

Honolulu City Lights

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS IN HAWAII



The holiday train cruises down the parade route as part of The Public Workers' Electric Light Parade. Photo by Ron Slauson. Honolulu City Lights opens December 2nd and will remain open nightly through January 1, 2018.



The holiday sand sculptures at the Sheraton Waikiki are a must see and never fail to delight! A total of 58 tons of sand was used to build the 2 sculptures. Photo by Dara Young.

Visitors of all ages will be amazed at the enchanting holiday spirit that comes to life in the Islands during December and there are plenty of parades, events, decorations and concerts to delight kids of all ages. Here's just a sampling of some of the celebrations to share with your guests.

Honolulu City Lights first began back in 1985, when former Mayor Frank Fasi created a free event that included a 50-foot Norfolk Pine installed on the main lawn decorated with wooden white doves and gold balls and illuminated by flood lights, a decorated tree display in the courtyard, a holiday concert and displays of light on the trees and buildings from downtown to the civic center. Music and a drum roll and the lights went on. That was it. But, from that humble one-tree beginning, the festival of lights has grown into Hawaii's premier holiday celebration. But how did the celebration get to where it is today? Here's a quick look at the evolution of Hawaii's favorite holiday light extravaganza.

The first official tree lighting ceremony was held on Thursday, December 12, 1985. After the success of the event that first year, more businesses decided to put light displays on their buildings, and a public wreath contest and display were added to the holiday celebration. So in 1986, the "Corridor of Lights" was born.

The following year, in 1987, officials decided to name the month-long event the name we use to this day... Honolulu City Lights, and the giant tree was decorated with strings of colored lights.

Random trivia fact... Did you know a traffic signal control box was used to change the colors of the lights on the tree back then? People could hear the box clicking from green to yellow to red but no one cared. They were just happy that the big tree would change colors.

The following year in 1988, the City decided to step it up a notch, and hired Owen Ho as the event's designer, who is still there to this day. He had ornaments especially hand made for the tree. We're talking individual ornaments the size of most people's Christmas trees. Plus, the first of many large outdoor displays were built and added to the scene.

The event's popularity continued to grow and organizers were on a roll to ensure that Honolulu City Lights stood out from any other holiday display on the mainland and become one of the most unique city holiday displays in the world. But how best to do that? According to Ho, it was through one internally known gesture. Before there was the Shaka emoji – there was the Shaka Santa. In an old interview published in MidWeek, Ho was quoted as saying, "Frank Fasi's political symbol was the shaka sign, so we created the

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HOLIDAY TROLLEY

The Waikiki Trolley offers guests a chance to enjoy the festive holiday lights downtown from the comfort of an open-air vehicle. Hop off at Honolulu Hale to experience Honolulu City Lights before hopping back on to return to Waikiki. Departing from T Galleria at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. from December 3 - 14, and December 26 - 30, there will be an additional 7 p.m. trolley on December 15, 16, 18 - 25. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$16, children. WaikikiTrolley.com.

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Publisher's Letter



Happy Holidays

I know I probably say this every year, but seriously? How is it the holidays already? I'm not sure I've even put away all of the Christmas gifts from last year. Truly! I still have a bag in the corner of my office. I guess it's true, time does move quicker as you get older. At least this year I know I wasn't the only one that was busy. Seems like everyone I know is slammed these days. I'd say that means the industry is strong, but I'm writing this soon after Island Air announced their closure. That kills me. Not only did 400 people just lose their jobs right before the holidays, but, we all know what this means for neighbor island travel. We've been here before after Mahalo and Aloha Airlines shut down. Not only did Island Air give me a chance to use my favorite inter-island terminal again, but it also offered options and kept the prices down. Whatever one did price wise, the other matched. Consumers win when there is competition. Plus, let's not forget Island Air gave us tickets to give out to you for some online contests. Don't get me wrong, I love Hawaiian as well, but my friend did pay \$340 to go the Maui the other day. (I don't know the details, but that does seem rather high). We'll see what happens when Southwest gets here. Maybe they'll join the interisland market as well. We'll see.

More huge news for the industry. If you haven't heard, Pleasant is taking over all of Starwood's activity and concierge desks in Waikiki effective February 1st. All of the current Starwood employees that are affected by this change are guaranteed to keep their job if they wish, but this is certain to bring big changes to the market. I expect most will stay, some will go, and I would think Pleasant is probably about to start a hiring spree. I have a feeling you guys are going to keep me busy updating my mailing list over the next few months with all the new hires and potential movement. Plus, isn't the Ritz Carlton's second tower opening in 2018? Lots going on these days!

On another note, I wanted to thank everyone who reached out after reading my publishers letter last month. I can safely say the positive emails and phone calls in response to my column far outnumbered the complaints I received, and almost all of them were hilarious, so thank you.

Last but not least, I do not know when or where the Concierge of the Year party is going to be yet. I'm headed out of town for the Thanksgiving holiday and probably won't be able to put it together until I return, so sit tight, and be prepared for short notice. I will tell you as soon as I know. In the meantime, voting opens December 1st. We're voting online again, so those you that share a computer at work may have to vote from your own computer at home. Only one vote per person, and per machine. It's something the website put into place that I do not know how to change. If you try to vote from work and it won't let you, vote from home. Happy Holidays!!!

Yada Yada



Joe Ibarra

The Kahala Hotel & Resort has promoted **Joe Ibarra** from Director of Rooms to Resort Manager. In his new position, Ibarra will oversee and manage the Front Office, Housekeeping, Engineering, Security, Kahala Spa & Recreation departments. Ibarra joined the resort in 2014 as Director of Front Office Operations and brings over 15 years of hospitality experience with him. Prior to The Kahala, Ibarra held a number of key management positions including front office manager and event manager at JW Marriott Ihlani Resort & Spa; assistant front office manager and reception manager at The Waikiki EDITION Hotel; and front desk manager and front office supervisor at Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. The Kahala also announced they have hired **Steven Tabiolo** as Director of Front Office Operations. Tabiolo oversees the resort's Front Desk, Concierge, Front Services, Guest Services and PBX departments. He brings over 34 years of

Front Office management with him. Moat recently he was at Halekulani as the Director of Front Office Operations. • **John Fayette** has moved over to the *Hilton Grand Vacation Grand Islander* to take on the position of Front Office Manager. He was most recently the guest service manager at the Airport Honolulu and prior to that he was at the Wyndham Waikiki Beach Walk. • A few belated moves to tell you about. **Taryn Wong** recently moved to the *Wyndham Royal Garden* as Front Office Manager. Previously she was at the Holiday Inn Resort Waikiki Beachcomber. • Also, **Frank Rodgers**, who many might remember from his time with the Sheraton Waikiki, Royal Hawaiian and the Kahala recently took on the position of Area Sales Manager for Highgate Hotels. He now overlooks the Alohilani Resort, Courtyard Marriott Waikiki Beach, Ambassador Hotel, and the Waikiki Pearl and the company decide to his base him in Long Beach, California.



Steven Tabiolo

It's Whale Season Again!

Winter in Hawaii means long sleeve T-shirts, a pair of Ugg's sometimes, and my favorite annual visitor, the whales. Although the first whale of the season was actually spotted on Oahu back in September, happily breaching off of the Waianae Coast, he must have been lost as there hasn't been any sightings since then that have been mentioned. However, all of that is about to change as guaranteed whale sighting tours begin this month. Atlantis starts their guaranteed sighting on December 17th, with Star of Honolulu beginning theirs on December 23rd. The guarantees continue through the first week of April, so there should be plenty of time to see these majestic creatures.

The whales return to Hawaii each year after feeding in the cold waters of Alaska all summer long. They migrate to our warm, shallow waters in Hawaii, which are ideal for mating and birthing, which is why these peaceful mammals return year after year. Weighing in at a massive 25 to 40 tons, humpbacks can grow up to 50 feet long. They are easy to identify by distinctive gray or black coloring and a white underbelly and underside of their pectoral fins and fluke (tail). This white pattern on the bottom of the fluke is unique to each humpback and can be used to identify individuals just like a fingerprint. These markings can often be spotted when they breach. Though the whales get close enough to be spotted from shore, the best way to see their playful jumps and tail flaps is out in the water alongside them. Luckily for our guests, there are plenty of chances for great photo ops on a wide range of sails. Some boats even lower a microphone into the water for a rare chance to hear the famous whale song of the humpbacks. They are so plentiful in Hawaiian waters the next few months, one doesn't even need to go on whale watch to see them (although that is the only way to guarantee a sighting), as many of the beach cats often see them during their booze cruises.

Around April, they start to return to the cool, plankton-rich ocean off the coast of Alaska to stuff

themselves before they have to trek south again. Humpbacks live between forty and sixty years so it's almost like visiting with old friends when they come back to visit us each winter. Currently, humpback whales are among the list of endangered animals under watch by NOAA and it's no surprise that their annual visit is a highly anticipated time in the islands.

For a total package, some of your major tour operators, like Star of Honolulu, Atlantis and Hawaii Nautical offer whale watch tours lasting around two and half hours that include food, entertainment, and as many whales as the boat can find. For the water-wary, these larger boats may be less intimidating as well as offering a smoother ride and a few more comforts of home. For those seeking a bit more excitement, finding a whale watch on a smaller boat or an inflatable can get really exciting, but you definitely know you're on a boat, and may not be for all of your guests.

Keep in mind that seeing them from the air is pretty cool as well. Once the height of whale season is underway, those helicopter tours can get great views, as do the people that go parasailing, especially those that go parasailing in Hawaii Kai, as the whales seem to traverse the waters between China Walls and Diamond Head quite frequently. Timing is everything however, so a whale sighting while up in the air is not guaranteed by any means, but a few of your guests will likely hit the jackpot.

Whale season starts slow as far as sightings go. Although the season officially starts this month, the best viewing around Oahu tends to be in January and February. Whatever mode your guests choose get out and see our annual cetacean tourists, just encourage them to go. They are simply an amazing sight to behold. It's easy to take these creatures for granted, but their visit is a rare treat and a great excuse to relax and watch the water for a while. For more information on humpbacks to share with your guests, visit the Hawaii Whale Research Foundation at hwrf.org.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA *Newsflash*

INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE OPENS NEW STORES

Popular clothing boutique Eden in Love has had so much success with their location in the South Shore Market that they have expanded to open a second store in Honolulu at the International Market Place. Designed to not only support local designers but also give back to the community, the new store is located on the first floor in the Mauka Court next to Vera Bradley. edeninlove.com. Also, now at the Market Place is Hawaiian Heirloom Jewelry expert, Philip Rickard. Their flagship location is now located across from the Banyan Tree on the first floor in between Bruno Cucinelli and Olivers People. philiprickard.com.

KA MAKANI IS GROWING

Ka Makani Alii celebrated its first anniversary recently by adding in new stores just in time for the holidays. New to the shopping destination is Clare de Lune, a Canadian candles, fragrances and home décor store. Kasa Living, a division of Clair de Lune Inc., offers expertly crafted collections and a wide range of trendy chairs, tables, mirrors, wall art, décor for your home. Tricked Out Accessories, one of the largest, most-established mobile device and repair dealers has moved in as has Little Kuts Hawaii, specializing in haircuts for keiki and teens from 5 months to 17 years old, complete with special styling chairs shaped as an airplane, fire truck or taxi. Lastly, Xtreme 7D Dark Rides, the first 7D experience of its kind featuring an 8-seat theater utilizing cutting edge technology with exciting multi-sensory appeal. kamakanaalii.com.

KAKA'AKO FAVE MAY HAVE TO CLOSE DOORS

A local Kaka'ako gem may be forced to close its doors to the public due to lack of funding. The Home of the Brave Museum and is a one-of-a-kind treasure trove of artifacts, stories, and memories of our military. The extensive collection preserves wartime legacies as well as to honor the sacrifice and victory of our nation's great servicemen and women. Last year, the revenue they depended on to operate the museum was cut off when they lost their exclusive military base tour due to base security changes. Brewseum, the highly popular brewpub they launched next door does not have enough seating to make enough capital to maintain both. The owners have said they are valiantly trying to raise funds via a GoFundMe to keep going, but if they cannot met their goal, they will be forced to close their doors the end of the year. Don't miss what might be your last chance to go visit this treasure. homeofthebravetours.com.

