

KIA konnexion

November 2018

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



KIA Networking Event

The second and last KIA Networking Event was held on Wednesday, October 24th from 11:30am. The bring-your-own lunch was held in the **Anaha** condominium, with a great view of Ala Moana. All attendees were also treated to a private tour of the building, including all the amenities. Sitting around a table, everyone made a short presentation and another go-around was to add accolades, questions, and comments from attendees. This was a terrific quality event.

Obun Hawaii provides print and direct mail programs for many companies, to include KIA members. They have been in Kakaako for 40 years, and a KIA member for over 20. **West Pac Wealth Partners** is a local company which has expanded to the Mainland, with 12 offices in five states and specializes in small business, tax financial continuity planning. The **Honolulu Design Center** has, besides great furniture and fixtures, the Stage Restaurant, Amuse Wine Bar, Cupoula Party Room, and the Bamboo Garden. They have a number of awards through Hale Aiea Awards and Ilima Awards.

KCAA Muriel Preschool has a new director who has been with KCAA for 9 years, starting as a teacher. They are a preschool right in Kakaako for 2 to 5 years old, and current have 96 students enrolled, with a wait list of all age groups. **Senior Move Managers/De-Clutter Hawaii** helps clients to declutter and downsize homes to help them to move or age in place. They also assist with hoarding situations and organizing. KIA member **GSB Hawaii** also has a company called Dooplikit360, which produces a virtual walk-through tour, such as in the website for Hawaii Theater, Pohai Nani, and the Children's Discovery Center. Peterson Rosario is also a KIA Board member and is the webmaster for www.kia-hawaii.org.

Located in the heart of Kakaako is **Down to Earth**, opened in April with a 15,000 sq ft store and deli. It is perfect for the many businesses and residents in the area. **First Hawaiian Bank** has been a long-time member of KIA and the current KIA President Kurt Murata is a business banking specialist with many clients in Kakaako. Also working with FHB, **Smart Money** is an independent mortgage broker which is 100% locally owned and operated. They are a personal shopper for mortgages, working with all local and mainland banks for the best for their clients.

For the past few years, **Dave & Busters** has been the meeting place for KIA's General Membership Meetings. They also have many upcoming events for Halloween and Christmas and a

fundraiser for Hurricane Panama City. They can handle special events for holiday party functions. **Symphony Honolulu** is a luxury condo with high-end dealerships on the ground floor, as well as a restaurant where the KIA Board will hold their December Board meeting. **Bank of Hawaii** has been in Kakaako in two locations, and Michael Libertini (the 2019 KIA President) is the market manager for Ala Moana, Keeaumoku and Kakaaka areas. **Jennifer Gibo** is a resident of Kakaako, who works for HMSA, and joined to be involved in the community. Besides being the KIA Executive Director, **Sherry A. Goya, LLC** provides business consulting, marketing and a variety of services for individuals and small companies since 1993.

Honolulu Design Center, has already offered their Cupoula room for the April 24, 2019 KIA Networking Event.

Welcome to KIA

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KIA 2019 Membership Renewal

The Renewal Form for KIA members whose dues are paid annually (January to December) will be emailed separately. Dues will remain the same for 2019; \$75 for an individual or a small business of up to 20 employees; \$150 for a medium business of 21 to 49 employees; and \$200 for a large business of 50 and over employees. There will be two General Membership and two Networking Events in 2019. KIA membership is open year-around.

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There will be a series of visual storytellers at the Cupoula Gallery, on the second floor of INSPIRATIONS (1250 Kapiolani Blvd). The first in a three part series will feature author Guy Sibilla. He will share readings and photographs from his book highlighting the cities he has visited. Complimentary limited seating for Tuesday, November 13th, with 6:30pm seating can be reserved by calling 808-782-8920.

There will be a Keiki Swap Meet held at the Children's Discovery Center on Saturday, November 17th, at 111 Ohe Street. Check out the information at www.discoverycenterhawaii.org.

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