



Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

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Maunalani Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Given National Quality Award



Ms. Stacy Wong, Communications Manager of Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) surprised us on June 1st with the Bronze announcement!

On June 1st, **Maunalani Nursing & Rehabilitation Center** was recognized with a **2018 Bronze — Commitment to Quality Award** by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). The award honors long term and post-acute care providers that have demonstrated their commitment to improving the quality of care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Ms. Stacy Wong, Communications Manager of Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH)—which is the state affiliate for AHCA/NCAL—paid a surprise visit to Maunalani during our June Facility-Wide Staff Meeting.

Flanked with bronze balloons, Ms. Wong proudly announced that Maunalani was 1 of only 3 Hawaii skilled nursing facilities to receive the Bronze distinction **this year**.

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program is a progressive award program that has three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Trained Examiners review each application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria. In Hawaii, there are now only 5 skilled nursing facilities who have been awarded the Bronze Award. All 5 Hawaii Bronze Awardees may now apply for the Silver Achievement in Quality Award.

Ms. Sai Chantavy, Maunalani's Executive Director, will accept our Bronze Award during AHCA/NCAL's 69th Annual Convention, October 7-10, 2018 in San Diego, California.

Congratulations to the entire MAUNALANI TEAM — our staff, residents and their families, and our care partners for working together to make a difference in the lives of our Seniors.



A **BIG MAHALO** to **Mr. Itsukuni Higashide** for his special musical performance at Maunalani on June 9. Mr. Higashide played the **quena** which is a traditional flute (made of cane or bamboo) of the Andes. He lives in Japan where he is a composer, and was in Hawaii as a special guest at the Honolulu Museum of Art, where an event—Reframing Fukushima After 3.11: Two Stories—was held. The two featured movies were: Haru Yo Koi: Bears, Honey Bees and Akio-san; and Mothers of Fukushima: Eiko & Yoshiko. Mr. Higashide composed “Yubae (Evening Glow),” the theme music of “Haru Yo Koi.”

We would also like to thank **Mr. Toshi Nomura, Vice President of Phiten Hawaii/Waves of Aloha LLC** for inviting Mr. Higashide to make the special music appearance at Maunalani.



Mr. Higashide is pictured with his wife (center) and friends/supporters from Hawaii.



Do you currently use the bus stop in front of Maunalani (upper parking lot) to visit family members or to get to work?

If so, please **call JAY** at the **Department of Transportation Services** at phone # 768-837 — **ASAP!**

They are considering **removing this bus stop** if they do not receive enough calls to keep it.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sarina Foreman at 695-2802.

Attention All Maunalani Residents

Please join us for our



Friday, July 6

9 am at the Library

Mahalo!

Mr. Zeke Izon

Maunalani's Resident Council President

GET TO KNOW MAUNALANI'S NEW RESIDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Zeke Izon

Mr. Zeke Izon was born in Waialua on the island of O'ahu, Territory of Hawai'i, in 1927. He grew up in the Halemanu Camps, attended Waialua High school and graduated in 1945. The oldest son in a family with three brothers and three sisters, he enjoyed the active country life at the plantation with its many animals and delicious fruit trees and gardens.

During his teenage years, he also worked at the California Packing Company cannery, Gaspro at Iwilei, the pineapple and sugar plantations, and even volunteered during wartime to help build the Kawailoa airstrip in Haleiwa.



Zeke was drafted into the U.S. Army and was assigned to 517th Military Police Company, training at Schofield Barracks. From 1946 to 1950 he was enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces as a sergeant, personnel clerk. In August of 1950, he began a new chapter in his life by enlisting into the U.S. Air Force and getting married to his one and only true love, Melagrosa. For the next 3 years, he served as a personnel clerk at Headquarters 1500th Air Transport Group, Hickam Air Force Base (AFB) and attended accounting classes for a year.

His years in the Air Force brought him and his family to many destinations far and wide. He was stationed at Hickam AFB, Warner Robins AFB in Georgia, Nagoya Air station in Japan, Clark AB in the Philippines, Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona, and finally, returned to Hickam AFB. In 1971, he was sent overseas to Vietnam, away from his family, for a one-year deployment. He remained in the Air Force until 1974, when he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant with close to 29 years of service. In those years, he and Melagrosa had nine children, growing into a close and loving family.

With military and technical training under his belt, including administrative and personnel specialties and statistical analysis—and his approachable personality—Zeke found many job opportunities as an auditor and insurance representative, and continued his education in the real estate business. In 1987, he began his civil service career working in finance at the civil and military pay office at Hickam AFB. He retired in 2005 and has enjoyed life in Wahiawa for many years. Zeke recently moved here to Maunalani Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, and looks forward to meeting all of his fellow residents and their families.



**Please join us for our
Independence Day Social**

Show your patriotism and
dress in **Red**, **White** and **Blue**!

Wednesday, 4th of July
9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
at the Castle Lanai

RSVP

695-2860 (Chloe)
695-2813 (Arceli)
695-2872 (Czar)

Hotdogs

S'mores

Lemonade

and more!



Learn How To Play Hanafuda

Friday, July 13 (3:00 p.m.)



Special Guest:

Hanafuda Club of Hawaii

Helen Nakano, Founder





Join us for our JULY EXCURSION

Saturday, July 28

1:00 p.m.

KAHALA MALL

Space is limited.

To RSVP, please call 695-2860 or 695-2813.

Transportation Fee: \$32/roundtrip
(CHECKS ONLY; payable to Roberts Hawaii)

