

Executive Director Greg LaGoy

Executive Director's Corner

Those of you receiving and reading this probably value not only the work we do, but the philosophy and values at the heart of hospice. Part of what makes our organization and our activities as valued as they are is the fact that our perspective is largely missing from the larger picture of health care and from the society in general.

What is our perspective? That people are more than their bodies and their roles; that in order to care well for people, their emotional, social, and spiritual needs must be understood

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and met; that kindness alone has healing power; and that life for each of us has an end, the ongoing knowledge of which gives special meaning to each of our acts right now.

So, where am I going with this? I find that these values deeply resonate in the human heart, and I feel strongly that the more that people are exposed to them, the more likely they will include them in their thinking and therefore in their decisions. In this way, the quality of health care and life in general in our community will improve.

I see part of my role as the Executive Director of Hospice Maui as being an ambassador charged with bringing these values to those parts of our health-care system and our society that are within our sphere of influence. In this capacity, I interact with a number of other organizations that provide care to our community: Member of the Professional Advisory Committee of Hale Makua Home Health since 1991; Member of the hospital ethics committee for over four years, and on their End-of-Life Committee for over almost three years; And member of the Maui Long-Term Care Partnership, interacting with the leaders of the entire spectrum of Maui health care, for three years. In addition, I helped initiate a formal program of comfort care at the hospital, called a palliative care program, and have continued to be involved in the training of nurses and nurse aides in our institutions on issues around care at the end of life.

It is through these ongoing relationships and special projects that our values find a wider audience. It is through the actions and decisions of that wider audience that these values touch the lives of our community members.



... to make comfortable.

- Comfort and dignity for people who are terminally ill.
- Assistance and peace of mind for their families.

News from Hospice Maui

SPRING 2005



Mahalo Nui Loa for Equinox Maui

Thanks to the time, efforts, money and dedication of so many, many Hospice friends, our first major fund development event in ten years, Equinox Maui, was an outstanding success! Although it had rained all day long on Saturday, March 12, the clouds dissipated, the lush foliage and flowers sparkled like jewels from the remnants of the rain, and the sun broke out in a huge grin and rays all around, all just prior to the 5:30 p.m. commencement of cocktails in the Holokai Pavilion at the Maui Prince Hotel. Fairies flitted, mermaids lounged, dancers pirouetted, and harp, saxophone and flute music, along with the Jean Pierre Toma Trio filled the sunset breezes with mellifluous melodies.

“View from the Heart,” an original painting by Betty Hay Freeland, was the highlight of the Silent Auction that was held on the outside lanai, while a Trip for Two on any Norwegian Cruise Line Cruise brought about spirited bidding during the Live Auction in the Maui Prince Ballroom. Entertainment by the outstanding Reiko Fukino Trio, the ethereal Koa Blue Dancers, and Pono Murray’s unique Hawaii theater provided a dinner show that fully complimented the fabulous Maui Prince Buffet. And who can forget our fabulous models, dancers and singers attired in Tori Richard Fashions – a wonderful job by all. And last, but by no means least, sincere thanks to our awesome Master of Ceremonies, Phillip Jarosz, who also did an outstanding impression of a real auctioneer, along with Greg LaGoy, when called upon to fill in!

When it was all said and done, a net total of \$31,000.00 was raised at Equinox Maui. It’s a sum that we feel very comfortable about for a first-time event and we are now in the midst of planning our next affair... see you there!



Lovely Lia Krieg lets loose with “Material Girl.”

From all of us at Hospice, heartfelt and sincere thanks to all who supported the event, including:

— Those who purchased tickets; those who attended the event, and those who purchased items in both the Live and Silent Auctions.

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Who's on Board?

Hale Makua Home Health Director **Jim Kahler**, who is Vice President of the Hospice Maui Board of Directors, began his life-long commitment to health care when he was a young man. It all began when Jim worked as a physical therapy assistant while attending Northern Michigan University in Marquette. It was then just a short hop to the Mayo Clinic where he trained as a physical therapist. Thirty-two years ago he made a little bigger leap from the mainland to the Big Island to work as a therapist at the Hilo Hospital. Jim also drove to Kona three days a week to run a clinic on that side of the island.