NATIONAL GUARD GETS IN FREE AT PEARL HARBOR

In honor of the U.S. National Guard's birthday on December 13th, Pearl Harbor Historic Sites will waive the admission of all active duty and retired Guard personnel and their families into the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, and the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park on December 16th and 17th. Just present a valid military ID at the ticket booth to enter. PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN ADDS DEAN & DELUCA & MORE

The popular culinary store opens its second Hawaii location with a range of delicious grab-and-go menu items made fresh. Highlights include gourmet sandwiches, freshly baked quiches and sweets. The Royal Hawaiian Center store will feature exclusive Dean & DeLuca logo items as well as macadamia nuts, chocolates, pancake mix, taro chips, coffee, Hawaiian salts and honey. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Located on Level 1, Building B directly across from the Sheraton. Right next door, Vitra Eyewear opened their 2nd US location right offering name brand eyewear and a full-service lab onsite. Lastly, Theia Jewelry, the popular international jewelry company by Irene Miszler, (who recently moved to Hawaii,) just opened her first brick and mortar store in Building A, Level 2. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

WAIKIKI TOY JAM

The Waikiki Shopping Plaza and Waikiki Business Plaza are holding their first annual toy drive benefiting Toys for Tots Hawaii. Bring a new and unwrapped toy to participating restaurants and retailers, including Buho Cantina, Tanaka of Tokyo, Top of Waikiki, SKY Waikiki, Wahing Arts & Jewelry, and Maxi Hawaiian Jewelry from November 27 – December 17. Everyone who donates will receive exclusive promotions and discounts. waikikishoppingplaza.com.

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CHIEF'S LUAU MOVES WEST TO WET N' WILD

Chief Sielu Avea is packing up his luau and heading west to Kapolei. As of December 17th, the widely-regarded Chief's Luau will be moving to Wet n'Wild. Spend the day playing throughout the water park, and then head over to the Luau, located just inside the 'Kapolei Kooler' for the show. The Chief won't miss a single show as he performs his final night at Sea Life Park on the 15th, before seamlessly moving to Wet n'Wild for the next show on the 17th. thethechiefsluau.com.



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This holiday season the Arts with Aloha scene in Honolulu is all about our queens, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and Queen Kapi'olani.

QUEEN EMMA SUMMER PALACE isn't the first place you would think of sending your guests for some holiday cheer but did you know that the Daughters of Hawai'i have an annual Christmas Tea service on the grounds of the palace? The special event will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Attendees will be seated at Emmalani Hale and served "high tea" by Tea at 1024 (it's the tea place on Nu'uuanu Avenue downtown). Menu highlights includes Waldorf Salad, crab cucumber bowls and guava kalua pig on guava rum, along with egnog cupcakes, pumpkin crunch, holiday scones with cream and jam and 1024's popular Christmas Blend tea. Entertainment will be provided by Jeff AuHoy on piano and music from Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner Tony Conjugacion. This event is suitable for children. The cost is \$50 per person. Reservations are required along with payment at 595-6291 or via e-mail at info@daughtersofhawaii.org to reserve your guests' seats.

Hanaiakamalama, the Hawaiian name for the Palace, was built in 1847 and became the summer retreat for Queen Emma from 1857 to 1885 with husband King Kamehameha IV and son Prince Albert Edward. For those of your guests not able to attend the Christmas Tea, the palace is open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. General admission is \$10, senior/military with ID is \$8 and children 5 to 17 is \$1. Guided tours are offered at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For groups that have more than 10 people, please call one-week prior to visiting to schedule a Palace tour 595-3167 or visit daughtersofhawaii.org.

The residence of Mary Dominis, the mother-in-law of Queen Lili'uokalani, is the setting for **BALLET HAWAII'S** annual *Nutcracker Ballet* at the Blaidell Concert Hall with the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra. This Hawai'i themed Nutcracker, which first debuted last year, is set in the Kingdom of Hawai'i circa 1858. The tale of Uncle Drosselmeyer and the little girl named Marie remains the same as in the original ballet but the setting is now Washington Place, which today is the official residence for the Governor of Hawai'i. The extravagant production with costumes designed by Anne Namba will give your guests a glimpse into the monarchy period. The toy soldiers will be dressed as the Royal Guard and the waltz of

the snowflakes will take place on the slopes of Mauna Kea.

In the Second Act the Hawai'i influences continue with The Flowers becoming Crown, Hibiscus and Plumeria among other Hawaiian touches. New York City Ballet principal dancers Megan Fairchild will return at the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Joaquin DeLuz will be the Cavalier. There will be four performances: Friday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 16th at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 17th at 2 p.m. Tickets available by phone at 745-3000 at the Blaisdell Box Office (open Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or online at ticketmaster.com.

There is a special opening night pre-performance dinner on the 15th at 5 p.m. at Chef Chai on Kapi'olani Blvd. The four-course dinner paired with wine created by Chef Chai Chaowasaree is \$200 per person and includes VIP seating and parking at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. For more information or to make reservations, visit BalletHawaii.org.

It wouldn't be the holidays without **IOLANI PALACE'S** annual Holiday Evening Tours in celebration of the birthday of Queen Kapi'olani, the wife of King David Kalakaua would built the Palace in 1882 to enhance the prestige of Hawai'i overseas and to mark Hawai'i's status as a modern nation. These special evening tours will occur on Friday, December 29th and Saturday, December 30th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with the last tickets issued at 8:45 p.m. Since lines are general long for this once a year event, pre-sale reserved tickets are \$30 per person (this means you don't have to wait in the ticket line). Day of ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12, \$5 for members of The Friends of 'Iolani Palace and free for keiki 4-years and younger.

This is a rare opportunity for visitors to step back in time and experience the Palace as it was during the 19th century. Guests will be greeted on the front of the Palace with performances by Hawaiian musicians and halaus. Inside soloists from the Mae Z. Orvis Opera Studio of the Hawai'i Opera Theatre will perform along with Puaman and Kuuip Kumukahi as your guests visit each of the public and private rooms of the Palace.

This is an exclusive VIP tour on Thursday, December 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for \$95 for adults, \$25 for children 5-12 years and free for keiki 4 and under. This includes a pre-tour reception. To make reservations call 522-0827.

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~ Lance Rae



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Shaka Santa. We did it with the intention that when Frank finally retired, we would cut off the hand and have Santa waving. It was such an icon for the city that then-Mayor Jeremy Harris said not to take the shaka off." Weighing 2 tons, and standing 21-feet high, sculptor Kurt Nelson brought Ho's design to life. The Shaka Santa was the first of the large displays to debut and is now an integral part of the display and has sat on the outdoor fountain every year since 1989.

In the years following Shaka Santa's addition, the Snow Family, Mrs. Claus, the alphabet blocks, gnomes, bears, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer were added to the festive atmosphere and the "corridor of lights" was extended from downtown to Thomas Square. But, organizers weren't done yet. In 1991, they introduced the Public Workers' Electric Light Parade – which quickly became one of the most popular elements of the festival. Entire families came down to Honolulu Hale to see the decorated city work vehicles (refuse truck, cherry picker, ambulance, fire truck, vector truck) bring Christmas delight to the crowds.

By now the majority of the festival was set, but every few years, the event gets a facelift. In 1995, they began lighting the front of Honolulu Hale to add onto the "corridor of lights." After 9/11 happened, a giant, lighted American flag was installed on the front lawn by the big tree and all the outdoor display figures wore red, white and blue ribbons in order to show Patriotic Pride. Over the next decade, more outdoor displays were added, including the Bear Band and the Lanakila train, and new ornaments were created every 3 years for the big tree.



In 2000, a limited edition commemorative ornament was created in honor of the event and to raise funds to help keep the Honolulu City Lights celebration free to the public. Yearly renditions of these ornaments have been made every since, and are now sold in sets around different themes. This year's ornament celebrates the theme, "It's a Zoo Out There," featuring The Honolulu Zoo. The "Deck the Halls" ornament focuses on the decoration of the 50-foot City Christmas tree by Santa's friends from the Honolulu Zoo. Santa then takes off for the zoo in his sleigh pulled by a zebra, lion, hippo and elephant.

The other ornament, "Holoholo Honolulu Zoo," features many more zoo animals who are helping Santa decorate their tree. Everyone is dressed up in their best bow tie including the long-necked giraffe who sports three bow ties.



Past themes include the North Shore, Surfing Santa, and Celebrating our heroes in a patriotic set created last year in honor of Pearl Harbor. All ornaments made since 2000 can also be purchased



Shaka Santa and Tutu Mele greet every visitor to Honolulu City Lights. Photo by Ron Slauson

on the Friends website at honolulucitylights.org.

Ornaments can be purchased for \$18 at all Oahu branches of First Hawaiian Bank or any Oahu Macy's store. This year, for the first time due to the zoo theme, the ornaments can also be purchased at the Honolulu Zoo Gift Shop. Macy's Ala Moana Center will also sell previous year ornaments if you are so inclined. The ornaments are made from highly polished brass that is electroplated first with nickel and then with 24K gold, for a hard, durable finish.

This year, opening night festivities take place on Saturday, December 2nd. Food, souvenir booths and keiki rides open at 4 p.m., and Mayor Kirk Caldwell's tree lighting ceremony begins on the steps of Honolulu Hale at 6 p.m. At the same time, the Electric Light Parade begins at Aala Park and makes its way down King Street towards Honolulu Hale in time for Polynesian Voyaging Society president and master navigator Nainoa Thompson to ceremoniously illuminate the holiday tree at 6:30 p.m., triggering the corridor of lights and displays down King and Punchbowl streets.

While there, be sure to check out the city employee decorated tree exhibit and Santa's Gingerbread House and Enchanted Forest Display in the Courtyard. There will also be a Wreath Display in Lane Gallery. At 7:30 p.m., kids can take free photos with Santa in the Mission Memorial Auditorium until around 9 p.m., while outside, a special holiday concert begins. This year's concert features 2017 Na Hoku Hanohano Male Vocalist of the Year Josh Tatofi and musical entertainment by the Kamehameha Elementary Schools Chorus, Kupaoa and Mark Yamanaka, and Mailani Makainai. Festivities go on until 11 p.m.

King Street will remain closed until 8:30 p.m. so fans and families can visit the floats. At 9 p.m., the street will open and motorists will be able to drive slowly in the mauka, mountain-side lane so they can see the lights and the festivities.

Honolulu City Lights is one of those "only in Hawaii" moments, albeit a month long, that we can share with all our visitors and families. Downtown Honolulu is a halfway point for those working in and visiting Waikiki. Bishop Square is a forest of lights. Take a slow drive down Beretania, past multiple light displays. Turn left on Bishop Street and drive by Bishop Square, then turn left again on King Street and pass Iolani Palace, lighted as it was for Queen Lili'uokalani then take the slow lane past Honolulu Hale and make the loop again.

For those that can't make the festivities, The opening night festivities, including the tree lighting ceremony, parade, and concert, will be cablecast LIVE on Saturday, December 2, at 6 p.m. on 'Olelo Channel 49. For a complete schedule of events, go to honolulucitylights.org.

THE OAHU CONCIERGE'S 18TH ANNUAL

Concierge of the Year Award!

Each of the deserving individuals pictured below were recognized this year as our Concierge, Guest Service Agent, or Activity Agent of the month for their exemplary service. Which one should be named our Concierge of the Year? The outcome is up to you. Voting will be held online again this year. **Voting opens December 1st and closes at 11 a.m. December 11th, 2017.**

vote online at OahuConcierge.com

Only one vote per reader. Multiple votes from the same person will result in all their votes being discarded.



January

Fabrice Ollivier

with The Modern Hotel when nominated
now at Halekulani



May

Michael Thiele

with Elite Concierge when nominated
now at Hilton Grand Vacations Club



September

Amy Honey

Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort



February

Stephen Spangler

Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa



June

Jenifer Ishigami

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Berna Carvalho

Pleasant Holidays



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Duke's Lane Market & Eatery hosted their first concierge event at their signature 150-seat eatery, BASALT, where Executive Chef Keith Kong sent out samples of his new menu for all to try. The place was busy, so in case concierge did not get to try everything he sent out, every attendee received a \$50 gift certificate to come back and try whatever they wanted. 923-5689 or dukeslanehawaii.com.

