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MCP Friends and Mediators Going Above and Beyond!



The MCP Board of Directors and staff were pleased to recognize outstanding mediators, friends and supporters at the 2017 Annual Volunteer Recognition and Holiday Gathering held on December 8th. The honorees pictured above from left to right included: **Erika Ireland - Special Recognition Mediator Award; Susan Essoyan (Honolulu Star Advertiser) - Conch Shell Award; Denise George - Apprentice Mediator of the Year Award; Sandra Jordan - Special Recognition Mediator Award; Eugene Villaluz - Above and Beyond Award; Carol Lockwood - Special Recognition Mediator Award; Sam Kasnetz - Mediator of the Year Award; Dr. Craig Robinson - Friend of the Center Award; Gary Shiraishi - Mediator, Cecelia Chang - Lawyer as Problem-Solver Award; Tom Mitrano - Above and Beyond Award.** (Not pictured: **Jacqueline Earle - Special Recognition Award and John Stallman - District Court Mediator of the Year**).

Congratulations to all. Mahalo for all of your great work!

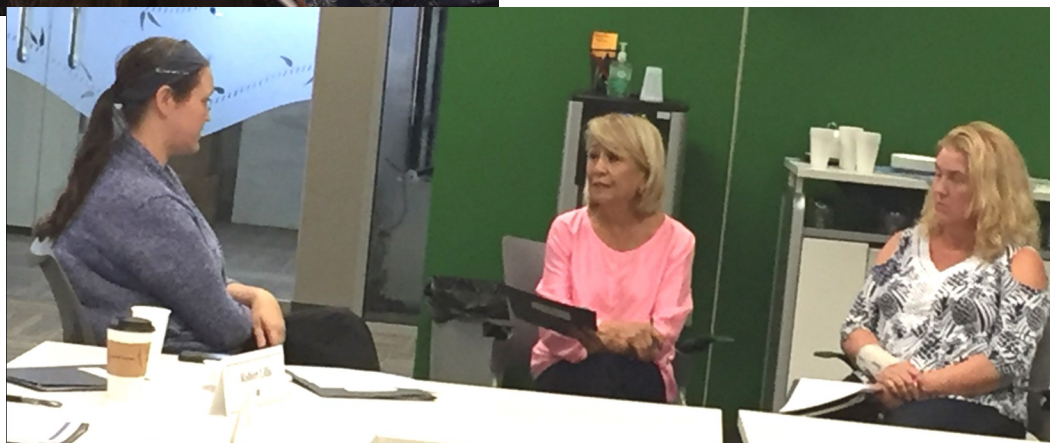
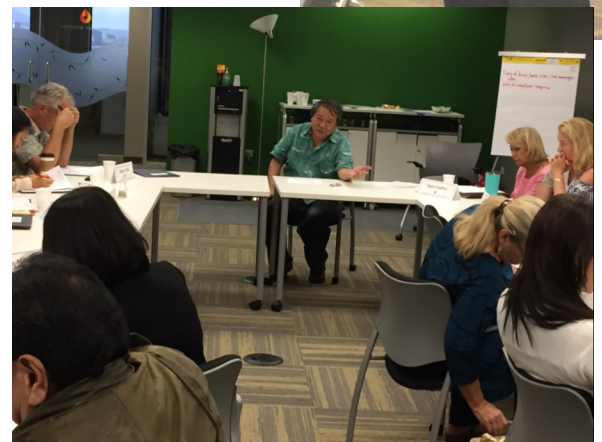
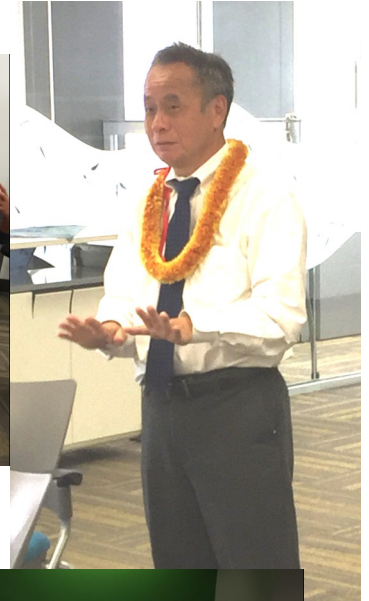
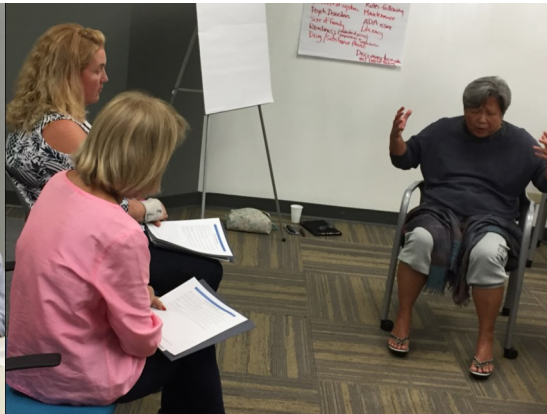
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*Bringing people together to talk,
negotiate and
resolve conflict creatively.*