Hospice Board Member
Jim Kahler

Jim left the Big Island after two and one-half years, and spent the next 14 years on Oahu at the Rehab Hospital of the Pacific. He left as Vice President of Clinical Services a decade and a half ago to come to Maui and join Hale Makua Home Health. The ultimate goal of the Hale Makua staff is to ensure that patients themselves, and their families, can safely care for patients in their own homes. Hale Makua Home Health does provide direct care through aides, physical and occupational therapists, speech pathologists and registered nurses, but the thrust is to teach the patient so they can be self-reliant. According to a recent review of 7,500 Medicare-certified health care organizations by the National Home Care Reduction Project, Hale Makua Home Health was in the top 8 percent of all agencies in the country in helping patients to stay at home with in-home health care services. Kahler emphasized that Hale Makua Home Health personnel work strictly under physicians' orders, and each service they provide has been ordered by a doctor.

Jim came to the Hospice Maui Board as a sort of natural progression, i.e. HMHH and Hospice Maui have had a close connection for many years, including the fact that as far back as 15 years ago someone from Hale Makua served on the weekly "Advisory Committee" Meetings for Hospice; Dr. Greg LaGoy, Hospice's Executive Director, has served on the Professional Advisory Committee for HMHH; HMHH is medicare-based, and frequently refers patients to Hospice Maui, etc., etc., ... so, when the call came from Greg, Jim was ready to come on-board!

According to Jim, two of the major accomplishments of the Board of Directors

since he's been a member, are getting the H. E. MacHenry Building constructed, and completing a very intensive strategic planning process just about five years ago. He stated that the meeting rooms are not just an asset to Hospice Maui, but also to the community at large. The strategic planning provides specific tasks for each committee and committees must report back to the Board at each meeting regarding the progress of tasks. This ensures that the Board and Staff adhere to elements of the Strategic Plan, and the agency remains on track in terms of both short and long-term goals. Jim also feels that the organization has made great strides financially and has invested endowments wisely.

Jim has been involved with many community organizations in the past, and still sits on two for profit boards for Hale Makua. He enjoys traveling immensely and has been to Central and South America as well as to China, Japan and most of the south eastern and south western Pacific islands. Just last Fall he spent two weeks in Mexico trekking through Mayan Ruins. Jim sees much more travel in his future! Part of that traveling is sure to include visits to daughter Kimberly who is a physician in Washington State and grandson Jake who is seven, and four-year-old granddaughter Kate.

If there are good works going on in the community, **Betty Leis** is sure to be right in the midst lending a hand. This petite, unassuming lady has a big heart, and a big hand in ensuring the success of any number of events, and in making decisions that will have positive, lasting effects on individuals and on the community.

Betty is starting the first year of her second, three-year term at Hospice Maui and her second year as Secretary of this Board. She also sits on the Board of the Maui Arts and Cultural Center and is on their Finance Committee. She is a member of the Board of A Keiki's Dream and on their Program Committee. Betty is on the Board of the Friends of the Children's Justice Center and

on their Program Committee, and, whew, she is also Treasurer of the Maui Contractors Women's Auxiliary. This Auxiliary is very close to Betty's heart and she has been involved since its inception in 1981. The group quietly and efficiently raise funds through selling spaghetti at the Maui County Fair, an annual garage sale, Putting Championships and individual contributions. These funds are all used to support organizations devoted to helping Maui's children and other individuals in times of crisis as the group becomes aware of their needs.

Betty and husband Dorvin came to Maui from southern California 35 years ago when their company, Dorvin D. Leis Co., Inc., was contracted to build the old Travel Lodge in Lahaina. The Leis hadn't really planned to move here, but the jobs kept coming. Betty was maintaining households in both California and on Maui, and finally gave Dorvin an ultimatum, "it's either here or there!" And they've been here ever since and currently have offices on both Maui and Oahu. Betty initially stayed home to raise their six children, five boys and one girl. The oldest boy died of cancer, two of her sons are on the mainland, and two sons and her daughter are now involved in the company in Hawaii. As the children got older, Betty went back to work as the company's bookkeeper. She now works strictly on payroll for their 340 employees and is Secretary/Treasurer of the corporation.

Dorvin Leis was a Hospice Maui Board member many years ago, so Betty got acquainted with the organization through him. She and Dorvin were both very involved with assisting in Hospice Maui's fireworks displays at War Memorial Stadium in the 80's and early 90's. When a Board member recommended Betty to the Board, and she was contacted by Greg, she was "delighted" to accept! Betty feels that the current Hospice Board of Directors is a working Board and has accomplished a lot. She stated, "The Board wants to 'do' and wants people to know about Hospice Maui." One of its accomplishments is "taking care of the wonderful Hospice employees by seeing that they have access to a 401(k) plan, and that retirement plans are being put in place." Betty hopes to see a Hospice Maui inpatient facility in the foreseeable future.