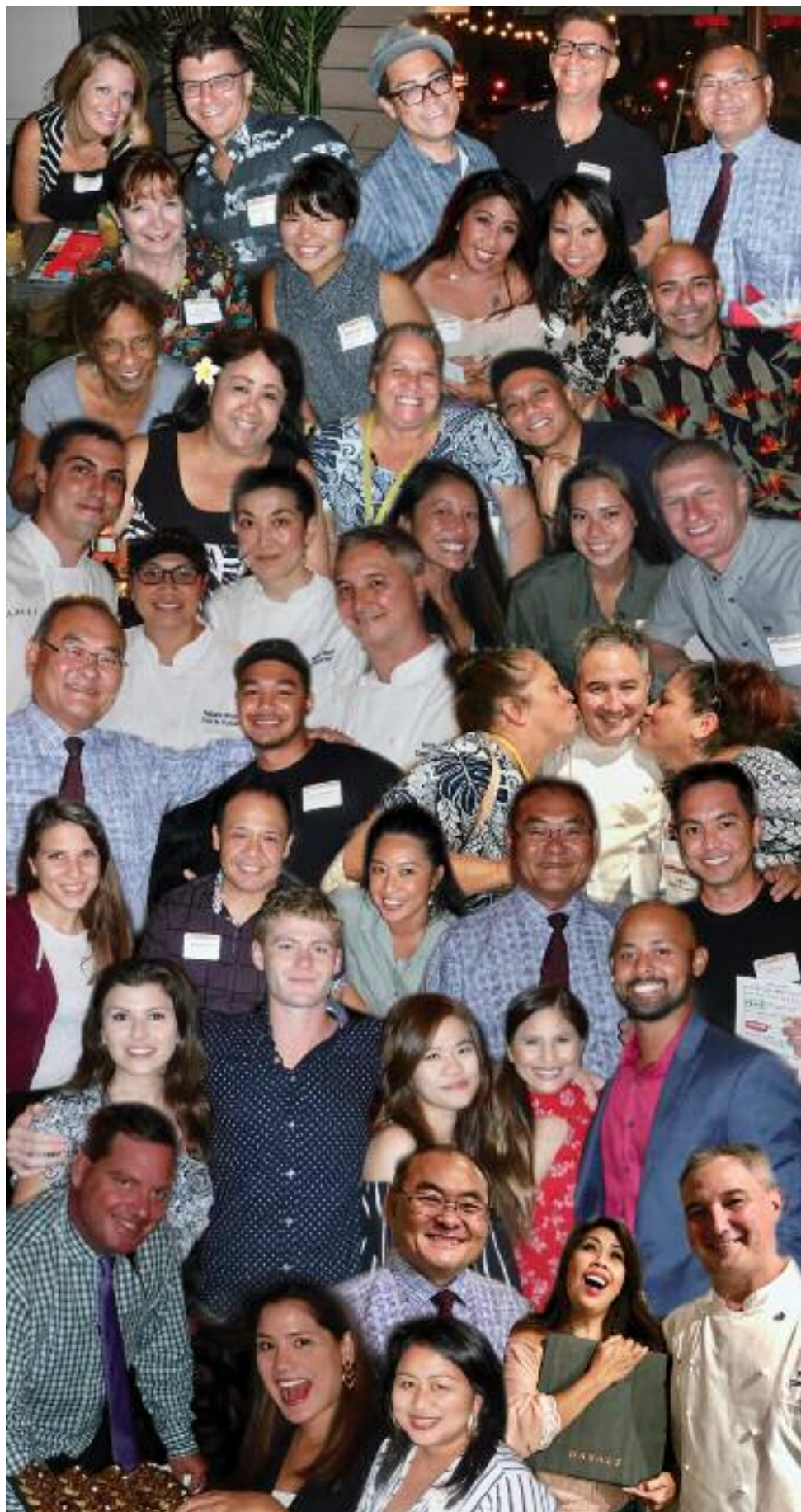


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I AM A FRONT DESK HOST



Ten years ago, a wonderful woman named Laura LinKee, who ran the front desk at the 'Ilima Hotel, sent this to me. She couldn't remember where she had found it, but she told me she had adapted it to work for Hawaii and reflect the 'Ilima (hence the 'Ihilani reference). I absolutely cracked up when I got it at the time, and thought it was fitting for so many in the hospitality industry that I printed it in the magazine and got a great response. Sadly Laura passed away some years ago, but I ran across this the other day, and thought it was time to have it resurface once again. Original author unknown.

I am a Front Desk Host....

I have an advanced degree in accounting, public relations, marketing, business, computer science, psychology, civil engineering, Hawaiian history, and Chinese. I can also read minds ...

Of course I have the reservation that you booked six years ago, for next January, even though you don't have the confirmation number and you think it was made under a name that started with an "X".

No, it's not a problem for me to give you seven connecting, non-smoking, ocean view suites with two king size beds each, four rollaway beds, a crib, and yes, I can install a Jacuzzi in the bathroom. I know it's my fault that we are the only hotel in the United States that charges for coffee; but that's what makes us unique.

I am a front desk host. I am expected to speak all languages and I can yell the words slowly if you still don't understand me. It is obvious to me that when you booked your reservation for Friday, you really meant Saturday, and I will have the beach moved closer to our hotel before you arrive.

I understand that Betsy Ross Flag Manufacturing is a vast international empire that will make or break our hotel. Yes, I am lying to you when I tell you that we have no rooms, but it will be no problem for me to quickly construct some more by next week. It is my fault that everyone wants to stay here and I should have known you were coming in even though you didn't make a reservation under your own name. And yes, I know you wouldn't have had any of these problems if you had stayed at the Waikiki Hotel.

I am a front desk host. I am quite capable of checking three people in, two people out, taking

five reservations, answering fifteen incoming calls, running interference for the manager, getting last minute instructions from the reservation manager about their "special" guest, making a gift basket for a guest that had to move room because they had stopped the toilet, and plunging that toilet ... all at the same time.

I am a front desk host, an operator, bellhop, houseman, lei maker, concierge, housekeeper, sales coordinator, information, a map, entertainment critic, restaurateur, hula dancer, computer technician, postman, dispatcher, fax expert, bank teller, Hawaiian cultural expert, travel agent, psychologist and verbal punching bag ... and I also know why 411 isn't answering the phone.

I always know where to find the best vegetarian, kosher, Hawaiian and Mongolian restaurants as well as know where all the Starbucks, McDonalds, 24-Hour Fitness and Internet Cafes are on all 7 major Hawaiian Islands. I know what to see in the area without spending money and I know the entire bus route information by heart. I take personal blame for the weather, lost luggage, traffic jams, rental cars, flat tires, the national economy, and the exchange rate between the US and Canada. I realize you meant to book your reservation here. I realize it's my fault your travel agent confused us with the 'Ihilani and of course I can "fit you in," and yes, I can give you the special \$1 rate during the Christmas season because you are affiliated with the Oshkosh Overalls-R-U's Club.

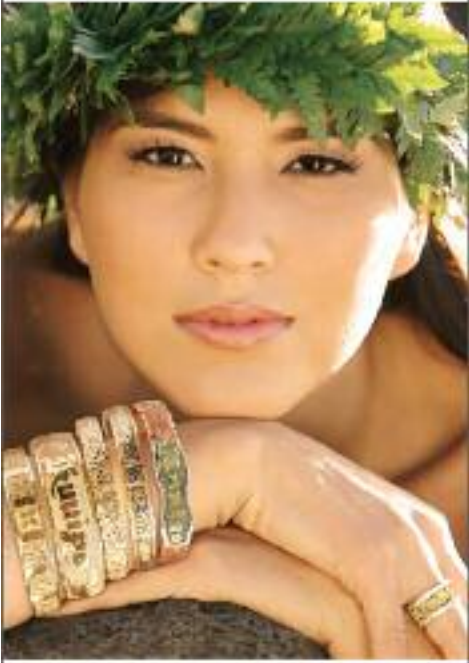
I am expected to smile, sympathize, console, up sell, down sell (and know when to do which) perform, sing, dance, and fix the printer. I attend every safety, staff, and special meeting available. I belong to and attend every hospitality industry-related association in the state and am on the board of each one. I plan and cook for every staff/guest activity and know every guest by name as well as the names of the spouse, kids, and pets ... and their birthdays and anniversaries. To top it off I know exactly where 1234 Ala Poha Street is on a map and what time the airport shuttle you ordered for 8 a.m. will really be here to pick you up.

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Festivities**

Fireworks explode above Aloha Tower during last year's NYE "Party of the Year". Picture courtesy of NYE Party of the Year

How are you going to ring in the New Year? We know you're already being asked what the party options are, so we've done our best to try to find some early info for you. Remember, almost every restaurant in town will have a pre-fixe menu or special hours so be sure to call ahead. We found a bunch, but you know there's plenty more out there to come as many events haven't been announced yet, but this should give you a head start!

Parties

Sheraton Waikiki presents Seven Kingdoms

Ring in the New Year alongside Waikiki Beach and dress to impress as the Sheraton turns RumFire, the Helumoa Pool and the Infinity Edge Pool into a rocking extravaganza filled with DJs, live entertainment, a Veuve Cliquot Champagne Room and much more 8:30 p.m. - 2:30 a.m. Tickets start at \$100 - \$250 with a variety of VIP packages available. VIP tables expected to sell out before Christmas, so pre-sale is suggested. rumfirewaikiki.com/en/rumfirenye.

SKY Waikiki presents a NYE Masquerade Party

Guest DJ William Lifestyle returns to spin for this annual rooftop extravaganza. Tickets start at \$150 and include entry, plus hosted appetizers, select hosted bar and an amazing view of Waikiki's New Year's Eve fireworks. Doors open at 8 p.m., masks highly recommended. For full details and tickets, visit skywaikiki.com.

Kaleidoscope at the Moana Surftrider

The most exclusive New Year's Eve VIP Party this year is happening in the Presidential Suite of the Moana Surftrider. "Kaleidoscope" is a complete sensory experience, transporting partygoers to a different dimension with a decadent raw bar, frosty libations, DJs to keep the beat until fireworks at midnight. The 21st floor penthouse suite provides an unobstructed front-row view of the fireworks show off Waikiki Beach. The party is from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and costs \$750 per person. Tickets are on sale at honoluluboxoffice.com.

8th annual NYE 'Party of the Year'

This is a 2-day event this year. Saturday, Grammy Award Winners the Chain Smokers will perform at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. Early GA pricing is

already sold out, but GA starting at \$135 and VIP looks to still be available and this is an all-ages show. Sunday's NYE Event will be held at Aloha Tower Marketplace and you must be 18 or older to enter. Featuring multiple stages with over 30 artists and bands including headliner Walshy Fire of Major Lazer. There will be 7 stages and areas to celebrate in, with bands and DJs playing different types of music at every zone. There's something for everyone, including plenty of Food Trucks. VIP areas and bottle service available. Tickets: \$45-\$300. 2-day passes available. nyehawaii.com.

NYE Celebration on The Great Lawn

The Hilton Hawaiian Village is throwing a NYE Party on the Great Lawn with a 4-course plated dinner and entertainment by the Dukes of Surf and Henry Kapono. 7 p.m. until after the fireworks. \$300. 949-4321.

Monte Carlo Casino Night

Get you black-tie out and head to 53 By The Sea as it becomes reminiscent of a scene in a Bond movie. The bar transforms into the perfect martini bar, the terrace becomes a cigar lounge and the main dining room features casino favorites including Black Jack, Craps, and Roulette. 21 and over only. The evening will feature theme-appropriate trappings; complimentary champagne toast and a balloon drop at midnight while H2O performs on the lanai. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$250 per couple and include casino cash, gourmet hors-d'oeuvres, drink/cigar tickets, champagne toast and party favors. The casino cash can also be redeemed for raffle tickets. 9 pm. VIP private rooms available. (8 p.m.) 53bythesea.com/NYE.

Shows and Concerts

Bill Maher New Year's Evening of Comedy

Bill Maher and NYE in Honolulu is a definite thing now. This will be the seventh year in a row he has brought his show to the Islands to ring in the New Year, and always brings a few of his famous friends with him to the Blaisdell Concert Hall. This year Bob Saget is the announced guest star, but fans have learned to expect the unexpected when it comes to this one. In 2013, Academy Award winner Sean Penn and Director Michael Moore

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Chef's Corner

Chef & Owner of REAL a gastropub & BREW'd Troy Terorotura
Chef Terorotua, who is of Tahitian and American descent moved to Hawaii in 1997 after a chance meeting with Sam Choy to become the corporate chef of his growing restaurant chain. He helped in the development and opening of five restaurants and traveled exclusively with Choy for years. After he left he became the beer buyer for Whole Foods and is credited for started the craft beer culture here in Hawaii. Soon thereafter, he opened REAL a gastropub, Hawaii's first beer-centric pub to rave reviews.

When did you decide you wanted to be a chef?

High School. I affirmed that in the future as careers were evolving that people would always need to eat and there would be many options in this ever-changing industry.

What was your first job in the industry?

I worked at a Raw Bar during high school, working my way up from a dishwasher to the lead line cook and shucking more oysters than I care to remember.

Who would you consider your mentor and why?

I have had mentors in many aspects of my life. I try to learn something from everyone and take these nuggets of wisdom and adapt them into my life. The one that keeps me moving forward has been to stay true to myself and not what others believe you should be.

You came to Hawaii with Sam Choy. How and when?

I started with Sam in 1997 when I was hired as his corporate chef. I had just returned to Florida from living in Tahiti and the weekend I returned Sam was a guest chef at the restaurant I had been working. By the end of the weekend, I had been offered the opportunity to move to Hawaii. I changed the addresses on my boxes and the rest is history.

Any stories from the famous chefs you've worked with?

Working with Sam, I had the privilege and honor to meet and work alongside many renowned and upcoming chefs. The biggest thing you can do is keep your eyes and ears open and learn from what you see and hear. Take these work ethics and stories and strive to implement these into your life personally and professionally.

I heard REAL has closed. Tell me that's not true!

The flagship location at Ward closed on September 30, due to the gentrification of the area. We knew that REAL needed to remain a part of the craft beer movement of Hawaii and will be opening a new location at Keauhou Lane in Kakaako in 2018.

Let's talk about beer. Where's this fascination from?

