

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

“Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted.” - Albert Einstein

BBBSH EVENTS:

· Please Note: Sadly, we just discovered that an unauthorized individual has been selling tickets under "Big Brothers/Big Sisters" for a "plate lunch" fundraiser on March 5, 2011 at Magic Island. The agency does not have a fundraiser at Magic Island on March 5th and is not currently selling tickets for any event. Please spread the word so no one gets scammed!

· Mahalos to all who were able to make the mini-golf match activity last Sunday. There were about 15-matches who attended and a good mixture of old and new matches got to meet each other. BIG Mahalos to P & E Foods who donated the mahi for our sandwiches and Enrollment case manager Manny Devera, who prepared the fish for lunch for us.

· Catch-and-Release Fishing/Picnic Sat., Mar. 19th, time TBD. Come join us for some good ol' fashioned fishing and picnic afterward at Ho'omaluhia Park in Kaneohe. Match Support Specialist Jeff Mullis organized this fun group activity for our matches, and all you need to bring is yourselves, poles and lunch will be provided. Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, Mar. 15th. Limited to 25-matches.

· Apr. 16th, BBBSH match activity service project, to help clean an ancient Hawaiian fishpond and surrounding trail. More details to follow.

· Late April/early May: plans in the works for BB of the Year Jody Kamisato and his bandmate Chris Salvador from the group "Heart & Soul" to entertain at the Ala Moana Center Center Stage promoting BBBSH. I'd like all my matches and Families to support them at this event. It'll be great exposure for our program, more details to follow.

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS:

Friday, March 4th - Sunday, March 6th

· The Pirates of Penzance: Comic operetta of rollicking pirates led by their swashbuckling king. Kaimuki High School Auditorium, 2705 Kaimuki Ave.: Begins Fri., 2/18 and runs through Sun., 3/6. \$6--\$12. 733-4913

· Once Upon One Time: Popular local reinterpretation of classic fairy tales. Big kine island favorite. Saint Francis School, 2707 Pamoia Rd.: Runs Fri., 3/4--Sat., 3/5., (7pm) \$5. 988-4111

· Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella: Enchanting musical production from the famous writing duo accompanied by live orchestra. Hawaii Theatre Center, 1130 Bethel St.: Thu., 3/3, Fri., 3/4, and Sat., 3/5., (7pm) \$3--\$10. www.hawaiiitheatre.com, 528-0506

Saturday, March 5th

· Science Symposium for Girls: This event is to spark young ladies' interest in a field that needs them with fun workshops. For girls in grades 5-8. Sacred Hearts Academy, 3253 Waialae Ave. Sat., 3/5, (8-11:30am) Free. 734-5058, ext. 261

· Kaluanui Ridge Hike: Beginner's-friendly incline to the Koolau summit with views of Waimanalo and Olomana. 'Iolani Palace, 364 S.King St.: Sat., 3/5., (8am) \$3 donation requested. htmlclub.org, 532-1050

· Healthy Kids' Day: Visit various vendors and enjoy multiple activities, as well as entertainment and demonstrations scheduled throughout the fair. Kanoelani Elementary School, 94-1091 Oli Loop, Waipahu,

Sat 3/5 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Free (675-1095).

· Quarterly Swap Meet: Vendor selections include, but are not limited to: household items, clothing, knick-knacks, handmade jewelry, crafts and more. Jamba Juice and Hula Shrimp Co. are also going to be present selling refreshments. Located at Thomas H. Gentry Community Park (Area 29), 91-1795 Keaunui Drive, Ewa Beach, Sat. 3/5 from 8 a.m.-noon, Free. (685-0111 ext. 31).

Sunday, March 6th

· 5th Annual Taiko and Karaoke Festival: Revel in the momentous sounds of this troupe's performance piece, "Many Rivers, One Ocean." Pearl City Cultural Center, Pearl City High School: Sun., 3/6., (2pm) \$12. 596-7372

· Iolani Palace: free tours on Kamaaina Sundays to those with valid Hawaii Driver's license or Active Military ID in conjunction with proof of Hawai'i residency (ie: a utility bill) is required to receive free tickets.

· Manoa Cliff Restoration: Meet at the trailhead on Round Top Drive and nurture native plants by removing invasive species around the popular trail. First and third Sundays; 3/6., (9am)

COMING UP:

Tuesday, March 8th

· Mardi Gras Carnival 2011: Samba and Batucada ensembles, show-stopping floats and jaw-dropping restaurateurs take it to the streets on Fat Tuesday. Located in Chinatown, Nuuanu and cross-streets: Tues 3/8 7pm, Free. For more info, check out: mardigrascarnaval.com

Saturday, March 12th

· Japan Hawaii Culture Expo 2011: Celebrate the historically rich ties between Hawaii and Japan with various arts and entertainment. With 15,000 expected to attend, it's never been stronger. Hawaii Convention Center, 1801 Kalakaua Ave.: Sat., 3/12-Sun., 3/13. 943-3500

· Medieval Waldorfaire: Step back in time into the Middle Ages. Engage in jousting and archery mixed with dunking booth, climbing wall, zip-line, mini-Ferris wheel, and ponies. Honolulu Waldorf School, 350 Ulua St., Niu valley: Sat., 3/12., (10am-4pm) Free. 377-5471

· Keiki Explorer Club, Flutterbye Butterflies: This fun workshop will explore the importance of butterflies as beneficial insects, discover how they help plants, learn about their life cycle, what they eat, and what flowers attract them. Each keiki will receive a caterpillar and food to take home so they can experience the joy of watching a caterpillar turn into a butterfly before their eyes.

