

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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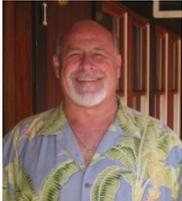
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A'ohe Hana Nui Ke Alu 'ia (No task is too large when we work together)

THE VOICE

Newsletter of the West Maui Taxpayers Association – December 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Joseph D. Pluta



Aloha Dear friends of West Maui.

We always like to find something good to share in the midst of all the challenges and controversies occurring in these turbulent times of uncertainty. No one knows what the “new normal” will look like, as everything is changing so fast.

Hawaii's governor Ige has recently amended pre-travel testing requirements for transpacific arrivals for everyone into the state of Hawaii. Now, negative test results taken within 72 hours of departure are required before being allowed to board a plane destined for Hawaii. Otherwise, the 14-day quarantine is required when you arrive regardless of result. (Please check with specific islands for date of travel, as well as the State site, as things change often and fast).

We consider this to be good news as residents have been very concerned with the spiking of Covid-19 on the mainland U.S. It seems that Hawaii has one of the lowest rates of active Covid-19 cases in the Nation and they want to keep it that way.

More good news that there are several vaccines with over 90% success! Hooray!
We know that challenges are far from over, but we know that there's hope.

That is what the WMTA is all about with always advocating for our community. Its evidenced by what we have already accomplished which many considered impossible in the past. Our track record is proof that with Divine assistance and your continued support, all things are possible. We are all in this together. With the WMIF as a partner, we are now fighting cancer by bringing a cancer treatment center to the West side.

Many people living with everchanging health issues including cancer are living longer thanks in part to early detection and lifesaving research and treatments.

Together with confident reliance on Divine assistance, we will get through this and fight back to restore and save lives. It's been said that if you want to improve your overall health to practice gratitude and being of service to helping others. We humbly request your tax-deductible donations to the West Maui Life Saver's campaign accordingly. Let's make every single day, a celebration of Thanksgiving! Not just once a year.

Warmest Regards and “Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou!”

Joseph D. Pluta – President/ Treasurer

SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL MEETING

The West Maui Taxpayers Association (WMTA) invite you to attend the **WMTA 2021 Annual Meeting Thursday, January 7 at 5:30 pm** via Zoom.

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqceqprD8vHtYNIvN5UI1p54MW3SK7uOTd>

(or visit www.WestMaui.org/AM21 for a direct link to register. After registration you will receive the link and code to attend the Zoom meeting. Registration link will also be posted on www.WestMaui.org for easier access to link.

Welcome & Short Business meeting begins at 5:30 PM with Official WMTA business, including the Election of its Board of Directors. Slate of Directors include Lee Chamberlain, Dean Louie, Richard Jarman, Rick Nava, Gregg Nelson, Jess “Joe” Park, Joseph Pluta, John Seebart, Fereshteh Tali, and Dennis Terpin. Proxy can be found on the last page of this newsletter – please complete and return ASAP, as with COVID, we need to ensure we have the proxies in place.

Immediately following this short business meeting will be presentations important to the West Maui community. Last year nearly 300 attendees enjoyed the interesting community presentations on WMTA top issues. Due to State and County emergency orders, we will be having a virtual meeting on Zoom. Invited guest speakers are Senator Roz Baker, State Representative Angus McKelvey, Mayor Michael Victorino, West Maui Councilmember Tamara Paltin. Speakers for Special Presentations are still being determined at the time of this printing.

The major purpose of the meeting is to have elected officials address issues of interest to the West Maui community, and to have special presentations on major project impacting the Isolated West Maui Community as illustrated above.

West Maui is a unique and vibrant community that provides employment opportunities and generates significant tax revenues for all levels of government. WMTA is also unique in that our mission is to promote efficient use of the taxes generated to invest in infrastructure, services and amenities that help ensure that West Maui remains one of the best places to live, work and visit in the world. For any questions, please email wmta@maui.net or call 808-661-7990.

WEST MAUI LIFESAVER CAMPAIGN



Our West Maui Improvement Foundation, West Maui Lifesaver Campaign is gaining momentum and we want to know if you will join us! Last month (November), we sent a letter to all WMIF supporters, WMTA members, and those who have been on the journey for better health services in West Maui.

We announced that the West Maui Improvement Foundation (WMIF) has been working with some dedicated cancer physicians the past few years to bring a cancer treatment facility to West Maui!

According to the American Cancer Society, “about 1 in 3 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.” So, there is a good chance you know at least one person who has been affected by cancer, maybe more. Perhaps, even yourself.

Visit <http://www.westmauiimprovementfoundation.org/westmauilifesaver.html> for that letter and updates on all that WMIF has been doing to bring health care to West Maui.

