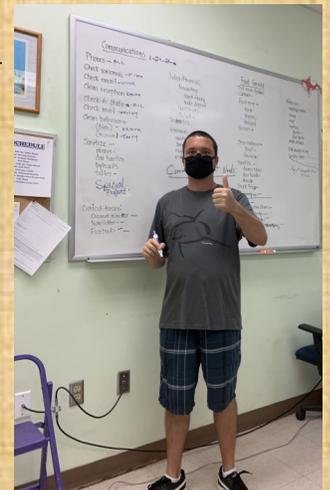




Phew! 2020...what a year!!! We had to close our Clubhouse doors in mid-March due to COVID, and tried to assure that everyone stayed healthy and safe by completing *daily* outreach calls to *each* active member. Needless to say, our outreach numbers went through the roof! On July 6, we were able to reopen our doors, however social distancing and limited indoor capacity greatly affects how we operate. We're limited to having only 8 members and 2 staff attend daily, but we also know how very fortunate we are to be able to even do this much.

This past Friday, although we had just a handful of members and staff, we remained mighty! Michael started us off by facilitating our morning meeting. His energy and enthusiasm were infectious, and our small crew eagerly volunteered to clean out our refrigerators, recycle, organize our storage room and prep and serve lunch. Michael worked hard in the morning, emptying both refrigerators. This was no small feat as our cart was unavailable so he had to walk back and forth from our pantry

to our kitchen about a hundred times, carrying items from the refrigerators to the table, wipe down the refrigerator shelves, and then put the items back! Kurt and Wesley took charge of lighting up the barbecue and cooking burgers for lunch. After lunch, the guys stayed late to help wash the dishes, clean up the kitchen, and sweep, mop and sanitize the entire food service unit. What a crew!!! Friendship House may operate on a smaller scale these days, but the commitment from our members and staff to take care of our Clubhouse and keep it going remains huge! We may be small, but we are mighty! **2021 will be a great year!!!!**



Michael



Kurt and Wesley

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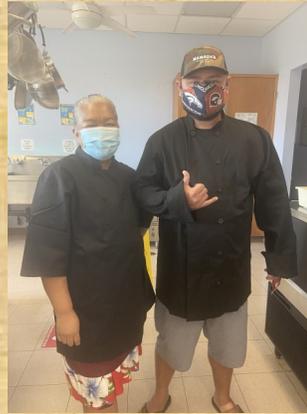
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Food Service Unit Report

Members and staff in the Food Service/Snack Shop unit have been busy with renovating this month. We cleared out and painted the pantry in preparation for 2 new refrigerators, and then got inspired to paint the snack shop too. Lots of cooking and baking equipment was also purchased, as well as new aprons and shirts for our chefs! We continue to diligently sanitize the dining room before and after lunch to keep everyone safe and healthy. Some comments from the dining room are, “The food is excellent!”, “Everyone’s doing such a good job and working so hard!”, “Lunch is such a bargain!”



Felina and Dedicacion



Felina and Keoni



Tyrus

Communications Unit Report

Communications has been hard at work trying to stay on top of tracking of our statistics, getting our financial records ready for a new year of grant applications, keeping our unit clean and equipment sanitized, and fumbling with technology as we try to incorporate more virtual participation into our unit. This has been a real challenge as just when you think you have things ready to go, the internet will go down or the computer will freeze. We appreciate those members who are at home, patiently waiting to connect with us while those of us at the Clubhouse desperately run around fussing with wires and devices.



A good sense of humor is really appreciated these days and a big *mahalo* goes out to those who continue to hang in there with us!



Andre

Employment

TE Employment update:

Jerry continues to work at St. Catherine TE doing recycling. The staff at St. Catherine have fallen in love with Jerry and they appreciate his good work ethic, smile and positive attitude. They will miss Jerry as he will be transitioning out of this position sometime in February and starting up with St. Michael's again in the chapel. Thank you to Father Anthony Rapozo and the St. Catherine Church Staff for their commitment to employing our Friendship House members.



