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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

I am proud to announce the return of air service to the Hana Community. It has been a long time since our remote community has had access to reliable air service to Kahului Airport. As Chair of the Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee I have always strived to maintain and provide transportation routes to our remote communities of Hana, Moloka'i and Lana'i. To this end, over the years we have modernized harbors, highways and airports.

In this issue, we take a look at this new air service to Hana, 3 great annual events, the Maui Marathon, the Maui County Fair and the Maui Disability Alliance Forum as well as a glimpse into some autumn events I have attended. As always, my office remains open ready to assist you.

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AIRLINE SERVICE RESTORED TO HANA

On October 1, 2012, Mokulele Airlines began operating a twice-daily flight service from Maui's Kahului Airport to Hana Airport. The inaugural passenger list included: Wendy Osher, **Maui News Now**; Andrew Wolf, **Travassa Experimental Resorts** Associate; Chris Manning, Travassa Co-founder and President; Ryan Frost, Island Air Chief Pilot; Sen. English; Kahu Kalani Wong; Darryl Grace, **Mokulele Airlines** Director of Operations; Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa and Marvin Moniz, District Airports Manager, DOT. They boarded the nine-seat Cessna Grand Caravan 208B and enjoyed the scenic 20-minute flight to Hana where they were greeted with Hana style aloha, hula and by Danny Mynar, Travaasa Hana Hotel General Manager. Hana's Hula dancers included: Iwalani Rost, U'ilani Kahalehoe, Lilinoe Kahula, and Kaleonahenahe Rost.

It has been 12 years since there was reliable scheduled flight service in Hana. "I worked tirelessly over the years to have air service restored at rural airports across the State. I appreciate Mokulele's decision to operate out of Hana Airport, which is the first step towards restoring flights at other rural airports in the future," said Sen. English, who lives in Hana and serves as Chair of the Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

"Mokulele's flight service two times a day will bring a boost to the Hana community's economy and to its resort and spa, Travaasa Hana Maui. Essential services will also become more efficient, such as mail and newspaper delivery," added Sen. English, "Hana Medical Center, Hana School, State and County government will



*Top: Mokulele personnel, Hana Hula dancers and community members, Travassa Hana personnel, Sen. English and Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa welcome the inaugural Mokulele flight from Kahului to Hana. Above: Sen. English and Mayor Arakawa untie the lei at the entrance of the Hana Airport. Oct. 1, 2012.*



## AIRLINE SERVICE RESTORED TO HANA CONTINUED

benefit from this new venture as well.”

“Residents and visitors alike will enjoy the convenience of traveling in and out of Hana. We are ecstatic over the chance to cut our travel time from Hana to Kahului significantly. The



drive from Kahului to Hana can take at least 2 hours, but by air, it will only take about twenty minutes,” said Sen. English, “It will also greatly improve the quality of life for residents who work outside of Hana.”

Ticket prices start at \$59 each way. The flight service is being launched in partnership with Travaasa Hana Maui, which is located at the end of the road to Hana.

“Now, Hana residents have an opportunity to connect to other parts of the State thanks to Mokulele. This service also provides an important lifeline for us,” said Sen. English.



*Sen. English tours the Mokulele aircraft's cockpit after landing in Hana. Left: A view from the Kahului to Hana Mokulele Flight. Oct. 1, 2012.*

## THE 42ND ANNUAL MAUI MARATHON

The **42nd Annual Maui Marathon** was held on Sunday, September 16, 2012. The Maui Marathon is the oldest marathon held in the State of Hawai'i and Sen. English was happy to attend and cheer on this year's participants. The 26.2 mile course is recognized as one of the most scenic in the world and traverses many of the island's historic sites.

Beginning at the Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului, participants run along the beautiful Pali coast on Honoapi'ilani Highway, seeing fragments of the stone paved road system that circled the entire island and was constructed in the 1600s by Pi'ilani, ruling chief of Maui. Runners also run through historic Lahaina town and finish in Ka'anapali. The day also features a half-marathon, the Maui Tacos 5K run-walk, Bubba Gump's Front Street Mile and a Warrior Challenge in honor of the endurance of ancient Hawaiian runners who ran great distances to deliver goods or news between districts for their chiefs.

The Maui Marathon donates funds to non-profit organizations that set up and staff the stations along its route. In 2010, the Valley Isle Road Runners launched a new charitable program that benefits a Maui-based non-profit cultural or environmental organization that focuses on “Giving Back to Maui.” The marathon is a great event because it showcases the Hawaiian culture and reflects the values of Maui's diverse community.