These t-shirts were designed and planned early this year for the Maui Charity Walk, which unfortunately, due to COVID, has been cancelled. We would like to offer the shirt to donors if they request it in their donation memo, along with size requested (based on availability). We ask that a minimum donation of \$100 be donated to receive a shirt (tax deductible portion of donation is less \$20 which is value of shirt). Please check with your tax advisor for questions.

Next steps. We need your Letter of Support for the West Maui Cancer Center!
See attachment to this newsletter.



WMTA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS: DEAN LOUIE AND DENNIS TERPIN

DEAN LOUIE



The picture to the left, of new WMTA Board member and Rotary Club of Lahaina Board Member Dean Louie (left in photo) was recently featured in the Lahaina News with current WMTA Vice President, Joe Park.

Dean believes in higher education. He is a product of a traditional college education as well non-traditional pathways, undertaking a Chef's Apprenticeship in San Francisco and earning a Master's degree in Library and Information Science through distance-learning platforms.

As the new coordinator of the Lahaina Education Center, his role supports students in their academic journey, whether they are pursuing an academic degree, entering trade apprenticeships, seeking quick workforce development training, or desire leisure, fitness or career exploration classes.

The Lahaina Education Center is an extension of the University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC) that provides hands-on service supporting UHMC students and staff in West Maui. The outreach facility offers 2800 sq.ft. of classrooms, student study, and conference space, and was established in 2006 to reduce the lengthy 50-mile round-trip commute to the main Kahului campus from Central Lahaina for those seeking education and skills training for our Maui Industries.

In addition to supporting incoming UHMC students from our High Schools, they are actively looking for ways to partner with our West Maui community needing community space for classes, lessons, training, or civic events.

Lahaina Education Center Mission:

- Provide a clean, safe, comfortable location where West Maui students and commuters can get test proctoring, online tutorial assistance and use study areas.
- Offer access to WIFI/Internet, IT computer resources and printing services for faculty and students for distance learning.
- Advance academic and non-credit partnerships and other support program staff to strategize learning assistance that help UHMC students and instructors reach their goals.
- Meet the academic needs of students, faculty, and the Maui community.

DENNIS TERPIN



Dennis was previously featured in WMTA Newsletters in conjunction with the WMTA Health and Safety Efforts to put in place an Emergency Plan for West Maui. Now, as a WMTA board member, Dr. Terpin will be leading the WMTA Emergency Planning committee moving forward into 2021.

Dennis serves as the Chief Operating Offer for the International Safety and Health Specialists, LLC and served on the AAO Board of Directors at Aston Kaanapali Shores. Dennis Terpin is the Retired Senior Industrial Hygienist and Emergency Manager at The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Dennis served as Deputy Commander of the University's Emergency Response Team and Safety Office for the University Incident Management Team. Some of the roles Dr. Terpin have performed during his 50-year career in the occupational safety, health, laboratory safety, emergency management and response fields include World Trade Center 9/11 responder, safety manager, fire chief, paramedic, rescue specialist, and Homeland Security/FEMA certified instructor (CDP and EMI). Dr. Terpin serves on the ANSI Z88, Z88.10 and ASTM F23.65 International Respiratory Protection Committees.

Dr. Terpin is the recipient of the 2014, Illinois Emergency Management Agency-Emergency Management Achievement Award, the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 - Gold Level DHS/FEMA/Center for Domestic Preparedness Excellence (in the indirect Training Program) Instructor awards and three Center for Domestic Preparedness 5.0 Perfect Instructor Awards.

Philosophy of Training: Dennis A. Terpin, Ph.D., O.H.S.T., EMT-P

"I believe that staying active and keeping current as an emergency responder and Emergency manager can only make me a better instructor, enabling me to share my knowledge and experiences while helping others." The indirect program gives me that opportunity to stay in touch in the fast-past challenges associated with being a proactive instructor.

We are pleased to welcome Dean Louie and Dr. Dennis Terpin to the WMTA Board and look forward to working with them as we continue to advocate for improvements in West Maui.

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION – PROXY

The undersigned does hereby constitute and appoint the West Maui Taxpayers Association Board of Directors as attorney or agent, with full power of substitution, to act in the undersigned's name, place and stead, to represent that member for quorum purposes only so that the business that properly comes before the meeting can be conducted by those present. It is valid only for the ANNUAL MEETING of the WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION to be held on **Thursday, January 7, 2020**, via Zoom. Any WMTA member present in person may elect to vote upon such business that may properly come before the meeting, including the election of Directors. This Proxy will be valid only for the above-cited meeting and adjournments thereof, may be revoked prior to its exercise and shall be returned upon request if the undersigned attends the meeting and desires to vote in person.

