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We're also open to story ideas, letters and suggestions. And we're always looking for new recipes. Thank you for reading *Currents*.

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#### **ON THE COVER**

KIUC past and present directors celebrated KIUC's 20th anniversary. From left are, Peter Yukimura, Jim Mayfield, Walt Barnes, Phil Tacbian, Ron Kouchi, Cal Murashige, Dee Crowell, Ray Paler, Derek Kawakami, Susan Stayton, Allan Smith, Clyde Kodani and Jan TenBruggencate.



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# **Chairman's Message**

The county of Kaua'i's election ballots have all been counted, but there is another election coming up we need all KIUC members to take part in.

As a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative, residents are represented through a board of nine elected directors. Each year, three of those directors are up for election. The next election is Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Serving on KIUC's board of directors for a total of 13 years has been a huge honor and an incredible learning opportunity for me. I encourage anyone who wants to serve their community and be more involved in KIUC's inspiring work to take a closer look at the election process and participate in the election.

Directors can spend up to 20 hours a week in meetings and workshops reviewing co-op business. They work with the CEO and set the strategic plan for the organization, such as the most recent goal to reach 70% renewable energy by 2030.

Earlier directors can be credited with forming the cooperative, giving Kaua'i energy independence, researching and implementing renewable options, and learning about new technology and how to better serve members and keep costs low.

More information about KIUC elections can be found on our website at kiuc.coop/election.

Please take the time to learn about candidates and vote in our 2023 board of directors election. As a co-op, we depend on all our members to be the best utility we can be.

Mahalo nui loa, 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 2022.

### **September 23, 2022**

Motion carried, KIUC discussion draft Strategic Plan Update 2023-2033.

Motion carried, refining strategy in seeking permits for land at Blue Hole.

Motion carried, proposed management contract.

### **October 27, 2022**

Motion carried, approval of Nominating Committee member for the 2023 director's election.

Motion carried, board approval request form for KIUC to match employee/director donations for 2023 KUW campaign of up to \$50,000.

Motion carried, approval of CEO contract.





# Serving as KIUC's "Utility Man"

### By Teofilo Phil Tacbian, Board of Directors and Past Chairman

I was first elected to KIUC's board of directors, along with Peter Yukimura, in 2005. After serving for 50-plus years on boards and commissions for the county and state, and as congressional liaison to Daniel Akaka, I was recruited by Ron Kouchi—now our state senator—to run for the KIUC board.

Looking back over the years, I am amazed at how far our co-op has come. Here are some of the highlights and inspiring things I've learned from serving the past 17 years:

- The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association played an important role in the creation of KIUC, and continues to support our co-op through training and networking opportunities. One thing that makes KIUC unique is we're a stand-alone co-op, which means we generate, transmit and distribute our electrical energy. We don't have the luxury of buying our power from big power companies, like most mainland co-ops do. We do it all!
- In 2002, we had the highest electric rates in Hawai'i.
   Fast forward to 2022. Since May, our rates have been the lowest in the state.
- Our first Strategic Planning Committee was chaired by an energetic young man who went on to serve our community at the county and state levels. You might recognize him: He is now known as Mayor Derek Kawakami.
- Early on, renewable energy was one of our most pressing concerns. We thoroughly researched ocean, wind, solar, hydropower and biomass options. Of these sources, solar became the most successful, which is now evident around the island. We continue working with community members to pursue hydro in a responsible manner.
- When we first requested proposals for renewable energy projects, only one project was approved out of four submissions. The Green Energy biomass plant, now called Mahipapa, became our first renewable project and still operates today.
- KIUC has embraced innovation throughout its history. Our first solar + storage plant owned by Tesla (formerly Solar City) next to the Kapaia Power Station was the first of its kind in the world. The solar + storage facility built in Lāwa'i by AES was the largest of its kind when it was built.



 New technologies, such as advanced metering infrastructure and LED streetlights, have been used. We heavily promote programs that promote energy efficiency, such as solar water heater rebates, to our members.

