

Westside Stories

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Wai'anae and Mākaha Elementary Get a "Cool" Surprise

Submitted by Scott Ishikawa

Both Wai'anae Elementary School and Mākaha Elementary School got a "cool" surprise in May when air-conditioning distributor Admor HVAC Products, Inc. and Mr. Pink Premium Beverages donated twenty-two air-conditioning units to them.

Eighteen of the air-conditioning units went to Mākaha Elementary, while the other four will go to Wai'anae Elementary. The surprise donations, with a value of approximately \$20,000, were announced

to the students and teachers at assemblies held May 11th at each of the schools.

"We want to give back to the community. We've been very fortunate to live and work in Hawai'i and to be successful," said Admor HVAC president Drew Santos. "But it's important that the kids have a healthy environment, including those with asthma and breathing problems. We want them to have a comfortable environment in which to learn and to help make them better students, especially out here on the Westside where it gets so hot and humid."

Santos and Kauai Kauhi, president of

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Admor HVAC president Drew Santos and Kauai Kauhi of Mr. Pink Premium Beverages hold up checks symbolizing the air-conditioning units donated to Wai'anae Elementary School.



Kauai Kauhi of Mr. Pink Premium Beverages (second from left) stands with Mākaha Elementary principal Nelson Shigeta (far right) and school staff next to the donated AC units provided by Admor HVAC.



Admor HVAC president Drew Santos holds up a check with the Mākaha Elementary School students symbolizing the air-conditioning units donated to the school.

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Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 19, 2016

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Nānāikapono Robotics Team Wins 3rd Place in M.A.T.E. Underwater Competition

Submitted by Joseph Jerviss

The Nānāikapono Robotics Team acting as "Cosmic Water" and "Water Works, Inc." took 3rd place overall in the 2016 Marine Advanced Technology and Education (MATE) Underwater Competition at the US Coast Guard Base on May 14. They

also placed second for their technical document, a 10-page paper highlighting their robot's design and its various challenges. They also won third place for their presentation board.

The task this year was to create a "company" that could make remote operated vehicles (ROVs) that could travel to Jupiter's moon Europa (a moon covered with ice and believed to have a liquid ocean under the ice which could possibly harbor life) to obtain water samples, retrieve satellite debris from the ocean's depths and to cap oil wells in the ocean. The students created hypothetical corporations, developed mission statements, created robot schematics and estimated budgets.

Nānāikapono has had a successful robotics year, winning first in the district First Lego League tournament at 'Iolani High, attending the State's Robotics Championships in December and placing second in SeaPerch underwater robotics in February. Their coaches Nikki Montague and Joseph Jerviss are extremely proud of the team's accomplishments and thankful for the support of their entire faculty, administration, parents and community. Big mahalo to PALS, the place-based after school literacy program from UH who were their main supporters!



Nānāikapono Robotics Team

WCRC 7th Annual Amateur Photo Contest Deadline Approaching

The Wai'anae Coast Rotary Club (WCRC) 7th Annual "96792 Pride" Amateur Photo contest ends on June 30th and all are encouraged to enter.

Once all the photos are received, the WCRC calendar committee members will arrange for professional judges to select the final fifteen winners. Thirteen

of those photos will then be featured in the 2017 "96792 Pride" calendar that will be sold for \$5. Funds raised go to support the WCRC's Dictionary fund as well as its scholarships fund. Winning photographers will be contacted by September 30 and invited to a photo contest reception.

According to the WCRC's Calendar Committee members, last year they received over 115 photos which were mainly shot of ocean scenes and sunsets, so while you are "out and about," visit the valleys, churches, civic events or any unique place or event which occurs from Kahe Pt. to Ka'ena Pt. and makes you

proud of the "96792" area.

E-mail your photos to 96792pride@waianaecoastrotary.org. Make sure you keep a high resolution copy of your photo in case you are selected for the calendar.

"Cool" Surprise

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Mr. Pink Premium Beverages, normally partner up in donating personal school supplies to students, but upon hearing about the plight of area schools along the Westside without air-conditioning, they decided to help.

According to the state Department of Education's list of schools equipped with air-conditioning, only five percent of Mākaha Elementary School's campus has A/C units installed and while nearly all of Wai'anae Elementary is equipped with air-conditioning, however several of its units are in need of replacement.

Mahalo to Admor HVAC Products, Inc. and Mr. Pink Premium Beverages for helping keep our keiki cool this upcoming school year!

Keiki Steps to Kindergarten

Parents can take the anxiety out of the first day of kindergarten for those keiki who have never had preschool before starting kindergarten. There is a free two to three week summer program called "Keiki Steps to Kindergarten" being held at Ho'okele Elementary, Kamaile Academy, Mā'ilikukahi, Mākaha Elementary and Nānāikapono. Call INPEACE at 693-7222 for more information.


ANNOUNCING: THE WAI'ANAE COAST ROTARY CLUB'S 7TH ANNUAL "96792 PRIDE" CALENDAR Amateur Photo Contest!

Focus on what is beautiful and unique about the people and places on the Wai'anae Coast... your photo could be a winner and be one of those featured in the 2017 "96792 Pride" Calendar.

RULES

- 1) Photos must be taken from anywhere between Kahe Point to Ka'ena Point - Any place in the 96792 zip code area.
- 2) No more than 3 entries per person.
- 3) Entrants must be amateurs — no professionals please!
- 4) Original photos only - no photo editing or enhancement.
- 5) E-mail us your digital photos in high resolution.
- 6) Include in your e-mail: a) your name; b) your address; c) phone number; d) e-mail address; e) title of photo; f) location where photo was taken.

Mail your photos to:
Wai'anae Coast Rotary Club • P.O. Box 651 • Wai'anae, HI 96792
OR E-Mail photos to: 96792pride@waianaecoastrotary.org

Rotary 

DEADLINE for receiving photos is June 30, 2016.
Winning photos will be featured in the 2017 "96792 Pride" Calendar. The top 13 photos selected will be honored at a reception with an exhibition of their framed photos!

For more information, please visit www.waianaecoastrotary.org

KALO & KŪLIKE KAIĀULU

Talk Story With Us!



For Native Hawaiians, kalo is considered sacred. A staple food in many homes, kalo has immense social and spiritual importance as it brings people together and supports the well-being of the entire 'ohana.

Over the last several months, members of the Wai'anae Coast community have gathered to seek mana'o about family engagement opportunities and challenges. We'd like to share some of the findings with you, and continue to gather your feedback.

Bring your 'ohana and join us for a talk story session - while we enjoy a variety of kalo dishes and share mana'o about our kaiāulu.

Wednesday, June 29

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Community Learning Center at Mā'ili

87-790 Kulauku St. Wai'anae, HI 96792

Please RSVP by June 22

to Lehua Kauhane at lehua@dtlhawaii.com or 593-3048

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