

# KIA konnexion

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*KIA was formed in 1987 to be a forum for concerned Kakaako business owners*



## KIA News



### Central Pacific Bank

renovated their downtown King & Alakea street branch in the Central Pacific Plaza and opened "Tidepools," a workspace available for the public to use. It is a great resource for businesses and organizations who are

looking for a central location to host a client meeting. Parking is validated for users and guests up to two hours. Starbucks and Aloha Beer is also within the shared space to enjoy. If you would like a tour or know of a business/organization that would benefit from the CPB Tidepools workspace, please contact KIA Board member Stanford Ono at [stanford.ono@cpb.bank](mailto:stanford.ono@cpb.bank) to schedule a tour.



Be sure to check out the new location of **Logos Bookstore of Hawaii** - 455 Keawe Street - when walking or driving in Kakaako. They have the same products and services as a few blocks away when they were on Pohukaina Street, even the convenience of United States Post Office stamps and pick ups. Their hours are: 9:30am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday. Contact

Logos at 808-596-8890 or [logos@logosbookstorehawaii.com](mailto:logos@logosbookstorehawaii.com).



**MD Restoration** is a locally owned and operated disaster recovery firm that took off in 2002, which provides service throughout Kakaako. They have over 85 team members and 60 company vehicles. MD offers 24-hour water extraction, mold remediation, fire and smoke damage cleanup, asbestos abatement, carpet and upholstery cleaning, and general contracting. They are looking for restoration technicians and multi-trade carpentry technicians who are motivated and hard-working. Full time employment with benefits such as 401K, paid holiday, medical/dental insurance, and life/disability insurance. Call the office at (808) 528-3434 or email [troy@mdrestore.com](mailto:troy@mdrestore.com) for more information.

## KIA News cont.

BOMA Hawaii - PROJECTIONS FOR OAHU'S ATTRACTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY - With Covid-19 related restrictions slowly being lifted and more residents getting vaccinated, what is in store for us in Summer 2021? Please join us in hearing from Jerry Pupillo, City and County of Honolulu Director of the Department of Enterprise Services, and Scott Loos, General Manager of Wet 'n' Wild, on their forecasts and plans for the upcoming months at the attractions and entertainment venues that they are responsible for. Information on their Zoom webinar can be found on their flyer [here](#).

## KIA Website Update

Mahalo to **HonGrapics** for checking their membership listing at [www.kia-hawaii.org](http://www.kia-hawaii.org) and letting KIA know that their phone and fax numbers were changed. Board member Peterson Rosario is the "webmaster" for KIA and makes changes monthly, to include archiving the newsletters. Email any membership listing changes to Sherry Goya, KIA Executive Director at [sgoyallc@aol.com](mailto:sgoyallc@aol.com).

## Save the Date

The KIA Board has started working on guest speakers for the second KIA General Membership Meeting set for August 25th from 11:30am via Zoom.

Confirmed speakers will be Dr. Jerris Hedges, Dean of the **John A. Burns School of Medicine** and Joe W. Ramos, PhD, Interim Director of the **University of Hawaii Cancer Center**. Both will be giving KIA members an update on their facilities which are located in Kakaako.

Back on July 25, 2007, KIA celebrated their twentieth anniversary at JABSOM, with food provided by KIA restaurant members. Attendees were KIA members, their guests and special invitees. They learned of KIA's past, present and future, as well as the background in naming the JABSOM from Governor Burns' son, Judge James Burns. Emme Tomimbang, Judge Burns' wife, also spoke of living kiddie-corner to JABSOM when growing up in Kakaako. A tour of the facilities and cocktails in their cafeteria made the evening a success.

## Welcome to KIA

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