Our co-op has overcome many challenges throughout the years. I feel honored to serve our members with this board of directors headed by Chairman Allan Smith; and our staff, headed by president and CEO David Bissell.

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, I would like to acknowledge the people who started KIUC and what they went through to acquire Kaua'i Electric from Citizens Utilities.

Looking back, I started in public service at age 23 on a utility board—the Board of Water Supply. Now it looks as if I will end my public service career on another utility board. Kinda cool, eh? When I eventually retire from the board, you can refer to me as "Utility Man." •

# How to File a Claim

### 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. ©

# Solar Power Flashback: Sunrayce 93 – Ka'a La O'Kaua'i

### By David Iha

Thirty years ago, the hottest new sport on college campuses was Sunrayce 93.

When I was provost of Kaua'i Community College in 1991, the U.S. Department of Energy invited all higher-learning institutions in North America to submit proposals to design and build a solar car. The objective was to promote the use of renewable energy sources and raise confidence in alternatives that make fewer demands on the global environment.

The team from KCC—the smallest of the University of Hawai'i's 10-campus system—was one of 36 teams selected to participate. Competing against major colleges and universities, KCC was only one of two community colleges in the race.

A team of students representing diverse disciplines technology, business and liberal arts—was organized to build the aerodynamic vehicle with a teardrop-shaped, foam-core carbon fiber sandwich composite shell. Eight hundred photovoltaic cells covering the car's surface were used to charge seven batteries that powered an 8-horsepower electric motor. The single-seat vehicle had a maximum speed of about 55 miles per hour.

Mid-project, Hurricane Iniki devastated Kaua'i. KCC suffered major damage to its campus. Faculty and students gathered to survey the damage. They decided that despite the setback, they would continue to go for it.

The team garnered community support to raise funds. As a fundraiser, they displayed the PV cells at the Kaua'i County Fair and Kukui Grove Shopping Center, and community members were invited to "sponsor" a cell. The team raised close to \$150,000 for materials and travel costs, and received a \$4,000 grant from the DOE.

The 1,100-mile race began in Arlington, Texas, on June 20 and finished seven days later in Minneapolis, Minnesota. KCC's car started in 30th place and ultimately finished ninth out of 34 cars.

DOE awarded KCC first place for team video presentation, second place for artistic design, and the Spirit of Sunrayce 93 Participants' Choice Award. Japanese representatives from



Honda Motors and Citizens Watch invited the team to an allexpenses-paid trip to Japan to participate in a solar car parade at the Ginza in Tokyo.

A technical report for the event commented, "Kaua'i, with its good-natured crew, its brilliant blue and gold graphics, and its meticulously smooth paint finish, was the spectators' and photographers' favorite along the race route. The team members were favorites in the evening as well, because several times they performed their lilting island music and Hawaiian dancing. Kaua'i also placed first among the twoyear colleges and finished ahead of most of their four-year brethren—quite an accomplishment for a small isolated technical program."

As I recall these events from three decades ago, I'm reminded that the path toward any lofty goal—such as reaching 100% renewable—starts with small steps that grow bigger over time. ③

David Iha had a 40-year long career at the University of Hawai'i, including 27 years at Kaua'i Community College, 16 of which he served as provost (now known as chancellor). He notes that KCC faculty and students did almost all of the Sunrayce 93 work, and he was involved with fundraising for the project.

# **KIUC to File Rate Case**

By Beth Tokioka

For only the second time in its 20-year history, KIUC will ask the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission for an increase in base rates by the end of 2022. A base rate is the fixed kilowatt-hour charge for electricity consumed that is independent of other variables.

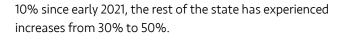
"Nobody likes to increase rates," says David Bissell, KIUC CEO. "KIUC has had the lowest energy rates in the state since May 2022, but like everyone around the world, we've been affected by inflation and higher interest rates, which will likely continue to increase costs."

### The Good News About Rates

KIUC's rates have stabilized significantly during the past 10 years, thanks in great

measure to replacing fossil fuel with renewable energy purchased under long-term, fixed-price power purchase agreements. "We estimate the increasing use of renewables has saved KIUC members \$35 million since 2010," David says. "We're especially proud of the fact that while KIUC's rates were 70% higher than Oahu's when we became a cooperative in 2002, we now have the lowest rates in the state."

