



WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

Please join us  
to meet and converse with  
**Hawaii's First Lady,**  
**DAWN AMANO-IGE**

**Monday, June 25, 2018,**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Harris United Methodist Church, Miyama Main Hall**  
Nuuanu Ave. and South Vineyard Blvd.  
Ample parking—driveway off Nuuanu Ave.

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**Kokua Council Windward**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**  
(meetings now held on the third Thursday of every month)  
**12:30-1:30 p.m.**  
**Pohai Nani, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Club Room**

**Senator Will Espero:**  
**“Housing and Other Issues in Hawaii,**  
**A Report from the Legislature”**

**Agenda:**

11:30 (Optional) — **Buffet Lunch in Dining Room, \$11.** Reservation and Information: Samuel Cox (808) 779-3606 or [revsamuelcox@gmail.com](mailto:revsamuelcox@gmail.com) .

12:30 **Program:** Senator Will Espero : **“Housing and Other Issues in Hawaii, A Report from the Legislature”**

*More Information: Samuel Cox 779-3606, Richard Miller 254-1796*

## DAWN AMANO-IGE

Dawn Amano-Ige is currently a member of the Spouses' Leadership Committee for the National Governor's Association.

In her role as first lady, Mrs. Ige draws on her experiences as an educator and business woman. She supports education, particularly in the areas of STEAM (science, technology education, arts and math), global education, and international student exchanges. Mrs. Ige was honored in 2016 by the Public School of Hawaii Foundation.

Mrs. Ige also promotes healthy living through the Department of Health's Choose Healthy Now program.

Professionally, Mrs. Ige was an educator who most recently served as vice principal of Kanoelani Elementary School and Moanalua High School. Prior to working in school administration, she was a 3rd grade teacher for over 10 years at Waimalu Elementary School. Mrs. Ige previously worked in business as marketing director of Kapiolani Health Care System and as an account executive for the public relations firm of Stryker Weiner Associates.

Mrs. Ige was born and raised in Ewa, Hawai'i and is a graduate of James Campbell High School in Ewa Beach. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Hawaii, where she met her husband. She also earned a master's degree business from Chaminade University in Honolulu. After having children, she returned to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa for a professional diploma in elementary education.

The Ige's have three children, Lauren, who is an attorney in Washington, D.C; Amy, a registered nurse in Jacksonville, Florida, and Matthew, who is a senior at John Hopkins University in Baltimore. (Copied from <http://governor.hawaii.gov/meet-the-first-lady/>)

## SHINING LIGHT AWARD

During the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Review, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," on May 23, 2018 at the State Capitol, HARA (Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans) and Kokua Council presented Shining Light awards to two honorees:

- **Dr. Cullen Hayashida**, Director and Founder of the Kupuna Education Center at Kapi'olani Community College, was recognized for his work of over 30 years as a gerontologist, educator, leader and advocate dedicated to helping kupuna age well and live well ("active aging"), and who encourages seniors to engage in "enclave careers."
- **Rose Nakamura** was recognized for her tireless contributions as Administrator and Co-Founder of Project Dana, a Statewide volunteer caregiving program. Since 1989, Project Dana has recruited volunteers to provide services to allow frail elderly and disabled to live with dignity in their own homes.

Since 2008, the Shining Light Award has been presented to individuals or organizations in recognition of their contributions to advancing senior issues in the legislature. Past awardees are:

- 2017: John Radcliffe-for his passionate and effective advocate for Death with Dignity legislation.  
John McDermott-for his dedicated service as Hawaii's Long-term Care Ombudsman since 1998.
- 2016: Larry Geller-in recognition for his history of community activism and service as Kokua Council President.  
Percy Ihara-for his leadership in publishing Generations Magazine, Hawaii's outstanding source of information for seniors
- 2015: FACE, Faith Action of Community Equity, for their advocacy on the issue of Long Term Care Insurance  
Bruce McCullough-for his work as HARA Legislative Chair

Gary Simon-for his work with PABEA  
Kathryn Xian-for her advocacy on behalf of exploited women