We all hope to see Betty as active, as caring and as involved as she is now for countless years in the future. We are all the better for knowing Betty Leis.



Hospice Board Member
Betty Leis

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Restaurant, Lahaina Galleries, Lahaina Printsellers, Bob Lang, Leilani's on the Beach, Longhi's Restaurant, Macy's, Madison Avenue Day Spa, Mama's Fish House, Manana Garage, Bill & Maureen Marrs, Maui Cave Adventures, Maui Divers Jewelry, Maui Molokai Sea Cruises, Maui Ocean Activities, Merelina of Maui, Alexandra Morrow, Old Lahaina Lu'au, Pacific'o Restaurant, Paragon Sailing Charters, Piiholo Ranch, Renaissance Wailea Beach Resort, REPS Personal Fitness, R&D Pizzo Glass Art, Ruby's Diner, Seawatch Restaurant, Second Wind Sail & Surf Hawaii, Teralani Sailing, Tedeschi Vineyard, Ltd., The Nail Shop, The Pet Shop, Tri-Star Restaurants, Wailea Massage & Body Care, Warren & Annabelle's Magic and Yoshimura Jewelers.

— To our awesomely talented entertainers, performers and models: Joey Andrews, Britany Arizumi, Lorraine Barrie, Gill Brooks, Marikah Cunningham, Colette Cuarisma, Edan Ducarest, Nala Enright, Fire Tech, Bonnie Friedman, Reiko Fukino, Dave Gallagher, Jennifer Gifford, Christian Holmes, Phillip Jarosz,

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And warm, warm, eternal — we couldn't have done it without you! — thanks to all those who helped plan, produce, implement, solicited auction items, produced ads and ad space, provided and installed decorations, lifted and lighted and sweated and put away and cleaned up, etc., etc., etc.... and made this event happen! Melanie Arizumi, Kathy Baldwin, Eve-lynn Civerolo, Kathy Clark, Theresa Coelho, Gitty Crespo, Diane D'Arcy & Tori Richard Fashions, Prem Dawson, Alan Dickeson, Terrie Elikor, Charlotte Fusato, Cindy & Marcos Garcia, Timothy Grisier, Merlyn Hanada, Lorraine Iaconetti, Linda Ion, Scott Jackson, Victoria Joyce, Blanca Lafolette, Greg LaGoy, Betty Leis, Donna McCleary, M.D., Yvonne McIntyre, Joy Magarifuji, Dawne Miguel-Minford, Lisa Minnock, Tim O'Hara, Brenda Phillips, Anne & Roger Rowehl, Gary & Edy Salenger, Tom Schwab, Seelights, Ken Stover, and Pam Zemrus & Papyrus.



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Our sincerest condolences

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To our Spiritual Care & Bereavement

Coordinator

& Counselor,

Prakash Mackay,

and to his family,

on the loss of

their mother,

Mary Mackay,

who passed away

on Monday,

April 18, 2005.

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Hospice Heroes

The backbone of most Hospice organizations is their cadre of volunteers, and Hospice Maui is no exception. We have a host of committed, caring, compassionate and hard working volunteers who lend their hands and hearts to our organization in any number of ways — from answering phones, to helping with mailings, to providing man/woman power for events, to caring for patients. April 17-23 was National Volunteer Week and we're sending this belated mahalo out to all our volunteers for their wonderful support and assistance.

Four of our volunteers have graciously shared some stories or thoughts regarding their experiences as Hospice Maui volunteers.

 **Alice Bourque** has been a Hospice volunteer for over 21 years. She took the very first volunteer training class Hospice Maui offered which was right after her retirement. Following the class she said she wasn't sure she could do it, but she said "I'll give it a try." And — she has been volunteering, bringing hope, bringing joy, bringing selfless assistance — ever since. Alice has also volunteered at Hale Makua for many years.




Alice Bourque

She still remembers her very first patient who was a gentleman on our service for quite a long time. Alice told of one patient who liked to get out of the house. She took him out for breakfasts, and even out to go furniture shopping because he wanted to buy a new sofa.

In the early days of volunteering, Alice would stay five or more hours, three times a

week with patients — above and beyond the call of duty. But she got to know the patients and their families very well, and not only does she remember them, but they remember her fondly and with great appreciation to this day.


Mahalo Alice! You are a true Maui treasure.

 **Mychael Patrick** of Wailuku has been a Hospice Maui volunteer since early 2003. When asked why, Michael replied, "I'm a cancer survivor, and volunteering is my way of giving back some of the time I would not have had if I hadn't survived." Mychael related his favorite moment as a Hospice volunteer which just happened to be his first assignment.