With 70% of KIUC's generation coming from renewables in 2021, the impact of the recent oil price spike has been minimal for members. While electricity rates on Kaua'i have risen around



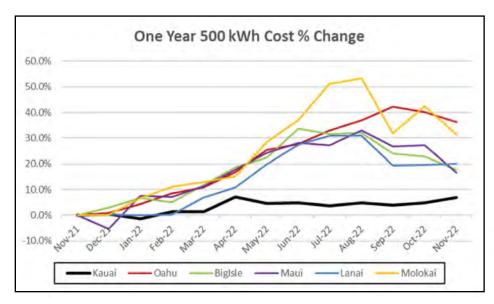
### Why a Base Rate Increase Now?

Since the last base rate increase in 2010, the consumer price index has risen around 36% cumulatively in Hawai'i. While KIUC has managed to keep its controllable cost increases to roughly 25% during the past 12 years, electricity sales have not kept pace.

"There is a growing gap between expenses and revenues," says KIUC Chief Financial Officer Stacie Dellamano, noting

sales have increased only 5% since 2010. She explains that inflation, along with escalating costs associated with endangered species compliance and more than \$80 million invested in improvements to the grid and IT infrastructure, have created pressure on KIUC's balance sheet over time.

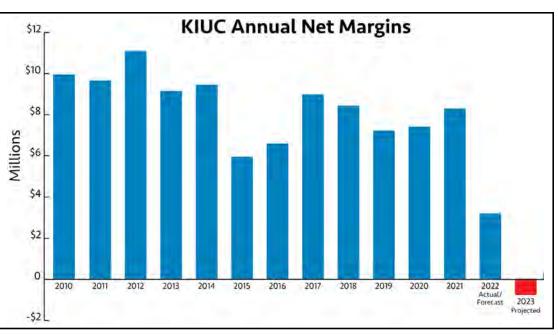
"As a not-for-profit organization, KIUC needs to maintain a comfortable net margin, which is the money left over from sales after subtracting expenses," Stacie says. "In the past few years, margins have decreased to the point that we are in danger of no longer meeting lender requirements."





### Ways We've Saved

KIUC has been able to avoid asking for a base rate increase for the past 12 years through a variety of initiatives, such as replacing oil with renewables; restructuring and refinancing debt; receiving a Paycheck Protection Program loan, which was forgiven; and decreasing the total number of employees. New renewable projects in development, such as the West Kaua'i Energy Project, will further



reduce dependence on fossil fuel and stabilize rates. In addition, \$43 million has been returned to members, mostly in patronage capital, since 2003.

Although the rate request will be filed in December, residents likely won't see an increase until late 2023. KIUC is dedicated to being transparent and will continue to keep residents informed throughout the process. Members are encouraged to sign up for email updates at www.kiuc.coop/ stayconnected.

We want to help! Check out KIUC's many energyefficiency and rebate programs in the "Energy Wise" section under the Member Services tab on KIUC's website, www.kiuc.coop. ©



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Lance K. Segawa, FACHE, MPH, NHA Regional Chief Executive Officer HHSC Kaua`i Region

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### Creating a great place to work.

Employees are our most important resource and deserve the best work environment we can create. It is through this effort that we can assure a positive patient experience.

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Creating our ideal patient experience requires facilities that are clean, modern, comfortable, and easily accessible.



## High quality healthcare is passionate people making a difference.

We are proud to celebrate one of our physicians, Dr. Bernard Riola, being named a Hawaii Healthcare Hero for 2022! The Hawaii Healthcare Hero Award program is an annual program sponsored by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii which recognizes healthcare professionals across the state doing exceptional work.Dr. Riola is a Pediatrician at the Clinic at Waimea and was nominated by a parent of one of his patients. His passion, heart, and clinical competency really defines Dr. Riola. He truly represents the best of Kaua<sup>-</sup>i and our journey to excellence!