Beer has always been a part of the kitchen culture. When you can drink an ice cold beer after a long hot night in the kitchen, it's always a great moment or can be life changing. I have always loved to travel, explore new places and try new experiences that were not

available in Hawaii and drink locally produced beers during these travels.

What drove you to kick-start the craft beer culture here and launch a gastropub?

When Whole Foods Market opened in Kahala, I had the opportunity to become the beer buyer and LOVED it! I was able to build a world class beer selection that was not seen in Hawaii before and found that the guests really loved the selection as well. That was the nucleus for REAL. Hawaii had always been slightly behind the mainland in new trend and concepts, so a gastropub or a different version of the beer bar had never been done and that really set the spark ablaze.

How often are you in one of your kitchens cooking?

Not as much as I would like. There are so many aspects of the day that need to be addressed that it does take you away from where you would like to be.

How much of the menus are your influence?

I have always had my hands in the menu as I really love the development of creating. I love to take styles I've learned and new methods and tweak them into something. I still constantly come up with new ideas and pass them along to my kitchen team and work to build these into menu selections. I will never stop trying to create something for our guests to enjoy.

Is this every man's dream.. to open their own beer hall and has it been everything you expected it will be?

Of course every man has probably thought that this would be Utopia, but having worked in the industry for several decades I was aware that this would be a labor of love and hard as hell. It is a 365/24/7 life. This is not the lifestyle for many people. But I love and hate it and would not have it any other way. You have to be slightly off tilt to be in this industry anyway.

What's next for you? (Aside from reopening of course)

I really have several new things that I wish to learn much more about and look forward to diving into them feet first. I love to read about many subjects, but getting my hands dirty and diving into something is the best way to learn.

Q. What do you like to do most on your days off?

Relax and spend time with Lisa and our pets.



Root Beer Braised Short Ribs

Ingredients Serves 4

- 12 lb Short Ribs
- 6 Tbsp Kosher Salt
- 1/2 gallon water
- 3 Tbsp Vanilla Extract
- 6 cans Maui Brewing Co. Root Beer
- Marinate overnight. Sear Short ribs well on all sides.
- 1 cup Brown Sugar

One ribs are marinated and seared, place them in a braising pan or large hotel pan and add:

- 2 Onions – Med Dice
- 3 Carrots – Med Dice
- 3 cups Red Wine
- 6 cups Water
- 2 1/2 cups Ketchup
- 6 cups Maui Brewing Company Root Beer
- 3 cloves Garlic – chopped

Directions:

Braise until tender about 2 1/2 hours at 325 degrees. Remove Short Ribs to cool. Strain and Reduce the cooking liquid to create the sauce.

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It simply wouldn't be November without the Ala Moana Center Holiday Party. For the 10th year in a row, they brought around 100 of you in for another fabulous evening of fun, food and prizes while introducing the malls holiday plans to all. Instead of the usual dine around, they set everyone loose inside of Lucky Strike to play games to their hearts content with an hour of unlimited game time followed by dessert, champagne and prizes at Mariposa - the holidays are officially here!



HOLIDAYS IN HAWAII

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HOLIDAY CENTRAL AT THE MALLS

As the holidays approach, the city comes to life and **Ala Moana Center** has been ready for the holidays since mid-November. Keiki can take photos with Santa in a redesigned Santa set from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily, 6 p.m. on Sundays, the hours extend from 9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. as of December 15th. Visitors can take home a limited-edition plush toy of Ala Moana Center's iconic Big Santa keepsake when they present \$500 in receipts at Customer Service (while supplies last). The Mall offers extended hours from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. throughout December. Information at 955-9517 or AlaMoanaCenter.com.

Ward Village is in the holiday spirit with Santa's Beach House. Take a photo with Santa at his beach house from December 1 – 24. This year, Santa's Beach House will be located at Level 1 of Ward Entertainment Center, adjacent to the theater. Open from 12 p.m. to 8:30 daily, 6 pm. on Sundays. They will also be offering a special 30-minute trolley tour of the Honolulu City Lights from December 3 – 30 for \$7.75. Tickets available online at holidaylightstour.com. Pick up and drop off will be located at the Ward Warehouse parking lot fronting Auahi Street. There will not be an ice rink this year. WardVillage.com.

Santa will take a break from his winter workshop every Monday and Wednesday at **Royal Hawaiian Center** from 6 to 8 p.m. until Christmas to meet and greet his fans in The Royal Grove beneath the Center's 25-foot tall holiday tree. Families are invited to meet Santa, take a picture at no cost and share what's on their holiday wish list. The Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. which includes Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for those last-minute shoppers, as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. RoyalHawaiianCenter.com

It's not a brick and mortar mall per se, but the **3rd Annual Mele Kalikimaka Marketplace and Gingerbread Workshop** will turn the Blaisdell Exposition Hall into a one-stop local holiday shop for visitors and residents who are looking for holiday gifts and family activities. The two-day event on December 9 and 10 will showcase food products, gifts, books, apparel, jewelry, crafts and other consumer goods. The event will feature a local gourmet gift section, prepackaged gift baskets, holiday pop-up shops and more. New this year is the Gingerbread Workshop. There will be six workshops offered that will allow participants to decorate a house, learn the history of gingerbread and gather for story time readings of the Gingerbread Man Book and other holiday favorites, as well as an entertainment stage plus fun make-and-take crafts by Ben Franklin adding to the festive experience. The workshop costs \$40 and will include two free admission tickets to the Mele Kalikimaka Marketplace and one Gingerbread House to make and take home. Reservations required. See available times online. Otherwise, entry to the Marketplace is available at the door for \$4. Marketplace hours: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday. MeleKalikimakaMarketplace.com

LET IT SNOW IN LAIE. YES, SNOW!

Take selfies with Santa, catch live entertainment and train rides, and – on three very special days – let the kids play in real snow at the all-new Christmas at the **Hukilau Marketplace** event, located at the Polynesian Cultural Center. This fun-packed family event promises brightly lit trees, live Christmas entertainment, train rides for the kids, live nativity performances and the three very special Snow Days, set for December 2, 8 and 22. That's right, actual cold stuff to build your own snow person, start a snowball fight or make snow angels. A little advice? Tell your guests to put on some winter attire before heading out to Hukilau for the holidays to walk (and play) in the winter wonderland. They'll need it. They have to keep it cold to prevent it from melting. Admission to Christmas at the Hukilau Marketplace and its three Winter Wonderland Snow Days is free. The festivities run from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays from December 1-16, and kicking up to Mondays-Saturdays from December 18-23. The three snow day activities will be open from 3 – 7 p.m. 293-3333 or HukilauMarketplace.com.

SANTAS COMING IN A CANOE (TWICE)

Christmas can't get more Island-style than having Santa arrive via a canoe, and your guests have two chances to see this truly Hawaiian tradition. First, Santa surfs into the **Outrigger Waikiki** on December 9th at 9 a.m. Guests can watch him paddle into shore and then follow him into the hotel for pictures. Then, on Christmas Eve, visitors flock to the shore at 4:30 p.m. to witness the arrival of the jolly old elf as he paddles into Gray's Beach in front of **Halekulani** before disappearing inside the hotel.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The **Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach** is presenting breakfast with Santa at the newly opened Reef Bar & Market Grill on December 16 from 8 – 10 a.m.

TEA WITH SANTA

Bring the keiki to enjoy a delightful afternoon tea with Santa Claus at **The Kahala Hotel & Resort** on the Veranda. This special holiday tea experience for youngsters combines a child-friendly tea menu with a special visit from old St. Nick and activities for the kids such as cookie decorating for children, face painting and a deluxe obstacle bounce course activity. December 9 and 16 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$75. 739-8760 or kahalaresort.com.

IOLANI PALACE LIGHTS UP

Once a year the Palace steps back in time with golden electric light bulbs brightening the state rooms as guests explore the Palace Galleries and holiday flowers brighten the property. On December 29 & 30, the grounds come to life with colorful decorations and lanterns and special evening tours will be offered to celebrate the birthday of Queen Kapi'olani who was born on December 31. Tours begin at 5:30 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m. Last ticket sold at 8:45 p.m. Tickets on a first-come-first-serve basis are \$20 for adults and \$10 for keiki (5 – 12). Reserved tours available for \$30. Call 522-0822 or iolanipalace.org.

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Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

P & L Experience 6-8:30pm
 The Kristi Masuhara Band 9-11pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Johnny Helm 6-9pm
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Starr Kalahiki 5:30-8:30pm

TUESDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Contemporary Ukulele
 Shaka Madali 6-8:30pm
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kumuhau 6:30-9:30pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Local Uprising Duo 8-11pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Haumea Warrington & Mike 4-6pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Piranha Brothers 9-11pm
House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Ho'ohuli
 Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:30pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Weldon Kekauoha 6:30-9:30pm
 Kaiao (12/5) 6:30-9:30pm
LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Funk, Jazz, Hip Hop & Reggae
 Jason Laeha 6-9pm
Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
 Dan Del Negro & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12am
LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary
 Johnny Helm 6-9pm
Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Bossa Nova Poolside on the Lanai
 Sandy Tsukiyama 7-9pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Christian Yizarry Duo 6:30-9:30pm
Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Vaihi 4-6pm
 Sienna Souza 7:15-9:15pm
 Chris Murphy Duo 9:30-11:30pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
 Randy Allen 5-8pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 James Woo 6-9pm
Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary

John Akapo 6-9pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Ho'okani Duo 6:30-8:30pm
The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex Oasay & Jeremy Cheng 7:30-10:30pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Hawaiian - \$2 Taco Tuesdays
 K.B. Riley 5:30-8:30pm
 Sani & Friends 9-11pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex Oasay 6-9pm
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kailua Bay Buddies 5:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Instrumental Ukulele
 Sonny Kapu 6-8:30pm
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tito Berinobis & David Kauahikaua 6-10:30pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Kimo Artis Duo 8-11pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Acoustic, Soul, R&B
 Haumea Warrington 4-6pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am
Gordon Biersch 599-4877
Jazz Wednesdays
 Varying Artists 6:30-9:30pm
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Buck on a Bender (or others) 9-11pm
House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Ho'ohuli
 Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:30pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Contemporary Music
 Brandon Serrano 7-9pm
Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Live Soft Contemporary
 Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Ben Vegas 4:30-5:30pm
 Mike Kaawa 6:30-9:30pm
LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Funk, Jazz, Hip Hop & Reggae
 Izik 6-9pm
Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
 Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12am
LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mango Season 6-9pm
 Jason Laeha & Cole Strona 10-close
Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Jazz, Pop & Rock Poolside on the Lanai
 Verge & Paula 7-9pm

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Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Eric Lee Duo 6:30-9:30pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Johnny Helm 4-6pm
 Mark Caldeira 7:10-9:10pm
 Dustin Park (12/6, 12/20) :30-11:30pm
 Jai Rodgers Duo (12/13, 12/20) 9:30-11:30pm

Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Acoustic & Slack Key Top 40
 Dayton Watanabe 6:30-9:30pm

Rumfire 921-4600
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
 Alex Oasay 5-8pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Pierre Grill 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
 Randy & Kanoe 6-9pm

The Edge at the Sheraton 922-4422
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Keoni Ku Duo 6:30-8:30 pm

The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Melanie and Drew 6:30-9:30pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary - 1/2 off Wine Wednesdays
 Canoes for Rent 5:30-8:30pm
 Johnny Helm 9-11pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Sean Cleland 6-9pm

Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Rock
 Acoustik Playground 5:30-8:30pm

THURSDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Instrumental Ukulele
 Shaka Madali 6-8:30pm

Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tito Berinobis 6:30-10pm

Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400
Contemporary / Old School Rock
 Alex Oasay 6:30-9:30pm

Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Ben Kama Duo 8-11pm

Duke's Canoe Club 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Haumea Warrington 4-6pm
 Local Uprising Duo 9:30-midnight
 Scott Magz & Brady K (12/14) 9:30-midnight
 Jeremy Hirokawa Duo (12/28) 9:30-midnight

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Kailua Bay Buddies 9-11pm

House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Lauren Matsumoto
 Eric Lee Trio 5:30 - 8:30pm

Hula Grill 923-HULA

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm

Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Live Soft Contemporary
 Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Robi Kahakalau 4:30-5:30pm
 Kawika Kahiapo 6:30-9:30pm

LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Pop/Rock
 Sunway 6-9pm

Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Contemporary Jazz
 Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12am

LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Desmond Oliverira 6-9pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Mellow Acoustic Sounds Poolside on the Lanai
 Keith Omizo 7-9pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Dave Watanabe 6:30-9:30pm
 Delima Ohana (8/10) 6:30-9:30pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Sean Cleland 4-6pm
 Kamuela Kahoano 7:10-9:10pm
 Camarillo Bros 9:30-11:30pm

Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552
Live Slack Key
 Jeff Peterson 7:30-10:00pm

Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Acoustic Hawaiian Guitar
 Steve English 6:30-9:30pm

Rumfire 921-4600
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
 Johnny Helm 5-8pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Isao Motomochi 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
 Tahiti Rey 6-9pm 5-8pm