· The Green House: Saturday, March 12th, 10 - 11:30am, Keiki with adult \$20, Advanced Registration Required, register online www.thegreenhousehawaii.com or call (808) 524-8427

· Taking it to the Streets - Guerrilla Gardening: In this workshop, participants will roll up their sleeves to create gardens in the most unlikely places! Even urban dwellers can find hidden gardening potential between sidewalk cracks and discover innovative ways to optimize the growing potential of neglected spaces.

· Herbal Magic - Making Herbal Medicine: Herbalist and ethnobotanist Laura Shiels will teach a variety of techniques used to unleash the healing and beautifying power of herbs. This workshop will focus on the process of making herbal tinctures, essences, poultices, hot and cold water infusions, and hydrosols. A

booklet of recipes will be provided.

CLASSES:

- Coconut Leaf-Weaving (Ulana Lau Niu) Demonstrations: 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays at Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove.
- Free Ukelele Lessons: 5 to 7:15 p.m. third Thursday of the month at Windward Mall Center Court. For all ages and skill levels sponsored by 'Ukulele Club of Hawaii; features instruction by a different local artist each month. Bring your own instrument or borrow one. Call 234-2868.
- Free Harmonica Lessons: Hawaii Harmonica Society offers free classes Mondays at Beretania Community Recreation Center. Call 833-4336 or 522-7022.
- Magic: 6-7 p.m. fourth Thursday of the month at Kalihi-Palama Public Library. Call 234-5262.
- African Dance: 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Mondays at Kailua Movement Studio, 776 Kailua Road. Includes Pilates warmup; for all ages and levels. Cost: \$10 per person. Call 277-7347.
- Brazilian Dance: 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays at 1007 Waimanu St. Cost: \$5. Call 373-2667.
- Hula Dance: All ages, all skill levels: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at Aloha Activity Center, 725 Kapiolani Blvd. Cost: \$10 per class. Call 677-7341.
- "Keiki Craftivity" classes at Ben Franklin Crafts: Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at both Mapunapuna and Market City; 10 a.m. to noon at Pearl City; and 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Enchanted Lake. Different mini projects weekly. Visit www.bfcraftclub.com<<http://www.bfcraftclub.com>>.
- Free Hawaiian Language Lessons: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of the month at Liliha Public Library, 1515 Liliha St. Quick introductory "60-Minute Hawaiian" session repeated since 1974 by volunteers of The Program to Preserve Hawaiian Place Names. Arrive on time for handout distribution. Call 587-7577.
- The Bead Society: 7 p.m. last Wednesday of the month at Academy Art Center at Linekona. Visitors: \$5. Call 487-2090.

Thanks to Big Sister Janice for passing along many great ideas for the weekly updates!

ONGOING:

- The Contemporary Museum: 2411 Makiki Heights Dr. Open Tue.--Sat., 10am--4pm; Sun., 12--4pm. \$8 adults; \$6 students/seniors (Free every third Thursday of the month). 526-1322
- Academy Art Center at Linekona: 1111 Victoria St. Open Tue.--Sat., 10am--4:30pm; Sun., 1--5pm. Free admission. honoluluacademy.org, 532-8700
- Honolulu Academy of Arts has free admission every 3rd Sunday of every month http://www.honoluluacademy.org/events/bank_of_hawaii_sunday/5222-year_rabbit
- Hawai'i State Art Museum: open from Tues - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm. Free admission. <http://www.hawaiistateartmuseum.org>
- Waikiki Aquarium (420 species!): 2777 Kalakua Ave 9am-4:30pm. \$9 adults (Hawaii residents & military with ID, \$6), \$4 kids (ages 113-17), \$2 kids (ages 5-12).
- Children's Discovery Center: Kids can present a puppet show, dress up like a doctor, play virtual

volleyball, explore the inside of a mouth, visit different cultures, test their wheelchair skills, put on a play, make crafts and much more at this interactive museum. 110 'Ohe St.: Tue.--Fri., 9am--1pm; Sat. & Sun., 10am--3pm. \$8 adults, \$6.75 kids 2--17. 524-5437

· LEGO Monthly Mini Model Build: On the first Tuesday of each month from 5 - 7 p.m. at Ala Moana LEGO Store you can learn how to build a cool LEGO mini model, and take it home - for free! A new model will be available every month and will be specially themed to that month. While supplies last. Models are not for sale and cannot be purchased. This event is open to children aged 6 to 14 only. One free model per child.

REMINDERS:

· Kualoa Ranch has a standing 50% discount for Littles off their horseback riding when accompanied by their BIG. Mention the BBBSH discount when RSVP-ing. 237-7321.

· Foster Care: Please spread the word that there is a large shortage of foster care families in our community. For more information, check out www.pidfoundation.org or call 441-1117. Also, attached is a flyer of information.

· Legacy Tree Program: This environmental program aims to replenish Hawai'i's lush environment while fostering the growth of Hawai'i's children and youth. For each Legacy Tree that is sponsored, \$20 will be allocated towards Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentoring programs. Please help us spread the word! For more information, check out: www.legacytrees.org or contact Roger Higa at 695-4571.