"I don't feel like I do anything extraordinary. I come in, do my work, and care for my patients like they are family. I am blessed to be in a profession where I can help keep kids healthy and guide them to adulthood so they can reach their full potential. None of this would be possible without the support of the hospital administration, my colleagues, and my support staff. They make my job easier and enjoyable, so thank you."

Bernard Riola, MD







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> With optimism we look forward to 2023as our journey to excellence continues.

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It's hard to call Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in November, anything but a success.

"It's been rewarding to watch KIUC grow from a dream imagined by community members into a recognized industry leader across the nation and the world," says Jim Mayfield, one of KIUC's founders and a current member of the board of directors.

KIUC was established as a member-based, not-for-profit cooperative when it was bought from Kaua'i Electric Co. in 2002. The move was initiated by local community members who wanted more autonomy over utility operations and rates. Throughout the years, diversifying power sources to improve reliability and address climate change concerns also became a priority.

When the cooperative was initially formed, Kaua'i's electric rates were more than 70% higher than Oahu, and almost all of the island's power was generated using fossil fuels. Today, KIUC has the highest percentage of renewables in Hawai'i. For the past six months, KIUC has posted the lowest electricity rates in the state.

"Over the years, our board of directors has set aggressive goals for KIUC with high expectations for success," says David Bissell, KIUC's president and CEO. "Because of their vision and leadership, KIUC now provides the cleanest, most reliable and lowest priced electricity in the state of Hawai'i."

The benefits of operating as a cooperative are many, and stretch beyond reliable power generation and delivery. KIUC supports the community through programs such as Youth Tour, the annual calendar of student art contest and the Sharing of Aloha grant program.

KIUC Board Chair Allan Smith notes that high expectations for the cooperative will continue.

"Reaching 100% renewable at the earliest possible date is a priority for us, along with improving grid resiliency, maintaining financial stability and expanding services for our members," he says. •



November 2002: The sale of Kaua'i Electric to Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative is approved. The cooperative begins operations with zero percent equity and the highest electricity rates in the state.

2008

2010

# KIUC's Achievements

2006: Kaua'i's long-term generation, transmission and distribution needs are studied. Plans are developed to improve reliability and diversify energy resources.

# 2006

**2004:** KIUC conducts a study to evaluate the feasibility of renewable generation on Kaua'i.

January 2008: KIUC's board of directors unveils the cooperative's first strategic plan, including a goal to reach 50% renewable energy by 2023.



**December 2010:** Kaua'i's first utility-scale solar farm, REC Solar in Kapa'a, begins selling power to KIUC.

2011

July 2011: KIUC continues to retire patronage capital to members for a total of \$25.4 million retired since 2002.





April 2012: Installation of advanced metering infrastructure begins as part of KIUC's effort to upgrade its power distribution system.

2003

2002

2004



September 2003: The first KIUC annual membership meeting is held.



February 2003: KIUC holds its first board of directors election.



August 2014: KIUC's Kōloa Solar project comes on line, serving nearly 6% of Kaua'i's energy needs and reducing fossil fuel consumption by 1.7 million gallons a year.



2016: KIUC members are introduced to SmartHub, an online customer information system that allows members to view their energy use, pay bills and notify KIUC about service issues.



January 2017: Kaua'i is th first county in the state to convert all of its streetligh LED technology, offering reduced energy use, a lor lifespan and lower maintenance costs.

November 2015: KIUC's second utility-scale solar project breaks ground in Anahola. It will reduce Kaua'i's carbon dioxide emissions by 18,000 tons per year.

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January 2017: The KIUC board adopts a new renewable energy goal for Kaua'i: 70% -renewable by 2030. 2017



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**April 2017**: KIUC signs the Historic Waimea Watershed Agreement, creating an opportunity for development of the West Kaua'i Energy Project—a pumped storage hydro renewable energy facility that will also deliver irrigation water for agriculture on state-owned lands.



March 2017: The world's first utility-scale solar + battery storage facility, owned by Tesla, is unveiled in Kapaia.

