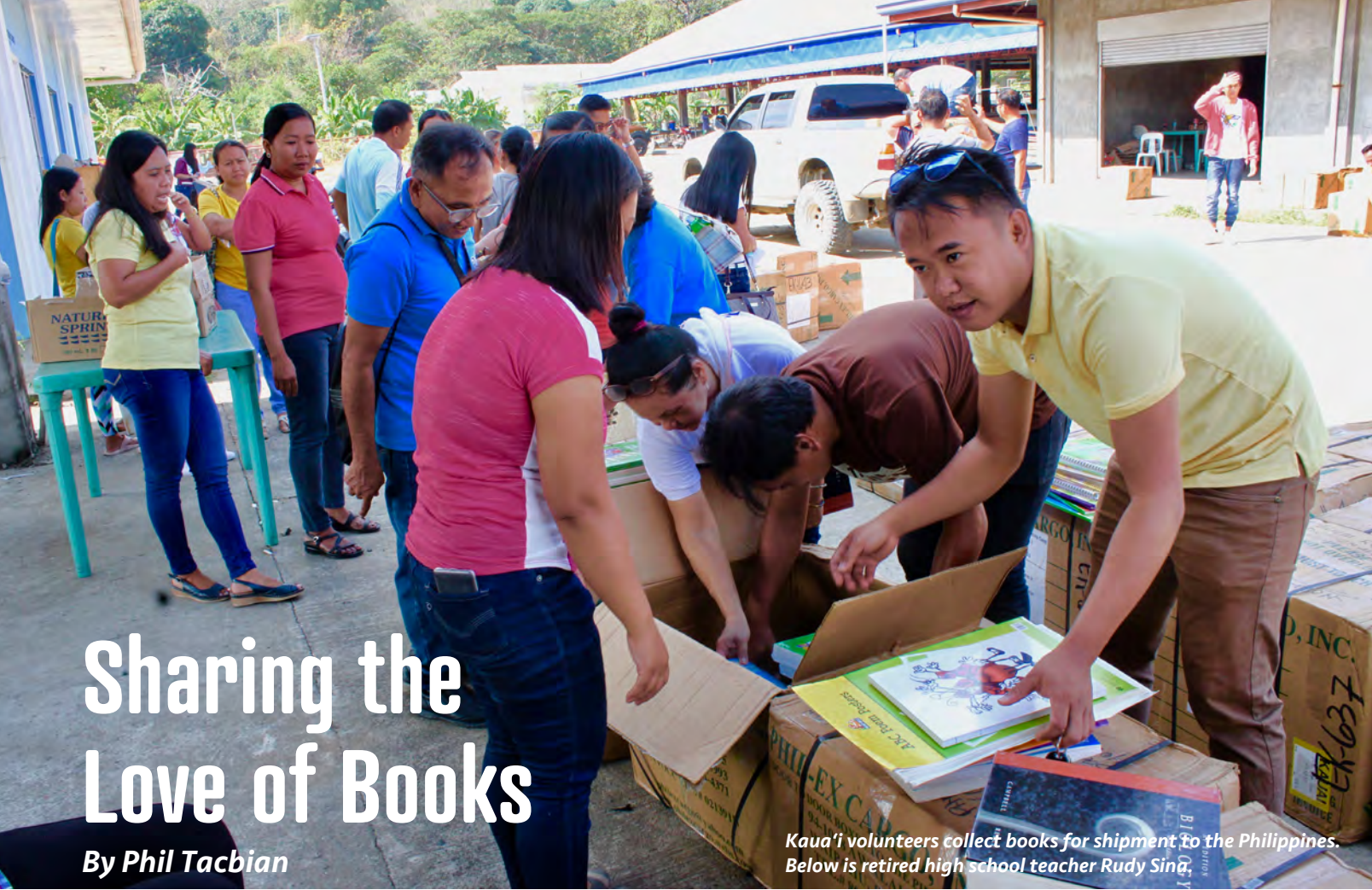
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# Sharing the Love of Books

By Phil Tacbian

*Kaua'i volunteers collect books for shipment to the Philippines. Below is retired high school teacher Rudy Sina.*

One of the many programs undertaken by KIUC is the International Committee's collection of books to send to our sister cooperatives in Ilocos

Norte and Ilocos Sur in the Republic of the Philippines. Books are collected from all of the schools on Kaua'i as they are replaced with newer editions.

One of our members, retired high school teacher Rudy Sina, volunteered his time in this project and spent many hours tirelessly collecting and sorting the books. Rudy came to Hawai'i as a young man from Vintar, Ilocos Norte. Changing careers from law to education, he spent his working years with the Department of Education. His experience proved to be valuable to KIUC's book donation program. With his knowledge of the education system in the Ilocos, he is able to sort the type of books that would have the most value to the students in different grade levels.

"Mr. Sina tirelessly think of ways to make this program happen," says KIUC's Pia Gregorio, who is the staff liaison to the International Committee. "He

connects and build relationships with Kaua'i schools so we can have access to these books."

The last shipment of books went to Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative, whose board of directors passed a Resolution on September 7, 2021, which reads in part: "WHEREAS, the KIUC, sister-cooperative of INEC, donated books to the cooperative; WHEREAS, these books shall be distributed to the different schools in the province, which will serve as additional reading materials of their respective pupils; WHEREAS, it is but proper for the INEC to convey its highest appreciation and profound gratitude to the KIUC."

