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A Message from our President . . .

The Science of a Meaningful Life

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." -Marie Curie

Trying to approach meaning in life from a scientific perspective, Greater Good put together the year's top scientific insights on what gives our lives meaning. The research demonstrates the power of connection and shows us practical ways to grow, be kind, and find meaning in our everyday lives. Here are a few of the insights I thought were useful to share.

Appreciating the little things can increase our sense of meaning Thinking about purpose in life can be overwhelming and seem unattainable. But the good news is several new studies have shown that we can find meaning simply by appreciating experiences in our day-to-day lives. In one study, students found a greater sense of meaning by reflecting on small moments like being in nature, having a moment of peaceful solitude, time with loved ones, or the kindness of a stranger. "Our findings suggest that simply appreciating one's experiences can foster a rich sense of meaning and perhaps shore up confidence that life has been and will be worth living," wrote the researchers. (*Nature Human Behavior*, Feb 2022)

Getting out of our comfort zones can lead to growth and fulfillment We all gravitate towards comfort whether it's the physical comfort of fuzzy bedroom slippers, the cognitive comfort of hearing from those who share our view points, or the psychological comfort of doing things we know we are good at. But according to a <u>2022 study</u> published in *Psychological Science*, choosing comfort may be holding us back from personal growth. We feel more fulfilled and purposeful when we are growing, learning and stretching ourselves. In this experiment, people did a variety of personal growth activities such as taking an improve class or learning about opposing political viewpoints. Researchers told some of the participants that the goal was to feel uncomfortable, nervous or even upset. Those who aimed to feel uncomfortable were more engaged, motivated and believed they made more progress.

Don't underestimate the power of kindness

One study found that kindness is uniquely beneficial for our sense of meaning in life. Researchers compared kindness to oneself and others with other positive behaviors, like being more open-minded, and practicing kindness gave people more self-confidence, more competence, and a greater sense of meaning. In other words, being kind actually benefits us. However, the study also showed that we chronically underestimate how much positive impact we can make by being kind and we also underestimate how much the recipient will appreciate it. These inaccurate assumptions make us less likely to interact with one another with kindness and therefore and reap the benefits ourselves.

At WCC we believe that everyone has something to contribute and everyone's life has meaning. We hope you find a little inspiration in these practical ways to help you find it.

Mahalo for being a part of our community,

Caroline Hayashi

PLANNING FOR DISASTER

A seminar on disaster risk reduction and risk management

El Nino Weather conditions places Hawaii at high risk for natural disasters. It is important that residents of Hawaii prepare for natural hazards for the short and long term. This talk will cover natural hazard risk (hurricane and tsunami), how to gather your emergency supplies, emergency/evacuation planning and reducing the risk of damage to your property from a hurricane.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 1pm to 2pm Free - Auditorium

SPEAKER: DENNIS HWANG IS A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM, A PART OF NOAA

Register online at www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register or call 808-923-1802



IKEBANA 5-Week course The Japanese art of beautifully arranging cut stems, leaves and

flowers

5-Week Course Wednesdays July 26 - August 23 9:30am - 11:00am Room 203A (2nd level)

Instructor: Junko Kim

\$75 BeST / \$85 General Public Fees are non-refundable

Supplies required: Scissors, kenzan (flower holder) - 3" diameter and base - 7" to 8" diameter



Register by July 17, 2023 online at www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register or call 808 923-1802

POST-RETIREMENT Financial Management

Just because you're retired doesn't mean you can retire from money management. Minor tweaks or a situation needing a major change may arise. Spend an hour to learn valuable insight on post-retirement money management. Don't let your finances remain on autopilot.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 1pm - 2pm Free - Auditorium

Please register with the WCC office by June 13: 808 923-1802

Presented by Emari Hunn -VP/Branch Manager of First Foundation Bank in Honolulu

IMPORTANCE OF Pelvic and Bladder Health



WOMEN & MEN LEARN TO:

- · Connect to your body on a deeper level,
- · Build the foundation to a stronger core,
- · Help bladder issues, balance, and mobility.

Monday, June 19, 2023 11:00am - 12:30pm Free - Auditorium

Register by June 14: 808 923-1802 or online: www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register



and pelvic floor specialist. Jenna is passionate about helping women/men of all ages connect to their bodies and be free from bladder issues and common aches and pains. She has over ten years of professional experience working with people with pelvic floor issues and a lifetime of personal experience.

Jenna Mullen is a Doctor of Physical Therapy

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

A seminar on how to provide emergency care

Free to the public in the WCC Auditorium No registration necessary

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 10:30am - 11:30am and 5pm - 6pm



Presented by the Honolulu Police Department District 6 WAIKIKI COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

RCERT WITH

Learn to make a simple yet beautiful lei po'o (floral crown). The class is fun and relaxed; you'll learn how to weave a lovely floral crown to

keep or gift to someone special. We will provide all materials to make one lei po'o - you bring an open heart and mind!





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THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023 11:30am - 1:00pm Lanai \$20* BeST / \$30* General Public

*non-refundable

Deadline to register is June 15, 2023 Register online: https://www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/Register or phone 808-923-1802



By Special Request -Returning to Waikiki Community Center!