2014





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June 2020: KIUC is named "Electric Cooperative of the Year" by Smart Electric Power Alliance. The number of rooftop

solar/PV systems on Kaua'i exceeds 5,000.

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December 2021: KIUC leads the state of Hawai'i with nearly 70%

for the second straight year.



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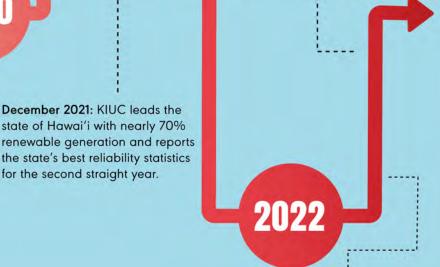


January 2019: KIUC and renewable energy partner AES unveil the world's largest solar + battery storage facility in Lāwa'i.



April 2022: KIUC reaches \$134 million in equity. Since 2002, the co-op has cumulatively returned \$43 million - including \$35 million in patronage capital - to members.

#### May through November 2022: KIUC reports the lowest electricity rates in the state.



# 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. If you have questions about patronage capital, please call 808.246.4300.

Please allow 45 business days for us to process your request.

### **Request for Patronage Capital Refund**

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- 1. **Deck the halls with LED lights.** LED Christmas lights use 90% less electricity than regular Christmas lights and last a lot longer. LED lights keep waste out of our landfill, and because they emit less heat, reduce the safety risk of your Christmas tree igniting.
- 2. **Bake several dishes at once.** Doing a lot of cooking this season? Take advantage of the energy that goes into warming your oven by baking several dishes at once.
- 3. **Turn off room lights when the tree is lit.** Enjoy the ambiance and set the mood of the holiday season. You will have plenty of light from your Christmas tree to illuminate the room.
- 4. Use light timers or smart plugs for your lighting. Planning to light the inside or outside of your home with Christmas lights? Set a timer to turn lights on only when it gets dark and to go off at bedtime. Aim to keep Christmas lights on for fewer than six hours a day.
- 5. **Unplug if traveling or going out of town.** TVs, DVD players, computers, printers and many other electronics use energy even when they are not turned on. Take the time to disconnect these phantom energy users before traveling for the holidays.
- 6. **Give the gift of smart technology.** Smart technology gifts are not only practical, they can also save your loved ones money in the long run. Consider giving a smart plug or a water heater timer. Your loved ones will thank you.
- 7. Buy gifts that use alternative energy. Crank radios, solar-powered flashlights or phone chargers make excellent stocking stuffers and could come in handy for our hurricane preparedness kits as well.
- 8. Choose Energy Star equipment and appliances. Consider upgrading your appliances with Energy Star efficient appliances and take advantage of KIUC's efficient appliance rebate programs at the same time. Savings upon savings make the season bright.
- 9. **Practice patience when cooking.** Food will cook faster and require less energy when you keep the lids on pots and the oven door closed while cooking. Resist the urge to peek at your feast or to check the progress of food in the oven. Each time the oven door opens, there could be a potential loss of up to 25 degrees, leading to wasted energy and extending your cooking time.
- Consider decorations, gifts and activities that do not use energy. Get creative this holiday season using decorations that do not involve lights, giving gifts that are not centered around electronics and playing board games at family parties instead of turning on the television. <sup>O</sup>

# 2023 Calendar of Student Art

### **By Shelley Paik**

Submissions for the 2023 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 600 entries for the calendar contest.

Judges Carole Kahn, Lisa Kahn Macko and Diane Wry spent hours poring over the artwork to select some amazing pieces for the calendar.

Looking forward to the 2024 contest, there will be an additional field for submissions to include the medium the artist used to produce their art.

2023 calendars will arrive in late December. Don't forget to start creating for our 2024 calendar contest. The deadline will be here before you know it!! ۞



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# FOCUS ON CLIMATE!

At Kaua'i Community Science Center, KCSC, our core values are to increase access to science, grow science literacy, promote climate change awareness and provide a safe and respectful place. We also put students in the lead in developing content, activities and at events. We support students to explore their interests through the lens of science. No mater the interest there is science in it. Likewise, no matter the interest from art to zoology and everything in between, there is also a connection back to climate. Here are some climate resources we are happy to share with you.

