

A Monthly Newsletter of Iao United Church of Christ

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17 Ke nonoi aku nei au iā 'oukou, e nā hoahānau, e nānā aku i ka po'e ho'omokuāhana a me ka ho'ohihia, ma ka mea kū'ē i ka 'ōlelo a 'oukou i a'o 'ia ai; a e ho'oka'a'oko'a a'e mai o lākou aku. 18 No ka mea, ke mālama 'ole nei ua po'e lā i ka Haku iā lesū Kristo, akā, i ko lākou 'ōpū iho nō; a ma ka malimali a me ka 'ōlelo ho'omaika'i, ke ho'owalewale nei lākou i nā na'au o ka po'e no'ono'o 'ole.- Roma 16:17-18

Restoration Day Kahu Kalani Wong, KS Maui

17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naïve.- Romans 16:17-18

I grew up in the pews of First Chinese Church in Honolulu,

which is across the street from McKinley High School. I worked in the after school and summer programs taking care of keiki. We didn't have a large yard so I would take my young charges to Thomas Square just a block away. I had always wondered who this park was named after and why. Little did I know how significant a role in the life of the Hawaiian Kingdom Admiral Richard Thomas would play.

In 1843, Richard Charlton, British Consul in Honolulu, had a dispute about his land and the treatment of British citizens with Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III. Kauikeaouli denied his claims so Charlton brought his concerns to Captain Lord George Paulet, of HMS Carysfort. Paulet without any authorization from his superiors, took over the Hawaiian kingdom in the name of Queen Victoria on February 25, 1843. He had all the Hawaiian flags lowered and burned, raising the British Union Jack instead. Kauikeaouli ceded his throne under protest and sent word to Queen Victoria.

Rear Admiral Richard Darton Thomas, the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Station, arrived in Honolulu aboard the HMS Dublin on July 26, 1843. He met with Kauikeaouli who told his side of the story and a new treaty was made with the British. On July 31, 1843, Admiral Thomas lowered the Union Jack and raised the Hawaiian flag, ending the occupation, and affirmed the independence and sovereignty of the Hawaiian kingdom on the site that is now named in his honor- Thomas Square. At the service after the ceremony, Kamehameha III proclaimed, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono (the life of the land is perpetuated in right-eousness)." This day would later be known as Lā Ho'iho'i Ea.

There will always be those who will try to control you, to take away your freedom of thought, actions, and will. For some of us, we will have the strength and ability to stand up for ourselves while others will not. Paul wrote to remind us to always be maka'ala for those who can't stand up for themselves, to protect them and keep them from those who would lead them down the wrong path. As Kauikeaouli stated, let us strive to pono people so we may live in a right relationship with ke Akua and others, so all may be one.

September Lectionary

- Sept 4 13th Sunday after Pentecost Jer 18:1-11 & Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 Deut 30:15-20 & PS 1 Philem 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-33 Be Open Minded
- Sept 11 14th Sunday after Pentecost Jer 4:11-12, 22-28 & Ps 14 Ex 32:7-13 & Ps 51:1-10 I Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10 Growing in Love
- Sept 18 15th Sunday after Pentecost Jer 8:18-9:1 & Ps 79:1-9 Amos 8:4-7 & Ps 113 I Tim 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13 Prayerful Living
- Sept 25 16th Sunday after Pentecost Jer 32:1-3a,6-15&Ps 91:1-6,14-16 Amos 6:1a,4-7 &Ps 146 ITim 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31 Surprising Investment

The lesson in **bold** is the focus of both the message of the day and any Sunday School lesson; the italicized title is the theme for the Sunday service. \bullet

GREEN - SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY AND THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Green is the color of revelatory experience, and so is the color of the feasts that celebrate God's revelation to mankind: **Epiphany and the long season** of Sundays after Pentecost. Epiphany, the season after **Christmas, celebrates Christ's** revelation as the Incarnate God to the Gentiles. while the Pentecost season celebrates the One Eternal God as revealed in the persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Sundays after Pentecost occur within the late spring and summer months, when we see the natural world grow green with leaves, vines, and crops. Therefore, green symbolizes our own spiritual growth in Christ.