Wednesday, June 21, 2023 1pm - 2pm Auditorium - Free to public

Register online at https://www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register or call 808 923-1802

> Prepare to enjoy the music and have a good time! See you there!

Oeno 11/in

Oeno Wine Making is Hawaii's only winery named after the Greek goddess of wine. Oeno Wine uses the Italian technique, resulting in little or no sulfites. This process produces a fresh, vibrant wine that finishes clean and silky.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023 2:15 PM CHECK-IN AT WCC / 8:00 PM RETURN TO WCC BEST \$55 / GENERAL PUBLIC \$65

Register by July 7, 2023 To register call 808-923-1802 or online at www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register Capacity: 24 participants Fees are non-refundable *Participants must be at least 21 years of age. Non-members are asked to sign waivers. Fees include wine tasting and transportation only. Getting Affairs in Order



PRESENTER: KAREN O'NEIL, CERTIFIED WELLNESS COUNSELOR

If someone had to make sense of your financial matters without your help, would they know what you owned, where you kept your most important documents, or even who would care for your pet?

Karen O'Neil takes the scary out of this important task. Do yourself - and your family - a big favor and get organized.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 10:00am - 11:00am Free - Auditorium

Register by July 14 online: www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register or phone: 808-923-1802





Inspired by the true story of the first Chinese woman to arrive in America. The Chinese Lady, follows Afong May, after she is broght from China to American and put on display for an eager public yearning to learn of the exotic East. Leavened with humor and insight, the play explores the way we see ourselves and others.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 2:30pm Meet at Manoa Valley Theatre 3:00pm Matinee Begins

\$37 BeST Members* / \$45 General Public* 10 Tickets Available / Register by June 30, 2023 at https://www.waikikicommunitycenter.org or 808–923-1802

*Non-Refundable

WATERCOLOR PAINT CLASS

12-Week Course

TUESDAYS, August 22 - November 7

11:30am - 12:30pm - Lanai

This class is for beginners or those who would like to give it another try. In 12-weeks, you will learn basic techniques & build a toolbox of knowledge and skill to paint in the style and subject you wish to pursue.

INSTRUCTOR: DAWN YOSHIMURA

Quality materials are provided by the instructor for 12-week course

\$305 BeST*/ \$345 General Public*

Minimum 6 students required. Deadline to register is August 1

Register in advance online at https://www.waikikicommunitycenter.org or in-person at the WCC office



Coffee Cupping

Friday, September 8, 2023 \$45 BeST /\$55 General Public Check in: 8:45 AM | Return 1:00 PM

Traditions Coffee Roastery, founded by a retired NY Firefighter Lieutenant, is family owned and loved. The beans are meticulously chosen based on their quality and flavor profile, and the roaster supports local farmers using organic and sustainable methods. Roasting smallbatch coffee showcases the beauty of global variations and ensures the freshest roast possible.

Traditions Coffee Roaster will teach you how aroma, taste, and feel impact your senses and perception of coffee. Learn how the flavor and aroma are created during roasting and get a behind-the-scenes look at how your morning cup of joe is crafted. Find out what makes good coffee, how to brew your best cup, and bask in the smell and taste of freshly roasted coffee.

"Coffee Cupping"

Coffee cupping is a sacred ritual in the coffee world. It is a globally standardized method for assessing the coffee's fragrance, aroma, and flavor.

Please register by Monday, August 28, 2023 | Tour capacity is 20 people Register by phone 808-923-1802 or online www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/registe



Thursday, August 24

\$45 BeST* / \$55 General Public*

8:45am Check-in at WCC / 2:30pm Return to WCC

No-host lunch at Uahi Island Grill

- Participants must be able to enter/exit transportation and walk the tour site independently.
- This tour is limited to 25 people.

Register by August 14, 2023 / *Fees are non-refundable

Book Now 808-923-1802

Or Book Online www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register

SWEETLAND FARM Tour in Waialua

Love of goats, land, cheese and a passion for food security.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023 8:45am Check-in at WCC 2:00pm Return to WCC

\$50.00 BeST Members* \$60 General Public*

No Host Lunch at The Smoking Boar & The Coconut

Learn about the award-winning goat cheeses and how they are produced.

"At Sweet Land Farm we believe that the most magical ingredient to delicious cheese starts with the land. That's why we work the soil ourselves to grow and harvest fresh high-quality forage and cultivate our wide-open pastures for grazing. The land and its soil are the foundation for healthy goats, outstanding fresh milk, and amazing cheese.

Sweetland is a family-owned business and a part of the sustainable Hawaii movement."