The 2020 shipment went to Ilocos Sur Electric Cooperative.

To Rudy Sina and all those who assisted in this program: Thank you, mahalo and salamat for making it all happen. ☺



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**THE Kaua'i Resilience Project** | Hau'oli lā Ho'omaha [Happy Holidays]

**Fill Your Family's Stockings with...JOY** 

The holidays are here and nearly everyone is thinking about what to get for the kids on their list. One thing we hear from Kaua'i youth is that they would like the gift of time. Your time. You matter to them.

The Kaua'i Resilience Project wants us to know that our kids need us now more than ever. They need your gift of time – as well as your love and support. Every child needs someone in their corner.

This holiday season, why not give a child you care about your undivided attention? Play a board game, go to the beach, take a hike. Whatever you choose, choose to listen. Really listen. Show them how much they matter. And then you will know how much you matter to them.

These simple tips will strengthen your family bonds and build resilience in your children:

**Turn off...** Your phone.  
Take a social media break. Feel the **JOY** of removing anxiety.

**Tune in...** To your `Ohana.  
Really listen. Laugh a lot. Create family traditions. Play games. Feel the **JOY** of connecting.

**Live Aloha!** Help someone who needs it.  
Show kindness. Love one another. Feel the **JOY** of the season.

**By slowing down, you may discover more JOY in every moment.**

*Happy Holidays*

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# The Spirit of the Season

By David Iha



KIUC and AES volunteers at Kekaha Neighborhood Park.

It was a hot, sunny October day in Kekaha, but fall was definitely in the air. You couldn't miss it, with large piles of beautiful, locally grown pumpkins stacked neatly under three tents.

Members of the KIUC Board of Directors, KIUC staff and representatives from our renewable energy partner, AES, gathered with other volunteers to bring cheer to hundreds of westside keiki in the first of several island-wide pumpkin giveaways. It's difficult to describe the joy our team and all volunteers felt as pumpkins, fresh produce and other items were shared with grateful residents as they drove through Kekaha Neighborhood Park.

Spearheaded by the Hawai'i Crop Improvement Association and the Kekaha Agriculture Association, this annual event has spread from Kekaha all the way to Hā'ena and is a wonderful example of how the aloha spirit lives even during the most difficult times of the pandemic.

The organizers enlisted the support of companies such as KIUC, AES, Grove Farm, Alexander and Baldwin, Kaua'i Shrimp and many others to make sure every child on Kaua'i had access to a locally grown pumpkin.

I know each of my colleagues on the KIUC Board of Directors shares the pride I feel in representing our members and serving a community where neighbor helping neighbor is the norm, not the exception.

During this holiday season and into the new year, I hope we will all continue to find ways to support each other: from Mānā to Hā'ena. 🌻



# SOS to the Rescue

By Beth Tokioka



Hawaiian Petrel chick receives care at SOS.  
Photo credit: Jacqueline Nelson

A tiny endangered Ua'u—or Hawaiian Petrel—chick continues to make progress after a dramatic rescue and weeks of care from professionals with the Save our Shearwaters program on Kaua'i.

"The chick's prognosis remains guarded at this stage, but its behavior has improved greatly since intake," says Molly Bache, SOS program coordinator.

She describes the bird as feisty and alert, beginning to exhibit natural behaviors and growing feathers.

"S/he will start going in one of our conditioning pools for daily swims soon, and is on track to start taking field trips where it'll be able to feel the wind, stretch its wings and potentially fly out to sea if ready to do so," adds Jacqueline Nelson, SOS wildlife rehabilitation manager.

The chick was discovered in early October in a KIUC-managed conservation site within Hono o Nā Pali Natural Area Reserve by an Archipelago Research and Conservation

team. Sitting in a muddy puddle alone inside its burrow, it faced certain death.

"The chick looked really miserable," says ARC's Bobby Brittingham, who found the bird. "It was covered in mud and soaked, and the whole interior of the burrow was flooded under an inch of water."

The decision was made to rescue the baby bird by carefully transporting it from its burrow to the team's base camp.

"The logistics of the operation were quite tricky," says Dr. André Raine, ARC science director. "The site is very remote and often shrouded in mist and rain. Our team had to carry the chick across narrow muddy trails and descend slippery slopes using webbing to get back to camp."

