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Anna Lou Arakaki, Dr. Willis Butler, Clarita (Helen) Lopez

## Reunion on Molokai with Willis Butler: Physician, Activist, Author

If you lived and worked in Maunaloa in the 1950s you will remember Dr. Willis Butler as the physician who delivered many Moloka'i babies, took care of injured plantation workers and did surgery to save lives and make life better. Many people also remember Dr. Butler for his anti-Viet Nam War/Peace leadership in the 60's and 70's.

Last weekend, Dr. Butler, his former receptionist Clarita (Helen) Lopez came for a reunion with former patients and friends at a luncheon at Rudy and Mary Bongolan's beautiful gardens. Helen, who organized the reunion from Honolulu with Mary Bongolon and Dolly Mondoy, was happy to see friends again. Also accompanying Dr. Butler was Beverly Kane, worked at Liberty House-Kaluakoi, back in the 70s.

The 87-year old Dr. Butler, who lives in Kailua was physician to plantation workers from 1952-1959, when he left Molokai to organize the Kaiser Permanente Health program in Honolulu. Preceding him to work for Kaiser was Helen Lopez. Anna Lou Arakaki, receptionist before Helen Lopez, said of Dr. Butler, "You were the first and best of all my bosses."

Everyone at the reunion had a story about Dr. Butler's compassion, especially delivering Molokai babies. Agatonica Faraon recalled the lifesaving measures Dr. Butler and the Hospital took to save her baby's life. Three months into her pregnancy, she began to bleed-- was put on complete bed rest and on March 27, 1958, she gave birth to her son, Jose Faraon, who was also present for the happy reunion.

On Saturday, Dr. Butler read excerpts from his new book about his wife Barbara. Remembering delivering a couple's first baby on the roadside between Maunaloa and the Hospital in Ho'olehua -- arriving just in time to deliver the baby seen in his car's headlights with bachelor plantation worker friends gathered to greet the baby, too.

First as a plantation doctor and later, serving the community with his own office in Maunaloa, Dr. Butler, his wife and family lived near Shingle Memorial Hospital in Ho'olehua serving his patients with compassion, firm and battling the plantation supervisors on behalf of workers.

Before coming to Moloka'i, Dr. Butler and Barbara worked in Selma in the early days of civil rights and voter registration, he went to medical school at Tulane University, bringing that background and commitment to equal rights when they moved to Hawaii. Both Willis and Barbara were committed to the communities they lived and worked in. He still misses Barbara, the book is a tribute.

The quick-witted, funny, "he hasn't changed," Dr. Butler was affectionately celebrated at the reunion. Dr. Butler quoted a motto of the civil rights days: "We won't come to your revolution if we can't laugh and dance." [MORE page 4]



## U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie Supports Troops Out of Iraq

This Administration's policies are not making Iraq a better place for Iraqis, nor are they doing anything to curb the growth of terrorism. Clearly, it is time to develop and implement a timetable for bringing U.S. troops home from Iraq.

That's why I joined other Members of Congress in introducing House Joint Resolution 55, a bipartisan measure to set a timetable for bringing home U.S. troops from Iraq. It calls on the President to set an exit timetable and to begin the withdrawal no later than October 1, 2006.

Unfortunately, those who believe our troops should stay in Iraq indefinitely are keeping the resolution bottled up in committee. We who support the measure are circulating a discharge petition which, if signed by 218 Representatives, will bring House Joint Resolution 55 to the floor for a vote- and a full and open debate about every aspect of our Iraq policy. I am confident that will make clear the wisdom of bringing home our troops as speedily as practicable.

By keeping our troops in Iraq indefinitely, we're asking them to resolve political and social issues that need to be resolved by Iraqis themselves. That's unfair to the troops, their families, and the country. It's particularly unfair to the Reserves and National Guard who put their lives on hold to answer the nation's call. And it jeopardizes the capacity of our military to meet the full range of its responsibilities throughout the world.