The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Christian Yrizarry Duo 6:30-8:30pm

The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Simple Souls 6:30-9:30pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Hot Hula Thursdays - hula dancers perform
 Malu the Band 5:30-7:30pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 8:30-10:30pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Chris Mercado 6-9pm

Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Nohelani Cypriano 5:30-8:30pm

FRIDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Beach BBQ
 Art Kalahiki & Friends 5:30-8:30pm

Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600

Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm 941-6660

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mark Yim's Pilikia I 6-9pm
 Mark Yim's Pilikia II 9:30-12:30am

Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400
Contemporary Hawaiian
 Aku 6:30-9:30pm

Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Live Contemporary
 Johnny Helm Duo 8-11pm

Dave & Busters 589-2215
Pau Hana Fridays Live Local Bands
 Varying Hawaiian Artists 6-8pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Maunaloa 4-6pm
 Kona Chang Duo (12/1) 9:30 -12am
 Christian Yrizarry (12/8, 12/29) 9:30 -12am
 Alika Souza Duo (12/15) 9:30 -12am
 Jesse & Jenna (12/22) 9:30 -12am

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 The Fresh Preps 9-11pm

House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Kanoe Miller
 Hiram Olsen Trio 5:30 - 8:30pm

Hula Grill 923-HULA
Aloha Friday Lunch Luau with hula dancer



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David Asing	12:30-2:30pm	
Keoki & Russell	7-9pm	
Hy's Steak House		922-5555
<i>Live Soft Contemporary</i>		
Audy Kimura	6:30-10pm	
Kani Ka Pila Grille		924-4992
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>		
Christian Yrizzary	4:30-5:30pm	
Ka Hehena	6:30-9:30pm	
LBL at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel		922-0811
<i>Live Contemporary Pop/Rock</i>		
Sunway	6-9pm	
LuLu's		926-5222
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		
Glenn Domingo	6-9pm	
Lewers Lounge		923-2311
<i>Live Contemporary Jazz</i>		
Maggie Herron & Dean Taba	8:30-12am	
Mahina & Sun's		923-8882
<i>Slack Key Poolside on the Lanai</i>		
Jeff Rasmussen	7-9pm	
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian		923-7311
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer</i>		
Kapala Duo	6:30-9:30pm	
Maui Brewing Company		843-2739
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Kai Roots	3:30-6pm	
Sienna Souza	7:10-9:10pm	
Kelandy Diaz (or others)	9:30-11:30pm	
Michel's at the Colony Surf		923-6552
<i>Live Slack Key Stylings & Jazz</i>		
Jeff Peterson & Ernie Provencher	6:30-10pm	
Roy's Hawaii Kai		396-7697
<i>Keyboardist</i>		
Brian Robert Shaw	6:30-9:30pm	
Roy's Ko Olina		676-7697
<i>Slack Key Guitar</i>		
Chris Rego	5:30-8pm	
Rumfire		921-4600
<i>Solo Contemporary Guitarist</i>		
Johnny Kukui	5-8pm	
Signature Prime Steak		949-3636

<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>		
Grant Carvalho	6-9pm	
Sky Waikiki		979-7590
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		
John Akapo	5-8pm	
The Edge at the Sheraton		921-4600
<i>Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.</i>		
Delima Ohana Duo	6:30-8:30pm	
The Study at the Modern		943-5800
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Tahiti Rey	6:30-9:30pm	
Tiki's Grill & Bar		923-TIKI
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Randy Allen	5-7pm	
Vaihi	7:30-9:30pm	
The Kristi Masuhara Band	10:30-midnight	
Tommy Bahama Restaurant		923-8785
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Chris Murphy	6-9pm	
Tropics Bar & Grill		949-4321
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Nohelani Cypriano	8-10:30pm	

SATURDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach		924-2233
<i>Beach BBQ with Live Contemporary Hits</i>		
Johnny Kukui	5:30-8:30pm	
Bin1901 at the Moana		921-4600
<i>Piano Wine Bar</i>		
Scott Smith	6:30-9:30pm	
Chart House Waikiki		941-6660
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Tito Berinobis & Billy Beimes	7-12pm	
Cheeseburger Waikiki		941-2400
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Sean Cleland	6:30-9:30pm	
Cheesecake Factory		924-5001
<i>Classic Hawaiian</i>		
Dennis McClees Duo	8-11pm	
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki		922-2268
<i>Live Hawaiian Entertainment</i>		
Beach 5 (12/2)	4-6pm	
Vaihi (12/9)	4-6pm	
Ikena (12/16)	4-6pm	
Kailua Bay Buddies (12/23)	4-6pm	
Mojo (12/30)	4-6pm	
Kaiona Duo (11/25)	4-6pm	
Jai Rodgers Duo (12/2)	9:30-12am	
Kaimi Duo (12/9)	9:30-12am	
Camarillo Brothers (12/16)	9:30-12am	
Mike Tulba Duo (12/23)	9:30-12am	
Solid Rock Duo (12/30)	9:30-12am	
Hard Rock Cafe		955-7383
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		
EMKE	10-12am	
House Without a Key		923-2311
<i>Hawaiian & Hula by Kanoë Miller</i>		
Hiram Olsen Trio	5:30 - 8:30pm	
Hula Grill		923-HULA
<i>Live Traditional Hawaiian with dancer</i>		
Kaipo Dabin & friends	7-9pm	
Hy's Steak House		922-5555
<i>Live Soft Contemporary</i>		
Audy Kimura	6:30-10pm	
Kani Ka Pila Grille		924-4992
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>		
Puuloa (12/2)	4:30-5:30 pm	

Alx (12/9)	4:30-5:30 pm	
Kala'e Camarillo (12/23)	4:30-5:30 pm	
Kamakakehau Fernandez (12/30)	4:30-5:30 pm	
Vaihi (12/2)	6:30-9:30pm	
Manoa DNA (12/9)	6:30-9:30pm	
Ei Nei (12/16)	6:30-9:30pm	
Hookena (12/23)	6:30-9:30pm	
Pandanus (12/30)	6:30-9:30pm	
LBL at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel		922-0811
<i>Live Contemporary Blues & R&B</i>		
Tahiti Rey	6-9pm	
Lewers Lounge		923-2311
<i>Live Contemporary Jazz</i>		
Maggie Herron & Dean Taba	8:30-12:30am	
LuLu's		926-5222
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Kamaka	6-9pm	
Mahina & Sun's		923-8882
<i>Soul Poolside on the Lanai</i>		
Maryanne Ito	7-9pm	
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian		923-7311
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer</i>		
Kapala Duo	6:30-9:30pm	
Maui Brewing Company		843-2739
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Preston Kauwe	3:30-6pm	
David Sedlak	7:10-9:10pm	
Kona Chang Duo (12/2)	9:30-11:30pm	
Local Uprising (12/9, 12/16)	9:30-11:30pm	
Fresh Preps (12/23)	9:30-11:30pm	
Jesse & Jenna (12/30)	9:30-11:30pm	
Michel's at the Colony Surf		923-6552
<i>Live Contemporary Slack Key & Jazz</i>		
Jeff Peterson	7-11pm	
Roy's Hawaii Kai		396-7697
<i>Acoustic Guitar</i>		
Jimmy Funai	6-9:30pm	
Roy's Ko Olina		676-7697
<i>Slack Key Guitar</i>		
Chris Rego	5:30-8pm	
Rumfire		921-4600
<i>Solo Contemporary Guitarist</i>		
Superpax	5-8pm	
Signature Prime Steak		949-3636
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>		
Grant Carvalho	6-9pm	
Sky Waikiki		979-7590
<i>Live Contemporary</i>		
John Akapo	6-9pm	
The Edge at the Sheraton		921-4600
<i>Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.</i>		
Tino Jacobs Duo	6:30-8:30pm	
Tiki's Grill & Bar		923-TIKI
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Reggae</i>		
Johnny Helm	5-7pm	
Guidance (or others)	7:30-9:30pm	
Ellsworth & Piko	10-midnight	
Tommy Bahama Restaurant		923-8785
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Chris Murphy	6-9pm	
Tropics Bar & Grill		949-4321
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>		
Henry Kaponu	4-6pm	
Juke Joint	6:30-9:30pm	

SUNDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach		924-2233
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Contemporary Hawaiian
Paul Wilcox 11am-2pm.
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Dean & Dean 6-9pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
Chris Murphy 8-11pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Hawaiian Entertainment
Henry Kaponu 4-6pm
Chris Mercado (12/3) 9:30-12am
Derrick Lee Duo (12/10) 9:30-12am
Dustin Park (12/17) 9:30-12am
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
Youth on Stage 12 noon - 2pm
Analog (or others) 9-11pm
House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Debbie Nakanelua
Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:30pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Traditional Hawaiian with dancer
Art Kalahiki Duo 7-9pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
Nathan Aweau 6:30-9:30pm
Brother Noland (12/3) 6:30-9:30pm
Kelley O'Neil's 926-1777
Live Irish Music
Various Celtic Bands 4-7pm
LBLÉ at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live, Energetic Mix of Pop and Rock Hits
Maryann Ito 6-9pm
Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
Tommy James 8:30pm - 12am
LuLu's 926-5222
Acoustic R&B
Jason Laeha 6-9pm
Mahina & Sun's 923-8882
Live Jazz on the Lanai
Jegaan Faye 7-9pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
Brian Mersberg Duo 6:30-9:30pm
Maui Brewing Company 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Kai Roots Duo 4-6pm
Dustin Park 7:15-9:15pm
Scott Magz & Brady K 9:30-11:30pm
Roy's Ko Olina 676-7697
Slack Key Guitar
Chris Rego 5:30-8pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Kamuela Kahoano 5-8pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
Isao Motomochi 6-9pm
Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
Da Push-O-Verse 6-9pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 922-4422
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
Ellsworth Simeona Duo 6:30-8:30p
The Study at the Modern 943-5800

Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Jazz
Jeremy Cheng 6-9pm
Smooth Jazz (varying artists) 10-2am
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Kapu the Band 2:30 - 5:30pm
Vaihi 6-8pm
Ellsworth & Piko 9-11pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Johnny Helm 6-9pm
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Rock & Hawaiian
Mike Piranha 5:30 - 8:30pm
Uncle's Fish Market & Grill 275-0063
Live Slack Key
Jeff Peterson 5:30-8:30pm



Hot Lines

Here's a few numbers for you to find out the latest in live music from places that change daily or don't update us regularly, since we can't possible list them all.

Gordon Biersch	599-4877
Irish Rose Saloon	947-3414
Kelley O'Neil's	926-1777
Mai Tai Bar Ala Moana	947-2900
Moose McGillicuddy's	923-0751

Dining Dish



Many of you heard that **Kirin Restaurant** on Beretania Street closed in late August, but never fear, it found itself a new home and reopened last month. Patrons can now find Kirin Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki on the first floor of the Ewa Tower closest to Kaiulani Avenue. All of your favorite dishes are back, including a newly discovered favorite of mine. Trust me, next time you stop by, be sure to order the deep fried bacon wrapped scallop and shrimp. Sinfully delicious! Open daily for lunch from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and for dinner from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. 942-1888. • **Executive Chef Hide Yamamoto** trained under the legendary French Chef Roger Vergé, has served at the Presidential Inauguration ceremonies of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton and was awarded the Global Chef Award in 2010 from the World Gourmet Summit. He now brings all that knowledge to **Vintage Cave Honolulu** as Head Director. His unparalleled experience is certain to shine a light on the prestigious restaurant once again. 441-1744. • **Sakura Terrace** recently completed building a renewed dining room and new sushi counter, now they have revamped their menu. The new menu features a customizable teishoku where customers are free to select a combination of any two ala carté menu items. They will also be bringing back will have a limited number of osechi sets for the holidays and will sell out quickly. Sakura Terrace is now open 7 days a week. Previously they were closed on Mondays. 591-1181. • **Chronic Tacos** the popular Southern

California eatery just opened their first Hawaii location at the Safeway Kapahulu Complex. Offering quality take away Mexican food at reasonable prices, the third-generation recipes use only fresh, locally sourced ingredients and are made from scratch throughout the day. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. chronictacos.com. • **Chef Elmer Guzman**, best known for his widely popular Poke Stop restaurants around Oahu is bringing his latest concept, **Fish Hook Café**, to the Luana Waikiki Hotel & Suites. Serving breakfast and lunch, Fish Hook Café offers an assortment of locally and sustainably-sourced grab-and-go items including salads, sandwiches, pastries, and gourmet coffee, as well as his famous built-to-order poke bowls. Chef Guzman will also be overseeing the hotels daily breakfast buffet selections. Open daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 955-6000 or visit luanawaikiki.com. • **808 Center** located at 808 Sheridan Street has added two more eateries to their tenant list. **Margaritas** offers authentic Mexican food, which I have yet to try, and a former chef from the Four Season Ko Olina has opened **Five Spice Kitchen**, a modern take on more traditional dishes such as the Molokai Moco with Kalua Pork, Portuguese sausage, bacon, fried rice, mushroom gravy and 2 eggs any style (\$21), a Wagyu Burger with house-made brioche bun, thick cut bacon, banh mi pickles, Sriracha yuzu aioli and sharp white cheddar (\$18) and Crispy Truffle Potatoes for \$8. They also offer Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. with unlimited mimosas for \$15 per person. Sounds good. Let me know your thoughts if you go to either of them. • **Lychee Restaurant**, inside the newly rebranded Alohilani Resort has launched a weekend brunch from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with live music. The all-you-can-eat-buffet includes chefs specials, crab legs, carving station, omelette station and more. All brunches include bottomless mimosas, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and juice. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$27.50 for kids (5-10), with prices listed a bit higher for holidays. 921-6193. ~ Pam



Dining Calendar

December 15: *The Royal Feast* will be the Royal Hawaiian's final Epicurean Journey of the year. A cocktail reception followed by a 5-course dinner based on the event's "Archipelagos" theme 6 p.m. \$180 /\$220 with wine. 921-4600 or royal-hawaiian.com.

