



PEACE Talk

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Focus on Special Education



August 12, 2005 - MSM hosted Mediation Center of the Pacific's Dynamo Executive Director & Trainer Tracey Wiltgen for this 24-hour training on Special Education Mediation and Facilitation. Congratulations Graduates! (L-R) Cheri Nashiwa, Joshua Hirata, David Brass, Mary Michael, Trainer Tracey Wiltgen, Harry Hecht, MSM Board Vice President Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma and MSM Executive Director Kim Compoc.

MSM provides conflict resolution services for parents of special needs children and the Department of Education. This program is incredibly valuable in keeping communication between parents and providers open and productive. Regular communication is critical in order to help students to make progress on their Individualized Education Plans. MSM provides trained mediators and facilitators to respond quickly when the need arises. Changes in the federal laws affecting Special Needs children make this program more important than ever, and the services are free to parents. For more information inviting an MSM facilitator to help make your next meeting more productive, call 244-5744.

"Having a facilitator there put everyone on an equal playing field." - Parent & former participant

Mother's Day Show - A Joint Fundraiser With Talking Stories



MSM is planning a fundraiser on Mother's day weekend, May 12-14, 2006. This is an event for the whole family and will include original theater, food and Silent Auction. The show will be another joint project with Talking Stories, a local theater company who co-sponsored a similar event called "Christmas Talk Story" back in December 2003. It was very successful and we look forward to another great event! Volunteers are needed to help to market the event and with our Silent Auction. **Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30** we will hold a fundraising committee meeting in Kihei. Please call Kim at 244-5744 for more information.



November 3, 2005 - District Court Judge Douglas Ige, MSM Executive Director, Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa and Judge Getty of Illinois. Mayor Arakawa is presenting a certificate declaring it "Alternative Dispute Resolution Week" November 8-12, 2005. ADR Week is a statewide campaign designed to educate the community on the many options in resolving disputes. Michael Getty, a retired judge, mediator and arbitrator from Illinois, was on island this day to discuss the "Uniform Mediation Act," which is currently being proposed for Hawaii. Photo by Lydee Ritchie.

Staff Transitions:

Ann Nowicki, our Case Manager/Mediator of the last two years, has taken a new position as manager for the Fire Dragon Boutique and Bistro in the Shops at Wailea. Ann’s professionalism, intelligence and compassion have made a huge impact on the agency. Farewell Ann— and keep mediating! Please



welcome Leilani Kepler, our new Case Manager/Mediator. Leilani has a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies from UH Manoa where she took all of the Conflict Resolution classes with Claudia Wahl (MSM’s former Executive Director). “I believe in mediation, and I feel honored to be working for such a great agency with so many dynamic individuals.” Photo by Kim Compoc.

BOD Recruitment:

Shelley Drake has resigned from the Board in November after many wonderful years of service. MSM is accepting applications from interested professionals in the community who would like to apply. For more information, send a letter of inquiry to Buzzy Kaufman c/o MSM, 95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI 96793.

Basic Training:

MSM will hold Annual Basic Mediation Training for new volunteers August 14-18, 2006. Stay tuned for more details!

Financial Stability:

MSM was saddened to learn about an \$18,000 cut in our Maui United Way funding for the new fiscal year (See “Cutbacks hurt, but agencies look to new income sources,” *Maui News*, 9/14/05) . The news sent MSM into a serious fundraising drive, and a short reduction in our staff hours. Fortunately this setback has not affected our service delivery.

An emergency Rummage Sale & Silent Auction fundraiser was held on September 3rd to make up for this loss - Mahalo to the scores of volunteers, but especially to Cornelia Soberano for her stellar efforts to make it a success! Over \$4000 was raised through this effort. Additional money was received from our first online fundraiser, "PeaceBay." In October, internationally recognized mediator and Aikido master Tony Piazza did a benefit training called “The Dynamics of Conflict and the Mechanics of Resolution.” We also received increased assistance from the County of Maui, the Visitor Industry Charity Walk and private donors. In other good news, the Hawaii Justice Foundation announced recently that they will be awarding MSM a \$6,000 grant!

We send out our sincerest thanks to all our donors who have helped MSM get through this difficult period. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. (See donor list at right).

**Mahalo To Our Active Mediators -
The Heart of Our Agency!
(July 2005—January 2006)**

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 (Front row) David Tester (Treasurer), Karen Hue Sing-Ledesma (Vice President) and Ruth Moss. (Back row) Barbara Fisher (Secretary), David Viglione (Our newest board recruit), Mischel Berg and Buzzy Kaufman (President).
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