

The Connecting Point

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Hospice of Hilo

Hospice of Hilo has always been there for us when our loved ones are passing on. They provide medical care for our love one, as well as emotional care for family.

They will be offering a workshop on Advanced Health Care Directive. It is often called a "Living Will". If you do not have a Living Will, you might want to attend this free workshop. It is scheduled for Thursday, November 13 at the Hospice of Hilo Community Center between 5 and 7 PM. Most people do not want to discuss the



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HIPAC District NYI Annual Mission Trip

Every year our youth group gets the opportunity to join with other NYI groups around our district. This years mission trip is for Kahului, Maui. They will be working on the Church's facilities and the grounds. It will start on November 28 to November 30. It takes place after Thanksgiving.

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VETERANS DAY PARADE



On the Roads of Kilauea, Wainuenue and Kamehameha Avenue in Hilo they will be having their annual Veterans Day Parade. There will be Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts, American Legion Posts, 442nd Veterans Association, Korean and Vietnam Veterans, 100th Infantry Battalion, 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry, and Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart and many more. So come and see the parade starting at 8:00 AM. Your children and family will love it.

Hilo Centennial's Party

It all started in Texas in 1908. Little did those first people know at how large The Church of the Nazarene would become. Or how far across the world it would stretch. We as the Hilo Church of the Nazarene had decided that this is a very important date in our church life. So we all got together and threw an amazing party.

It all started with worship service. Pastor Ragle brought the sermon that was spoken through all the Nazarene churches across the global. The Children had their own party to go to while the Sermon was spoken. The party was given by the Teen group. There was pin the tail on the fish,



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Election Day, November 4



This day will be one to go down in History. It will be the first time that our President or Vice President will be either a Female or African America. All through our History our President and Vice President had been a Caucasian Male. It has been said that since this is such an important time in our life as a country that this will have the highest election turn out. However, I believe it is much more than gender or race. I believe that our country is on the edge. We are in trouble financial (stock market, financial institutions closing, foreclosures bankruptcies and etc...) and socially (other countries have lost faith in the USA). It is important that you not only vote, but that you vote knowing the policies of each parties candidates. So on November 4th go out and vote for our Country's future.

Hale Aloha's Teacher Feature



Meet Nancy Snedecor!

Nancy first moved to Hawaii in 1970 as a professional surfer from Houston, Texas. Her and her husband, at the time, soon bought a boat and sailed to the different Hawaiian Islands with their daughter, Sarah (currently lives in Southern California). They fell in love with Hilo and made it their home in 1980. She found a job at Hale Aloha Nazarene Preschool working as an assistant to Yvonne Shioshita (4 year old Teacher). She served as her assistant for a couple of years. She then moved on to become an EA (Education Assistant) at Mt. View Elementary. A position became available at HANS for an Assistant Kindergarten teacher. During the course of the year the Kindergarten teacher left the position. The position as head Kindergarten teacher was then offered to Nancy. Thus she has been the Kindergarten teacher until this



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Our Favorite Recipes

This recipe was submitted by Ms. Nancy Snedecor and is sure to be a big hit at your next casual get-together!

Enchilada Casserole

1 doz. corn tortillas	1/1/2 lbs ground beef
1 can mild enchilada sauce	1 onion, diced
1/2 pint sour cream	1 can sliced olives
Big bag of Mexican blend cheese	



Brown ground beef. Set aside. Mix sauce and sour cream. Add small amount to bottom of pan. Layer six tortillas. Add browned ground beef seasoned with garlic salt, onion, and salt. Top ground beef with small amount of cheese. Dip next six tortillas in sauce. Lay on top of the ground beef, cheese, and tortillas. Pour leftover sauce into and over top layer of tortillas. Cover heavily with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour to melt cheese.

We will feature a different recipe with each newsletter publication. You can collect them one by one or get all 235 in a single volume for our printing cost of only \$7. That's less than 3 cents per recipe! What a deal! All cookbooks come with a durable plastic stand to keep your book off the counter while you make your culinary creations.

Also featured in the cookbook are sections on Cooking Tips and Terms, Herbs and Spices, Hints for Baking Breads and Desserts, Creative ways of Napkin Folding, a Calorie Counter and more! Makes a great gift! Contact the church office to get yours now!

FEATURE From front page school year. She is currently one of the 4 year old teachers at HANS.

One would never have known that Nancy had wanted to be a Veterinary. But as we look at her life, God had different plans. Even while she was attending the University of Hawaii, her major in Natural Science (leading to become a Veterinary) was discontinued. She had to choose a different Major. She ended up graduating from the University of Hawaii with a BA in Anthropology and 3 Minors in Education, Sociology and Natural Science (which she had already obtained).



