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# People On the Move

## Pacesetters

### **Benchmark Hospitality International**

Michael Blaksteen has joined Maui's Makena Beach & Golf Resort as director of food and beverage. A native of Denmark, he most recently was food and beverage director at the Hilton Waikoloa Village on the Big Island.

### **Design Partners**

Steve Teves has been promoted to associate architect in the Guam office. He joined the firm in 2002 and most recently was a project manager.

### **Hawaiian Eye Center**

Steven Rhee has joined the eye center as an ophthalmologist specializing in cornea and external disease. He comes to Hawaii from Bakersfield, Calif., where he was an associate at Kaiser Permanente Southern California.

### **The Queen's Health Systems**

Hunter Praywell has been named vice president, chief information officer. He had been working in information technology at Kamehameha Schools and previously worked with Hawaiian Airlines and KPMG LLP.

### **Bella Pietra**

Brandon "TC" Young\* has been promoted to sales associate for Geobunga, Bella Pietra's new landscape products company. He joined Bella Pietra two years ago as a member of its warehouse staff.

### **Hawaii Kai Retirement Community**

Stephanie C. Kanoa has been promoted to co-manager, adding to her title of marketing manager. She will oversee the front desk and security as well as resident relations. She joined the retirement community as marketing manager in 2002.

### **PacificBasin Communications**

Alyson Helwagen is the new publisher of Honolulu, Ala Moana and Whaler's Village magazines. She joined PacificBasin last year as editor of the Ala Moana, Ward Centers and Whaler's Village magazines and remained publisher of LeiChic.com, a company she founded and then sold to PacificBasin.

### **Revolusun**

Brooks Bowman has joined the solar-power company as project developer. He also owns Hawaii Discount Mortgage.

### **Aloha Air Cargo**

Jeff Bell has joined the cargo carrier as senior director of sales and business development. He had been a director and district manager for Lynden International.

### **TD Food Group**

Justina Yanuaria has been promoted to restaurant general manager of the Pizza Hut at 1239 Wilder Ave. She had been an assistant restaurant manager.

### **First Wind**

Kekoa Kaluhiwa has joined the Boston-based wind-energy company as director of external affairs in Hawaii, which includes community outreach. He had been executive assistant to U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii.

### **McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii**

James Francisco has joined the company as area construction manager. An architect, he had been project manager for Kyo-ya Management Co. and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii.

### **Honolulu Community Action Program**

The agency, which runs the state's largest Head Start preschool program, has announced its new executive management team.

Robert N.E. Piper is executive director. He had been deputy director of the state Department of Budget and Finance.

Derek Nishimura is director of human resources. He had been a benefits specialist at the agency.

Robert Naniole is director of community services. He had been at the state Department of Community Services for the past four years.

Karl Espaldon is director of planning, program development and communications. He had been the state's drug control liaison for the past four years.

### **Allana Buick & Bers**

Ian Forsyth has been promoted to associate principal of the architectural engineering firm. He had been assistant operations manager.

### **First Insurance Co. of Hawaii**

Roger Buss has been named vice president and chief information officer, overseeing I.T. operations. He joined the company last November as head of its ESP Project Management Office.

### **Aqua Hotels & Resorts**

The resort chain has announced the following management appointments:

Markus Schale is general manager of the Hotel Wailea Maui, an all-suite hotel. He had been president and CEO of Horizon & Co., a Canadian travel company.

Terry Dowsett is general manager of the Ilikai Hotel & Suites. He joined Aqua in 2005 and previously was general manager of the Park Shore Waikiki and Hotel Renew.

Timothy Clark is hotel manager of the Aqua Aloha Surf & Spa. He previously worked with Kyo-ya Co. and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii.

### **Outrigger Enterprises Group**

TJ Oesterling has returned to Outrigger as general manager of The Kapalua Villas on Maui. He previously was vice president of Outrigger's condominium and time-share division and most recently was regional vice president of operations — Pacific region for Wyndham Vacation Ownership.

Dina McCallion has been named director of sales — Maui for the Outrigger Condominium Collection. She most recently was director of sales for the Kapulua Resort.

### **Smart Finance Options**

David Wilkinson has joined the company as vice president of sales. A veteran of more than 30 years in sales, he had been operating his own franchise with Sandler Sales Training.