September Birthdays

9/5	Bert Akitake
9/6	Avis Teshima Wong Carley Defang
9/11	Dawna Krueger
9/14	Janet Tomita
9/15	Erin Hashiro Anslan Fugow
9/19	Jaime Ribao
9/20	Mike Takamatsu Winford Ideue
9/22	Emily Murai
9/25	Shannon Ribao



In August our food distribution program gave 120 people food to last for three meals a day for three days. A sad note is that we had to spend a bit more for our Maui Food Bank food. They are not receiving and USDA food at this time, so we pay for more to fill our pantry. It is still at very reduced prices. We are so appreciative of everyone who has made donations to Iao directly and or the Maui Food Bank. Mahalo, Garcias, Arigato, and Thank you Susan King, Food Pantry

Shannon's Scoop | Moderator's Notes

Shannon's Scoop will return next month. This month we hear from our Associate Conference Minister, Valerie Ross as published in the Coconut Wireless , August 31, 2022

Read Reflection from Our Associate Conference Minister (6)

Cleansing the Temple

In Matthew 21:12-13, Jesus makes clear what the church is supposed to be. He proclaims, "my house shall be a house of prayer." This text always makes me ask questions about the many attempts to keep some people in and others out. Jesus is



Here's the point: caring for all people must be the prophetic witness and the challenge of the church.

Professor Christopher Morse taught that our spiritual experiences in the church can be described in different ways. However, whatever that experience is, if it doesn't produce a people that quarrel with societal arrogance; with injustice; with the meanness and the madness; then it is clear there is something terribly wrong with that so-called spiritual experience.

The truth is that the forces of injustice ought to be challenged by a church that is not afraid to speak out. If we are true Christ followers then we will stand up for the marginalized in our communities the way that He did.

This has been one of the great failings of Western Christianity and our Christian ethics. How we live in the world matters. The ethics we learn in God's church are the same ethics by which we must challenge the world. The church must stand against sexism, racism, homophobia, extremist political agendas, and a host of other systemic evils.

Valerie Ross, Associate Conference Minister



Oceans so blue, I stop and think about you. Magnificent grace, A most beautiful face. I kneel to the ground and I pray. Thank you, God, for times of need. For humbling me graciously to my knees. For showering me with your love And always watching from above. Thank you, God, for gifts unseen. For the beauty of the sky And all that it means. For trials and tribulations, True tests of faith. For giving me the courage To laugh in satan's face. Thank you, God, for family and friends, Whose love for me has no end. For happiness when things get rough. Thank you, God, for loving me so much.

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God's Love

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Tradition at lao UCC is to celebrate those elders that turn 80 or 88 during the calendar year. In 2022 all our members are younger or older. It has also become a tradition that we honor our Revered Kupuna:



Keiro no Hi, translated in English as "Respect for the Aged Day," is a Japanese public holiday celebrated every third Monday in September. It is a day to honor older adults, to express appreciation and gratitude for their contribution to society, and to celebrate their longevity and vitality

All across Japan, many events are held in honor of older adults, and many give gifts or show their gratitude to the elderly in the family.

Surprisingly, there are no universal customs or traditions. Each person freely expresses his/her appreciationto the older adults. This is because Keiro No Hi is a relatively new holiday added to the Japanese calendar in the 1960's.

Keiro No Hi originated in a small village called *Nomadani-mura* (known as Taka-cho today) in the Hyogo Prefecture. The village hosted an "old folks gathering" on September 15, 1947. It is said that the date was selected in September because the weather was fairly moderate and farmers were less busy. Masao Kadowaki, the 35 year-old village mayor at the time, invited all villagers, age 55 and older, to enjoy food and entertainment in the village auditorium. It was his wish to express respect and appreciation for the elder members of the village and to create a place where they could pass down their wisdom and share their experiences with the next generation. Masao felt that the wisdom these elders had would be the key to rebuilding and revitalizing the village.

Although Keiro No Hi is a new holiday, the tradition of respecting older adults has always been a core part of Japanese culture. As Japan established a national holiday intended to bring reverence and respect to older adults, eight community leaders in Los Angeles were busy creating an organization dedicated to Japanese American and Japanese speaking older adults. Today, Keiro recognizes Keiro No Hi as a day to respect elders in our community and every year, renews its mission to truly provide a higher quality of living to all Japanese American and Japanese older adults in our community.



Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program This year, Iao United Church of Christ is excited to participate in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts program! This program runs during the month of September and it's easy to participate! Simply make a donation to our organization at Foodland this month, and Foodland will match a portion of your gift! Here's how it works:

- Go to any Foodland or Sack N Save store
- Make a donation of any amount up to \$249 at checkout
- Give the cashier our organization code # 78972
- Present your Maika'i card to the cashier when making your transaction.
- Review your receipt to confirm the donation amount and the name of our organization is correct. We'll receive all donations to Iao UCC plus our matching gift in October. How great is that?

You can also donate 250 Maika'i points, equivalent to a \$5 donation, to help increase the matching gift for all participating organizations or purchase Give Aloha merchandise to help too! Mahalo for your support to help Give Aloha to Iao United Church of Christ in September.

Iao UCC Give AlohaNumber: 78972

	Sept 4	Sept 11		Sept 18		Sept 25		
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Greeter	Krueger	Kruege	er	Krueger		Krueger		
Adult	Linda	Linda		Linda		Linda		
Reader	Johannes	Johannes		Johannes		Johannes		
Young adult/	Anela		Anela		Anela		Anela	
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September is here with its 5th Thursday on Sept 29. Super cook Gail Ideue is open for help. She needs help prepping, cooking and or providing dessert. More than one dessert provider is welcome as the homeless shelter on average serves 75 people a meal.

Now that school is back in session,

students from Kamehameha Schools Maui will be helping with the serving. Thank you, Kahu Kalani, for arranging the students' help.



As this committee continues the laborious task of up dating our church profile, prayers have been answered. Anela Awai-Stewart has come forth as the youth volunteer. Thank you Anela (and mom and dad for the transportation).





During COVID-19 times, it is still critical to get a flu shot. Most insurance plans will cover the cost of the shot with \$0 copay.

As always keep this group in your prayers as they prepare documents to send out for a settled pastor.



This community has been working diligently and quietly during this time of covid.

When home visits were put on hold, these ladies took it upon themselves to send cards and notes to our shutins and homebound members on a regular basis.

Now that in person visitation is once again allowed, they make monthly visits to these same people. On these visits communion is served, with small gifts and or special treat being shared.

This group also is the keeper of Keiro no Hi and our Revered Kupuna details. No big Keiro no Hi event this year for 2 reasons: (1) none of our members are turning 80 or 88 and (2)it would be a very vunerable group for covid.

To help out this very vital group of our church, they request home made goodies. Not only sweet treats but also hand crafted items. Contact Lee Murakami @ (808) 244-0730 or (808)264-1240 for more information and ideas.



...and at the preschool things are happening! There were a few tears when the school year first started, but almost all have dried up. The enrollment for Septmber and October is holding at 38 strong.

Daniel is working with a contractor to update, improve and secure the bathroom. The work will hopefully be completed during their Christmas break. A new freezer is being purchased. And the staff will be attending Hawaii NAEYC conference in October thanks to grant money!

Taken from the Hawaiii Conference Coconut Wireless, August 17, 2022 edition.

The thorniest issues for most of our churches is the resumption of public singing and fellowship time. While the CDC recommendations do not address houses of worship specifically, they do supply the assumption that there is now enough herd immunity in the U.S. that spread events will result in minimum "disruption." Congregations should ask themselves what an appropriate threshold is for "minimum." No blanket answer is applicable, and each congregation must resolve for themselves these issues.



After the above article was shared in the Coconut wireless, checking the CDC Covid guidelines and and the amended Hawai'i Recommendations, the council approved the following for all buildings on the property and Sunday Morning Worship:

- Masks are optional, BUT highly recommended.
- Discontinue temperature checks.
- Discontinue contract tracing.
- Social Distance as you feel comfortable.
- Hand Sanitizer will still be made available.



Aloha-

The hours and days of our lao UCC Food Pantry have changed as of 09/01/2022. We are now following the schedule as listed below. MONDAY and TUESDAY OPEN 9:15am to 2:15pm

WEDNESDAY-CLOSED

THURSDAY and FRIDAY OPEN 9:15am t0 2:15pm

We will be CLOSED on weekends and for Major Holidays.

