

## 10-30-11 UPCOMING EVENT!

Aloha mai kākou,

I am pleased to invite you to the **Hawaii's Thousand Friends' annual dinner honoring our beautiful friend Elizabeth** as an unsung hero of 2011. As we know, Elizabeth is President of the Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui, Vice Chair of the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board #1, as well as a member of various other boards and organizations including the Ka Iwi Coalition, Independence Day at Maunalua Bay, League of Women Voters and the O'ahu Land Trust.

Elizabeth's background is in marketing and advertising, and her work with developers originally sparked her interest in land use. Elizabeth believes in preserving the natural and pristine areas of our mountains and coastlines, protecting the public's access to beaches, and preserving the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan which sets guidelines for sensible development. At Elizabeth's urging, the Office of Planning petitioned the State Land Use Commission to reclassify the Ka Iwi Scenic Shoreline from urban to conservation. The reclassification of approximately 215 acres of state-owned land on O'ahu's south-east coast between Queen's Beach and the Makapu'u Lighthouse ensures the preservation and conservation of the makai region of the pristine Ka Iwi Coast in perpetuity for the public.

Under Elizabeth's leadership, the Hui brokered a deal with a local athletic club for a 27-year license agreement for the purpose of restoring Keawāwa wetland in Hawai'i Kai under the guidance of the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Undeterred by threats of lawsuits by the developer of the adjoining property, which contained an ancient heiau damaged by the developer's bulldozer, Elizabeth initiated talks which led to an agreement wherein the Hui would receive the fee simple title to the property, to manage and restore the wetland as well as take care of its cultural sites.

Since 2004, she has led the fight to defend Kamilo Nui Valley from residential development because it is outside the Urban Growth Boundary. Elizabeth was the glue that held the farmers together through tough lease negotiations for a resolution that will keep Kamilo Nui Valley in agriculture for the next 15 years. Together with Chrysanthemums of Hawai'i, she and the Hui are working to rebuild the nursery and launch a new movement, Aloha 'Āina 'O Kamilo Nui. She is already working with community partners Mālama Maunalua and The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i to provide a unique opportunity where studies are being done on the most effective methods of turning the invasive alien algae removed from Maunalua Bay into compost to enrich farm lands, fertilize crops and demonstrate sustainability.

Elizabeth takes pride in bringing all groups to the table for the betterment of community. Her care for community, enthusiastic education of our residents, proactive responsiveness as a

government watchdog, and passion to safeguard as well as celebrate East O'ahu's natural and cultural resources is an inspiration for all of us.

Please join me in honoring Elizabeth on Sunday, October 30, 2011, for dinner at the Hale Koa Hotel. The RSVP card attached should be filled out and sent with a check to: Hawaii's Thousand Friends 25 Maluniu Avenue Suite 102 #282 Kailua, HI 96734

A hui hou, Jeannine