



SENATOR NORMAN SAKAMOTO

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May 2009

Honoring Claude Ortiz for his Courageous Rescues in the 1941 Pearl Harbor Attack



Senator Sakamoto joined the Pearl Harbor Navy Shipyard in recognizing the heroic efforts of **Claude Ortiz** that saved 32 men aboard the torpedo stricken USS Oklahoma when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941.

Mr. Ortiz was a Chipper and a Caulker in the navy. Mr. Ortiz, along with other shipyard employees worked together to chisel through a steel hull in order to save the trapped sailors. He is believed to be the only surviving member of the shipyard team that demonstrated tremendous courage to save the lives of those men.

Mr. Ortiz was presented with a certificate at his recognition ceremony on April 25, 2009. **Representative Michael Magaoay, members of his family and other friends** were also present. Mr. Ortiz was greeted, congratulated, and thanked by many whom he saved on that historic day, and many more who continue to admire him for his incredible leadership and service throughout his lifetime.

Today, Mr. Ortiz is 87 years old but still has a youthful spirit. He has always had a love for horses, being one of Hawaii's original paniolas, and plans to continue riding well into his 90's. He is cared for by **his loving wife, Delilah-Mae**, of sixty years.

School News

\$930,000 has been released for improvements at **Salt Lake and Moanalua Public Libraries** to replace air conditioning units. Design is scheduled to begin in May 2009 and be completed in December 2009. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2010 and be completed in December 2010.

Construction for school renovations will begin shortly at **Moanalua Middle School, Moanalua High School, and Salt Lake Elementary School**. The contract has been awarded to Summit Construction, Inc. and the total cost amounts to **\$10,978,697** each.

Schedule of Community Meetings May & June 2009

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea NB No. 20

Monday, May 11, 7:30 PM

Monday, June 8, 7:30 PM

Aiea Library Conference Room

Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 PM

Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria

Kalihi-Palama NB No.15

Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 PM

Kapalama Elementary School Cafeteria

Community & School Associations

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 2, 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, May 20, 4:00 PM

Moanalua Elementary School Library

Moanalua High School Aloha Aina Day

Saturday, May 30

8:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Please save your recyclable waste and help turn
trash into cash for our school programs.

Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall Meetings

Disaster Preparedness and Hurricane
Insurance

7:00-8:30 PM

Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria

For more information, please call

Rep. Roy Takumi's office at 586-6170

Looking Ahead....

Aloha Aina Day @ Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center

Saturday, July 18



Above: Students from the Big Island joined us at our committee hearing. **Below:** Chevron and the DOE celebrated 21 years of serving Honolulu students. BOE member, **Carol Mon Lee**, Senator Sakamoto, Speech Festival participant **Julia Kim** of Aina Haina Elementary and BOE member Janis Akuna.



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Above: Senator Sakamoto honored the Hawaii branch of the International Dyslexia Association (HIDA) for an outstanding 25 years of service! (Above, left to right: **Susan Walker Kowen**, past President, **Elizabeth Ann Ishii**, current President, & Senator Sakamoto)

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