### **Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel**

Four new associate attorneys have joined the Honolulu law firm.

Brian Ancheta practices corporate and real estate law. He had been practicing with Latham & Watkins in New York City.

Julie Smolinski specializes in corporate law and corporate governance, public and private securities transactions and regulation, and mergers and acquisitions. She

previously practiced with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Palo Alto, Calif. Darsie J.T. Ing is a litigator. Previous experience includes an externship with the Honolulu Department of Corporation Counsel and the Hawaii State Judiciary Volunteers in Public Service to the Courts program.

Christina Zahara Noh specializes in governmental relations and civic litigation. She has worked in the Hawaii State Energy Office and Stoel Rives in Seattle.

### **Auntie Pasto's Restaurant**

Karina Carvajal has been named general manager of the Beretania Street restaurant. She has 28 years of experience in the restaurant business, including with Roy's Kihei and the Kahului Ale House.

### **Kane International Corp.**

John M. Kane is the new president of the Waipahu building materials company. He takes over the presidency from Bobbie Kane, who continues with the company as vice president. Alex W. Kane continues as chairman and CEO.

### **First Hawaiian Bank**

The bank has given six executives the added title of vice president:

Brian Yamase is manager of the Waimea branch on Kauai. He has been at that branch since 1989 and is responsible for business development on the Garden Isle.

Thomas Canute is manager of the Koloa branch. He joined the bank in 1981 as a management trainee.

Bard Peterson is business banking officer at the Kahului, Maui, branch. He has been with the bank since 1997.

Scott Ono is a team leader in Trust Real Estate Services. He joined the bank in 2007 as a trust real estate officer.

Julie Seward works in the Card Services Division as a liaison between the bank and Bank of the West, overseeing the processing of various credit cards. She first joined the bank in 2001 and rejoined it in 2007.

David Tanaka is an investment officer in the Wealth Management Division, managing investment portfolios and trust accounts for high-net-worth customers. He has been with the bank since 2001.



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Teves



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## **Elections & Accolades**

### **AlohaCare**

New board members for 2010-2011: Sheila Beckham, executive director, Waikiki Health Center; Janet Onopa, medical director, Queen Emma Clinic; Desiree Puhi, executive director, Molokai Ohana Health Care; Anthony Guerrero Jr., retired vice chairman, First Hawaiian Bank.

### **University of Hawaii Foundation**

New board members: Elizabeth Hokada, director, financial assets division, Kamehameha Schools; Arthur Ushijima, president and CEO, The Queen's Health Systems.

### **Hawaii Pest Control Association**

Terrance Manago has been reelected president of the board. Other officers are Jon Montalbo, first vice president; Jason Sahara, second vice president; Shawn Murray, third vice president; Wayne Koide, secretary; and Dave Lau, treasurer.

### **Special Education Center of Hawaii**

Jon McKenna, development project manager for Haseko, has been named president of the board of directors. Andy Takeuchi, a SECOH customer, has joined the board.

### **Re/Max Kai Lani**

Cori Hamilton was top broker for February.

### **Prudential Locations**

Top agents for January were Chris Prendergast, listor of the month; Julie Shin, salesperson of the month; Amalia Johles, newcomer of the month; and Dolores Bediones, highest producer of the month.

### **Century 21**

Top agents for January: Realty Specialists — Charmaine Quilit Poki, top sales associate and top listing associate; Liberty Homes — Judith Uyehara, top sales associate, JoAnn Foulkes, top listing associate.

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## **Corporate Citizenship**

### **Grace Pacific Corp.**

The construction company has pledged \$100,000 to Malama Learning Center for the planning, design and construction of the West Oahu facility. The center's

mission is to bring together art, science, conservation and culture to promote sustainable living.

**BFS Inc.**

The company that operates Ben Franklin Crafts stores in Hawaii donated over \$7,000 to Aloha United Way from sales of a cookbook, "Recipes Uniting Communities." The company supplemented its traditional workplace AUW campaign by developing a cookbook with recipes from Hawaii and some Mainland employees.

**Special Education Center of Hawaii**

SECOH received \$30,000 from the Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund, \$5,000 from the Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation, \$5,000 from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation and \$2,000 from the HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union Foundation.

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