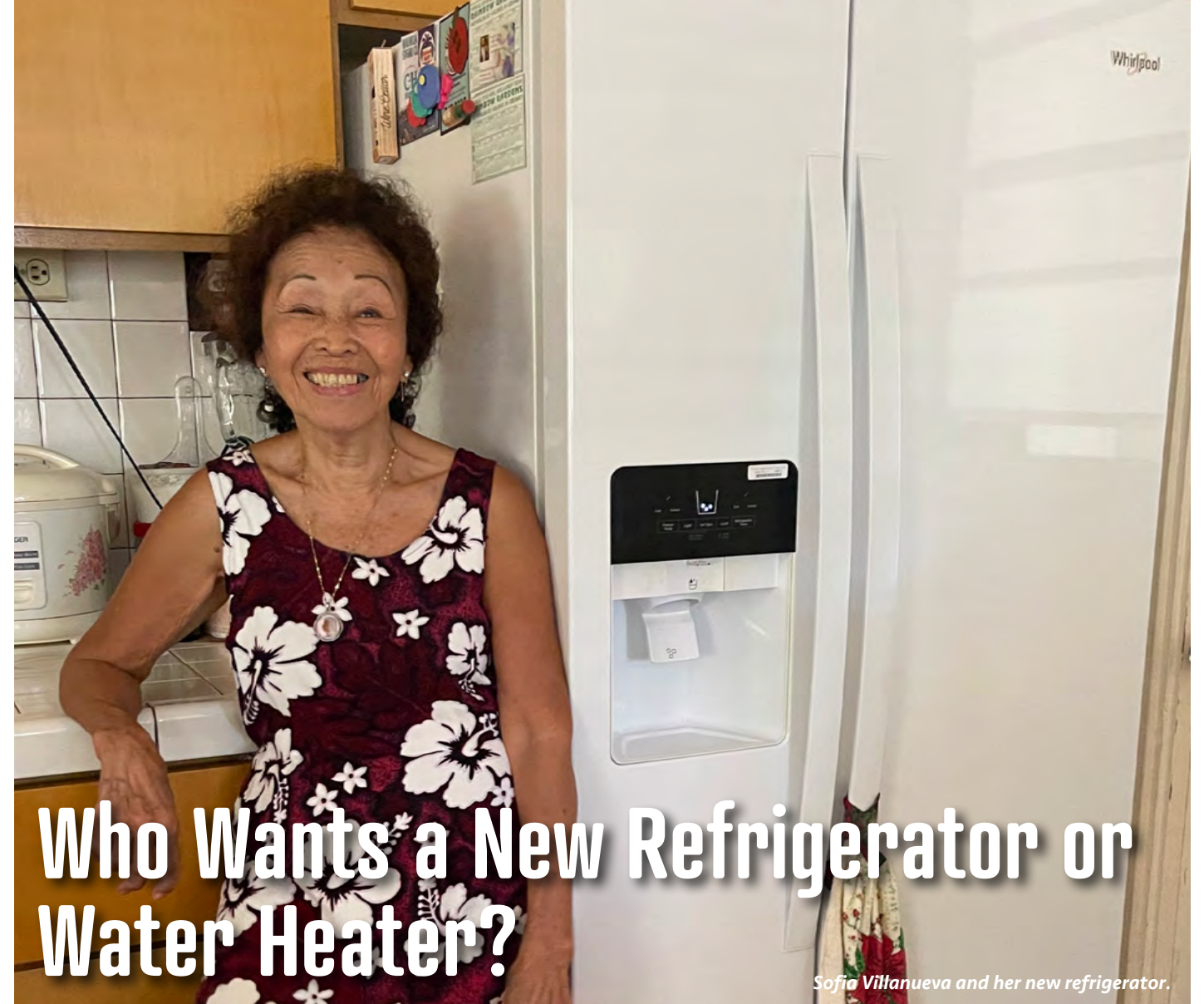
Luckily for the chick, there was a small weather window the next day that allowed a helicopter to come in and transport it to Līhu'e, where it was handed over to SOS. Weighing less than a pound, the chick was slowly introduced to a natural diet and was soon receiving the ideal amount of full-strength "chick slurry," i.e., fish smoothies, allowing it to gain weight steadily.

"While there's no comparison for being raised in the wild by its parents, we're thankful to step in when it's the only chance a bird has left," Molly says. "It may seem like a lot of effort for a single bird, but when you consider it's an endangered species and could raise 25-plus chicks of its own over its lifetime, the value of each individual bird becomes apparent."

Around a third of the world's population of Ua'u breed on Kaua'i. Due to a wide range of threats—including power line collisions, light attraction and predation by introduced species such as cats, rats and pigs—the birds are mainly concentrated in remote areas in the northwest of the island.

KIUC spends millions of dollars every year on activities and projects that both minimize impacts on endangered seabirds and protect known seabird colonies. KIUC's conservation measures include funding for Save our Shearwaters and management activities where the birds nest so they are protected from predators.

To learn more about Save our Shearwaters, visit: [www.saveourshearwaters.org](http://www.saveourshearwaters.org).



## Who Wants a New Refrigerator or Water Heater?

Sofia Villanueva and her new refrigerator.

KIUC and the County of Kauai's Agency on Elderly Affairs (AEA) have a long-standing partnership in helping Kauai's qualifying seniors get free refrigerators and water heaters through KIUC's Qualifying Member Appliance Replacement Program.

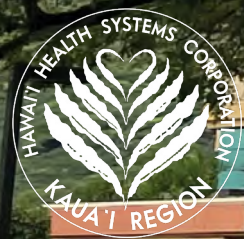
The program helps low-income seniors age 60 and older to reduce their residential electricity use by replacing older, less-efficient refrigerators and defective electric water heaters with new, more efficient ones at no cost to the member.

KIUC's Residential Energy Services Specialist Makani Taniguchi works with Emily Medeiros, AEA's information and referral program specialist, to have AEA review and approve applications. Once the application is approved, Makani goes to the residence to ensure the existing appliance meets the program guidelines and takes measurements to make sure the new appliance will fit. He orders the new appliance with a five-year warranty and coordinates delivery and installation of the new appliance and removal of the old one.

Once the new appliance is installed, he goes back to meet with the member and does an energy audit on how they can reduce their energy consumption. He also provides them with LED bulbs, smart power strips and plugs.

Participants in the program must meet federal poverty guidelines and own the existing water heater or refrigerator, which must be the primary refrigerator and be at least 10 years old. To determine eligibility, call the County's Agency on Elderly Affairs at 808.241.4470.





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### Common and important questions asked to a pharmacist?

