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### LOCAL BRIEFS

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#### HUI MALAMA DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT MEETING

KAHULUI - Hui Malama Learning Center Executive Director Pualani Enos will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Maui on Thursday.

Enos will speak about Hui Malama's employer mentoring program and the benefits of experiential learning.

The meeting will begin at noon at the Class Act restaurant at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Lunch costs \$20. For more information, call club President Heather Mueller at 264-2282.

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#### FUNDRAISER 'WHALE SAIL' SET MARCH 28

Kairos Outside Maui, a women's ministry for spouses and adult female family members of men incarcerated on Maui and the Mainland, will hold a "Whale Sail" fundraiser March 28.

Check-in is at 1:45 p.m. at Lahaina Harbor.

A \$25 tax-deductible contribution will reserve seating for the trip on a first-come, first-served basis. Sixty seats are available.

The money raised will go for a women's retreat for spouses in the fall. More information is available by calling Paula Loewen at 667-5053 or Merri Lee Enomoto at 357-2879.

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#### JAPANESE GROUP WILL HOLD YEARLY CLEANUP

WAILUKU - The Japanese Cultural Society of Maui will hold its annual cleanup of the Kepaniwai Park & Heritage Gardens in Iao Valley State Park starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Members and the general public are asked to participate, said event Chairman Rodney Ryugo.

The activity demonstrates the group's appreciation for its ancestors and pays tribute to them, said Japanese Cultural Society of Maui President Tiffany Iida. Families are encouraged to participate and also take time to view the park and garden's monuments to the immigrants and their stories, she said.

Attendees are asked to bring garden tools, trash bags and portable chairs. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and water will be provided to all volunteers.

To make reservations, call Priscilla Yamamura at 283-4253 by Wednesday.

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#### DIABETIC DIET TIPS TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

KAHULUI - Tips on a healthy diet for diabetics will be shared at a presentation Wednesday at Roselani Place.

Saundra Gaskey, director of nutrition services for Hale Makua Health Services and dietician consultant for Roselani Place, will be the speaker. She will discuss food issues all diabetics should know, reveal myths regarding "forbidden" foods, suggest good snacks for diabetics, and provide samples of tasty treats.

The talk will begin at 3 p.m. To reserve a seat, call 871-7720 or e-mail [diane@roselaniplace.com](mailto:diane@roselaniplace.com).

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#### JAPANESE CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

WAILUKU - The Japanese Cultural Society of Maui is accepting applications for its annual scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school senior who promotes and perpetuates the Japanese culture through education or the arts.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship can contact organization President Tiffany Iida at [tiida@hawaiianisp.com](mailto:tiida@hawaiianisp.com) or 276-5444. Information is also available at [www.jcsmaui.com](http://www.jcsmaui.com). The application deadline is April 15.

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#### WHALE ENTANGLEMENT TALK SLATED IN KIHEI

KIHEI - An expert on whale entanglement will speak at the Rotary Club of Kihei Sunrise on Wednesday.

Edward Lyman, marine mammal response manager for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, will speak at the 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting at the Five Palms Restaurant at the Mana Kai Maui Resort in Kihei.

He will explain how experts free entangled whales without harming the animals and discuss issues surrounding whale entanglement.

Breakfast costs \$17. For information, call Joanne Laird at 757-0981 or visit [www.kiheirotary.org](http://www.kiheirotary.org).

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#### PUPILS MAY APPLY FOR ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

LAHAINA - The Rotary Club of Lahaina is accepting applications for its annual scholarship awards.

Students from Lahainaluna, Molokai and Lanai high schools, and Maui Preparatory Academy, are eligible to apply. The club is looking for students who demonstrate superior academic ability, school and civic involvement and a "winning character profile." A total of \$25,000 in scholarships will be awarded.

Applications must be submitted to a school counselor or to a Rotary Club member by April 2, and interviews will take place April 24.

For an application, contact Rick Nava at 856-8202 or [rick@msimaui.com](mailto:rick@msimaui.com), or Nane Aluli at 669-6205 or [naluli@mauiian.com](mailto:naluli@mauiian.com).

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#### TOWN HALL TALK ON ALCOHOL AWARENESS

KIHEI - Kihei Youth Center will hold a town hall meeting on alcohol awareness.

The event will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the youth center located at 131 S. Kihei Road.

Anita Laviola of Ola Hou Counseling Services will be guest speaker in an open forum, and there also will be parent resources, door prizes, refreshments and child care.

For more information, call 879-8698.

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#### 4TH-GRADER QUALIFIES FOR GEOGRAPHY BEE

KAHULUI - A 4th-grader at Emmanuel Lutheran School has qualified for the Hawaii Geographic Bee to be held April 9 at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

Ryan Chang, son of Eric Chang and Sharon Suzuki, was a school-level winner who took a qualifying test for the state bee. The sponsor of the national bee, National Geographic Society, invited the top 100 students tested to the state competition.

The state winner will receive a \$100 cash prize, the "National Geographic Atlas of the World" and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the national finals May 25-26.

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#### FUNDRAISER FOR CHILD BATTLING EYE CANCER

MAKAWAO - The family and friends of a 2-year-old Makawao child with eye cancer will be holding a kalua pig fundraiser on April 3 to help pay for medical expenses.

Tailia Ka'onohiokaia Purdy was diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer, called retinoblastoma, in late January. She has already lost her right eye and will be undergoing medical treatment for the next three years.

The fundraiser will help the family pay for medical and travel expenses associated with the treatment.

The kalua pig costs \$10 for a 1-pound container. The pickup will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Equity One Real Estate, next to Pukalani Superette.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Tailia's grandfather, Freddie Perkins, at 572-1429 or 276-7576 or her aunt, Barbara Purdy, at 357-3911.

An account has been opened at Valley Isle Community Federal Credit Union under the child's name, which will accept donations.

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#### IMUA FAMILY GALA RAISES \$23,000

WAILUKU - Imua Family Services' signature "Black Tie & Slippers Gala" last month raised more than \$23,000 through its silent and live auctions and fund-a-keiki program.

At the event, Imua honored Michael Moynahan, a retired Navy officer and 12-year chairman of the Roy's Restaurants Golf Classic. This tournament has raised \$400,000 for Imua services to children with disabilities.

Imua Family Services provides comprehensive early childhood development services to children and their families with the support and resources needed to achieve their full potential in life. For more information, see Web site [www.imuafamilyservices.org](http://www.imuafamilyservices.org) or call 244-7467.

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