



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

News for Loving Friends

August 2011

Na Hoaloha wins National STAR Award

Na Hoaloha - Neighbors Helping Neighbors was awarded a \$15,000 STAR Special Recognition Award by the Beverly Foundation in honor of our Aloha Cruisers transportation program.

In 2011 the Beverly Foundation received 271 applications from senior transportation services in 47 states. Nineteen winners were selected by a committee of 20 nationally recognized experts in transportation and aging.

In making the announcement, Beverly Foundation President Helen Kerschner said:

"Our STAR Awards recognize 'the best of the best' organizations that provide transportation to older adults. We congratulate Na Hoaloha - Neighbors Helping Neighbors for making an enormous contribution to seniors, their families and to communities on Maui."



Buzz's Wharf Makes Donation to Na Hoaloha



Buzz's Wharf restaurant recently donated \$1862.53 to Na Hoaloha - Neighbors Helping Neighbors from the proceeds of its **Give Back Wednesdays** fundraiser.

During the month of June, Buzz's Wharf donated 10 percent of its lunch and dinner food sales to Na Hoaloha.

Marla Braun-Miller, owner and manager, dedicated the money raised to her grandfather Jerry, who passed away last year at age 90.

"Had we known about your services, we would have certainly used it for him. I think what you are doing for the elderly is great."

The donation will be used to help fund the position of Transportation Coordinator to assist us in arranging rides for seniors.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors thanks all our volunteer drivers for their generous and heartfelt service !



Neighbors Helping Neighbors Volunteer Selected as 2011 Outstanding Older American of Maui County

According to Pat Ross:



Adele Rugg and Pat Ross

“One year ago I experienced severe health problems and I asked for assistance for someone to accompany me to medical appointments and to help me with shopping trips. Adele helps in every way, and has largely been responsible for getting my life back on track (at 86!) Thank you for putting her in my life.”

Outstanding Older American Adele Rugg has a long history of volunteerism, serving her community as President of the Kiwanis Club of Kahului, raising funds For Maui Nurses Scholarship Foundation, talking with, Reassuring and paddling canoe for breast cancer survivors through the American Cancer Society and Pacific Cancer Foundation.

She served on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and the State Alzheimer's Association. Last year Adele Rugg was selected as someone who made a difference in the County of Maui over the past 30 years

Adele was nominated for this award by her dear friend Pat.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

July 8, 2011

On Wednesday, June 29, 2011, my phone was out of order, so I called the phone company repair service, telling them I had a medical appointment that day and I would not be home until about 2:00 p.m. The technician came the same day, but arrived when I was not at home. I called the phone company again and told them that I would be home the next day, Thursday, June 30. The technician did not come, so on Friday, July 1 called them again. On Friday, July 1 Larry, a volunteer with Neighbors Helping Neighbors, came to check on me because my regular volunteer, Diana, reported to them that she could not reach me by phone for several days and was concerned that I might be ill. Diana calls me once a day to check in on me to make sure I am okay.

Larry called Neighbors Helping Neighbors to report that I was fine, and gave me his cell phone so I could explain to them what was going on with my phone service. Afterward, Larry called the phone company to tell them that I am a disabled person and had been without phone service for 3 days! The phone company technician came out at 3:30 p.m. on Friday July 1 after Larry made it clear, in no uncertain terms to them, how I felt about the situation. On Saturday, June 2, Larry phoned me to be sure that that phone company had remedied my phone problem.

If you are interested in making a good investment of your money and time, please donate and/or volunteer with Neighbors Helping Neighbors You'll be glad you did!

Gratefully yours,

Rita Silva

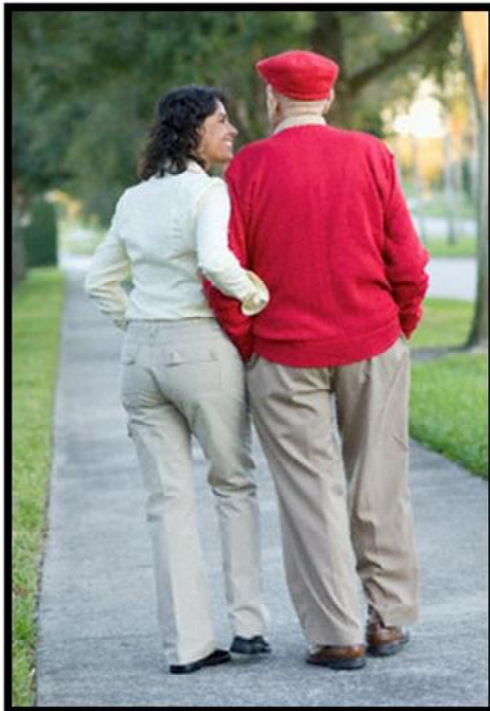
Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers *GO THE EXTRA MILE!*

what's
new!



Happy August Birthdays

Candace Lane	Gina Mills
Cynthia Dykstra	Pasita Pladera
Donna Barnett	Karen Kondo
Valerie Honeyield	Helene Valery
E.G. Davis	Ali Carter
Phyllis Tucker	Paul Wickman
Maria Castro	Alice O'Neill
Leo Fimmen	



Walk n Talk Program

Na Hoaloha, in partnership with Ted Anderson, Physical Therapist, is sponsoring a WALK & TALK PROGRAM to assist seniors with early dementia as well as those who are slowly losing their balance.

Seniors will be matched with volunteers who will walk with them regularly to help them gain strength and balance.



Caregiver Tips

- Take a daily vitamin
- Get exercise
- Get regular check-ups
- Take a break from caregiving
- Stay involved in hobbies
- Laugh with a friend



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