Contributed by: Joni T - Pharmacist, Kawaiola Pharmacy

*"Pharmacists and other health care providers are valuable resources for our community. Beyond medication dispensing, pharmacists provide valuable information on medication questions, vaccine information, and advocate changes that improve patient care and patient outcomes. Please see your pharmacist for specific advice on medication & vaccination questions."* Joni T - Pharmacist

#### 1. Do I need to finish my antibiotic prescription even when I'm starting to feel better?

Yes, unless otherwise directed by your physician. It is important to complete the regimen to prevent reinfection and antibiotic resistance.

#### 2. Why is a 7-day Med Minder beneficial?

It is important to utilize a Medication Reminder box to help you remember your medication doses as well as to use as a tool to avoid accidentally taking extra doses. Also in addition, setting a recurring alarm (ex: on your phone) is another useful tool to increasing medication compliance.



#### 3. What if I missed taking my prescribed medication at the time recommended?

It depends on the length of time since your scheduled dose and the frequency in which you take the medication. For example, if you forgot to take your once daily dose of a morning medication it may be pertinent to take the dose of that medication as soon as you remember. Then, over the next several days a patient may slowly work the timing back to its original.

#### 4. Should I double up?

With most medications this is not recommended, though there are a few scenarios in which this would be advised. Please consult your pharmacist or physician for specific recommendations.

#### 5. Why is it important to keep medication in a safe place?

There are a number of reasons to keep medications in a safe place: accidental overdose, pet ingestion, child safety, etc.

There are also safe storage recommendations for the actual medications: store in a cool, dry, dark storage space. Note: Bathrooms and Kitchens are a common storage area but are not a good location due to heat and humidity.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

From all of us at HHSC Kaua'i Region and Kawaiola Pharmacy!



The Kawaiola Pharmacy staff welcomes you!



#### 6. Pain medication safety, safe disposal of expired or no longer needed drugs.

**Safe Disposal of unused medications:** There are national drug take back days advertised in the media, anonymous drop off bins at the Lihue Police Department, and at select local pharmacies.

**Safe Disposal of Used Medications/Sharps:** Follow manufacturer directions for safe disposal of used dangerous medications (example: Proper disposal of used patches, etc.) and utilize prepaid self contained mail out sharps containers.

#### 7. Mixing drugs with supplements (over the counter meds) or staying away from certain foods when taking certain drugs.


If you are on any prescription medications you should consult your physician/pharmacist prior to taking over the counter herbal/natural supplements as many interact with prescriptions.

Make sure to carefully read all warnings/cautions before taking FDA approved over the counter medications. (What may be


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# Twenty-Five Years of Love and Light

By Beth Tokioka

**KIUC joins other utility companies for annual light installation.**

It was a labor of love for 18 years. Every December, thousands of Kaua'i residents and visitors delighted in the Christmas wonderland created by Auntie Josie Chansky at her home on Kawaihau Road.

"Her decorations were so special," remembers long-time Kaua'i resident and Kapa'a Christmas House admirer Elizabeth Freeman. "They were handmade with such care and love from recycled materials. Each one was unique and delightful in its own way. She was a true folk artist."

Grieving after the death of her husband in 1996, Auntie Josie wasn't able to continue the beloved tradition. She planned to offer the items at a garage sale, and Elizabeth knew she had to act.

"We had to preserve this precious collection and find a way to display it for generations to come," she says.

After Elizabeth bought nearly half of the decorations from the sale, Auntie Josie contributed the rest.

The next day, Elizabeth called then-Mayor Maryanne Kusaka and told her she wanted to donate Auntie Josie's creations to the county. Mayor Kusaka thankfully accepted and asked Elizabeth to take



Elizabeth Freeman (left) and the late Auntie Josie Chansky. Photo credit: Tim DeLaVega.

charge of designing and producing the installation—a job she happily accepted and continues to do more than two decades later.

The Historic County Building on Rice Street was chosen as the location for the display. But that wasn't all. Elizabeth envisioned decorating the large trees on the lawn fronting the historic structure—and the building itself—with tens of thousands of dazzling Christmas lights. Just like that, in 1997, the now world-famous Festival of Lights was born.

Many hands were needed to pull off such an ambitious plan. The Kauai Fire Department and County Building Division, as well as many nonprofits and businesses, committed to helping stage the event. Members of the Tongan community have been front and center in the effort from day one.

"We couldn't do Festival of Lights without them and especially our logistics coordinator, Tevita Manu Fonua," Elizabeth says.

Once the plans for getting the lights up and taking care of the volunteers were realized, Elizabeth began to imagine how



Volunteers keep the display fresh and current each year. Photo credit: Ron Kosen.

the interior and exterior environments could be transformed to create a world of magical beauty for children and families. She examined the space with fresh eyes to find nooks and crannies where engaging scenes could be created, such as Santa's Cane Train Village and Surfin' Santa on either side of the building's grand staircase.



This year's displays will feature CD art outside the Historic County Building (per COVID precautions).

It wasn't long before the next challenge presented itself. While the cherished Chansky collection was large, it could fill only a portion of the inside of the Historic County Building. More decorations were needed, and Elizabeth was committed to retaining the unique character of Auntie Josie's display.

Every year, Elizabeth designs new decorations for themed trees out of recycled materials such as plastic, aluminum and cardboard. In the County's Pi'ikoi storage area, which she calls Santa's Workshop, detailed tutorials are given to students from Kaua'i and Kapa'a High Schools' Hui Ho'okipa and Key clubs, as well as the Kapa'a Interact Club.