- 2014: Albert Hara-in recognition of his contributions as HARA President and as a seniors' advocate
- 2013: Representative Marcus Oshiro  
Dr. Anthony Lenzer, Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition  
Legislative Kupuna Caucus
- 2012: Stuart Ho, Chair, Long Term Care Commission  
Eudie Schick, Chair of PABEA and Chair of the Honolulu Committee on Aging (HCOA)
- 2011: Helen Altonn, newspaper reporter  
Alan Parker, Hawaii County Executive on Aging  
James Pietsch, Director, UH Law School, Elderly Law Office  
Dr. Eldon Wegner, PABEA, advocate on senior issues
- 2010: Senator Roselind Baker  
Rob Perez, Reporter, Honolulu Advertiser  
Special Award to Al Beeman, citizen activist for absentee voting
- 2009: John Hayakawa, senior advocate and legislative resource volunteer  
Wesley Lu, Executive Office on Aging  
Laura Manis, long time senior advocate in the legislature  
Representative Cynthia Thielan
- 2008: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr.  
Representative Marilyn Lee  
Representative Roy Takumi

## **OTHER 2018 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES: CONDOS**

Condominiums have a high percentage of seniors as residents because of the perceived ease of maintenance and conveniences such as central locality, closer access to public transportation and health facilities.

While the law states that common assessments (maintenance fees, association fees) **MUST** be paid, the law currently also allows associations to carve out secondary liabilities such as late payment penalties, house rules violation penalties, from a common assessment payment, potentially causing an owner to default unintentionally on the common assessment payment. The law also requires that owners pay all these fees and penalties before being able to dispute those charges.

The use of threats of foreclosure to enforce compliance and to encourage payments, can be unjust and damaging. Aggressive enforcement can lead to an inescapable cycle of debt because of prolonged resolution, until the homeowner loses their home.

This consequence is especially harmful for older homeowners because they can lose the equity they've built up over many years and because they live on fixed and limited incomes. For older people, it is more difficult to start over.

Advocates Dale Head, Lourdes Scheibert, Nancy Manali, Helen Wagner, Lila Mower, and others support initiatives to enhance and protect ownership rights. Recently passed laws now require that owners have greater access to records and that owners are allowed to participate in board meetings, disallows retaliation, and improves the condo election process. We are awaiting the Governor's signature on HB1873 HD1 SD1 CD1 to prohibit situations such as that describe above.



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**Who Are We?**

The **Kokua Council** is one of Hawaii’s oldest advocacy groups. There is a \$10.00 annual membership to defray printing and postage costs. At each meeting, topical issues are presented for discussion and possible action. We embrace diversity and extend a special invitation to any senior or intergenerational minded individual interested in advocating for these important issues in Hawaii.” All are welcome. **WHEN:** 4th Monday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **WHERE:** Harris United Methodist Church @ Nuuanu & South Vineyard Blvd., Ample parking and a light lunch are provided for \$5.00 Donation. **REACH US:** c/o Harris United Methodist Church, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Mission:** “Kokua Council advocates and seeks to empower seniors and other concerned citizens to be effective advocates in shaping the future and well-being of our community, with particular attention to those needing help in advocating for themselves.”

**YOUR 2018 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Board and attending community members elected the 2017 Kokua Council Officers and Board Members. Officers: President – Jim Shon, 282-1509; Secretary – Kathy Wyatt; VPs: Barbara Service and Lila Mower, Treasurer – Barbara Service, 352-7779. Board Members: Charles Carole; T. J. Davies, [tjdavies@juno.com](mailto:tjdavies@juno.com) ; Larry Geller, 540-1928; Lila Mower, Barbara Service, Helen Wagner, Emeritus: Sam Cox, Richard Miller.

**Website: [www.kokuacouncil.org](http://www.kokuacouncil.org)**

**JOIN KOKUA COUNCIL!**

Yes! I want to join Kokua Council. Here are my annual dues and my contact information. I understand that my phone number will be added to the Kokua Phone Tree and I will receive the monthly newsletter and occasional e-mails. Our fiscal year starts in January. Please make checks payable to **Kokua Council**.

**Individual Member** \_\_ \$10.00      **Life Member** \_\_ \$100.00      **Organizational Member** \_\_ \$25.00

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