Advocating a timetable for bringing our troops home from Iraq does not mean lack of support for our troops. They have earned our thanks for a job well done. But supporting the troops does not mean keeping them in Iraq with no end in sight, which is exactly what the current policy does. House Joint Resolution 55 gives us- and democratic forces in Iraq- a chance to create an opening for peace and stability to emerge in a context of the existing realities. Call toll free: 1-877-762-8762



## Veterinarians Service Molokai Pets

Residents at Home Pumehana welcomed the services of two visiting veterinarians on Friday afternoon, April 14th. To comply with housing regulations that pets have a health certificate, Home Pumehana residents brought their cats and dogs to be examined, vaccinated, de wormed by Dr. Beth Kingerly and Dr. Christina Miliariesis shown here at the senior center holding Diane's little dog. [more photos on page 3]

The veterinarians now plan to make regular visits to Molokai on Fridays to see cats for neutering and dogs for care at J & C Kennels. Appoints call Koki **553-3633**

Mahalos also to **George's Aviation**

helped save this dog's life by transporting him in cabin with human passengers to Maui for emergency vet care on Saturday two weeks ago. No other airline flying Molokai to Maui allows such personal care, and the human passengers kindly tolerated seeing the dog needed emergency help. Good job **George's Aviation: 553-8554**

Dr. Mimi Walther and the kind staff at Central Maui Animal Clinic stabilized Kea and attacked the infection with anti-biotics injections so he could be flown back to Molokai's care on George's Aviation. She is considering offering vet service to Molokai coordinating with Molokai Humane Soc.



## Lions' Annual Easter Egg-selent Hunt

Spring time creativity by adults and children were displayed on tables with Easter Bonnets, Easter Baskets and Decorated Easter Eggs from early risers before 8am. By 8:45am, the one-three year olds were ready for the hunt! Officials made the decision to start early since some parents needed to be with two age groups.

Egg Decorating Winners (4-6) were #1 Mealii Kalani, #2 Keeya Bicoy, #3 Kelsey Lee Bicoy. In the 7-12 age group #1 Leila Torres-Umi; #2 Pono Chow, #3 Rizpah Torres-Umi.

Easter Bonnet winners included: #1 Haliu Kealoha, #2 Taylor Tamanaha, #3 Makamae.

Easter Basket winners: Hamau Kealoha, #2 Alana Chow, #3 Brendan Keanini.

All participants received a prize from the Lions and Leos who colored the eggs and set them out early on Saturday morning. Lions Linda Mina and Lucy Davis coordinated the Lions and Leos Easter Bunny helpers.

photo at right - 4-7 year olds and a few 1-3 year olds who missed the early start of the 1-3 year old egg hunt.



Toddler Kapono Cabalar picked up that age group's Golden Egg. Golden Egg winners were Jasmyn Davis (4-7) and Kalei Davis (8-12)

photo below - Easter Bonnet and Easter Basket winners showed creativity and color -- and got cash prizes from the Lions Club.



First egg hunting or veteran, whether you get one or more, it's fun to check them out and share with your aunties. photo below- Brendan's prize basket was simple, and one he decorated himself.



## Na Pu'uwai Moloka'i 'Opala Walk

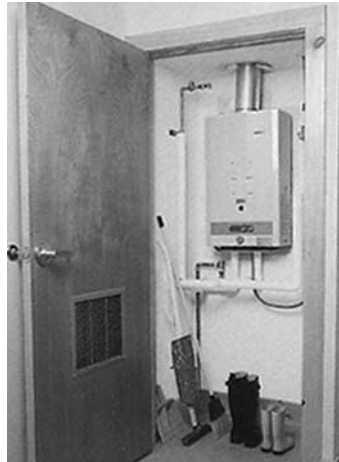
The 3rd Annual 'Opala Walk is an island wide walking event to promote health & to malama 'aina. Each district will team together to gather participants to walk and clean the community. Districts include: Maunaloa, Ho'olehua; Kualapu'u/Kalae; Kalamaula/ Manila Camp; Kaunakakaki/Ranch Camp/ Kawela; Kamalo/Mana'e.

Register your team by calling Na Pu'uwai Fitness at 560-3653

The event is scheduled for May 6, 2006; 7:00-9:00 am.

Each participant will receive a \$5.00 Subway coupon. Must be present to qualify for coupon.

