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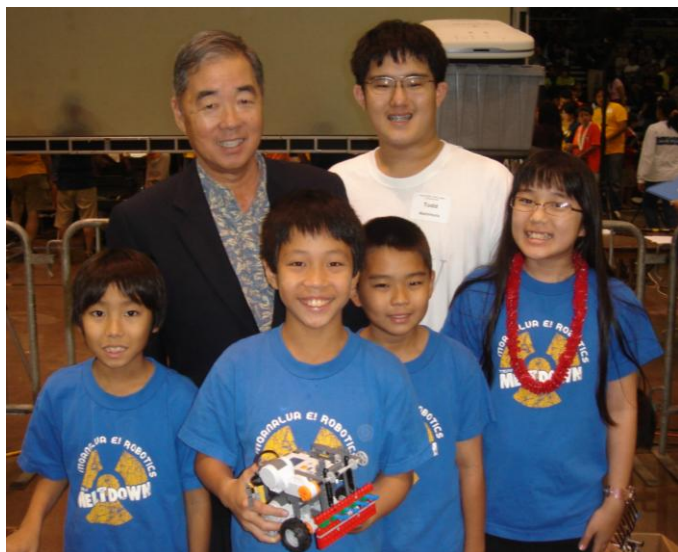
February 2009



Our Enthusiastic 2009 Session Staff

Front Row L→R: **Kevin Cheney**, UH Legislative Intern; Senator Norman Sakamoto;
Erin Conner, Assistant Committee Clerk

Back Row L→R: **Kiana Kauwe**, Legislative Aide; **Joanne Swearingen**, Volunteer;
Leatrice Galicinao, Administrative Assistant; **Jacob Ng**, Senior Legislative Aide;
Allen Awaya, Committee Clerk; **Cherry Torres**, Office Manager;
Christin Wehrsig, Legislative Aide; **Lillian Miyao**, Volunteer
Missing **Robert Arakaki**, Volunteer



Senator Sakamoto shows his support for *Hawaii FIRST LEGO League* and *Moanalua Elementary* students. Pictured above with Senator Sakamoto are **Sean Takafuji**, **Jordan Ng**, **Jantzen Nakai**, **Stacie Nishimura** and **Todd Nishimura**.



Cecilia MacPherson, **Carol Sakamoto**, and **Cecilee Tanaka** (not pictured) of Catholic Charities Hawaii visit Senator Sakamoto during the *Protecting Hawaii's Ohana, Children, Under Served, Elderly and Disabled (PHOCUSED)* rally at the Capitol on January 26.

Schedule of Community Meetings February & March 2009

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea NB No. 20

Monday, February 9, 7:30 PM

Monday March 9, 7:30 PM

Aiea Library Conference Room

Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18

Thursday, February 12, 7:00 PM

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Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria

Kalihi-Palama NB No.15

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 PM

Kapalama Elementary School Cafeteria

Community & School Associations

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 PM

Moanalua Middle, Room B1

Kalihi-Palama Community Council

Next meeting - TBD

Susannah Wesley Community Center

Moanalua Elementary School Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, March 11, 4:00 PM

Moanalua Elementary School Library

Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, February 25

7:00-8:30 PM

Pearl Ridge Elementary

Hawaii's Economy

The global financial crisis and widening global downturn have materially worsened prospects for Hawaii's economy.

For additional information, please call
Senator Clarence Nishihara's office, 586-6970

Puuloa Road

After much delays and anxieties from residents and businesses, the long awaited Puuloa Road Improvements construction project started on December 2003 was completed on **January 30, 2009**. The total construction contract cost with amendment No. 1 is **\$15,863,511.50**. The construction items that have been completed consist of

- all roadway reconstruction and widening work (including paving)
- construction of curb and gutters
- construction of retaining walls
- construction of drainage structures
- relocating of electrical, telephone and cable TV duct lines overhead underground
- installation of traffic signal facilities
- adjusting of water facilities
- adjusting of utility manholes
- construction of the parking lot
- installation of guardrail
- construction of sidewalk and curb ramps
- installation of railings and fence
- installation of permanent striping and markers
- replacement of signs
- splicing of cables for highway lighting
- installation of the irrigation lines and landscaping

Moanalua High School Music & Performing Arts Center

We are excited to announce that the long awaited Moanalua Performing Arts Center will finally become a reality! Governor Lingle has recently released the initial \$4.7 million needed to design and start construction of the new \$17 million dollar facility. The new building complex will be located adjacent to the Student Center and baseball field on the Moanalua High School campus.

The preliminary design includes a 1,000 seat auditorium, box office, music library, practice rooms and additional classroom and storage space, which when completed, will be the new home of the Moanalua music department programs. This is an exciting development for the Music Program, Moanalua High School and the community as a whole.

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