Mychael said, "After 'P' passed away, his wife 'S' asked me to send her husband's ashes to his mom in Massachusetts for a memorial service. She couldn't bring herself to do it alone and she knew I had worked as a postal employee. After gathering the necessary permits and forms, I drove to her house. She and I sat on the bare wood floor in the room where her husband had spent his final weeks. She had cleared the room of every single item and had filled it instead with all the photos and flowers that had been on display at her husband's funeral. We spent about 45 minutes gently preparing the box of ashes and talking quietly about the past ten weeks. It was such a peaceful interlude and I knew she was relieved and grateful. I wasn't able to be with the family when 'P' passed on, and this opportunity to help one last time provided a sense of closure for me."



Mychael Patrick

 Another awesome fellow, **Roger Rowehl**, who just happens to be the husband of our Volunteer Coordinator, Anne Rowehl, says "volunteering at Hospice Maui can best be described as being flexible. My experience has been a sort of 'jack-of-all trades,' including patient care, bulk mailing, furniture and equipment pickup and traffic control (for the Hilltop Bazaar), and equipment cleaning."

Rowehl went on to say "patient care is without a doubt the most rewarding facet of being a Hospice Maui volunteer." Without violating any confidentiality, Rowehl reminisced fondly about three gentlemen with whom he spent time, each one with his own particular needs. The first was a man in his 80's who had worked in the sugar cane industry in Hawaii for many years. He had been an avid golfer and scored his age (80+) before putting away his clubs. While giving the patient's wife a break from care giving, Roger and he shared some fierce games of cribbage, watched television together after Roger served him his lunch, then solved many of the world's biggest problems as they conversed.


Another gentleman, also in his 80's, was a very successful businessman and his involvement in Maui Rotary clubs earned him the highest honors and respect among his peers. Again, giving the wife a break, Roger would provide any care giving needs, serve him lunch and enjoy male bonding as they shared memories and talked story. Roger also mentioned a retired military officer who had 24/7 care



Roger Rowehl

from his family, and Roger provided a few moments of much-appreciated quiet respite for this non-taker and non-talker.

Rowehl remarked that "during each and every scenario, invariably families grew closer as the end of the patients' lives drew near." He also mentioned again that "flexibility is the key, because each and every patient has different needs and concerns and no family situation is the same. A volunteer just needs to 'be' with the patient with no issues and no expectations of their own." Rowehl stated that "the personal reward of volunteering with Hospice Maui is incomparable and gives you the warmest, fuzziest feeling imaginable."

 **Ann Babson**, who took the Volunteer Training Course in October of 2004, is new to the organization, but as energetic, committed and caring as those who have volunteered for five, ten or twenty years.

"Hospice volunteering is a privilege," said Ann. "In the short time I've spent with clients since the training last year, I've seen that life's lessons are here in front of us every day. Being a Hospice volunteer has emphasized so much the lessons of paying attention, being present, suspending my judgments and assumptions, simplifying my life, and being of service." Ann continued by saying "Being with Hospice clients gives me the opportunity to learn from their grace to embrace life, to love each client as they journey, and to be grateful to them for allowing me to be a part of it. Hospice has given me the key to open the door to a richer life, about which Elizabeth Kubler-Ross said so simply '... to live until we say goodbye.'"



Ann Babson



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A News Attitude

Congrats to Administrative Assistant **Cindy Garcia**, hubby Marcos and daughter Ynez. They recently bought a house in Haiku and are now enjoying all the fun and challenges of home ownership ...

Hospice Maui is happy to welcome two new RN's to the staff... **Kate Ezaki** and **Mary Golden**. Born and raised upcountry, local girl **Kate Ezaki** spent 22 years with the Maui Medical Group, Inc., which included six years as Dr. Curtis Andrew's nurse, and most recently as surgical assistant to Richard Rasmussen, DDS. Writing is one of Kate's avocations, and we're looking forward to reading the fruits of her labor when one of her stories is published in the July issue of Island Scene Magazine. Kate's at home in Wailuku with husband Ken, son William and daughter Michele, while daughter Shery-lynn resides in Demoines, Washington ... **Mary Golden** moved to our sandy shores with



Kate Ezaki



Mary Golden

17-year-old son Casey just about three years ago from Colorado, to fill a temporary nursing position in dialysis at Maui Memorial Medical Center Hospital. They loved Maui so much, natch, they stayed! Plus, Mary fell in love with a great guy, got engaged, and she, Casey and Kenneth now reside in Kihei. Mary also works part time for Care Resources, taking care of medically fragile pediatric patients in their homes. She enjoys reading, loves the ocean and its various inhabitants such as turtles and whales, and Mary said her new job at Hospice "is very rewarding." ... Welcome to Kate and Mary — it's great to have you on board ...