*Sen. English addresses runners at the carbo-loading lu'au in Ka'anapali, Lahaina. Sept. 15, 2012.*

This year a total of 775 runners finished the marathon. The winning time was 2 hours, 43 minutes and 33 seconds. Compared to marathons in colder climates, this seems slow. However, the time also indicates that the race is a challenging one to finish because the Lahaina sun during the last half of the race does take its toll.

At the end of the day, when all of the races are completed, live entertainment, an expo and a luau is provided to bring fun to all who remain. Generally, racers comment favorably about the great hospitality and aloha they receive while on Maui. The marathon has great community support and wouldn't be possible without all the volunteers from Kahului to Ka'anapali.

## 17TH ANNUAL MAUI DISABILITY ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE FORUM



Sen. English attended the 17th Annual Maui Disability Alliance Issues Forum held September 13, 2012, at the Maui Waena Intermediate School Cafeteria. Each year, State and County government officials and candidates are invited to participate in discussions on employment, transportation, education, early childhood, medical and housing issues in addition to taking questions from the audience. The public is encouraged to attend, especially individuals with disabilities and their families, where they are able to meet their representatives at the State and County level and share their experiences. "I always enjoy this particular event," said Sen. English, "I learn something new each time and get to see first hand Maui County's wonderful community support system."

*Left - Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Sen. Roz Baker and Sen. English with Wendy and June Davis at the 17th Annual Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum. Sept. 13, 2012.*

## MAUI FARMERS UNION UNITED

The **Maui Farmers Union United** held their monthly meeting on September 25, 2012 at Ha'iku Community Center. Members discussed topics on taro preparation, substandard organic food, organic weed management, light and life cycles in addition to energies, agriculture and electric magnetic fields. At each monthly meeting, food is provided "potluck" style to promote local produce.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about local produce and agricultural styles," said Sen. English, "It's about recognizing and growing our own great produce here on Maui."

The Hawai'i Farmers Union, as a chartered State division of National Farmers Union, is recognized and respected as a voice of Hawai'i's local farmers. Maui's Farmers Union United empowers island farmers to earn a prosperous living through regenerative stewardship of our lands, waters and communities. For more information visit: <http://mauifarmersunionunited.weebly.com>



*Sen. English waiting in line to enjoy the food at the potluck of the prior month's Maui Farmers Union United meeting. Aug. 28, 2012.*

## 90TH MAUI COUNTY FAIR

Sen. English enjoyed seeing family, friends and colleagues at the 90th annual **Maui County Fair** held this year from September 27 through the 30th. "There's always something special to experience at the fair whether it's the great food, great company, live music, agricultural exhibits, local art or exciting rides," said Sen. English, "Generations of Maui residents share exciting childhood memories of attending the fair which is a revered family oriented tradition that is alcohol-free, smoke-free and drug-free."

The Maui County Fair is the biggest community event on the island. The first fair was held on the old fairgrounds in Kahului, which included a horse-racing track. Before World War II, horse racing was the center attraction and people from across the state sailed to Kahului for the races. As interest in horse racing waned, the race track was used for track meets, prep football games, and demolition derbies.

During the plantation era, the annual fair was attended by nearly everyone on the island. Families arrived on plantation trucks. The Kahului Railroad ran special trains from Ha'iku. Keiki and many adults couldn't wait for the annual fair where they could enjoy the rides and special fair treats.

Although, the fair has moved to its current site at the War Memorial Complex, Maui residents still love the food, exhibits, rides, entertainment and old fashioned games of chance. For the newcomer, it's an opportunity to experience the diverse island lifestyle and culture that is unique to Maui.



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**AUTUMN EVENTS**



*State Sen. English, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka and Leona Bak Nomura celebrate U.S. Sen. Akaka's birthday at his Mahalo Reception in Makena. Aug. 30, 2012.*



*Sen. English with Maui's new Second Circuit Judge, Peter T. Cahill at his swearing in ceremony by Hawai'i Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald in Wailuku. Sept. 17, 2012.*



*Chairman Katsushi Hayashi; Fukuyama Chamber of Commerce & Industry with Sen. English attend the Maui Japanese Chamber of Commerce Officers Installation Banquet in Kihei. Sept. 25, 2012.*



*Mele Fong, entertainer and performer of traditional Hawaiian music, with Sen. English enjoying the lu'au for the 42nd Annual Maui Marathon in Ka'anapali, Lahaina. Sept. 15, 2012.*