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### Bulletin Board

- April 16, Sunday *EASTER*
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- StepFast Vegetarian Cooking class, Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall, 4-6pm, FREE!
- April 20, Thursday
- Annual Senior Fair, Home Pumehana Center, 9am-noon.
- April 22, Saturday
- Uncle George "Mutt" Aea Memorial Walk/Run, Special Olympics Molokai Benefit, registration fee \$20 (7am); Start time: 7:15am. followed by Special Olympics Track & Field Meet opening ceremonies at 8:30am.
- Ho'omau '06 for Punana leo o Moloka'i
- April 23, Sunday
- StepFast Vegetarian Cooking class, Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall, 4-6pm, FREE!
- April 29, Saturday
- Community Work Day, Island-wide, call Luana 553-3204 to sign up your organization.
- May 1, Monday Lei Day is May Day in Hawai'i
- Molokai
- May 29, Monday Memorial Day holiday

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### “Beating the Odds” - Math Ohana Night

Probabilities was the theme for “Math Ohana Night” on April 13th at Molokai High. Given the standing room crowd at the previous “Math Ohana Night,” this Probabilities - “beating the odds” theme promised excitement and thought. Seven student teams had worked through Spring Break to plan their presentations:

“Permutation” by Nohea Pangkee & Justin Cook explored the definition of a permutation, gave examples of real-life situations in which permutations are used and calculating the number of permutations possible by....

“Combinations” presented by Aolani Ahina & Pua Alcon discussed the difference between a combination and a permutation, with examples of real-life situations in which combinations are used.

Presentations about “Standard Deviation” by three students: Pua Alcon and Aolani Ahina/Clinton Manley described “standard deviation,” mean and examples.

TerrahLynn Garcés-Reyes and Atoa Phillips or Arthur-Blaine Borden explored “Spinner Games” and odds for repetition of events.

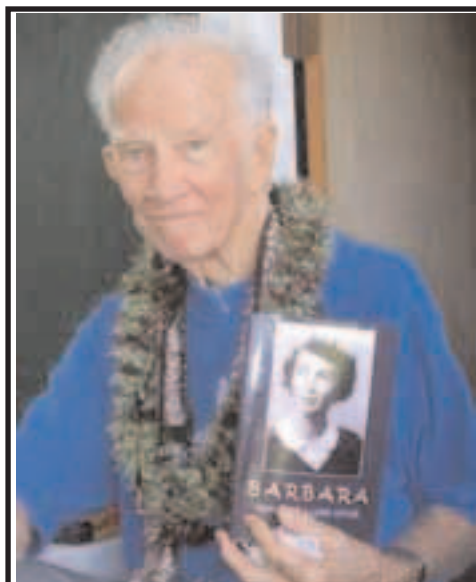
“Heads vs. Tails” was explored by J.D. Davids and Godfrey Akaka who also explored a strategy for solving more complicated problems.

Jacob Esteron presented Kristina Cacpal & Melissa Luuloa-Chang’s work in cube “Roll ‘Em”, considering probability problems with two cubes --- and the construction of a specific kind of grid.



[photo left] To heighten interest in the evening’s focus, Math Standard 14: Probability, Participants were invited to play ten probability games (with student game designers/supervisors) “Pick a Card” (Estrella Madani & Kuulei Keliikuli-Peters); “Heads or Tails” (Godfrey Akaka & J.S. Daniels); “Do or Die” (Jerome Clemente & Colton Manley); “Subtra-dice: (Alyssa Fontes & Kristan Forsberg); “Triples” (Jacob Esteron); “Thrifty Eleven” (Hilary Chow[designer]/ ‘Ala Maliu); “Pink Three” (April Piros & Shannon Abshire); “The wheel of sports” (Terrah Lynn Garcés Reyes); “Don’t get mad if you miss” (Brahnson Borden Samson Albino); “Black Pog” (Nelson Rapanot & Micah Ritte-Manangan). Participants were given a game card to be stamped with game results. Completed game cards were turned in to Mrs. Puaa to be compiled. Winner received \$50 cash prize! How’s that for motivation to learn about math!

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### Maunaloa’s Doctor Publishes Book

*Barbara -- Memoir of a Love Affair* by Will Butler, the former Maunaloa doctor to the plantation workers, and anti-war protestor, describes life he shared with his wife of 61 years.

Barbara lived 17 years after being diagnosed with throat cancer, cared for by Dr. Butler as sole caregiver and primary physician. The book is a story of partnership, teamwork and love of each other.

Published by Author House, the book is in Honolulu at Borders and Walden Books after having been introduced at a reunion on Molokai last weekend.

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