

# KIA konnexion

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## Board Highlights

1. Mahalo to KIA members who emailed or faxed their completed KIA Board of Directors Ballot for 2013. The KIA Board of Directors elected their officers at the February 13th Board Meeting. The KIA President will be Mark Higa of **WCIT Architecture**; Vice President is Leslie Miasnik of **Pankow Builders**; and Dane Tonaki of **Central Pacific Bank** will remain as the KIA Treasurer. KIA's Membership Chairman is Steve Sullivan of **The Shidler Group**.
2. KIA Director Dexter Okada attended the February 9th HCDA Board Meeting. He reported that before their regular meeting, a presentation was made by Alii International Services which is looking to utilize the lot next to the AAFES building and Honda dealership, bordered by Ala Moana, Ahui, Koula and Ilalo Streets. They made application for an amusement park theme park with go-carts, zip line, climbing wall, port-a-potty, ferris wheel, skate park, etc. and would like to be up and running by May. The landowner, Kamehameha Schools, said the three acres would be an interim location. There will be a public hearing and then a vote next month. The noise level is supposed to be no greater than traffic on Ala Moana Blvd.
3. The KIA website had 133 visits in the past month, up from the 105 visits last month. There were 103 new visits, with an average of 2:08 minutes per visit.

## SAVE THE DATE KIA Networking Event

April 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:30am  
(Bring-Your-Own-Lunch)**

**Kewalo Conference Room  
of the Ward Warehouse**

Meet fellow KIA members and let them know about your company or business. Bring flyers, brochures, business cards or other handouts. More info in upcoming KIA newsletters.

## KIA General Membership Meeting



About seventy KIA members and guests received a wealth of information from the KIA General Membership Meeting held on Wednesday, January 30th in the Kakaako Conference Room of the Ward Warehouse. A big Mahalo goes out to the **Howard Hughes Corporation** for the free use of the meeting room and **Gebco of Hawaii** for their continued donations of KIA photograph name badges. Delicious bento lunches were purchased through

**Karen's Kitchen** at a special discounted rate. KIA members are very special and giving!

KIA is fortunate that both guest speakers, Anthony Ching from the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and Peter Apo from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), took the time to give an update to attendees, as well as offered written material. For the KIA members who were not able to attend the January General Membership Meeting, PDF versions can be viewed and/or downloaded from KIA's website at <http://www.kia-hawaii.org/currentnewsletter.html>.



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## 2011-2013 Membership Directory

### New Members

#### **W Contracting, Inc.**

Plumbing, Construction, Electrical, Solar  
825 Halekauwila Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Phone: (808) 864-8585  
Fax: (808) 596-2893  
Email: jemery@aol.com

#### **Choate Hawaii Real Estate**

Residential Sales, Property Management & Appraising  
1888 Kalakaua Avenue, #C312  
Honolulu, HI 96815  
Phone: (808) 946-3410  
Fax: (808) 945-0076  
Email: karyl@hawaii.rr.com

#### **ABM Facility Services**

Janitorial & Engineering  
1130 N. Nimitz Hwy, #C140  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
Phone: (808) 545-7733  
Fax: (808) 545-2711  
Email: tiera@abm.com

#### **Barbie Y. Hee International, Inc.**

Real Estate Brokerage  
1177 Queen Street, #3703  
Honolulu, HI 96814  
Phone: (808) 375-7483  
Fax: (808) 748-0909  
Email: barbie@barbieheerealty.com

#### **InForm Design Inc.**

Architectural and Design  
1347 Kapiolani Blvd, #401  
Honolulu, HI 96814  
Phone: (808) 946-8636  
Fax: (808) 947-6728  
Email: bob@ifdesigninc.com

Changes to the 2011-2013 KIA Membership directory should be directed to Sherry Goya, KIA Executive Director at [sgoyallc@aol.com](mailto:sgoyallc@aol.com). Notice will be made in future newsletters and changes will be made on the [KIA website](#).

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### KIA Member Changes

KIA's representative from Musicians' Association of Hawaii is Steve Dinion.

**Pasha Hawaii Transport Line** has moved to 745 Fort Street, Suite 1600, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Phone: (808) 538-2130

**THE REGUS GROUP**, formerly Corporate Office Centers, has a new email and website - [isabel.figel@regus.com](mailto:isabel.figel@regus.com) and [www.regus.com](http://www.regus.com)

## KIA News

Did you see the two-page spread in KIA member **Honolulu Star-Advertiser's** G6-G7 entitled the "Pow Wow art packs a punch" in Sunday, February 24th edition?

There were twenty pictures of the wall art presentations on buildings throughout Kakaako, offering the location/address and artist's name. Now in its third year, the Pow Wow Hawaii street art festival continues to make an impact. This year's co-organizers were Jasper Wong and Kamea Haar. The paper also invites readers to take a virtual tour of Pow Wow Hawaii street art locations at [bit.ly/powwow2013tour](http://bit.ly/powwow2013tour) and find additional coverage at [honolulupulse.com](http://honolulupulse.com).

### **FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK**

19th Annual Prime Time Wellness Fair

Thursday, March 7th  
Opening Ceremonies 8:15am  
Fair 8:30am to 1:00pm

**FREE Admission**  
Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall

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