DATE SIGNED: _____ (Required by law)

NAME OF MEMBER (PRINTED-required by law)

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

- Please sign your name as it appears in YOUR WMTA MEMBERSHIP records. Executors, Administrators, trustees, guardians, conservators, and corporate officers are to add their Titles and, if not already done. Submit a copy of their appointment.
- For this proxy to be valid:
 - The proxy giver must provide his or her printed name, signature, and the date that this proxy was signed.
 - This proxy must be received by the Association's Secretary, **no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021**. You can send by mail: at 181 Lahainaluna Road, Suite I, Lahaina, Maui, HI 96761, or by email your proxy to wmta@maui.net or by fax to 808-661-7992.
- The Board of Directors requests that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of the Board Members to be elected as listed below. Yes (Check this box to vote unanimous in favor for the Slate of Directors)

**PROXY: Please Use Return Envelope and Return the Portion Above to
WMTA, PO Box 10338, Lahaina, HI 96761 or 181 Lahainaluna Road, Suite I, Lahaina, HI 96761
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WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF DIRECTORS

Lee Chamberlain
Richard Jarman
Dean Louie

Rick Nava
Gregg Nelson
Jess "Joe" Park

Joseph Pluta
John Seebart
Ferehah Tali
Dennis Terpin

The WMTA Bylaws state: "There shall be a total of 12 Directors, including the Officers. No person shall be empowered to vote or be eligible for election to any office in the Organization whose membership dues have not been paid in full."

REMINDER: ONLY ACTIVE DUES PAYING MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE!

West Maui Taxpayers Association MEMBERSHIP FORM - IRS EIN 99-0160368 - NON PROFIT 501C (4)

You can also pay online at <http://www.westmaui.org/joinnow.html>

Member Name: _____
 Check here to have your name kept private in publications and acknowledgements.

Join the WMTA Email List: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Fax: _____

<p>\$ _____ MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a member and renewing my dues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am not a member but would like to join</p>	<p>Membership Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Community Supporter \$25/year<input type="radio"/> Community Leader \$50.00/year<input type="radio"/> Families \$100/year<input type="radio"/> Businesses \$100/year<input type="radio"/> AAO – email wmta@maui.net
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\$ _____ ADDITIONAL DONATION WMTA is a 501-c-4 Non-Profit Organization. "Contributions to civic leagues or other section 501(c)(4) organizations generally are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. They may be deductible as trade or business expenses, if ordinary and necessary in the conduct of the taxpayer's business." (Source: IRS.Gov). Please check with your tax adviser.

Memberships effective for one year upon receipt of membership dues payment.

**Mail Checks, payable to "West Maui Taxpayers Association", to:
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WEST MAUI IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION

WEST MAUI LIFESAVER CAMPAIGN

PLEDGE INFORMATION



JOSEPH, I WANT TO STAND FOR LIFE!

Here's my gift to help take action to save lives in West Maui.:

\$50 \$100 \$1,000 \$_____ Other

This will be a recurring donation as noted in information below

WEST MAUI LIFESAVER INFORMATION

Please fill out **ALL the information below.**

Donor Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, ST Zip: _____ Country: _____

Contact me about leaving a legacy through Estate Planning, Non-Cash Gifts, Planned Giving & Tax Savings.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

One Time Donations

Cash Enclosed

Check Enclosed (*Make checks payable to "WMIF"*)

Donate Online <http://www.westmauiimprovementfoundation.org/westmauilifesaver.html>

Donation by Credit Card: Visa MC AmEx Discover

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CSV/CID/CVV: _____ Phone: _____

Print Full Name on Card: _____

By signing you agree to the Terms and Conditions as applicable to your gift.

Signature: _____

Giving by EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer): Checking Savings

Routing Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Print Full Name on Account: _____

By signing you agree to the Terms and Conditions as applicable to your gift.

Signature: _____

Recurring Monthly Donation

Monthly Donation by check payable to "WMIF" in the amount \$_____ on the 1st / 5th / 20th (please circle one)

Monthly Donation via credit card set up at <http://www.westmauiimprovementfoundation.org/westmauilifesaver.html>

Monthly Donation via credit card, Visa MC AmEx Discover, processed on 1st / 5th / 20th (please circle one)

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CSV/CID/CVV: _____ Phone: _____

Print Full Name on Card: _____

By signing you agree to the Terms and Conditions as applicable to your gift.

Signature: _____

Terms and Conditions I hereby request and authorize my bank or credit card company, as provided by me, to pay and charge to my account transfers made by and payable to the order of West Maui Improvement Foundation (WMIF), provided there are sufficient funds in my account to pay the same upon presentation. I agree that WMIF's right to such payment shall be the same as if it were a check drawn on or a charge to my credit card and signed personally by me. They will be fully protected in honoring any such payment. This authorization will remain in effect until I notify WMIF or my financial institution in writing that I wish to end this agreement, and WMIF or my bank has had 5 days after receiving written notice to act on it; or until WMIF or my bank account has sent me 5 days written notice that will end this agreement. A record of my donation will be included in my bank statement or credit card statement. Also, a record will be issued by WMIF.

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