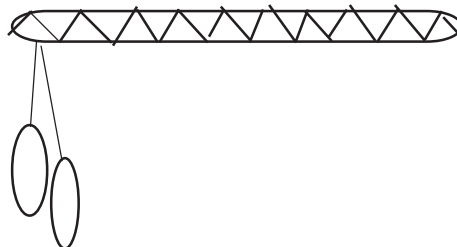
Nancy knows that God had and will continue to direct her life. She hopes that the children that she teaches will experience God's love through her. She also wants her children's parents to know that she is available to help. If they need her to babysit or just need a listening ear, she is here for them.



Arts and Crafts Ms. Snedecor's favorite Indian Head Band project.

- 1 Scissor
- 1 White Posterboard
- 1 Black Marker
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 2 pieces of Yarn/Ribbon
- 2 Feathers
- Stapler w/staples or Glue

Take the scissors and cut the posterboard into stripes long and wide enough for child/adult's head. Take each stripe and measure the child/adult's head, cut to fit length with enough extra to glue/staple with. Take a black marker and draw triangles (see picture below) on each headband. Have child/adult color each triangle. Be as colorful as you want. When done, take headband and circle around child/adult's head. Make sure it is not too tight. Then either glue or staple ends together. Take ribbon/yarn and cut to length long enough to past shoulder. Tie one end to headband and on the other end tie a feather on.



Hospice of Hilo

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Mission Trip

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The cost of the event is \$60.00 plus your airfare. You will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, work clothes, work shoes, swim suit, towel and toiletries. If you have not registered, please make sure you contact Pastor Rick Ragle.

Help us
help our school



This is a great way to support Hale Aloha Nazarene School. A certain percentage of the money that you spend either at Safeway or Macy's will go directly to HANS. All you have to do is register your Safeway Club Card and your Macy's Card at www.escrip.com. If you require some assistants, Iwaloa Chilson will be more than happy to assist you.

WANTED

Please save your used **HP**, **Lexmark**, or **Dell** printer ink cartridges and turn them in at the office for recycling.

This helps us cut down on office expenses. Mahalo!

Labels for Education

BOX TOPS
for EDUCATION

MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

**Give your box tops to your child's teacher.
Mahalo for helping our school!**

November ...



Kristy Kobayashi	11/2
Taeya Meeks	11/3
Douglas Chun	11/12
Kara Yoshiyama	11/15
Glenn Wallace	11/16
Evelyn Otsuka	11/19
Valerie Sever	11/21
Akira Higa	11/25
Treyden Aku	11/26
Bryan Grace	11/26
Amy Kodera	11/26
Harvey Otsuka	11/29



Happy Anniversary!



Ernie & Tammie Yoshioka 11/22
 Lance & Joanne Yoshiyama 11/22



For additions or addresses, please call the church office.



Give... Giving... Thank... Thank you... Thanks... Give thanks... Thanksgiving! When we think about November, we always think of Thanksgiving. It is special in so many ways. It is a holiday where we get two days off from school, not just one like all the others. There is football and food and family and friends and foil. There is lots and lots of foil. There is foil on the turkey and foil over the mashed potatoes and foil over the rice and foil over the green bean casserole and foil over the potato salad and foil everywhere. There are foil pans and foil lids and foil tips on the ends of the turkey's legs while it cooks. Foil is amazing stuff, you can keep things warm with it or keep things cold with it or protect things with it or catch drippings in it. It is amazing. You can even make things out of foil. My parents used to go to a restaurant where my mom would never finish her food so she could take some home because they always wrapped it in foil which had been molded to look like a swan. It really did look like a swan.

God takes our lives and while they seem very ordinary, kind of like all that foil, just plain ordinary lives, but when we place them in his hands he begins to shape us. He molds us into something useful and beautiful. This year let's not forget the reason we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is not just another day to stay home from work and watch football on TV, no it is a day to give thanks to God for the swans he has molded us to be. What? You're not feeling so much like a swan? You're feeling more like a lump of foil? Well, that's how I feel when I try to make one of those swans. My tin foil swan just looks like a foil ball when I'm done. And when I try to mold my own life, it comes out looking more like a foil ball than a swan. But when I have allowed God to mold me, those around me can see the difference. Psalm 105:1 says, "Hallelujah! Thank GOD! Pray to him by name! Tell everyone you meet what he has done!" This year lets thank God for the way he continues to mold us for his purpose. May God bless you plenty this holiday season.