The newly-married **Ken & Wiebke Nelson**, with Judge Joseph Cardoza, who married them.

No foolin', our part-time medical billing clerk (who spends the other part of her time as a Lomi Lomi massage therapist) **Wiebke Daniels**, and long-time honey **Ken Nelson**, tied the marital knot on Friday, April 1. Warmest congratulations and best wishes to Wiebke & Ken for a joyful and exciting life together ...

Thanks to the wonderful talent and generosity of volunteer **Mychael Patrick**, our web site <<http://www.hospicemaui.org>> www.hospicemaui.org, has been revamped, reborn and revitalized. Take a look — it is absolutely marvelous! It's still in the construction stage but there is already much more information available on the new site about Hospice Maui. If you've got any suggestions for further additions or changes, give Kathy a call at 244-5555. Mahalo Mychael! ...

A hui hou 'til next time.

LEAVE A LEGACY™ MAUI

A media and educational campaign to increase public awareness about the importance of charitable giving through wills or other estate gifts.



By Greg LaGoy

I found it interesting that one of the metaphors used in the Leave a Legacy Campaign is the metaphor of planting a tree. As you may recall from recent newsletters, we have been putting a lot of energy into our landscaping. While the majority of the energy was from volunteer effort, it also required the expenditure of some money. The money we used came from the estate of a woman who had neither received a large inheritance nor had been successful in business. She was a working woman who had quietly saved a portion of earnings throughout her life. Although she had named us as the recipient of only a very small proportion of her estate, the fact that she had treated her savings as a seedling that required diligent feeding meant that even our small portion was a substantial sum of money.

We have done two things with that gift that are in keeping with the spirit of this metaphor. With a small portion of the gift, we have

indeed planted some actual trees on this piece of property (which is owned by the County and which we lease and maintain). With the rest of her gift, we are doing what she did: we are saving it, and we are taking care of it so that it can grow, so that when we need more, it will be there for us.

When we think about our wills, what can seem like giving only a very little, can really mean a lot to an organization like ours. It can help us plant some "trees" that can grow through time to strengthen us and help us to assist our community.



LEAVE A LEGACY™ MAUI

LEAVE A LEGACY™ MAUI – a promise made by one generation to succeeding generations that valued institutions will be there for them.

H.E.A.L. HELP EASE A LOSS Grief Support Meeting

Hospice Maui provides weekly meetings to help those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Following are some of the frequently asked questions about H.E.A.L.

Is there a charge to attend?

There is no charge for attending our weekly H.E.A.L. Meeting.

Where and when are meetings held?

Meetings are held every week on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays, i.e. 6:00 – 7:30p.m. on Tuesday and 3:00-4:30p.m. on Wednesday, in Meeting Room #1 at Hospice Maui, 400 Mahalani Street, Wailuku.

What happens at a meeting?

People who feel comfortable enough introduce themselves and share their stories and their feelings. Participants talk about the deaths of loved ones, the effects the deaths have had on their lives, how they are

working through their grief, what processes help them, what challenges they are facing, etc.

If I go to a meeting, will I have to talk?

No one is required to talk at any meeting. We understand how difficult that can be, especially when grief is so fresh. However, we do ask that you listen with an open mind.

I am not a religious person, can people accept that?

After the death of a loved one, many priorities, as well as values, change. You will find that H.E.A.L. members are very tolerant of other's views.

Do I have to belong to a church?

No, Hospice Maui has no religious affiliation.

My loved one died three years ago and I postponed my grief work. Now it's catching up with me. Is it too late to come to meetings?

We all grieve differently. Many people don't feel the need of a support group until years after the death of a loved one. It's alright to come whenever you are ready, whether it's soon after your loved one's death, or months or years later.

Do I need a reservation before I come to a meeting?

No reservations are needed. Just come whenever you feel up to it, but please call to determine if it's on the Tuesday or Wednesday, or check The Maui News Datebook that week.



reminder...

Hospice Maui maintains a lending library of books and tapes on death and dying, grieving and dealing with loss, life after death, etc. There are also some

books on cancer available, as well as books for children to help them deal with death and grief. You are welcome to peruse the books which are situated in

the reception area of our office. If you would like to borrow any of them for a two-week period, check them out from Cindy, our Administrative Assistant.



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