Jerry

Keoni, Michael, Zak and Louie continue to work at the St. Michael's TE. These guys do an awesome job landscaping the property at St. Mikes. Zak has also done a fantastic job in the chapel. The Parish at St. Michael's are always so impressed with the work. Keep up the good job guys!



Keoni, Louie and Michael on a water break



Zak

Clubhouse Projects

Painting the Clubhouse



Vince and Kekoa

Painting the Food Service Unit has been a blast. We are actively coming up with new color schemes and new look for our Food Service Unit. Members have been able to help tape and mix paints as well as do paint application to walls, and concrete tiles. The colors that we have chosen are healing and therapeutic. Cornflower Blue, Syrian Violet, and Lapis Lazuli are the colors that we are working with. The energy and enthusiasm flowing through the Clubhouse is electric and alive. We look forward to continuing the painting in sections, and slowly but surely we will concentrate on getting the Clubhouse interior completed!



Charlie



Kekoa

More Clubhouse Projects ⁵

Toolshed



Mr. Noguchi helps us out with his expertise

Work continues on our toolshed. Over a year ago, the hard-working crew drew up plans from scratch, poured the foundation and started construction with the assistance of students and professors from Drake University. Then COVID struck and work came to a standstill. We're now back at the Clubhouse, and the final step is putting in our door. Thank you to Mr. Noguchi for his expertise in this area!

Grants

We were very lucky to have been awarded a number of grants this past year. We were able to assist our members with bus passes, paratransit coupons, and fuel cards, cell phone cards, and home garden kits. We also purchased new supplies and equipment for the Food Service unit, and a lawn mower and pressure washer for outside projects. We're finishing up construction on our tool shed and look forward to purchasing a riding mower soon!



Writer's Corner

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Excalibur 3000 — The Dark Era of the Descendant Destroyer (Pt.4) by Justin



Back into the old battleground there's an epic social gathering where preparations are being made for a Dark Descendant Destroyer King to be reunited with his grand armed forces that still rule their city of ruins until a stormy disturbance begun to commence & as the ground starting to rumble & lightning strikes the ground as a Dark shadow figure appears as The Dark Descendant Destroyer King walks in & everything started to wilt into ruins as he appears the others well awaited his massive presence that was felt throughout the whole entire legion of armed forces waiting for his arrival, as the Dark Descendant Destroyer King continues to march thru the isle meeting up with the rest of the Commander in Chief's & the Army Generals of their grand army, The Dark Descendant Destroyer King goes "WHY AM I BEING SURROUNDED BY THESE WEAKLINGS? & The Army General goes "I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU WITH MY GRAND ARMY?" & The Dark Descendant Destroyer King goes "This is not going to be enough to take out my pathetic brother's parasites he's got. We need more than this to annihilate & obliterate them into oblivion!" & suddenly a soldier goes "If we are so much of a burden for you why don't you just do it yourself?" & within an instant the soldier goes "AHHHHHH," Kaboom! The soldier bursts into ashes, leaving the entire Armed Forces in a stage where there are no mistakes to be made, & in an angry way the Dark Descendant Destroyer King goes "If there's anyone who wants to speak to me in a treacherous manner, SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE!! Once again I will show NO MERCY to anyone that goes out of their way, I will not tolerate with their insignificant behaviors. I WILL NOT HAVE IT, I WILL REIGN SUPREME!" In the process of assembling his Dark Armed Forces the Dark Descendant Destroyer King got a hunch that something suspiciously is going on with a family member & so he hires a rogue ruffian to unravel this "Strange Person's" interest in his plan to dominate this insignificant threat & he goes "I want you to extract the information or explanation for his selfish well-being absence & make sure that you find out everything you can about this hideous pathetic turn of events, I don't want anymore distractions in my quest into finding Where Excalibur is hiding," & so the chase was on. The Strange Boy & The Boy's Father (The Blacksmith) were going to warn Prince Alexander that there's a Bounty Hunter on the loose out to get him to whomever finds or retrieves Excalibur (the sword), back to the Dark Descendant Destroyer King & that they will be rewarded to the fullest extent! So as the Young Boy & His Father continue to their journey to find Prince Alexander, they notice that they are running out of time because as soon as The Boy's Father turns around, he sees the Rogue Ruffian & he goes to his son, "YOU NEED TO FIND PRINCE ALEXANDER, HE KNOWS WHAT TO DO," & His Son goes "What about you?" & His Father goes "I GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS!" & he went go hide himself into the busy crowd by-standards, who later convinced the Rogue Ruffian that they were planning something for him, so the Rogue Ruffian tries to look in desperation that else was going to find him, when suddenly the Boy's Father stabs the Rogue Ruffian in his back & runs away, up until an assassin with a crossbow turns around & shoots an arrow to the back of The Boy's Father as he falls down into the arms of a "Warrior" in disguise & suddenly a fight broke out & a bunch of swordsmen started to create a diversion to bring the young boy back to the village where a "KING" is hiding! & The Boy goes "I need to continue on," & the Leader captain goes "You'll see momentarily" & The Boy goes "What is that supposed to mean?" & the Leader Captain goes "We know exactly where he is!" & The Boy goes "Was this a conflict or conflict of interest?" & The Boy notice that something peculiar when they returned & he goes "Where is my Father?" & The High-Lander Capt. goes "He didn't make it!" & the Boy goes "NOOOOOOO!" & The High-Lander Capt. goes "We've lost a fallen comrade trying to protect & serve us but his death will not go unpunished, because even though we may have lost a comrade, he brought us all here 'til this moment in time, where we will assemble our Armed Forces to take out this Dark Alliance that is corrupting our society, so we must stay resilient & we've must remain vigilant at all times & we will reign supreme, so What do you all say are YOU ALL IN or ARE YOU OUT?" & The Armed Forces agrees & cheers "YEAH! We will show them NO MERCY & NO REMORSE, & they will have NO WAY OUT!!"