Blessings

Pastor Rick



From the Editor

For those of you who would like to try their skills in writing, or has any suggestion for the upcoming newsletter, please let me know. I would love to print your article. Also if you have any spiritual questions that you would love answered, please direct them to me, Iwaloa. There will be a Q & A column in the next issue.

Aloha nui, Iwaloa

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Changed by Christ to Reach our World

Schedule of Events

- November 1 — Women's Ministry at Prince Kuhio Starbucks @9:00 AM
- November 1 —Domestic Violence Conference @9:00 AM
- November 3—Set-up in the Church for Election Day
- November 4 —Election Day (NO HANS)
- November 6-7—PLNU Preview Days
- November 10 — HANS Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- November 11—Veteran's Day (No HANS)
- November 11—Pastors Ragle & Slocum on 90.3 AM KCIF Radio @ 6:00-8:00 AM
- November 11-14—District Ministers' and Mates' Retreat
- November 13—Advanced Health Care Directive by Hospice of Hilo @ 5:00 PM
- November 15—Men's Breakfast and Work Day
- November 19—Church Board Meeting @7:00 PM
- November 21—Pick up of Cotton Candy & Candy Popcorn for HANS Fundraiser @ 2:30 PM
- November 25 - Pastors Ragle & Slocum on 90.3 AM KCIF Radio @ 6:00-8:00 AM
- November—27 Thanksgiving Day (No HANS)
- November 28-30 —District NYI Mission Trip to Maui
- November 30 — 1st Sunday of Advent
- November 30 — Singaspiration at Hilo Church at @ 6:00 PM

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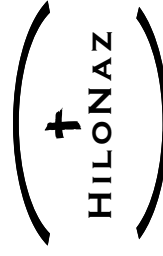
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Centennial

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fishing for bags of toys and goodies, the piñata fish and of course the Veggie Tale movie of Jonah. Soon the worship was over and it was time for the Luau.

The tables were all set with ti leaves and orchids. The food trays were loaded with Fried Rice, Steamed Rice, Kalua Pig, Lau Lau, Chicken Luau, Chicken Long Rice, Smoke Meat, Macaroni Salad, Watabi Salad, Lomi Lomi Salad, Opihi, Poki, Green Salad and Poi. The food was outstanding. People kept saying that they had to go back for more. It was an impressive spread of food. However, the meal was not over. There should be some room for Desert. The desert ranged from Cakes (Chocolate, Pineapple Upside Down, Coconut.....), Peanut Butter Mochi, Cupcakes, Fruit Salad and much more. It was a great celebration.

Here are some pictures of this special event:



Announcements...

**KCIF
Radio
90.3
AM**



Singspiration Night



Pastors Rick Ragle and Duane Slocum are on the air. Turn in to KCIF on November 11 and 25 between 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM. Listen in for some fun, interesting conversation and great music. Would you like to join in on the fun? Talk to Pastor Rick for your chance on the air.

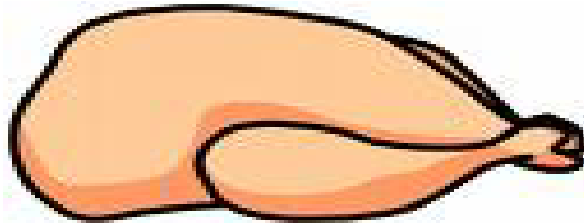
Hilo Church will be hosting Singspiration on November 30 at 6:00 PM. We will come together with Paradise Park Church for some musical fun. If you can not sign or play an instrument, then come to listen and laugh. Make sure that you bring some Pupus to share after .

**Women's
Ministry at
Starbucks
November 1**



Come join us, ladies, for a cup of coffee and fine fellowship at the Prince Kuhio Starbucks on the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 AM. to 10:00 AM. It's a great, refreshing way to start your week-end. Treat yourself and a friend to this special time! Contact Gail Ragle at 989-1368 for more information.

Upcoming Event:



Thanksgiving Day November 27

Time to go out and get your Turkey, Potatoes, Dressing (Stuffing), Cranberries and much, much more. What a day of feasting, watching the Macy's Parade and the Football game. It is the time that we spend with family and friends. Some not only get to attend one Thanksgiving party , but end up attending 2 to 3 parties. However, for some this is a day that there is not much to eat. For others they do not have family that is close. So on this Thanksgiving Day you might want to invite the family that is struggling to make ends meet, or the one that is away at college and does not have a place to go. Remember this is a Day that we give thanks for all the bounty that we have received.

“Changed by Christ, to Reach Our World”
“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations” ~ Matthew 28:19a