### **CLIMATE FUN FOR KEIKI**



**NASA's CLIMATE KIDS WEBSITE** There are games, activities and lots of great information produced by the Earth Science Communications Team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory / California Institute of Technology.



**SPARK SQUAD COMIC BOOK** This is a story From the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado. In this story you learn about JOULES from different sources like, wind, waves, sun and how they ipact sustainable energy porduction. You can read it on your device or print out the PDF.

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?



**TEST YOUR CLIMATE IQ** Take this quiz from the US Department of Energy. There is palso a wide array of resources on this website for you to check out and loads of climate change related resources for you too.





**CALCULATE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT** Use the United Nations carbon footprint calculator to see what your carbon footprint is. On this website you can explore your impact, ways you can offset your impact and learn about renewable energy projects around the world too.





**GET TO KNOW THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Did you know that** CLIMATE ACTION is the Sustainable Development Goal #13. All of the goals matter and your awareness is the first step to taking action.



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### Where Are They Now? Britney Rivera Youth Tour 2006

### **By Allison Young**



For this issue, we talked story with Britney Rivera, a 2006 Youth Tour alumnus. Britney graduated from Kaua'i High School and Kaua'i Community College with a degree in hospitality management. Britney works at Gather Credit Union as a learning and development specialist.

### Q: Aloha, Britney. What are your memories from Youth Tour?

It was my very first trip to the mainland. Before then, I had only travelled to neighbor islands. My favorite memory from Youth Tour was meeting the other delegates. We also learned about renewable energy, which made an impression because, at the time, not a lot of people were talking about it. We attended some leadership-focused trainings and visited a lot of museums. Seeing the Holocaust museum was really powerful. My husband is a history buff, and one day we hope to take a trip there with our children.

#### Q: Tell us about your career path.

In high school, I participated in the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism program. I thought for a long time that hospitality was the career I wanted to be in. I realized shortly after finishing college that I really wanted to serve our local community the way that the tourism industry serves visitors but with a better schedule. I became a mom and really wanted to be available on holidays and weekends.

I stumbled upon Gather when someone asked me if I wanted to apply for a part-time position. She told me the schedule, and I jumped on it. It was the perfect balance. After five years working as a member experience representative (teller), the learning and development specialist at the time asked if I was interested in a training position. I moved up to trainer. In 2020, she retired, and I was promoted to learning and development specialist. I've been here for over nine years now.

### Q: Gather is a cooperative like KIUC. What do you like about working at a co-op? What's the most rewarding thing about your job?

I like how it's community-based. There's a direct connection—we have the ability to give back that bigger institutions don't have, and it benefits our communities, our families. The most rewarding part of my job is being able to get to know our employees and help them grow.

### Q: Now that you're a member of KIUC, what are your impressions of the cooperative?

As homeowners, we recently converted to PV [rooftop solar]. When we were planning with KIUC, we

worked with Jonah Knapp, KIUC associate engineer. He's a great communicator. I'd encourage any of KIUC's members to reach out if you have questions or concerns about anything relating to your electricity use.



Britney with her family, Kaleohano (age 13), Lilinoe (age 8), and husband Makana.

### Q: Tell us about your family. What tips can you share with other moms?

Work-life balance is important. It's hard to be a mom and work, especially when the kids start sports. Kaleohano is on the KYF Raiders football team, and he



and Lilinoe paddle with Kaiola Canoe Club in the summer. Our jobs and raising a family can get hectic, but we always make sure family time is the most important part of the week. We take the kids fishing, to the beach, and camping every year—last time we went to Anini. For fun, I love to work on projects with my husband and in my garden. I mostly grow things I can cook with, since I enjoy cooking. I like to work out, too, which I do mostly at home.