December 16: *Epicurean Journey Cooking Class* will offer an engaging hands-on cooking class and luncheon with The Royal's culinary team followed by a grand Hukilau-style lunch. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$100 /\$130 with wine. 921-4600 or royal-hawaiian.com.

December 16: *BLT Steak* offers a special cooking class with Chef Fred DeAngelo learning his tricks of the trade. Includes 1.5-hour cooking demo, a glass of champagne upon arrival, a three-course lunch and two glasses of wine. 12 - 3 p.m. \$110. 921-4600.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events

MONDAY – FRIDAY LYON ARBORETUM TOURS

The lush gardens at the top of the UH Manoa are open for guided tours daily. Knowledgeable guides will introduce the highlights of all 193.6 acres of botanical rainforest. Reservations required. 12 participants max. Donations accepted. 988-0461.

MONDAY-FRIDAY FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDENS

Guided garden tours of rare and beautiful plants from tropical regions throughout the world. Foster Botanical Gardens, 50 N. Vineyard. 1 p.m. Adults: \$5. Reservations recommended. 522-7066.

TUESDAYS TOURS OF THE HAWAII THEATRE

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of this historic theatre including history, architecture, and a performance on the 1922 Robert Morton theatre organ. Hawaii Theatre. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$10. 528-0506.

TUESDAYS • KU HA'AHEO

An afternoon of music and hula led by kumu hula Blaine Kamalani Kia. Waikiki Beach Walk, Plaza Lawn. 4:30–6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com. FREE.

TUESDAYS • KCC FARMERS MARKET

The Saturday Market is so popular they added another day. Head up to Kapiolani Community College to stock up on fresh, island produce, seafood, flowers and more, from several dozen vendors. 4 – 7 p.m. Free. 848-2074.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FRESH FARMERS MARKET AT THE HYATT

The Hyatt's Farmers Market is so popular they offer it twice a week! A great place for visitors and locals to stock up on fresh local organic fruits, vegetables, jams, honeys, baked goods and more. The market is set up throughout the ground floor of the Pualeilani Atrium Shops. 4 - 8 p.m. waikiki.hyatt.com.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS TOUR & TEA AT THE HONOLULU ACADEMY OF ARTS

Tours are led by volunteer docents and designed for visitors, who would like to explore the galleries, learn more about art and culture, and socialize over a cup of tea. Docents lead discussions in the galleries and offer insight into many cultures and time periods. 2:30 – 4 p.m. in selected galleries. Free with admission. Reservations required. 532-8700.

**TUESDAY – SATURDAY
HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES GUIDED TOURS**
Visit the Print Shop, coral block Chamberlain House, and 1821 Mission House and learn about the 19th century history and culture preserved at this historic site. Docent-led tours of the historic houses begin on the hour, every hour from 11 a.m. for \$8 - \$10. No charge for the self-guided tour of the grounds. Hawaiian Mission Houses. Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 447-3910 or missionhouses.org.

THIRD WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 20) KONA NUI NIGHTS

Kona Nui Nights honors and highlights Hawaiian language and music, as well as the art of hula on the third Wednesday of every month with food and drinks for sale. Free. Ward Village Information Center Courtyard. 6-8 p.m. wardvillageshops.com.

SECOND THURSDAY (DECEMBER 14) COURTYARD CINEMA

Ward Village hosts its monthly film series event, Courtyard Cinema, on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The showing features free popcorn, refreshments, food vendors and entertainment. Courtyard Cinema is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Reserve your tickets at wardvillagecourtyardcinema.com.

THURSDAYS COURTYARD YOGA

Take a complimentary yoga class with CorePower Yoga at the Ward Village Information Center Courtyard. Open to the first 50 in attendance. All experience levels welcome. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. For more information visit wardvillageshops.com/yoga.

THIRD THURSDAY (DECEMBER 21) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

The Arts at Marks Garage continues to build on downtown activities offering an excuse to hang out after work and giving everyone else a reason to head downtown. Free. 521-2903. artsatmarks.com.

FRIDAYS CULTURAL CRAFT FAIR

The Hyatt's had so much success with their Farmers Market that they are applying the same principle to local craft items. The craft fair features local vendors featuring arts & crafts, jewelry, photography, woodwork and more. 3 - 7 p.m. Waikiki.Hyatt.com.

FIRST FRIDAY (DECEMBER 1) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

Art lovers should head to downtown Honolulu the first Friday of each month. This event has exploded into a downtown party with galleries and studios open for exhibitions, artist demonstrations, and special performances. 23 galleries and art-related retail shops, restaurants and museums participate. Downtown Honolulu/Chinatown. 6 – 9 p.m. Free. 521-2903 or artsatmarks.com.

FINAL FRIDAY ART AFTER DARK

The event is on hiatus until January. artafterdark.org.

SATURDAYS KCC FARMERS MARKET

Fresh island produce, seafood, flowers and more are available from over two-dozen vendors at Kapiolani Community College. Free. 7:30 - 11 a.m. 848-2074.

SATURDAYS PEARLRIDGE FARMERS MARKET

Over 40 vendors offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, plants and freshly made treats. A pop-up cafe offering seating and live music round out the day. Free. 8 a.m. - noon. PearlridgeOnline.com.

SATURDAYS KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET

The Kaka'ako Farmer's Market hosts an abundance of treats from around our islands. Located next to Ross Dress for Less at Ward Gateway Center. Free. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. wardvillage.com.

SECOND SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

First Friday has become such a success that events carry over to the second Saturday. HiSAM, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 586-9958. Other events around downtown Honolulu all afternoon including slam poetry and open mic events at The Arts at Marks from 3 -5 p.m. Free. 521-2903 or artsatmarks.com.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ART ON THE ZOO FENCE

More than 35 local artists display their works on the Zoo fence on Monsarrat Avenue opposite the Kapiolani Park Bandstand. Works for sale include original paintings, prints and photographs. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free. artonthezoo fence.com.

SECOND SUNDAY (DECEMBER 10) FREE ADMISSION TO IOLANI PALACE

On the second Sunday of each month, Iolani Palace opens its doors to kama'aina guests to visit the historic landmark for free. iolanipalace.org.

SUNDAYS (DECEMBER 19-25) NA MELE NO NA PUA SUNDAY SHOWCASE

Waikiki Beach Walk will be expanding their Na Mele No Na Pua Sunday Showcase to celebrate the holidays this month with the Seven Days till Christmas. Enjoy music and entertainment nightly from 6 - 7 p.m. Plaza Stage. waikikibeachwalk.com.

THIRD SUNDAY (DECEMBER 17) BANK OF HAWAII FREE SUNDAY

The Honolulu Museum of Art opens its doors to the public free of charge on the third Sunday of every month thanks to Bank of Hawaii. Lots of activities for kids and grown-ups alike. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. 532-8700.

DECEMBER 1 PEPPER LIVE IN HONOLULU



Hawaii's own Pepper return to the islands for a couple of fun performances. You can catch them at The Republik. \$27. Price increases

day of show. 8 p.m. bampproject.com.

DECEMBER 2 - 31 HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS

Downtown lights up in celebration every night of the season with the 33rd annual Honolulu City Lights. Watch the Electric Light Parade along King Street kick everything off on 12/2 at 4 p.m. followed by the lighting of the 50-foot tree at 6:30 p.m. and free pictures with Santa at 7:30 p.m. The festive lights and decorations stay up through January 1st. and reservations on all the trolley tours are recommended. 768-3392. honolulucitylights.com.

DECEMBER 2 XTERRA UNIVERSITY

There will be two training sessions held featuring top XTERRA trail runners. These elite runners will offer expert advice on trail running and preparation for the race. The clinic is free and open to runners of all ages and skill levels. Each session will allow time for runners to ask questions of the featured speakers. Waikiki Beach Walk. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. xterraplanet.com.

DECEMBER 3 XTERRA TRAIL RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

This 21-kilometer half-marathon course is considered a world championship course, and it takes runners through some of the most diverse – and scenic – terrain on the planet. No qualifying process so anyone can enter the 21K championship course, a 10K, a 5K, or an "adventure walk." 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Kualoa Ranch. xterraplanet.com.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 3

MIRANDA SINGS...YOU'RE WELCOME

Actress, comedian, and singer Colleen Ballinger is best known for her popular YouTube character Miranda Sings. She parleyed that popularity into sold-out international comedy tours, which she is now bringing to Hawaii. \$49.50 - \$75. Hawaii Theatre. 8 p.m. hawaiiitheatre.com.

DECEMBER 7

KAIMUKI CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

Watch as the community kick off of holiday season with a 1.1-mile parade from St. Louis School to Koko Head Avenue. Over 40 groups will march in the parade and there are plenty of amazing restaurants for stop at when the parade is over. 6 - 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 8-10

KUANA'S WINTER WONDERLAND

Hoku-Award winning musician Kuana Torres Kahele ushers in the holiday season with three shows at the Hawaii Theatre. 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m. on December 10th. \$30 - \$75. hawaiiitheatre.com.

DECEMBER 8-20

BILLABONG PIPE MASTERS

The third and final jewel in the Vans Triple Crown is the most prized event of the season and decides the ASP World Champion, and Triple Crown champion of the Hawaiian winter surf season. Pipeline. The event will not take place every day, but only on the best surf days. Check website for updates. vanstriplecrownofsurfing.com.

DECEMBER 9

HAWAII KAI HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Head on over to the Hawaii Kai Towne Center, grab a seat and watch the 21st annual Christmas Boat Parade as the elaborately decorated boats make their way around the marina (and vote for me!) Live music usually begins at 4:30 p.m. Parade begins around 6 p.m. hawaiikaitownecenter.com.

DECEMBER 9

HOLIDAY POPS WITH AMY HANAIALI'I

The Hawaii Symphony Orchestra presents their annual Holiday Pops Concert with 18-time Na Hoku Hanohano award winner Amy Hanaiali'i as she sings all of your classical holiday favorites. Tickets: \$27-\$79. 7:30 p.m. Blaisdell Concert Hall. hawaiisymphonyorchestra.org.

DECEMBER 9-10

MELE KALIKIMAKA MARKETPLACE

This 3rd annual gift show aims to be your one stop shop for all your holiday shopping needs. Offering everything from books, apparel, jewelry, pre-packaged gift baskets, local gourmet gifts and year-end inventory specials from varied distributors, there will also be a special Winter Wonderland, complete with snow, a Secret Santa Land and live entertainment. Blaisdell. \$4 entry. Sat. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. melekalikimakamarketplace.com.

DECEMBER 7-9

HONOLULU MARATHON EXPO

Free and open to the public. Hours vary daily, usually around 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Souvenir sales will be at the expo, as well as massages, sports gels, sunglasses and lots more on offer at the Marathon Expo and at Kapiolani Park after the race and again on Monday. A free shuttle will take runners to the Hawaii Convention Center. Stops include Duke Statue, DFS,

and the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Kalia Road. honolulumarathon.org.

DECEMBER 8

HONOLULU MARATHON ALOHA FRIDAY NIGHT

Pre-race festivities include Hawaiian & Japanese fusion Bento Box and live entertainment from Mana'o Company and Japanese sensation Kishidan. Tickets available for purchase by race entrants only. \$60. Convention Center 4th floor. 5:30-8:30 p.m. honolulumarathon.org.

DECEMBER 9

SANTA SURFS IN

In what has become a holiday tradition, Santa arrives Hawaiian-style, surfing into the beach on his canoe in front of the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach. Hundreds line the shore to welcome St. Nick including a keiki halau. Santa then heads into the lobby of the Outrigger Waikiki for pictures and a complimentary meet and greet. Free. Open to the public. 9 a.m. 923-0711.

DECEMBER 10

HONOLULU MARATHON

With around 25,000 runners each year, the Honolulu Marathon is the 4th largest marathon in the US. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the race that has so many runners from Japan they make it large enough to compete with the Boston Marathon and usually comprise around 60% of the total runners. The gun goes off at 5 a.m. at Ala Moana Beach Park. Prepare for closed roads and traffic delays. The winners will return to Kapiolani Park on Monday at 10 a.m. to sign autographs. honolulumarathon.org.

