



WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Monday, April 27, 2015

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Miyama Main Hall, Harris United Methodist Church

Nuuanu Ave. and South Vineyard Blvd.

Ample parking - driveway off Nuuanu Ave.

Agenda:

11:30 Luncheon (optional): Various Pizzas, Salad, and Dessert—\$5.00 Donation

11:55 Welcome, Introductions and Remarks, Larry Geller, President

12:00 Program: "Finding funds for your advocacy" with Nancy Aleck and Samantha Ruiz. Do you have a plan for action that needs an injection of resources to make it happen? Learn how to make your needs known so you can get busy. Alternatively, do you want to support grassroots social change in Hawaii and want to learn where to direct your contribution so it will do the most good?

Nancy Aleck is the Executive Director of the **Hawaii People's Fund**, a publicly supported community foundation established in 1972 to provide grants to progressive grassroots social change organizations working in Hawai'i. "Our philosophy of community-based strategic philanthropy offers a unique alternative to traditional charitable giving."

Samantha Ruiz organizes **Honolulu Soup**, a micro-granting dinner meeting supporting creative projects in Honolulu. At the event, attendees eat, talk, share resources, enjoy art, and vote on the project they think benefits the city the most. At the end of the night, the organizers will collect the ballots and the winner goes home with all of the money raised to carry out their project.

1:00 Adjourn

BOARD MEETING: 10:00 a.m. preceding Lunch

Who Are We?

Kokua Council 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.

The Kokua Council is one of Hawaii's oldest advocacy groups.

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. Annual membership is \$10 to defer printing and postage costs.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Harris United Methodist Church @ Nuuanu and Vineyard Blvd., There's ample parking. An optional light lunch are provided for \$5 donation.

At each meeting, topical issues are presented for discussion and possible action.

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A Time of Reflection

Kokua Council President Ruth Ellen Lindenberg, was a respected advocate who testified on auto insurance reforms, patients' rights, health coverage for the uninsured, and a variety of other important social issues right up until her death at 91 in 2004.

Thanks to her efforts over the years, along with the efforts of other advocates and organizations, we have the benefit of the 1998 Patients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Act and other protective legislation.

She educated legislators and the public on the need to control health insurance premiums, writing for example in the Star Bulletin that "Hawaii must look critically at the need for regulation of health-insurance plans" and urging readers to let their views be known to legislators. The bill passed despite marathon lobbying against it.

JOIN KOKUA COUNCIL!

Yes! I want to join Kokua Council. Membership is for January-December. Members will be added to Kokua Phone Tree and will receive the monthly newsletter and occasional e-mails. Make checks payable to **Kokua Council**. Members: Individual (\$10), Lifetime (\$100) Organization (\$25)

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