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KIA Blind Wine Tasting #2

The first KIA "Blind" Wine Tasting event was a huge success last September. KIA's member's, **Honolulu Design Center** and **Joett Colgan** did an outstanding job with the eight wine selections (four white and four red), delicious pupu, atmosphere of the Cupola Events Room, and prizes for the top two winners who could identify the most wine types.

Check your calendars NOW to see if you'll be up for some wine, pupu, fun, and door prizes on Wednesday, March 16th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The registration form can be emailed when charging or mailed to KIA's post office box if writing a check. Ask your family and friends to join you in a great evening in Kakaako. Visit the KIA website at www.kia-hawaii.org/blindwine.html for more information.

KIA News

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser's Kokua Line had the following question: "There's a homeless guy in our neighborhood who stores all his stuff on the sidewalk along the park fence...Now what?" The first paragraph of the Answer says: "If it's a public sidewalk, call 768-3585. This hotline is the best way to report a violation of either the city's Stored Property Ordinance or Sidewalk Nuisance Ordinance, said Andrew Pereira, a spokesman for Mayor Kirk Caldwell."

The **Children's Discovery Center's** "Hello from Japan" had their Grand Opening on Saturday, February 13th. It is their newest traveling exhibit; so bring your keiki soon!

JABSOM said that on Friday, March 4th, from 10am to 12 noon, the Qiagen company will hold a webex meeting (online meeting) for training on their Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) software. IPA is data analysis software for the life sciences. Attendees may login remotely from their own computer and/or participate with others in a meeting room at UHCC. To get a user ID, simply send an email to Loraine Stratford at the UH Cancer Center lstratford@cc.hawaii.edu and she will forward your request to Quigen. You should get your user ID within 2-3 days of your request.

Hawaii DKI is one of the more recognized emergency restoration service companies in Hawaii. Announcement was recently made that Interstate Restoration LLC, a full service emergency restoration and reconstruction firm helping businesses recover after a disaster, has merged with Hawaii DKI to form **Interstate Restoration Hawaii LLC**. The KIA website will be updated, however, you can reach them at: dheard@interstaterestoration.com.

HCDA News

The HCDA's enforcement of park hours began on December 15, 2015 and continues through the new year, following numerous public complaints about homeless encampments in Kakaako Makai. HCDA staff, contractors, service providers, and Sheriff's deputies continue to inform individuals about park hours and abandoned property rules in a coordinated effort. All HCDA-owned parks in Kakaako close at 10 p.m. nightly and reopen at 5:30 a.m. at Kewalo Basin Park and at 6:00 a.m. for all other parks. No property should be stored in parks overnight.

KIA Board Highlights



The KIA members who attended the first KIA General Membership Meeting were treated to great presentations from Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Dr. Brennan Morioka, Deputy Executive Director

for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation. Mahalo goes to the Honolulu Design Center who provided the venue and lunch at a discount to KIA.

The Mayor brought a book "Save our Kakaako," and said this is a very, very special place to the native Hawaiians and those who followed. HCDA was created to take care of the property between Waikiki and downtown. His talk was well prepared to

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talk about Kakaako's history, current and future, adding his points of view. He talked about the two most controversial issues for the area, which are homelessness and the rail. The Governor and Mayor are trying to work together, especially on the homeless in Kakaako, which continues to be a constant problem. He also said that 769 homeless have already been moved to shelters, with 596 being homeless Vets. Mayor Caldwell said that the City is also buying properties that will be renovated and used for the homeless throughout Oahu.



Mayor Caldwell said the transit orient development is creating zones to encourage developers who own land or are interested in developing around rail stations, telling them that they can get their zoning upfront. If they

build affordable housing, particular rentals, they can get a height increases, density bonuses, parking options and let the marketplace decide. For his administration, it is about infrastructure, which moves people around and creating a city where everyone can live well. There will be three stations in Kakaako; and this driverless system, will be the first system to allow surfboards. The Mayor also talked about bike lanes, sewer system, road repairs, park renovations, and even the private roads in Kakaako owned by the Chun brothers.



Dr. Morioka had a power point presentation that gave the facts about rail so that attendees could make up their own opinions as to whether they like or dislike rail. This is the most visible and largest capital project

in the history of our state, as well as controversial. The rail will be a 20-mile elevated guideway system; and it is a fully automated, driverless system, first in the United States. It will

start in East Kapolei and continue down Farrington Highway to Pearl Highlands (Leeward Community College and Waipahu High School) where their maintenance facility is, through Pearl City Kamehameha Highway, pass Aloha Stadium, Pearl Harbor Navel Base, into the International Airport, onto Dillingham, continue into downtown, onto Halekauwila, then enter Kakaako proper and finish at Ala Moana Shopping Center.

The rail will run 4am to midnight and may change depending on demand. Every night the trains go back to the maintenance yard. Trains arrive at every station once every five minutes during peak hours and every ten minutes non peak hours. Fully ADA compliant and the first system to allow surfboards, as well as bicycles, wheel chairs, stroller and luggage. There will also be free wi-fi. Six miles of guideway are complete, to include tracks on them. First ten miles go from Kroc Center to Aloha Stadium. The first four-car train set is expected to land here the last week of March. Dr. Morioka also showed the Pearl Highlands Complex with a station and bus transit center, 1,600 parking stall garage and an offramp connection from H-2 into the parking garage and bus transit center. This is the second highest rated ridership station in the 20 miles. There will be parking stall counters before having a choice to go to the parking garage.

Watch the video of the entire General Membership Meeting to hear the Mayor's and HART's entire presentation on the KIA website at www.kia-hawaii.org/newsletter52.html.

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Reservations: 808.237.5429

"At Last" Stage Dinner Party

Thursday, 10 March 2016
Seating 5:30 pm to 8:30
pm

Come enjoy a soulful blend of Southern inspired food; your choice of paired wines or smokey whiskey tastings and the Blues magic of 2015 Na Hoku Hano Hano Award Winner Maryanne Ito.

Click the image above for a taste of Maryanne's artistry, or view menu and our dinner details on our website at Stage Restaurant Dinner Party.

For Reservations to "At Last" Stage Restaurant Dinner Party, call 808.237.5429, or e-mail rsvp@stagerestauranthawaii.com.

2015 Na Hoku Hano Hano Award Winner **Maryanne Ito** sings

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An Ode to the Beauty of Soul

**Stage Restaurant
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Cuisine, Wine and
Music Performance

Thursday, 10 March 2016
~ **65** 4 Course Dinner
~ **35** Supplemental Wine Pairing
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