DECEMBER 8-10

THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER



Girls Night out just got steamy! The hotties from Down Under are back for three shows filled with chiseled bodies, seductive dance routines, cheeky humor, and boy-next-door charm that you won't be able to resist. Tickets: \$39.50 - \$49.50. Price increases day of show. 8 p.m. The Republik. bamproject.com.

DECEMBER 9

TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY

Ring in the holiday season with this special annual concert by the Oahu Choral Society. \$25. St. Andrew's Cathedral. 7:30 p.m. oahuchoral.org.

DECEMBER 10

ALII SUNDAY

Kawaiahao Church celebrates select Hawaiian Royalty (Alii) who are of particular importance for the Church by holding seven special Sunday services in their honor around their birthdays throughout the year. Today they celebrate Kamehameha V. 9 a.m. kawaiahao.org.

DECEMBER 10

JEFF PETERSON & MALAMA 'AINA

One of Hawaii's top slack key artists joins the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra for a special evening featuring Beethoven's Overture to Egmont Jeff Peterson's

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DECEMBER CALENDAR CON'T

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Concerto for Slack Key Guitar and Orchestra, and Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5, op.100. Tickets from \$34-\$92. 7:30 p.m. Blaisdell Concert Hall. hawaiisymphonyorchestra.org.

DECEMBER 11 • WILLIE K



Hawaii's beloved Uncle Willie K. returns for an evening of Hawaiian, Jazz, Blues, Reggae, Rock and Opera. Blue Note Hawaii. Two shows: 6:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$45. Kama'aina always get 15% off. bluenotehawaii.com

DECEMBER 12 • THE SHINS

Indie-rock icons The Shins, who flew to mainstream success nearly a decade after the band was formed when their song "New Slang" was prominently featured in the 2004 movie Garden State comes to The Republik. This one is almost sold out, so act quickly if interested! \$37.50. bampproject.com.

DECEMBER 15 • AARON LEWIS

The singer was a founding member of the alternative metal band Staind, and was listed on the Top 100 Heavy Metal Vocalists list in 2006 has since jumped to country and received countless accolades ever since. \$35. Price increases day of show. 9:15 p.m. The Republik. bampproject.com.

DECEMBER 15-17 • THE NUTCRACKER

Celebrate the Holidays with Ballet Hawaii's Nutcracker presented with a unique Hawaiian historical theme. Enjoy Tchaikovsky's classic ballet re-interpreted and set in the 1858 Kingdom of Hawaii. Once again choreographed by Septime Webre, Megan Fairchild will reprise her role Sugar Plum, as will Joaquin De Luz as Cavalier, and Hawaii's own Derek Daniels plays the Rat King accompanied by the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. Performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. both days. VIP dinner packages for Tea at Mariposa or dinner at Chef Chai available. 521-8600 x104. ballethawaii.org

DECEMBER 16

TOM SEGURA: NO TEETH NO ENTRY

Best known for his Netflix specials Mostly Stories and his Comedy Central specials, BAMP Project is bringing his comedy tour to the Hawaii Theatre. \$25.50 - \$49.50. 8 p.m. hawaii theatre.com.

DECEMBER 16 • ARNEL PINEDA



Arnel Pineda, lead singer of the internationally acclaimed rock band "Journey" will perform his favorite songs so in a benefit concert for Katipunan, Inc., an organization that promotes civic education, citizenship, and American values to immigrants. Tickets: \$69-\$99. Blaisdell Arena. ticketmaster.com.

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DECEMBER 17 GLITTER & BE GAY

The Gay Men's Chorus of Honolulu brings their annual high-energy holiday concert back to the Hawaii Theatre for an evening of your holiday favorites. Tickets: \$20-\$155. 5:30 p.m. hawaii theatre.com.

DECEMBER 22

ROBERT CAZIMERO UNDER THE BANYAN

Hawaii's beloved entertainer will perform a special Christmas concert in the Banyan Courtyard at the Moana Surfriider. Cocktail or dinner packages available. \$50-\$50. Seating opens at 6 p.m., show starts at 7:15 p.m. honolulu boxoffice.com/moana.

DECEMBER 22, 23 & 25 DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC

This annual college basketball tournament will consist of eight teams competing in twelve games over three days in a traditional bracket format. This years teams include Middle Tennessee, Princeton, Akron, USC, Davidson, New Mexico State, Miami and of course, the University of Hawaii. Tickets: \$10-\$30. Stan Sheriff Center. diamondheadclassic.com.

DECEMBER 23 • HAWAII'S SPIRITS AND LEGENDS: OLELO 'INO (CURSES)

Renown storyteller Lopaka Kapanui returns to tell stories about Hawaii's spiritual realm. Doris Duke Theatre. \$15. 7:30 p.m. honolulu museum.org.

DECEMBER 24

SANTA PADDLES INTO GRAY'S

Head over to Grays Beach to see Santa paddle to shore in a canoe for all to see at 4:30 p.m. before he slips into the Halekulani for a private event. 923-2311.

DECEMBER 27-28 • JHENÉ AIKO

Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Jhené Aiko was already more than a decade deep in the music game when she arrived at Def Jam in 2011 and exploded onto the music scene and began opening for Drake and collaborating with Big Sean. \$36. Price increases day of show. 8 p.m. The Republik. bampproject.com.

DECEMBER 28-29 • ODE TO JOY

Maestro JoAnn Falletta leads the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra in a performance with the Oahu Choral Society featuring Vaughan Williams – Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis as well as Beethoven's famous Symphony No. 9, "Ode to Joy." Tickets from \$34-\$92. 7:30 p.m. Blaisdell Concert Hall. hawaiisymphonyorchestra.org.

DECEMBER 27-31 • KENNY G



This is becoming a tradition as Kenny G returns for his New Year's Shows. The lines snaked through the lobby the last few times he was here, so Hawaii truly loves him! Because of that, he will perform 8 shows before his big NYE show. Blue Note Hawaii. Two shows: 6:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. Tickets: \$75-\$85. bluenotehawaii.com.

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NYE Festivities

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made a surprise appearance to introduce Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder, who wowed the crowd with a surprise acoustic set. In 2015, David Spade and Jeff Ross added to the hysteria followed up by Margaret Cho and David Cross last year. This one always sells out and tickets went on sale in October, so act soon if it's not already too late. Tickets: \$45-\$95. 7:30 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

Doctor P in Concert

Spend New Year's Eve with Electric Palms Hawaii and Doctor P at The Republik. Any true fan of electronic music should instantly recognize Doctor P as one of the original godfathers of the bass-driven Dubstep movement. Show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$30. jointherepublik.com.

Rock into 2018 with Rock-A-Hula

Ring in the New Year with a special Midnight New Year's Rockin' Eve featuring a gourmet dinner, "champagne," special party favors, and the always entertaining Rock-A-Hula show, complete with incredible firework visual effects. The Luau Buffet & Show package costs \$149, while the Stageside VIP Dinner & Show package is \$185. Please inquire for children, kama aina and military pricing. Dinner packages start at 9:45 p.m., Premier Cocktail Show starts at 10:45 p.m. and the show kicks off at 11:15 p.m. 629-SHOW (7469) or rockahulahawaii.com.

Booze Cruises

So far we've only heard about the following, but you can guarantee your most boats out there will have a special NYE event to watch the fireworks from the water. Call your favorite to inquire.

Star of Honolulu NYE Cruise

Celebrate New Years Eve aboard the Star of Honolulu for fireworks, dinner, live entertainment and dancing. Departs at 10:15 p.m., returns at 12:35 a.m. Tickets available from \$195 for their Celebration Dinner, \$215 for the Romance Dinner or \$257 for the Admiral's Dinner. Call 983-STAR (7827) for information. StarofHonolulu.com.

Atlantis Adventures NYE Cruise

Celebrate New Years Eve aboard the Majestic while enjoying a variety of mouth-watering appetizers and a complimentary glass of champagne as you cruise into the new year! Celebratory party favors will be provided. Departs at 10:30 p.m., returns at 12:45 a.m. Tickets: \$173. Call 973-1311 or go to atlantisadventures.com.

New Years Day

First Sunrise Tour

Your guests can start the New Year with a beautiful sunrise on this one-day only fully narrated Waikiki Trolley special tour along Oahu's eastern coastline. There are five pick up locations in Waikiki beginning at 5:30 a.m. at the Ilikai moving through Waikiki until 6 a.m. picking up at the Trump, T Galleria, Duke Kahanamoku Statue and the Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel before heading to Sandy Beach to watch the sunrise. The Trolley will return passengers to Waikiki between 8:45 - 9 a.m. Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$15 for children (3 - 11). 591-2561 or waikikitrolley.com.

HARBOR

RESTAURANT AT PIER 38

Well, this FAM was quite the surprise. Most attendees had never been there before and had no idea what to expect, but they came out of the gate with both barrels firing. In addition to heavy hand passed pupus, Chef Rob McDaniel set up a surf and turf buffet that blew everyone's socks off. The lightening storm outside of the floor to ceiling windows added to the overall awe of the evening. Great intro! harborpier38.com.



That's Entertainment

HOTELS

- HALE KOA HOTEL** 955-0555
 •**TuSat** - High and Right Comedy Show takes the stage at the Warriors Lounge at 8pm.
 •**MThFS** - Poolside music at the Barefoot Bar. 6-11pm
- HALEKULANI HOTEL** 923-2311
 •**Daily**-Hawaiian Music and hula at House Without A Key from 5:30-8pm.
 •**Daily**-Live Contemporary and light Jazz at Lewers Lounge from 8:30pm to midnite.
 •**Sun**- Sunday brunch at Orchids features Noly Paa on the piano from 10am - 1:30pm.
- HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE** 949-4321
 •**Fri** - Fireworks return to their normal time, 7:45 pm.
 •**Fri** - The Rockin' Hawaiian Rainbow Revue, a musical salute to King Kalakaua, at the Super Pool. 7 pm.
 •**Daily** - Live entertainment, Tapa Bar. 8:15-10:30pm.
- THE KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT** 739-8888
 •**TuWThFSat** - David Swanson vocalizes on the piano at The Veranda from 7:30-10pm. Hawaiian on Sun/Mon.
- MOANA SURFRIDER** 922-3111
 •**Daily**-Hawaiian music & hula. The Banyan Court, 6-8 pm, and again from 8 -10 p.m. Weekends from 11:30-2 p.m.
 •**MWFri**-Guided historical tours at 11am.
- NEW OTANI KAIMANA BEACH** 923-1555
 •**FSat** - Jazz guitarists in the Sunset Lanai Bar. 6-9pm.
- OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI ON THE BEACH** 923-0711
 •**Mon**- Kukui Nut Bracelet Making. 1pm.
 •**Th** - Ukulele Lessons. 1pm.
 •**Fri**- Aloha Fridays bring back old Hawai'i with music, hula, ukulele & lei making lessons. 9am-1pm.
- OUTRIGGER REEF ON THE BEACH** 923-3111
 •**Daily** - See guest artists at work in Kuloko Arts of Hawaii 9am-1pm and again from 6-9pm.
- SHERATON PRINCESS KAIULANI** 922-5811
 •**Daily**-Live Hawaiian music & halau at the lounge from 6-8:30pm, then poolside from 8:30-10:30pm.
 •**Th**-Princess Kaiulani historical tour at 9:30am.
- THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN** 923-7311
 •**TTH** - Free guided resort tour at 1pm.
- TURTLE BAY RESORT** 293-6000
 •**TThFri** - Shell Hula Lessons, Lobby at 10am
 •**TThFri** - Ukulele Lessons, Lobby at 9am
 •**Fri** - Music & Hula. Lobby Lounge 6:30-8:30pm.
- WAIKIKI BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT** 922-6611
 •**Daily**-Hawaiian entertainment in The Moana Terrace Bar. 6:30-9:30pm.
 •**Fri**-Local crafters "Aloha Friday Fair" Lobby 9am-2pm

MUSEUMS

- HAWAII STATE ART MUSEUM** 586-0900
 •**TWThFSat** - Inaugural exhibition "Enriched by Diversity: The Art of Hawai'i." Free. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located in the Capital District.
- HAWAII THEATRE** 528-0506
 •**Tues**- A one-hour guided tour offers a unique insight in the history, art, architecture and restoration of the Hawai'i Theatre with trained docents & a mini-concert on the 1922 Robert Morton Theatre Organ. 11 a.m. Admission: \$10.
- HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART** 532-8726
 •**MWF** - Japanese Language Tours. Private tours also available. 1pm. Regular admission.
- HONOLULU FIRE MUSEUM** 723-7167
 •**3rdSat** - Free one-hour guided tours through various exhibits with a firefighter recounting HFDs history the 3rd Saturday: 9am - 2pm. Reservations required. 620 South Street. honolulu.gov/hfd/communityrelations
- IOLANI PALACE** 522-0832
 •**Mon-Sat**-45 minutes docent-led or self-guided audio tours available in English or Japanese. Japanese-led tour is available only at 11:30 a.m. All tours include re-tour video and entrance into the Palace Galleries. Adults: \$14.75-\$21.75 / Keiki (5-12): \$6. 9am-5pm
 •**Sat**-Hawaiian Quilt Classes. Old Archives 9:30a-12p.
- LUCORAL MUSEUM** 922-5381
 •**TTh** - Learn how to plan your jewelry project and more in this beaded jewelry workshop \$10. 2-4pm
- HAWAIIAN MISSION HOUSES** 447-3910
 •**Tue-Sat**-Learn about the story of cultural change in 19th-century Hawai'i. Docents lead tours through the oldest existing frame house in the Islands, Print Shop, and the Chamberlain House. missionhouses.org
- PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM** 441-1000
 •**Daily**-Vintage aircraft in battlefield hangars at Pearl Harbor. Combat flight simulators. Aviator's Tour takes you through the new Restoration Hangar. Restaurant, Museum Store. Shuttle & Tickets at USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center or at PacificAviationMuseum.org.
- THE SPALDING HOUSE** 526-1322
 •**Daily**-Docent-led tours given daily. 1:30pm. Garden tours or Japanese language tours are by appointment.
- NAVAL AIR MUSEUM BARBERS POINT** 682-3982
 •**Mon-Fri**- A unique museum experience about aviation history in Hawaii. All aircraft are open to climb in, on and around. Tours: 8am - 4:30pm. \$7 / \$5 children under 18. Kalaeloa Airport. Reservations req'd. Sat/Sun by appt only. www.nampb.org.