"Their creations are always nothing less than spectacular," Elizabeth says.

The Chansky collection is given special care as well. Volunteers from the Kaua'i Community Correctional



Volunteer Janice Bond at the Historic County Building in 2019. Photo credit: Ron Kosen.

ENJOY the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS in the PARK EVENINGS FROM 6 TO 11 P.M. FROM THANKSGIVING THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY. VISIT SANTA and MRS. CLAUS on the HISTORIC COUNTY BUILDING PORCH ON DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 and CHRISTMAS EVE FROM 6 TO 8 P.M. SPONSORED BY the COUNTY OF KAUAI and HOUSEMART AGE.



Santa and Mrs. Claus. Photo credit: Ron Kosen.

Center join members of Lions and Rotary clubs annually to refurbish Auntie Josie's creations, some of which are more than 50 years old.

The Festival of Lights quickly grew into Kaua'i's largest annual event, and eventually drew the attention of the Arts and Entertainment Television network, where it was featured on national broadcasts during the holiday season.

Until her death in 2009, Auntie Josie attended every night of the festival to welcome old friends and new.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Festival of Lights, a milestone that even Elizabeth finds astonishing.

"Thousands of volunteers, along with the support of the County of Kaua'i and hundreds of angels in the community, are what makes the festival happen year after year," she says. "That we continue to honor Auntie Josie after a quarter of a century in such a special and loving way speaks volumes about our wonderful community. Lucky we live Kaua'i." ❁

**Note: All 2021 displays will be outside per COVID protocols.**



# Hey, Do We Have Your Money?

Every year, KIUC publishes a list of members to whom we owe a patronage capital refund. Patronage capital is the money KIUC has left after paying all of its expenses in a given year. At the end of the year, that money is credited to each member's patronage capital account, according to the amount paid for electricity used.

In past years, KIUC issued checks to members, so it's possible some of those on the list simply forgot to cash the check or accidentally threw it away.

If your name appears on the list, you must apply for a refund. Please complete the refund form below and provide a copy of picture ID as proof the person requesting the refund is the same as the account holder.

You can mail in the form or bring it in to our office. If you need additional forms, download one from our website at [www.kiuc.coop](http://www.kiuc.coop). If you have questions about patronage capital, please call 808.246.4300.

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3. I agree to indemnify and hold KIUC harmless for any and all damages, which may arise from subsequent claims to this Patronage Capital Account, and
4. I understand that a copy of this certification statement will be released to any party making subsequent claim to this Patronage Capital Account.
5. I understand that to the extent such member-owner or deceased member-owner owes any outstanding sums to KIUC, any Patronage Capital credits to be retired shall be applied by way of set-off to such sums.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please allow 45 business days to process your request)

Apply refund to account \_\_\_\_\_

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# How to File a Claim



## *PUC Decision and Order No. 19658 Effective: November 1, 2002*

A. The Company will exercise reasonable diligence and care to furnish and deliver a continuous and sufficient supply of electric energy to the customer, and to avoid any interruption of delivery of same. The Company will not be liable for interruption or insufficiency of supply or any loss, cost, damage or expense of any nature whatsoever, occasioned thereby if caused by accident, storm, fire, strikes, riots, war or any cause not within the Company's control through the exercise of reasonable diligence and care.

B. The Company, whenever it shall find it necessary for the purpose of making repairs, changes or improvements to its system, will have the right to suspend temporarily the delivery of electric energy, but in all such cases, as reasonable notice thereof as circumstances will permit, will be given to the customer, and the making of such repairs, changes or improvements will be performed as rapidly as may be practicable, and if practicable, at such time as will cause the least inconvenience to the affected customer.

C. Should a shortage of supply ever occur, the Company will apportion its available supply of electricity among its customers as authorized or directed by the Public Utilities Commission. In the absence of a Commission order, the Company will apportion the supply in the manner that appears to it most equitable under conditions then prevailing. Any rules, regulations, rates or contracts of the Company which are inconsistent with such order or plan shall be deemed suspended while such order or plan is in effect and the Company shall not be liable when it acts in substantial compliance with such order or plan.

D. On a semiannual basis, the Company shall provide to the customer notification of the customer's right to file compensation claims with the Company for any loss, cost, damage or expense caused by an interruption of service. The notification shall be on a separate information sheet enclosed with the billing.

E. For a customer's compensation claim to be valid, it must be filed with the Company within thirty (30) days of the interruption of service. The Company shall review every claim and shall compensate the customer for any loss, cost, damage or expense as determined by the Company to be within the Company's control.

# Statement of Operations

## *For the period 01/01/2021 – 10/31/2021*

We are pleased to report the KIUC results of operations through October 31, 2021, are favorable. With the lifting of many of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions, KIUC is experiencing improved kilowatt-hour sales. The year-to-date electricity use on the island is 4% higher than in 2020. However, payment delinquencies as of the end of October were more than 10 times higher than average.

In response to COVID-19 financial impacts to members, KIUC suspended service limitations and disconnections from the beginning of the pandemic through May 31, 2021. Effective June 1, 2021, the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission lifted the suspension on disconnections. All members with past-due balances of 60 days or more must pay their outstanding balance or be on a payment plan. KIUC continues to reach out to members with past-due balances with information on various assistance programs.