(To Be Continued)

Friendship House

By James

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Aloha my name is James; I like being a member of Friendship House. I find it helpful to be able to find my strengths and weaknesses as I socialize and participate in the daily grind. It also keeps me out of trouble and not wandering the streets of Kaua'i. My experience at the clubhouse has been great, utilizing the employment program and learning new skills in the kitchen. I wrote this from home because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I was lucky enough to get Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and am making more money now than when I was working. I'm in a twelve-step program and have a mental illness. I've also been to Manhattan, NY, although it's been over a year now, through the clubhouse. It's a healthy environment and I trust the staff there to talk about problems and get advice.



Artists' Corner



Painting by Keith



Photos by Chris



A Look Back at 2020

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Terry Ann and Sharon

A list of some of our accomplishments for the year.....

- Hosted students and professors from Drake University for 1 week
- Poured foundation for tool shed
- Started rotation with student nurses from Kauai Community College
- Rotary Club Presentations (2)
- Joined Kauai Chamber of Commerce
- Clubhouse Closed due to Coronavirus in March
 - *Increased Outreach
 - *Delivered meals, garden supplies, games and books to members
 - *Started connecting on virtual platforms with weekly Zoom Meetings and social recreation activities
 - *Connected with other Clubhouses in the mainland and internationally
 - *Taught members how to connect to Zoom
- Clubhouse reopened on July 6
- Worked on Covid Relief grants through The Kauai United Way to assist Clubhouse members with bus passes, fuel cards and phone cards
- Member received gift from Zonta Club
- Mental Illness Awareness Week
 - *Newspaper article featuring a member of Friendship House in the Garden Island newspaper
 - *Sign-waving for Mental Illness Awareness Week
 - *Facebook Live discussion with prospective Kauai Council member Dr. Addison Bulosan, Jack Yatsko, Dave Jordan and Terry-Ann Moses



Miss Kauai Filipina, Tiffany Sagucio,
delivers Thanksgiving meals to FH