### Q: What else would you like to share?

I thank God every day for the opportunities that brought me to where I am today. Youth Tour really encouraged me to expand my perspective. With that, I hope KIUC continues the program to give others this amazing opportunity. ©

# HOLIDAY DISHES AND TREATS

### EASY TUNA MACARONI SALAD

1 box elbow macaroni 2 cans tuna, drained well 1 cup mayonnaise 1 cup frozen peas 1 teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon pepper

Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain well and cool. Combine tuna, mayonnaise, peas, salt and pepper. Add macaroni to mayonnaise mixture. Refrigerate for a few hours before serving.



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





### PANKO GARLIC SHRIMP

 2 pounds large or jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
 5 cloves garlic, minced

2 cups panko

½ cup potato starch
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
3 egg whites
Oil for frying

Clean shrimp and pat dry. Mix potato starch, salt and pepper in a bowl. Dip shrimp in mixture. In a separate bowl, mix garlic with panko flakes. Dip shrimp in egg whites, then in the panko and garlic. Fry in oil on medium heat until brown and crispy.

### BAKED STUFFED MEAT

 pound shaved or thin-sliced beef
 box stuffing
 block butter, divided
 cups hot water

Heat oven to 350 F.

1 tray mushrooms, sliced Dried chili flakes 1 teaspoon sea salt 1 cup beef broth

Melt half of the butter. In a bowl, combine hot water, melted butter and the seasoning packet from the stuffing. Lay the beef on a cutting board, and place sliced mushrooms along one side. Place a scoop of stuffing on top of the mushrooms. Sprinkle with chili flakes. Roll the beef, and place in a baking dish.

Once all the meat has been rolled and placed in the dish, top with remaining mushrooms. Sprinkle with chili flakes and salt. Cover with the remaining stuffing mixture, and place slices of the remaining butter on top. Pour beef broth over the stuffing. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until the stuffing has browned.





### SHRIMP GRAPEFRUIT AVOCADO APPETIZER

- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 medium grapefruits 1 medium avocado, sliced

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1 teaspoon sea salt, divided 3 tablespoon olive oil, divided ¼ ground pepper

Segment grapefruits over a bowl to catch the juice. Add 1 teaspoon of oil to a skillet, and cook shrimp on mediumhigh heat for 3 to 4 minutes. Sprinkle with ½ teaspoon salt. Remove from heat. Place grapefruit segments on a platter, then layer with avocado and shrimp. In a bowl, whisk the grapefruit juice with 2 tablespoons olive oil, ½ teaspoon salt and pepper. Drizzle over the shrimp, avocado and grapefruit.

### MEXICAN STYLE STREET CORN

2 cups frozen corn
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
½ block butter
½ cup Cotija cheese, crumbled 1 teaspoon chili powder ¼ teaspoon cayenne 1 lime, juiced

Brown corn and butter in a skillet. Add the lime juice, chili powder, cayenne, mayonnaise and cheese.



### CURRY FRUIT

2 medium-size cans pear halves 1 medium-size can peach halves 20-ounce can pineapple chunks 1 large jar cherries 2 cans apricot halves 1 stick butter 1 cup brown sugar 5 teaspoons curry powder

Heat oven to 325 F.

Drain the fruits. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the brown sugar and curry powder. Stir until well blended. Put the fruit in a large casserole dish, and lightly combine with the butter mixture. Bake, uncovered, for one hour. Serve warm.





### POASTED POSEMARY GARLIC SMASHED POTATOES

12 Yukon gold potatoes 4 sprigs rosemary, removed from stem and chopped 3 cloves garlic, minced 2 tablespoons olive oil ½ teaspoon sea salt Cracked pepper

Heat oven to 350 F.

Wash and score the potatoes. Put them in a microwave safe dish, and fill the bottom with water. Microwave on high for 4 minutes. Remove potatoes from the microwave and turn potatoes. Microwave for an additional 4 minutes or until potatoes are soft.

Smash potatoes with a spatula or bottom of a cup. Place them in a baking dish and top with salt, rosemary and garlic. Drizzle with olive oil. Bake for 45 minutes until browned.

### BACON-WRAPPED ASPARAGUS

1 package bacon 1 large bunch of asparagus

Heat oven to 350 F.