Please call our new number to request food bags. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a message with the following information:

Your FIRST and LAST name, How many ADULTS and CHILDREN in your household. Your PHONE NUMBER. Please also let us know the day and approximate time you want to pick up your food bag(s). 2:15pm is the latest pick-up time every day we are open. If you wish to pick-up at 9:15am, we ask for you to call in your request the day prior to pick-up day.

OUR NEW PHONE NUMBER IS: 808 446-7537 REMINDER! MONDAY MORNINGS OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL BE AT THE MAUI FOOD BANK AND SHOULD RETURN TO KANDA HALL BETWEEN 10:00-10:30am





Editors addition: After several requests and me asking individuals we have not had and favorite recipes for the Food for Thought article. So, here is a summery one that I found and sounded good. Would love to have members submissions for future issues.

Chicken Salad with Apples

xuthor: Beth-Budget Bytes Cook time: 15 min. Total time: 15 min. Serves: 4 (1 cup)

INGREDIENTS:

- · 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 apple (1.5 cups chopped)
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- · 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- · 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- · 1/3 cup plain yogurt
- · 1Tbsp Dijon mustard
- · 1Tbsp red wine vinegar
- · 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly cracked black pepper



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Chop the cooked chicken and the apple into small pieces. Finely dice the red onion
- 2. Place the chicken, apple, onion, and dried cranberries in a large bowl.
- 3. Combine the mayonnaise, yogurt, Dijon, red wine vinegar, salt, and pepper in a bowl. Stir until smooth.
- 4. Pour the dressing over the salad ingre-

Reusable water bottles are better for the environment. Check! And are way more stylish than plastic bottles. Check! And are good for your health and hydration. Check—well, if you wash them correctly, that is. While keeping a reusable water bottle close at hand during work and when you're at the gym is an easy way to stay hydrated, if you fail to clean your water bottle, it could be exposing you to germs and bacteria. The ideal frequency? Every day if you use your water bottle regularly. But don't worry, this task doesn't have to be a dreaded chore. Following the simple steps below, you can clean your reusable water bottle (and those

What You'll Need:

Dishwashing liquidBottle brush**Straw cleaners**Bleach (optional)**Vinegar (optional)**Water bottle cleaning tablets (optional)**Paper towel or clean dish towel

Follow These Steps:

1. For daily cleaning: Wash your reusable water bottle at least once per day. Fill the bottle with warm water and a squirt of dishwashing liquid. Using the bottle brush, scrub the walls and bottom of the bottle. Be sure to clean not just the inside, but also the lip of the bottle. Rinse thoroughly.

2. Because bacteria thrives in a moist environment, it's a good idea to dry the bottle with a paper towel or a clean dish towel (or you'll risk spreading fresh bacteria onto the clean water bottle). If you prefer to let the bottle air-dry, just be sure to leave the cap off, or else the trapped moisture will create an ideal environment for germs.

3. If your water bottle is dishwasher-safe (check the label for care instructions), place it on the top rack of the dishwasher and choose the hottest water setting.

4. For thorough cleanings: If your water bottle has a funky smell or you've neglected it for a little too long, it's time for a deeper cleaning. Add one teaspoon of bleach to the bottle, then fill it with cool water. Let sit overnight, then rinse thoroughly before following the drying instructions above.

5. If you prefer not to use bleach, fill the bottle halfway with vinegar, then add cool water. Let the mixture sit overnight, before rinsing thoroughly or running through the dishwasher.

6. For a deep clean, no scrubbing required, use these water bottle cleaning tablets, which reviewers swear by for removing odor and grime.

7. **Don't forget the cap:** Remember to also scrub the lid or cap of your water bottle with warm water and dishwashing liquid every day. If your bottle is made up of several parts, separate them before cleaning to make sure there isn't grime lurking in the crevices.

8. **Clean those reusable straws:** If you're a fan of reusable straws, you'll definitely want to invest in a set of straw cleaners. Using a solution of warm water and dishwashing gquid, let the cleaners scrub away any gunk that may be inside each straw. Rinse with warm water, or if the straws are dishwasher-safe, run them through the machine in the cutlery basket. reusable straws, too!) in less than five minutes.





This is just a heads up. October 2, 2022 will be World Communion Sunday. On that Sunday we will celebrate our Lord and Savior with others around the world.

