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North Hawaii Hospice Volunteer Newsletter

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Volunteer Recognition Event 2010
- Charity Walk
- Tommy Bahama Golf Tournament
- Spotlight on NHH Librarian, Elaine Warner
- Donation of Picnic Table

The Greatest Gift:



*Learning to Listen
with Love*

Volunteer Recognition Party

The annual Volunteer Recognition Party was held on Sunday, May 2nd. Returning to our former style of Recognition Party, a potluck dinner was held at the home of a dear friend of Hospice, Mary Hunter, who has been an NHH Board Member for 3 years.

The setting was spacious and elegant. Mary's beautiful home lent itself as a lovely backdrop to the dinner party, which everyone helped to make into a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

It was an unusually warm, spring evening in Waimea and Uncle Boogie played classic Rock n' Roll and Folk oldies out on the very accommodating lanai where there was dancing, story-telling and the recognizing of a group of amazing people who are the Heart of Hospice.

Teacup candles, colorfully decorated with faux gems by Parker School students, lit up the tables and were the party favors for the night.

"Volunteers are our Gems" was the theme for the night and Sally Kaufmann brought it to life as she offered a special thought for each NHH volunteer, describing important attributes, skills and tasks accomplished.

Warm hugs, smiles and sparkly, silver boxes holding "Volunteer Essentials" were handed out as well as one citrine jeweled necklace, donated from Tiffany's, to our Volunteer of the Year, Brigitte Rutgers.

Brigitte has been a volunteer since 1996. She was a Board Member for 10 years, is a patient caregiver and has prepared wonderfully home-cooked meals for our patients

and their families. Brigitte's many years of dedicated service to our patients and families and to the organization is immensely appreciated by everyone associated with NHH. Brigitte exemplifies what a caring and compassionate volunteer can mean to a community and how one person can make a tremendous difference in the lives of the people around her.

If you were unable to attend the party this year, we hope you will make it next year. A heartfelt thank you to all of our Volunteers, Board Members and Friends who, are indeed, the Heart of Hospice.

More pictures of Recognition Party on page 6.

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Volunteer Calendar:

Meetings, Announcements & Events

**Twice Monthly Volunteer Staff Meetings
Beginning in August, held in the conference room of NHH**

2010 Volunteer Staff Meeting Schedule:

July 13th, Tuesday at 10:00 - 11:00 AM
August 18th, Wednesday at 3:00 - 4:00 PM
August 31st, Tuesday at 10:00 - 11:00 AM
September 14th, Tuesday at 10:00 - 11:00 AM
September 29th, Wednesday at 3:00 - 4:00 PM
October 12th, Tuesday at 10:00 - 11:00 AM
October 20th, Wednesday at 3:00 - 4:00 PM
November 9th, Tuesday at 10:00 - 11:00 AM
November 17th, Wednesday 3:00-4:00 PM
December 15th, Wednesday at 3:00 - 4:00 PM
December 21st, Tuesday at 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Kate Butler Tanimoto of Waimea Holistic Massage & Spa will be giving massage in the conference room on July 28th from 2:30-4:30pm. Please contact Kate directly at 895-1375 or by email at waimeaholistic@yahoo.com to reserve a time for your chair massage!

Circle of Support

Held at Tutu's House: Community Health and Wellness Center
Guided by: Sindona Cassteel, MFT ~ Bereavement Counselor
New Time: Every Monday from 4:30 to 6:00 PM

Congratulations to our New Volunteers who graduated from the Spring Volunteer Training Classes!

**Celia Ball
Katie Callender
Mary Mich
Cathleen Pikcunas
Denise Wade**

Past and Future Events

Donation of Picnic Table to Beautify Outside Grounds at NHH

Gene Erger joined our office Volunteer staff in 2007 and eventually helped us develop a Hospice Meals program in early 2009. The Volunteers of North Hawai'i Hospice operate as facilitators for this service by determining the menu, buying the groceries, creating the food and delivering it to the home for the patient and their families. We discovered Gene's culinary skills immediately when he volunteered to provide monthly meals for the Silveus Ohana. The cuisine offered varied immensely from Beef Stroganoff on a Bed of Noodles with Bulghar Pilaf with all the accompaniments to Estofado Sonorense, Tomate Y Aguincate En Fuente, Frijoles Refritos Con Quesa, Mexican Rice and Budin De Pan Y Naranja to Chez Connie Caesar Salad with sliced cold-poached chicken breasts with orange slices and Sour Cream Pound Cake....should I go on, because there are many more! My point being, he saw a need for staff to have a place to enjoy their own meal breaks at NHH

and offered a sturdy, deluxe picnic table to the backyard of our grounds under the tall pine trees. Please come and sit in the shade and relax in the serenity of our new "Quiet Zone" from Chef Gene.