KIUC is doing everything we can, while maintaining safety and reliability, to reduce costs in various areas in order to operate efficiently and effectively, and continue to maintain a strong financial position. The cooperative's financial team continues to work closely with its lenders and regulators in order to mitigate the financial effects of the coronavirus pandemic. In August, the Small Business Administration fully forgave KIUC's \$2.9 million Paycheck Protection Program loan. Revenues, expenses and net margins totaled \$131 million, \$121.5 million and \$9.5 million, respectively, for the 10-month period ending October 31, 2021.

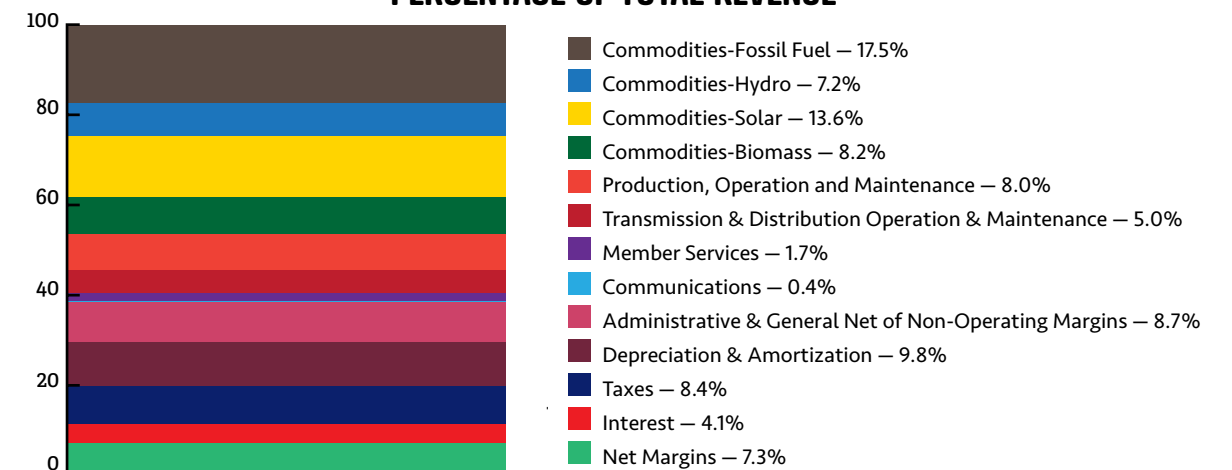
As is the case for all electric utilities, the cost of power generation is the largest expense, totaling \$71.3 million

or 54.4% of revenues. Commodities, which are fuel and purchased power costs, are the largest component of power generation, totaling \$60.9 million or 46.5% of revenues. Fossil fuel is the largest component of commodities, totaling \$22.9 million or 17.5% of revenues. Other commodities include hydropower, totaling \$9.4 million or 7.2% of revenues; solar power, totaling \$17.8 million or 13.6% of revenues; and biomass power, totaling \$10.8 million or 8.2% of revenues. The remaining \$10.4 million or 8% of revenues represents the cost of operating and maintaining the generating units.

The cost of operating and maintaining the electric lines totaled \$6.6 million or 5.1% of total revenues. The cost of servicing our members totaled \$2.2 million or 1.7% of revenues. The cost of keeping our members informed totaled \$0.6 million or 0.4% of revenues. Administrative and general costs, which include legislative and regulatory expenses, engineering, executive, human resources, safety and facilities, information services, financial and corporate services, and board of director expenses, totaled \$14.8 million or 11.3% of revenues.

Being capital intensive, depreciation and amortization of the utility plant costs \$12.8 million or 9.8% of revenues. Although not subject to federal income taxes, state and local taxes amounted to \$11 million or 8.4% of revenues. Interest on long-term debt, at a favorable sub-5% interest rate, totals \$5.5 million or 4.1% of revenues. Nonoperating net margins, which includes SBA PPP loan forgiveness, added \$3.3 million to overall net margins. Revenues less total expenses equal margins of \$9.5 million or 7.3% of revenues. Margins are allocated to consumer members and paid when appropriate. 🌱

## PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REVENUE



# Where Are They Now?

## Dustin Julian, Youth Tour 2009

By Beth Tokioka



2009 Youth Tour delegates from left, Natasha, Alyssa, Lacey and Dustin.

**Q: Tell us about your background. Where did you go to high school/college? When did you participate in Youth Tour?**

**A:** I was born on the island of Kaua'i and raised in Puihi. I attended Wilcox Elementary School, Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School and graduated from Kaua'i High School in 2010. As a junior in 2009, I was one of four selected to represent the Island of Kaua'i in Washington, D.C., along with Alyssa Clark, Lacey Kalahiki and Natasha Abadilla. Four juniors in high school from a little island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean boarded a plane not knowing this experience was going to change our lives.

**Q: Your brother Michael participated in Youth Tour two years before you did. Did he influence your decision to apply to be a delegate?**

**A:** My older brother, Michael, sadly passed away in June 2017. He was very well-known in the community and was remembered very well in YT and the National Rural Electric Cooperative's Youth Leadership Council for always having the biggest smile and heart. He was everyone's favorite. Many of his YT friends reached out to us during that difficult time.

He was my biggest influencer and motivated me to be the best person I could be every day. Being the younger brother, I always wanted to be like my older brother.

Michael was one of the reasons I applied to be a part of YT. He was selected to represent Kaua'i and KIUC in 2007 for both YT and YLC, which consists of one student from cooperatives representing 48 different states. Hearing his stories about traveling to D.C., making new friends and how YT gave him a new appreciation for everything we have at home on Kaua'i made me want to have that same experience.