This Sunday is traditionally the day we receive the Neighbors In Need offering. This offering is one of 1 in 5 offerings Iao Church participates in. Offering envelopes will be located on the back table of the santurary or at the church office, or mark on your check in the "memo" Neighbors in Need" (NIN) This year's theme, *BEHOLD*, focuses on economic justice.

The Stewarding Community appreciates your generous giving to this campaign.





Besides sharing our prayers on Sunday mornings, please include them in your daily prayers. Listen on Sundays for any additions to this list:

- The world, our nation, our state, our island
- Lynette Shiroma
- Davie and Grace Murata
- Kathy Tanaka
- Anna Mayeda
- Youlida Yoruw
- · Janet Mullins
- · Rita Whitford
- Josepa Beauchamp

ALOHA I MAUI

*Aloha Maui Pride's October 8th event at Maui Nui Tropical Gardens is to promote acceptance and respect through aloha (love) and to have the attendees realize the humanness in each other instead of just being exposed to some of the negative messaging that is being put out there about not only about the LGBTQIA+ population but all other populations where there is an intolerance of acceptance. on the history of acceptance and diversity that has been in the Hawaiian Islands and Hawaiian Culture for all of humankind...

The mission of Aloha Maui Pride is to improve and honor the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Gender Non-conforming, Non-binary, Aikane, Mahu, Mahu Wahine, and Mahu Kane people; as well as, to enhance a mutual understanding and acceptance of all people. Aloha Maui Pride is committed to accomplishing this goal via education, sharing cultural values at events, and increasing awareness and visibility of the LGBTOIA+ community and their allies within the State of

LGBTQIA+ community and their allies within the State of Hawaii.

*Excerpt from a letter sent to the mayor by Aloha Maui Pride. Check their web site for more detailed information. A little late in sharing but we wanted every body to know about this exciting event that our Micronesian Community participated in and that the mayor signed this proclamination! It's been shared that Sonny Yorow is quite the dancer.

County of Maui Proclamation

WHEREAS, the County of Maui includes residents from the nations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), the Federated States of Micronesia (including States of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap), and the Republic of Palau who have Compacts of Free Association (COFA) between their countries and the United States. In addition, people from Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, both territories of the United States, and Kiribati, an independent nation, live on Maui; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the three COFA nations are allowed to travel, live, work, attend school and serve in the U.S. military; and

WHEREAS, King Kamehameha III of Hawai'i allowed Christian missionaries to depart from Hawai'i in 1852 to reach out to Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and RMI with a letter from him in the Hawaiian language to spread peace and establish Christian missions on the islands. These missions were established on Maui from the four jurisdictions. The church provides a strong connection between Hawai'i and Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Micronesia have a joint history regarding navigation across the Pacific in that Pwo navigator Pius Mau Piailug (aka Papa Mau) from Satawal in Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia, taught Nainoa Thompson, President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, who is Native Hawaiian, traditional navigation to perpetuate these skills on both sides of the Pacific, and Papa Mau led the first voyage of the PVS between Hawai'i and Tahiti using traditional navigation in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the peoples of Micronesia and Native Hawaiians share current health epidemics of obesity, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, suicide and related diseases; and

WHEREAS, The Voices of Micronesians Of Maui (VoMOM) desires to promote the health and well-being of all peoples of the Pacific, beginning with a Health Fair and Micronesian cultural celebration on June 25, where cultural traditions such as weaving, preparing food, making marmar and leis, and dancing will be shared with the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Mayor of the County of Maui, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2022, as

CELEBRATE MICRONESIA FESTIVAL DAY

throughout the County of Maui, and urge residents to join in the celebration of this Festival.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Maui to be affixed hereto.

DONE at Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i, on this 20th day of June, 2022.

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MICHAEL P. VICTORINO Mayor, Maui County





The youth gathered on August 28 with 13 in attendance. They were asked: *What have you learned from previous generations that you want to pass on?*

In other news, the following youth and young adults volunteered to join the Learning Community: Sonny Yoruw, Jaymina Bathin, Jolyn Yinmed, Jermalyn Tamag and Arlene Tamag.

Next get together is scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Kanda Hall.

