



PEACE Talk

The community newsletter for Mediation Services of Maui
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A message from
Executive Director
Claudia Wahl

Aloha,

It has been a year since my return to MSM as Executive Director, and I must say that the time has flown by. As you will see in this newsletter, MSM has been busier than ever with mediations, trainings, program development, fundraising and event planning. It takes a rock-solid team to pull off the likes of what we've done over the past year, and I would like to acknowledge the team members' contributions.

Cheri Nashiwa and Leilani Kepler provide a compassionate response to our clients, a sounding board for our mediators and cooperation in assuring that the office operates like a fine-tuned engine.

Kim Compoc is dedicated to giving youth the skills of peacemaking. Thank you Kim. You have an innovative approach that makes learning fun.

Sunny Gutierrez and Kit Gillette have expanded our reach in the community. Sunny works with businesses to establish conflict management systems, and continues MSM's Restorative Justice program, as well as facilitation and mediation for Special Education. Kit Gillette provides mediation to address the needs of our elder population and their families.

Thank you Mediators for giving so much to our community. Your ability to sit with people in conflict and guide them through a process that makes their lives better is truly a gift.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our volunteer Board. You work to make sure MSM continues to be a financially sound and viable organization.

Thank you all for your heartfelt support!

Mahalo to our 2008 - 2009 Revenue Sources

State of Hawaii Judiciary - \$74,237

**U.S. Department of Justice
(Youth Program) - \$51,374**

County of Maui - \$45,000

**Geist Foundation
(Meeting of the Minds) - \$4,000**

Maui United Way - \$33,193

**Hawaii Justice (Elder Mediation
and Public Education) - \$9,250**

**Fred Baldwin Foundation
(Conflict Resolution) - \$5,000**

Boeing (Elder Mediation) - \$3,855

Boeing (Youth Program) - \$2,000

**Young Brothers
(Elder Mediation) - \$500**



We would like to thank Ed Chenchin for his past service to the MSM Board of Directors as Treasurer. Ed has been an asset to the agency, and he continues to mediate in Small Claims court for us every Monday.

We appreciate you Ed and your continued support!

Upcoming Trainings

Refresher Training: Saturday, August 15, 2009 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Basic Mediation Training : Wednesday - Saturday, October 21 - 24 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Managing and Resolving Workplace Conflict for Businesses: Ongoing

For further information: Call 244-5744 or visit our website at www.mauimmediation.org.

**2008-2009
Year in Review**

**Participants..... 1415
Cases 696
Mediators..... 44**

**2008-2009
All Star Mediators**

- Ed Chenchin - 47**
- Diane Petropulos - 28**
- Cassandra Fraser - 19**
- Patricia Thoma - 17**
- Christi Keliikoa - 16**
- Harry Hecht - 15**
- Joe Mitchell - 14**
- Karen Hecht and
Joshua Hirata - 11**
- Myra Lewin - 10**
- Matt Lannis - 10**

**Charity Walk - May 2009
Thank you to Cheri Nashiwa's family and friends!**



**Back row L-R: Whitney Kim, Kristin Kuniyoshi,
Kim Kaya, Audrey Nashiwa, Reid Kaya,
Janet Kaya, Scott Nashiwa
Front row: Megan, Lauren and Nicholas Nashiwa**

**Thank you to all our active mediators!
(12/16/08 - 6/30/09)**

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| Bill Snipes | Kit Gillette |
| Bill Staton | Larry Carter |
| Brandon Collins | Marie Welton |
| Cassandra Fraser | Matt Lannis |
| Christi Keliikoa | Mitch Berman |
| Cliff Caesar | Myra Lewin |
| David Tester | Myrna Stone |
| Debbie Cabebe | Nick Dewey |
| Deborah Pozin | Patricia Thoma |
| Diane Petropulos | Patrick Nash |
| Eduardo Chenchin | Paul Kiang |
| Guy Haywood | Priscilla Veilleux |
| Harry Hecht | Pualani Kamaunu |
| Jeanette Rucci | Robyn Klein |
| Joseph Mitchell | Ron Serle |
| Joshua Hirata | Sue Kiang |
| Karen Hecht | Sunny Gutierrez |
| Karen Hue Sing-
Ledesma | Mahalo! |



**A special thanks to our volunteer
Annie Rutenber for all the hard work
you have done for the agency.**

**Mahalo to our donors and special volunteers!
(12/16/08 - 6/30/09)**

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| Annie Rutenber | John Wilt |
| Buzzy and Gayle
Kaufman | Judith Riley |
| Carston Lee | Linda Babson |
| David and Sandra
Florence | Maira Fogelvil |
| Diane Mangini | Mary Nancy Segundo |
| Guy Haywood | Nick Dewey |
| Gwen Helve | Noli and Fidel Lopez |
| Hal Jobe | Patricia Thoma |
| Jack and Herlinda Eades | Robin Pilus & Larry
Carter |
| | Sue Kiang |

**Mediation Services of Maui presents *Don't Give In To The Drama*
A premiere of MSM's first youth mediation DVD!!**

Featuring

- ~ Local Youth on the big screen
- ~ Leaders speaking on peer mediation
 - ~ Music and performance
- ~ Silent Auction, including a Subaru

Friday, August 28, 2009

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Cameron Center Auditorium
95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku

Pupus and refreshments will be served
Please RSVP by August 21 at 244-5744

DVD Cast & Crew (photo right)



**Attention ALL Maui County High Schools
Maui Youth Peace Conference - FREE!**

When: **Monday, September 21, 2009 (U.N. Int'l Day of Peace)**
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Conference begins at 9:00 a.m.

Where: The Westin Maui Resort, Ka'anapali

Details: All Maui County High Schools invited—up to 15 per school
Workshops for youth and adult administrators/counselors on
mediation, peaceful schools & alternatives to suspension

You must pre-register!

Contact: Max Tornai, Conference Coordinator
mtornai@mauimmediation.org or call 214-7729



**Peer Mediation Conference
on O'ahu (March 2009)**

Maui High School's peer mediation team had a great time attending this year's conference.

Mediation Training participant feedback:

"I really enjoyed this training. It was one of the best experiences of my life."

"Being a peer mediator is a privilege. While you help others you also help yourself."

"I had a lot of fun learning and I can't wait to do it in a real mediation session."