My parents, Dominador and Linda Julian, were another reason why I decided to apply as a delegate. They all assured me this would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and they were right.



The Julian family celebrates Michael's graduation from Northern Arizona University in 2012.

**Q: Did the two of you share stories about your YT and YLC experiences?**

**A:** My brother and I talked for hours about our experiences. Most of our stories were pretty similar. We both thought the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History was one of the coolest museums we have ever visited. We agreed that Ben's Chili Bowl was one of the best places we ate at while in D.C. We made lifelong friends from Kansas and Kaua'i.

I told him that traveling to Kansas and to Washington, D.C., really opened my eyes and gave me a new appreciation of the little island I call home. Learning more about electric cooperatives while we were there gave us a better understanding of how big of a positive impact our electric cooperative has in our community.

He was also really happy to hear that I, too, got selected to be a part of the NRECA YLC. I told my brother that he was right, and that this trip was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. All he responded with was, "I told you so."

**Q: What was most memorable for you about Youth Tour?**

**A:** Definitely all the friends I made and the unforgettable people we met. I believe it's easy to forget some of the places you visit and the things you see, but you will always remember the people you meet along the way. I still keep in touch with some of my friends from Kansas, and it is nice to see how everyone is doing after the many years since Youth Tour.

In addition to making lifelong friendships, another special memory I have was meeting Sen. Akaka. This was one of the biggest highlights of the trip because it's not every day you get to shake the hand of a United States senator.

**Q: What are you doing now?**

**A:** I recently married the woman of my dreams, Abigail Julian (Iloreta). I'm currently living on the Big Island training to become a firefighter. Prior to this, I was working for American Medical Response on Kauai as an emergency medical technician. YT has definitely influenced my decision to pursue these career paths.

I was given this opportunity to see the world beyond our shores, and it gave me a new appreciation for everything we have here on Kaua'i. I've learned how co-ops were made to give back to its members and its community. Becoming a first responder is the best way I am able to give back to our island and serve our community.



Dustin and colleagues from the Lihu'e ambulance crew show off custom face coverings donated by the Nero family.



**Q: What was it like planning a wedding during the pandemic?**

**A:** Abigail and I are just grateful that we were finally able to tie the knot after having to cancel our original wedding day in July of 2020. I have to give all the credit of planning the wedding during a pandemic to my wife. It wasn't easy. The stress of not knowing if or when we'd be able to get married was the hardest part. All we wished was to have our immediate family there to watch us get married. Fortunately, we were able to do just that.

**Q: What are your future plans?**

**A:** My immediate goal is to graduate from Hawai'i's Fire Academy and return home to Kaua'i to serve the community that raised me. I also plan on traveling to as many different countries as I can and experience the different cultures. I immediately had to move to the Big Island a week after our wedding and wasn't able to take my wife on a trip for our honeymoon. Once it's safe to travel and we're able visit Japan, I'd like to take my wife on a real honeymoon.

**Q: What advice can you give to students getting ready to graduate from high school?**

**A:** My biggest advice I can give is to take it all in. Learn as much as you can and have fun. Enjoy every moment of high school because those memories will last a lifetime.

**Q: Anything else you'd like to add?**

**A:** I'm truly grateful for what YT has done for me and to those who were able to be a part of it. I just want to say thank you again to KIUC and its board members for continuing to provide students with this opportunity to see the world and for serving our island community. 🌺

# Holiday Flavors



## Kamaboko Dip

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 can water chestnuts, chopped
- Kamaboko, diced
- Green onion, chopped
- 1 package ranch dressing, to taste

Mix all ingredients together. Enjoy with crackers.

## Crab Dip

- 1 block cream cheese, softened
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 package imitation crab
- Green onion
- Water chestnuts, optional
- Garlic salt
- 1 cup mayonnaise

Blend cream cheese and soup. Heat on low until cream cheese and soup are blended. Mix in all other ingredients, adding mayonnaise last. Enjoy with crackers or chips.



## Pumpkin Cream Cheese Dessert

### Crust:

- 2 blocks butter
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 2 cups flour

### Filling:

- 1¼ cups cold milk
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
- 2 packages cheesecake-flavored instant pudding
- 1 container whipped topping

Heat oven to 350 F.

To make the crust, cream butter and sugar together. Mix in flour. Bake for 20 minutes or until brown.

To make the filling, mix milk and pumpkin until smooth. Add pudding and pumpkin spice. Fold in whipped topping. Pour over cooled crust and refrigerate. Optional: Top with additional whipped topping.

## Pressure Cooker Oxtail

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| Oxtail                        | 1 tablespoon coarse salt |
| 4 cloves garlic               | 1 package long rice      |
| 2 fingers ginger, crushed     | 4 baby bok choy          |
| 4 star anise                  | 1 bunch wing beans       |
| 1 teaspoon dried chili flakes | 1 tray shimeji mushrooms |

Turn the pressure cooker to sauté. Add the oxtail, garlic, ginger, star anise, chili flakes and salt. Stir about 10 minutes until browned. Add enough water to cover the oxtail and cancel the sauté. Cook on high pressure for 45 minutes.

While the soup is cooking, soak long rice in warm water. Clean and cut wing beans, bok choy and mushrooms.

Quick release the pressure cooker. Skim some of the oil from the top of the soup. Drain the water from the long rice and add to pot with bok choy, beans and mushrooms. Turn on sauté until soup boils and vegetables are done to your liking.