Gene Erger & Sally locating table onto NHH

New Additions to the NHH Library



North Hawaii Hospice Librarian Elaine Warner

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE:

Tea with Elizabeth: Tributes to Hospice Pioneer, Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Companioning the Dying: A soulful guide for caregivers

Jane Brody's Guide to the Great Beyond: Preparing for the end of life

What Dying People Want: Practical wisdom for the end of life

Spotlight on Elaine Warner, our NHH Librarian

Elaine Warner has been involved with the NHH Library since 2004 and for the past year NHH has fondly referred to her as its Librarian in Residence. Recently, Elaine took on the task of reorganizing the library in such a way that the books are categorized into more meaningful and easier to find color-coded subjects. All the books were reviewed to see in which subject each would best be suited. All the books now have colored spine

labels that match the color of the subject they are in and each subject is alphabetized by author. There are 9 subjects: Multicultural, Caregivers, Grieving & Bereavement, End of Life, Spirituality & Inspiration, Disease, Healing & Wellness, and Reference & Professional. Elaine's long term goal is to offer an Excel digital directory of the NHH Library. Elaine credits another Elaine, Elaine Honma, for helping her with this recent project that has made the library much

more easy to use. Elaine has a Master of Library Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Master of Science in Management of Nonprofit Organizations from the Robert Wagner School of Public Service, New York University. Elaine's professional library career was in public and private schools, Kindergarten through Grade 12. In 2002, she retired as Director of Information Services from Friends Seminary, a Quaker

school in New York City. As a volunteer, Elaine has worked in the library of Brooklyn (NY) Friends Quaker Meeting, at North Hawaii Community Hospital video library, and currently at North Hawaii Hospice Library. Elaine also does patient care, is part of the Threshold Choir, helps with events and fundraisers and with various research projects for NHH. Mahalo for all you do, Elaine!!

Tommy Bahama's Golf Benefit



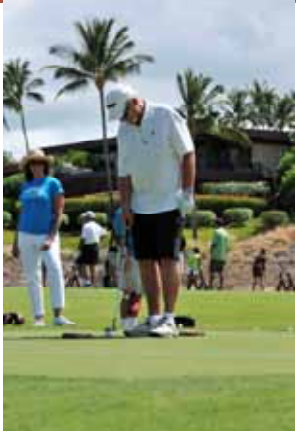
North Hawai'i Hospice was the lucky sole beneficiary of this year's Tommy Bahama 4th Annual Big Island Classic Golf Tournament on June 14th held at the spectacular Mauna Kea Beach Resort. This year's event has raised over \$46,000 for North Hawai'i Hospice and what an event it was! Beautiful blue skies, gentle breezes and warm sunshine greeted our golfers (140 of them!) along with lively tropical music and a breakfast buffet with Bloody Mary's. There wasn't a second to spare between a competitive putting contest won by Larry Roberts of Canada-France Telescope who won four rounds of golf at the Mauna Kea and the wild and crazy Lucky Ball Drop. A helicopter flew overhead and dropped a bucket of 400 golf balls over a hole and the closest to pin was Danny Buris of Pura Vida Gallery who won two free tickets on Continental Airlines. He will soon be heading off to Spain! Eighteen holes of golf were squeezed in between a

grill station, beer and snack station and the very popular rum station serving Tommy Rum Cosmos and Coconut Cloud Martinis. There was a massage station limbering up the golfers to keep them mov-

by a large and loyal group of North Hawai'i Hospice Volunteers, which included much of the Board. Sharon Potter rounded up Board President Toby King, Executive Director Katherine Ciano, Julie Mattson, Kim Norman, Joan Moynahan, Tom Blackburn, Lynn Higashi, Cathy Youtkus, Rick Potter, Dick Tenderella, Margarita Scheffel, Dee Dee Warren, and Harold Hughes. Gayle Hubbard and Colleen Norris from the NHH office kept everything on track and running smoothly!

Our thanks to all the golfers for coming out to support North Hawai'i Hospice, all our tee sponsors and prize donors, all our friends at Tommy Bahama's, including John Nguyen, Brenda Supnet and Kim Graybill, for your hard work and generosity, as well as the golf crew and Brandon Wallraff at the Mauna Kea, and the many volunteers and staff that made this great event possible! Hope to see you all again in 2011! Mahalo nui loa!

ing along in order to reach the wine and cheese party and dinner celebration at Tommy Bahama's at Mauna Lani. The evening included a live auction with Tommy Ching as emcee and an incredible silent auction. The overall winning team of this year's tournament was Jaci Sowden, Ken Sowden, Jack McMenimem, and Brett Smith. Congratulations!! Our Golf Chair from North Hawai'i Hospice was once again Marty Hind and the day was made possible





Charity Walk

This year's Visitor Industry Charity Walk was held on May 15th at the Mauna Lani Resort. Volunteers and Staff raised money and participated in the event that brought in \$3,000 last year to NHH. We are hoping to receive the same amount of money or more this year. NHH Volunteer, Daphne Gray, walked along side many other volunteers and staff of non-profit charities who at the end of the 5 K walk enjoyed delicious food and entertainment

offered by the resorts and local businesses. The finish line and food tents were at the Shops at the Mauna Lani and NHH was there to greet and congratulate the walkers and runners who completed the circuit. The Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association has sponsored this event since 1974 and all of Hawai'i's non-profit charities are eligible to benefit from this fundraising event.

NHH Staff, Colleen Norris, Juli Szilagyi, Sally Kaufmann and Katherine Ciano greet *Charity Walk* participants with big smiles at the Finish Line!



Volunteer Recognition Party 2010



"And now abides faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is love."

"To our Hospice Volunteers, who give new meaning to the words 'loving service.'"