Pastor Terry Kawata was the minister at Iao UCC from February 1, 1958 thru June 29, 1962



Teruo "Terry" Kawata, 94, retired ordained minister and former Hawai'i Conference Minister, died on July 1 in hospice care. Colleagues and friends from around the United Church of Christ remembered him fondly in a tribute written by Hans Holznagel in the <u>UCC News</u>. Read his obituary in the July 6th edition of the <u>Coconut Wireless</u>. Reverand Kawata served at Iao Uinted Church of Christ

A memorial service will be held in honor of Teruo "Terry" Kawata on Saturday, August 20, at Community Church of Honolulu (2345 Nu'uanu Avenue, Honolulu). Visitation is at 10 a.m., and the service is at 11 a.m. Ministers are invited to join in the processional and dress in colorful robes and stoles.

A celebration of his life will follow the service in the church's social hall. All are invited to bring musical instruments and voices to join in the festivities!

Notes of condolence can be sent c/o Ellen Kawata at 3041 Maigret Street, Honolulu, HI, 96816.



The Door!

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Work has begun on the front Door!

















Demolition began on the front door on Saturday, August 20, 2022. As a cost saver the Building and Grounds Community plus a number of volunteers from our Micronesian Communities began the long awaited start of replacing the front door. Inside the walls revealed how necessary it is that the door be replaced. Our fundraising tracker is rising. It's close to the \$97000 mark! Blessings to ALL who have made this possible.



<image>

Remember Suzie Kadoyama by Matthew Kadoyama

Shizue Kadoyama (Suzie), my mom, Matthew Kadoyama, and eldest of four children, was born in Kahului, Maui, in 1922 to parents Busuke and Moyo Fujita who emigrated from Japan. She began her education at Kahului School where she must have impressed her teachers, skipping the 4th grade while advancing to the 5th. After elementary and intermediate schools, it was off to Maui High School in Hamakuapoko (H'Poko), between Paia and Ho'okipa Park.

She traveled by train to get there and by her senior year the train ride had turned into a bus ride. After graduating, Mom attended post graduate school at Maui High for a year, studying stenography and accounting. This was 1939 when the family returned to Japan.

After arriving in Japan, Mom traveled to Korea to visit her aunt who was living in Seoul. This was a time to relax, travel and to experience

a different culture. Following her return to Japan she stayed at home and helped with chores while her brother and sister attended school. One year had passed before the family decided to return to Maui, returning because her younger brother was unhappy living in Japan. With the start of World War II, they were fortunate to have departed on the second-to-the-last boat leaving Japan.

Back on Maui Mom was reminded of the ongoing war. She vividly remembers walking to church one Sunday to the drumbeat of bombs exploding near Maui Pine in Kahului. She later recalls that the bombs were launched from a ship outside of Kahului harbor. Despite the war, life was pretty normal. Mom got a job in the administrative office at Maui Soda (lower Main Street), working there for 5 years before starting her career at First Hawaiian Bank.

She began in First Hawaiian's Wailuku branch as an administrative secretary and was later promoted to Assistant Branch Manager. Opportunity knocked once again, and Mom was asked to spearhead a newly conceived mortgage and escrow department. That led to her transfer to the larger Kahului branch where she remained until her retirement in 1985, marking her 40-year career.

Retirement allowed more time to travel. Travel she did to places like South America, Australia, Canada, Africa, Egypt, Israel, China, and Europe. She always returned with mementos which were proudly displayed in her showcase. Mom's favorite destination is South America and one of her coolest experiences was swimming in the Dead Sea.

Mom volunteered with the Maui Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, serving as treasurer for 10 years and alongside other members spent time minding the gift shop at the hospital. Items sold in the gift shop were acquired through fund-raising drives and proceeds from the sales were donated to the hospital. Those 10 years created life-long friendships and memories.

Retirement also afforded more time for her favorite game, mah-jong, which she has feverishly played ever since I can remember. She is thankful that mah-jong continued at Roselani.

Mom agrees that mah-jong has contributed to her longevity by keeping her socially and mentally engaged and equally important is her morning exercise regimen which has kept her mobile and fit.

My nephew raises beef cattle in Washington state. A few years ago, he got a cow, named Oreo. This is her 2nd calf. Number one was named Double Stuff and number two was born this year her name is Cookie. Talk about a mini me. (Yes, all his cows have names and they come when called.) Submitted by Dawna Krueger











September 2022

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