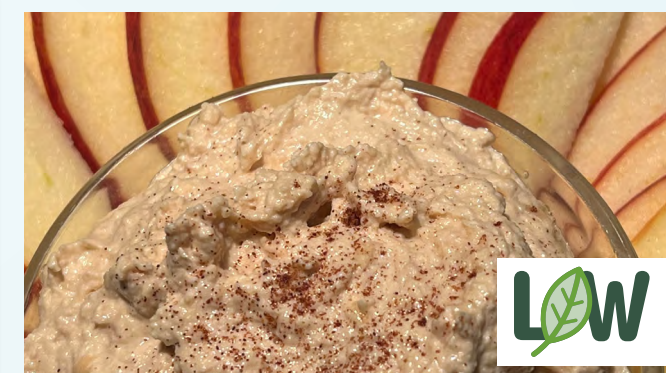


## Sweet and Sour Spareribs

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| 3 pounds spareribs         | 2 star anise              |
| ½ cup flour                | 2 tablespoons oil         |
| Dash five spice            | ⅓ cup shoyu               |
| 1 tablespoon pepper        | ¾ cup vinegar             |
| 1 teaspoon salt            | 1 cup water               |
| 1 clove garlic, crushed    | ½ cup brown sugar, packed |
| 1 inch ginger root, sliced |                           |

Combine flour, five spice, pepper and salt in a bowl. Add spareribs and toss to coat. Brown garlic, ginger and anise in oil in a pressure cooker on the sauté setting. Add spareribs. You may remove sliced ginger or leave in.

Add remaining ingredients. Cook on high pressure for 30 minutes. Do a quick release and simmer until tender.



## Whipped Peanut Butter Honey Cream Cheese Dip

- 2 blocks cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ⅓ cup honey

Place ingredients in a stand mixer. Using the whisk attachment, mix on the highest speed for 5 minutes. Serve with your favorite fruits.

If you don't have a stand mixer, you can also use a hand mixer.

Low Carbon foods are good for the planet by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



# 2022 Calendar of Student Art Goes Virtual Again

By Shelley Paik

Submissions for the 2022 Calendar of Student Art contest again were accepted online after positive input from teachers and parents who participated last year. This year there were more than 700 entries for the calendar contest.

Judges Carole Kahn and Lisa Kahn

Macko spent days and hours pouring over the artwork to select some amazing pieces for the calendar.

Carole said it was difficult to not have the art in hand but was very impressed with the talent.

Looking forward to the 2023 contest, there will be an additional

field for submissions to include the medium they used to produce their art.

2022 calendars will arrive in late December. Don't forget to start creating for our 2023 calendar contest. The deadline will be here before you know it!! 🌟



grand prize winner

Molly Wallace, Twelfth Grade, Kaua'i High School



# 2022 Calendar of Student Art Winners

Congratulations to all of the winners of the 2022 Calendar of Student Art. Look for your calendar in the mail soon!



2022 Calendar of Student Art

## Calendar Winners

### Cover

Hi'ileiokealohapilimau H. Brun  
Kalāheo School

### January

Zaira Mahina Yamamotoa  
Kanuikapono Public Charter School

### February

Rylee Yuh  
Wilcox Elementary School

### March

Kealia Menendez  
Hanalei Elementary School

### April

Raiden Paik  
Kīlauea School

### May

Naomi Francisco  
Kekaha Elementary School

### June

Naia Char  
St. Catherine School

### July

Zahnya N.K. Spencer  
Kapa'a Middle School

### August

Mady Eddy  
St. Catherine School  
*Ten Thousand Hands Studio*

### September

Wailani Olanolan  
Kapa'a High School

### October

'Eko Lu Martinez III  
Kawaikini NCPCS

### November

Reyn Wells  
Island School

### December

Diessa Tatofi  
Kapa'a High School

## Honorable Mention

Joan Aguinaldo, 2nd grade, Kīlauea School  
 Felixia Alverdes, 8th grade, Kapa'a Middle School  
 Scier Dela Cruz, 1st grade, Island School  
 Liliana DeSouza, 11th grade, Island School  
 Sophia-Lorraine Doorish, 4th grade, Kalāheo Elementary School  
 Alia Evslin, 2nd grade, Island School  
 Rylee Fabiana, 9th grade, Homeschooled  
 Miles Hicks, 3rd grade, St. Catherine School  
 Matarangi Kitashima, Kindergarten, Kanuikapono Public Charter School  
 TaiMana Kjeldsen, 9th grade, Island School  
 Maya Kleypas, 4th grade, Kalāheo Elementary School

Elise Lawhorn, 4th grade, Island School/*Ten Thousand Hands Art Studio*  
 Lehualani Mahelona Taylor, 1st grade, *Ten Thousand Hands Art Studio*  
 Manoa Schallon, 5th grade, Hanalei Elementary School  
 Kenna Silva, 3rd grade, Kapa'a Elementary School  
 Kenzie Stambaugh, 11th grade, Kaua'i High School  
 Kiana Sumida, 2nd grade, King Kaumuali'i Elementary School  
 Pi'ilani Taniguchi Butler, 3rd grade, Homeschooled  
 Kaira Terui, 2nd grade, Wilcox Elementary School  
 Maylen Ventura, 9th grade, Island School  
 Kamryn Yates, 8th grade, Chiefess Kamakaha Middle School

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