Capacity is 25 people

Wear comfortable clothes and covered footwear. Participants must be able to independently enter/exit

transportation and walk the tour site. *Tour fees are non-refundable.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER ONLINE OR BY PHONE IS OCTOBER 5, 2023

🗰 www.waikikicommunitycenter.org/register 🛛 🏼 🗞 808-923-1802



VIRTUAL CLASSES ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (ELA) and ELA CONVERSATION GROUP

Instructor: Donna Prather



6-Week On-line ELA CLASS: TUESDAYS July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15 10am - 11am Hawaii standard time

6-Week On-line ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP: THURSDAYS July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17 10am - 11am Hawaii standard time

\$65 BeST / \$80 General non-refundable

Please register in advance online at https://www.waikikicommunitycenter.org or in person at the WCC office

Chang Scholarship

The Ida Chang Scholarship is provided to enable a senior in need the ability to participate in fee-based activities provided by Waikiki Community Center (i.e. tours, classes, programs, etc.)

The Scholarship is based on availability of funds with consideration provided to an applicant who is:

50+ years of age

A permanent Hawaii State resident with a Waikiki or adjoining neighborhood address

> An existing or past WCC member/participant or Senior Asssistance client on record who is able to meet income criteria

Please call Waikiki Community Center at 808-923-1802 for more information



Register in advance online at https://www.waikikicommunitycenter.org or in-person at the WCC office

Want to BUILD **Emergency Savings?**

What is BUILD?

a new Waikiki Community Center program that helps vorking families & seniors become more financially stable.

- \$1,000 Matched Savings We will match your monthly savings deposits 1:1 up to \$1,000.
- Resources/Support We help you access resources &
- ices to avoid drawing from savings during the year



- ALICE [Asset Limit





ww.waikikicommunitycenter.com/BUILD act: Pamela Seelig, BUILD Program Manag

nter.org 808-923-1802, ext. 107

Funded in part by the Aloha United Way ALICE initiative



Contact Charlyn Moore at 808 922-2098 or cmoore@waikikicommunitycenter.org





EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF MONTH

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Auditorium

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A FREE ONLINE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE offered by the

Hawaii State Public Library System

Kanopy has more than 30,000 of the world's best movies, documentaries, a children's collection of animated storybooks, and much more.

Access to Kanopy is free with a Hawaii State Public Library System card. A library card is free to residents.

Kanopy can stream from your computer, tablet, phone or smart TV



\$500+ Anonymous; R. Arkay

\$100+ H. Goodwin; N. Mercer; L. Nagata

\$50+ L. Akana (in memory of Jeffrey Apaka)

Up to \$49 Anonymous; T. Kanai; W. Kernstock; T. Seelig; D. Whiteherse

VOLUNTEERS

CLASS INSTRUCTORS Miki Mahokey; Alex Merano; Lorna Merano; Donna Prather; Carole Shinn

> SENIOR SHOPPING DAY Anthony Urbi **Ryan Chun**



11am - 12:15pm \$5 BeST / \$8 General Room 202-E

with Carole Shinn

Bring your mat, water & towel





Auditorium

HULA with NALANI II

(Advanced class)

WEDNESDAY 11am - 12:15pm \$15 BeST / \$20 General Auditorium

CLASS

FRIDAYS

Auditorium

FRIDAYS

9am - 10am

Room 205-E

with Yumi

SATURDAYS 12noon - 1pm

Auditorium

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with Lorna & Alex



TUESDAYS 9:00am - 10:00am \$6 BeST / \$9 General

Auditorium Instructor: Sheri Yamashita



SATURDAY 11am - <mark>12noon</mark>

\$7 BeST / \$10 General Public Room 205-E Instructor: Adina Corduneanu



PILATES I

music.

KAZAXE



Instructor: Shannon Ashe

SATURDAYS

10:30am - 11:30am

\$6 BeST / \$9 General Public Auditorium

Kazaxe is a cardio & dance fitness workout class. Easy to follow moves to high energy

with Helen Murray

MONDAYS 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. \$5 BeST / \$8 General Room 202-E

PILATES II



MONDAYS 12pm - 2pm \$Free / \$5 General

Lanai



A non-instructional class Craft your own project in the company of others. Feel free to bring your lunch.



You provide your own project and supp Instructors are not available



FRIDAYS 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. \$7 Best / \$10 General Room 202-E





Paper Documents (up to 100 sheets per visit)

MONDAY thru FRIDAY* 10am - 2pm / WCC office *except holidays

This service is provided in partnership with AARP Hawaii for the prevention of fraud and identity theft of senior individuals



WCC Preschool has the special opportunity to greet the detector beagles from the U.S. Customs & Border Protection.



VIRTUAL LIVE WEEKLY CLASSES with ROBIN BUSH (via Zoom)

ZUMBA GOLD with ROBIN BUSH Thursday at 10:00am (HI time zone)

To register for Zoom link, contact Robin at 808-949-2161 or pcrobin@gmail.com

SENIOR STRONG with ROBIN BUSH

Thursdays from 11:00am (HI time zone)

To register for Zoom link, contact Robin at 808-949-2161 or pcrobin@gmail.com

ZUMBA GOLD and GOLD TONING COMBO with ROBIN BUSH Sundays at 11:00am (HI time zone)

To register for Zoom link, contact Robin at 808-949-2161 or pcrobin@gmail.com

K-POP PILATES with ROBIN BUSH Saturdays at 1:00pm (HI time zone)

To register for Zoom link, contact Robin at 808-949-2161 or pcrobin@gmail.com

Mahalo