Clean asparagus and trim bottoms. Wrap a slice of bacon around four to six spears of asparagus. Place wrapped asparagus on a baking sheet. Bake until bacon is browned and crispy.



# **Statement of Operations**

### For the period 01/01/2022 - 10/31/2022

In the news, we read about how the economy is rebounding post-COVID-19. Businesses struggled through low sales and now, as sales rise, they face higher-thananticipated cost increases.

KIUC is no different, and the lingering financial effects of COVID-19 continue. During 2020 and 2021, KIUC electric sales fell drastically as the island went through a prolonged low-tourism period, which was followed by a slow but steady recovery.

Now, in 2022, KIUC kilowatt-hour sales are returning to normal or pre-pandemic sales levels. With the lifting of many of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions and the return of tourism, KIUC is experiencing a rebound in kWh sales. However, the financial impact of COVID-19 lingers. As is the case with most businesses, KIUC is faced with cost pressures spurred by inflation and supply chain delays.

KIUC has continued to provide electric service to all areas of Kaua'i with more renewable generation sources providing more stable prices than any other island in Hawai'i. It has been the mission of the KIUC team to reduce costs in various areas 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 to mitigate the financial effects of the past two years. Revenues, expenses and net margins totaled \$146.2 million, \$143.5 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, for the 10-month period ending October 31, 2022.

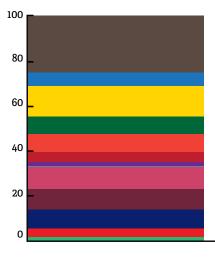
The cost of power generation is the largest expense for KIUC, totaling \$88 million or 60.3% of revenues. Commodities, which are fuel and purchased power costs, are the largest component of power generation, totaling \$76.8 million or 52.5% of revenues. Fossil fuel is the largest component of commodities, totaling \$37 million or 25.3% of revenues. Other commodities include hydropower, totaling \$8.4 million or 5.8% of revenues; solar power, totaling \$20 million or 20.1% of revenues; and biomass power, totaling \$11.3 million or 7.7% of revenues. The remaining \$11.3 million or 7.7% of revenues represents the cost of operating and maintaining the generating units.

The cost of operating and maintaining the electric lines totaled \$6.7 million or 4.6% of total revenues. The cost of servicing our members totaled \$2.3 million or 1.6%

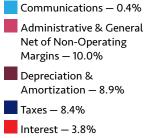
of revenues. The cost of keeping our members informed totaled \$0.6 million or 0.4% of revenues. Administrative and general costs, which include legislative and regulatory expenses, engineering, executive, human resources, safety and facilities, information services, financial and corporate services, and board of director expenses, totaled \$15.5 million or 10.6% of revenues.

Being capital intensive, depreciation and amortization of the utility plant costs \$13 million or 8.9% of revenues. Although not subject to federal income taxes, state and local taxes amounted to \$12.3 million or 8.4% of revenues. Interest on long-term debt, at a favorable sub-5% interest rate, totals \$5.6 million or 3.8% of revenues. Nonoperating net margins added \$0.9 million to overall net margins. Revenues less total expenses equal margins of \$2.7 million or 1.9% of revenues. Margins are allocated to consumer members and paid when appropriate. **③** 

### PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REVENUE



Commodities-Fossil Fuel – 25.3%
Commodities-Hydro – 5.8%
Commodities-Solar – 13.7%
Commodities-Biomass – 7.7%
Production, Operation and Maintenance – 7.8%
Transmission & Distribution Operation & Maintenance – 4.6%
Member Services – 1.6%





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### Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime!

KIUC is sponsoring four Kaua'i students for the 2023 NRECA Youth Tour in June 2023



Participants will explore our nation's historic sites, learn about electric cooperatives and see government in action. They will also meet students from across the nation and form lifelong friendships.

Any Kaua'i student in their junior year of high school is eligible.

Schools will select students to participate in the interview process. Those who are selected will be interviewed January 16, 2023.

Don't miss out! See your school counselor for an application.











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