SHOPPING CENTERS

- ALA MOANA CENTERSTAGE** 955-9517
 •**Mon-Sat** - Ala Moana Hula Show. Centerstage 1-1:20pm
 •**MWF**- Hawaiian music *Mauka Wing*, Lvl 2 2:30-3:30pm
 •**Sun** - Keiki Hula Show. Centerstage 1-1:20pm
- INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE** 921-0536
 •**Daily** Ceremonial lighting of Lamaku Torch Tower just after sundown followed by a hula show. *Queen's Court*.
 •**Every Other Sun** Free Yoga from Lululemon. 10-11am. *Queen's Court*.
- KINGS VILLAGE** www.kings-village.com 237-6344
 •**MW** Famer's Market offering fresh produce, baked goods and local food items from 4-9pm.
 •**Daily** King's Guard Museum features a variety of collectibles and memorabilia. 10a-10:30p. FREE.
- ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER** 922-2299
 • **M** - Keiki Hula lessons 3:30pm, *Royal Grove*
 • **MWF** - Learn Lomilomi 11am-12pm, Bldg. B, 3rd floor
 • **MTF**-Hula 10am (4pm on Wednesdays), *Royal Grove*
 • **TThSat** - Rock-a-Hula Pre-Show 7pm, *Royal Grove*
 • **TWTh** - Lauhala Weaving 1pm, Bldg B., 3rd floor
 • **TThF** - Ukelele 12pm, *Helumoa Hale*
 • **TWThF** - Live Hawaiian music 6-7pm, *Royal Grove*
 • **Sat** - Hula Kahiko 6-6:30pm, *Royal Grove*
 • **Daily** - Heritage Room/Cultural Videos *Helumoa Hale*
- WAIKIKI BEACH WALK** www.waikikibeachwalk.com
 •**Tuesdays** - Ku Ha'aeo featuring Hawaiian song and dance on the Plaza stage. 4:30-6pm
 •**Wednesdays** - Yoga Classes 4-4:45pm. Free Plaza Stage

ATTRACTIONS

- KALAKAUA AVENUE** 527-5666
 •**Fri** - Strolling Hula from 8-10:00pm.
- KAPI'OLANI BANDSTAND** 527-5666
 •**Fri**-Hawai'i's finest musicians perform. 5:30-6:30pm
 •**Sun**-Royal Hawaiian Band performs 2-3:15pm.
- KUHIO BEACH HULA SHOW** 843-8002
 •**TThSat**- City & County presents a free hula show at sunset. 6:30 - 7:30pm at the hula mound.
- TAMARIND PARK - DOWNTOWN** 527-5666
 •**Fri**- Mayor's Aloha Friday Music from 12-1pm features live music from Hawaiian to Jazz to Pop.
- WAIKIKI TOWN CENTER** 922-2724
 •**Mon-Sat**-The songs and dances of Hawai'i, New Zealand, & Tahiti. Free shows begin at 7pm.

EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM PRIOR TO ATTENDING

PAPARAZZI

Waikiki Beach Walk celebrates 10 years



Waikiki Beach Walk celebrated a decade of dining and distinction with a VIP Party on the Plaza Lawn. On hand for the festivities was Bob Bach, owner of Giovanni Pastrami shown here with WBW General Manager Conchita Malaquai

Master Chefs in Honolulu for HFWF



Some of the biggest names in the culinary world descended into Honolulu for the Hawaii Food & Wine Festival. Shown here is Drew Nieporent of Tribeca Grill and NOBU, Michael Ginor from Hudson Valley Foie Gras, Ben Ford, Harrison's son, of Ford's Filling Station and Lili Slepach.

Do you have a picture you would like us to run?
 Send them to: publisher@oahuconcierge.com

HFWF at Ko Olina Reunites Old Friends



John Delos Reyes ran into Doug Chang, General Manager of the Ritz Carlton Residences Waikiki and his wife Kiko at the HFWF event at Ko Olina. When Doug was the Director of Guest Services at the Kauai Marriott back in 1995, he actually hired John as a concierge.

conciierge card

December 31, 2017

• **Bill's Sydney Waikiki** - 20% discount off food and beverage (not applicable on happy hour or other offers). Must show hotel ID to receive discount. 280 Beach Walk. 922-1500

• **Dole Plantation** - 1 FREE Adult Admission To The Maze With Purchase of 1 Adult Admission. 621-8408

• **Giovanni Pastrami** - 15% Off Full Bar, Dine-in or Take-Out at anytime with ID. 227 Lewers St. 923-2100.

• **Hard Rock Café** - 15% off food, beverage (non-alcoholic), or merchandise. Hotel ID required. 280 Beachwalk Ave. 955-7383.

• **Hawai'i Prince Golf Club** - \$5 Off Standard Kamaaina Green Fees. Tee Times: 944-4567

• **Hilo Hattie** - 25% on Hilo Hattie labeled garments, 15% off other fashions/gifts and 10% off Hilo Hattie labeled foods. Not valid on sale item. Ala Moana Center. Ph 535-6500.

• **Hy's Steakhouse** - 25% VIP Discount Off Food And Beverage (up to 2 persons) 2440 Kuhio Ave. 922-5555

• **Hyatt Regency Waikiki** - 15% discount with the presentation of a concierge business card at SHOR, Japengo and SWIM. 2424 Kalakaua Ave. 923-1234.

• **Iolani Palace** - Free Admission. Regular rate \$21.75. 364 S. King Street, Reservations & Hotel ID required. 522-0832.

• **IHOP** - Receive 20% on entire bill. Must show valid hotel ID. Not valid with any other offer or discount. Valid only at Aqua Palms, 1850 Ala Moana Blvd., 949-4467 and OHANA Waikiki Malia by Outrigger®, 2211 Kuhio Ave., 921-2400.

• **Il Lupino** - 15% discount off food and beverage (not applicable on liquor or specials). Must show hotel ID or business card to receive discount. Royal Hawaiian Center. 922-3400

• **Kaiwa** - 20% off food & beverage between 5 & 7 p.m. 924-1555

• **Hawaiian Mission Houses** - Free tour with hotel ID. 553 S. King Street. 447-3910

• **Noi Thai** - 20% discount off food and beverage (not applicable on liquor, happy hour or specials). Must show hotel ID to receive discount. Royal Hawaiian Center, Bldg. C. Level 3. 664-4039

• **NWL Nails Wax & Lashes** - 20% discount off all services. Must show hotel ID and mention ad in magazine to receive discount. Inside the lobby of the Waikiki Grand Hotel. 922-NAIL

• **Pacific International Skydiving Center** - 50% Discount on Jump, 68-760 Farrington Hwy., 637-7472.

• **P.F. Chang's Waikiki** - Receive 20% on all appetizers, entrees, desserts and beverages 11 am - 5 pm daily (not valid for Pau Hana menu) Royal Hawaiian Center. Ph: 628-6760, 637-7472

• **Romano's Macaroni Grill** - 20% Off Food and Beverage for up to 2 guests. (Not Valid for Happy Hour Menu). Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd. 356-8300

• **Ruth's Chris Steak House** - 20% Off Food and Beverage for up to 2 guests. (Not Valid for Happy Hour & Prime Time menus). Restaurant Row, 599-3860. Waikiki Beach Walk, 440-7910.

• **Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House** - FREE Admission For you and one guest with hotel ID. 526-1322

• **The Original Glider Rides** - Come experience the joy of soaring for yourself. Concierge / GSA may receive a complimentary scenic ride. Request the "GSA flight special" when booking your reservation. Hotel ID required. Dillingham Airfield. 637-0207

• **Tiki's Grill & Bar** - FREE order of ANY appetizer with any purchase! One per table. OahuconPOKE. ASTON Waikiki Beach. 923-8454

• **Willoughby's Restaurant** - 15% off all food items. Ohana Honolulu Airport Hotel. 3401 N. Nimitz Hwy. 836-0661.

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You will be required to show Hotel ID or business card to claim offer. Do not cut this card out of the book. One special per person per business. Offers valid on regular-priced merchandise only. Discounts are available to Guest Service Professionals ONLY. Not valid with other promotions or special offers. A minimum 18% gratuity on original order required for all special food offers.

Marketing Concierge of the Month



NAME: Joanne Hara
HOTEL: Hilton Grand Vacations Club
TITLE: Marketing Manager

Q. How long have you been with Hilton Grand?

A. I moved here from the Big Island and ran into a recruiter. I had customer service experience, but knew nothing about the hospitality industry. I decided to give it a try "while I look for a job" ... that was almost six years ago.

Q. What is your title there and your job capacity

A. It was Marketing Rep/Concierge but in August it changed to Marketing Manager. I help a great team of managers manage an even greater team of 100+ Marketing Rep/Concierge.

Q. How big is your team there?

A. Our team consists of 100+ agents that speak English, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. We have desks throughout the hotel as well as desks at Embassy Suites, Hokenani, and Hilton Garden Inn.

Q. Describe what makes your team special?

A. Each of our agents come with experience and talent but the way they come together as a team to overcome daily challenges and represent our Hilton values is what makes them really special.

Q. What is the biggest challenge at the desk?

A. When I have a guest that speaks a language that I do not speak and they do not speak any English or Japanese. It's really difficult to help people without language.

Q. What do you like most about this industry?

A. I love helping people. Giving them info about things that they didn't know or may not have thought of. It's exciting when someone comes back and says "... thanks for the tip, it worked!"

Q. Do you have one particular guest that stands out?

A. A recently widowed guest. She and her late husband were planning a big family vacation but her husband passed away before he could make the trip. It was so heartwarming to see her doing everything she could to make her family happy while her family was doing everything they could to make her happy during that difficult time.

Q. What's the most unusual request you've ever heard?

An elderly couple asked me to look for their next door neighbor's phone number so they could ask him to check the front door because they thought they left it unlocked. Thank goodness for Google!

Q. What question are you asked more than any other?

A. Other than "Where is the bathroom?" we get asked about Pearl Harbor the most.

Q. How do you deal with those "difficult" guests?

A. I treat guests the way I'd like to be treated so I try to be understanding and helpful. I listen then help them and try to "kill them with kindness".

Q. What's your favorite thing to recommend to guests?

A. Generally, I recommend a helicopter tour. There so much of this island that you cannot see from the ground so an air tour is the best way to see all of it.

Q. Any other comments you'd like to share?

A. I work for a great company with great opportunities. I've worked with and made friends with really awesome people along the way. I feel very lucky and grateful that this job found me.

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STROLLING SANTA

In Hawai'i, Santa wears an aloha shirt, board shorts and slippers - and he doesn't make you wait in line. He comes to you, as he strolls around International Market Place making a list, checking it twice and posing for selfies. Catch him on the following dates in December:

Weekends 1-3, 8-10, 15-17	3-10pm
Friday the 22nd	6-10pm
Saturday the 23rd	3-10pm
Sunday the 24th	3-6pm

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Just because it doesn't feel like winter doesn't mean it can't feel like the holidays in Hawai'i. We've decked our halls, our beloved banyan tree and everything in sight with holiday spirit, so you can go walking in a tropical wonderland.

OPEN ON THE HOLIDAYS

We're open every single day of the year from 10am to 10pm. So if you want to have a holiday meal or do some truly last-minute shopping, stop on by and we'll make all your holiday wishes come true. Restaurant and store hours may vary, please visit our holidays website for details.



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