Increasing Mediation for Landlords & Tenants

Thanks to the support of the Hawaii Justice Foundation and Aloha United Way, the MCP staff and mediators have continued to grow the Early Access Mediation Program for Landlords and Tenants. In addition to reaching out to various members of the community, on January 19th, a five-hour training was conducted for thirty mediators. Topics included landlord-tenant law; the responsibilities of and the issues faced by landlords and tenants; challenges in landlord-tenant mediations; agreement writing; and working with the newly housed homeless. MCP is grateful to attorneys David Chee, Dan O'Meara and Richard Yanagi for sharing their expertise and conducting portions of the training. MCP is also grateful to the Collaborative Leader Network for the use of its training room and to Linda Colburn for hosting the event. Mahalo to all of the mediators who participated and are helping to make this important program a success!



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MCP was pleased to once again collaborate with the Girl Scouts and the Judicial History Center to train sixty-nine Girl Scouts ages 9 to 13 years old in conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation skills. The young scouts learned how to find common ground, actively listen, work through a compromise and more. They were also provided with the opportunity to conduct a mock trial as well as a mock mediation. The three-hours with the Juniors (grades 3—5) and the Cadettes (grades 6 –8) were action-packed, high energy sessions full of enthusiasm and giggles. By the end of the sessions, each Scout earned their Mediation Badge. In the exit surveys completed by the Scouts, they shared that the lessons and skills they learned were valuable and they would be incorporating the skills into their lives at home and at school. Perhaps MCP should consider creating a similar program for adults.....



Mediators, the MCP Team & the Kukui Center - Working Together



ABOVE: In December at the annual tenant holiday gathering, MCP's Special Programs Coordinator Katie Raney, helped everyone relax and have fun as she lead the group in an animated rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas Hawaiian Style. The MCP Team got right into the spirit of things!

RIGHT: Effective mediators know when to lead the conversation and when to step back and let the parties talk. Talented mediators Denise George and Eugene Villaluz wisely decided to relax in the waiting room while the parties in the mediation session completed an important conversation on their own.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Basic Mediation Training

Thursday March 29 & Friday March 30, 2018 * 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 pm.
and Saturday March 31, 2018 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
The Kukui Children's Center 1st Floor Conference Room
Learn the nuts and bolts of mediating conflicts of all types.

Accelerated Divorce Mediation Training

Thursday April 5 and Friday April 6, 2018 * 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Saturday April 7, 2018 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
The Kukui Children's Center 1st Floor Conference Room
Learn a modified process to assist divorcing couples in creating agreements on time-sharing, co-parenting, and property division to finalize the terms of their divorce.

11th Annual Under the Mediation Moon

Saturday April 21, 2018 * 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
The Hawaii Convention Center
A Benefit to Support the Work of MCP and to Honor Hawaii's Mediator Pioneers and Collaborative Leaders.

Mediation Skills for Managers Training

Friday May 18, 2018 * 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location to be Announced.
Managers learn an 8-step informal mediation process to empower employees to resolve their own disputes.

Basic Mediation Training

Thursday October 25 & Friday October 26, 2018 * 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 pm.
and Saturday October 27, 2018 * 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
The Kukui Children's Center 1st Floor Conference Room
Learn the nuts and bolts of mediating conflicts of all types.

Go to www.mediatehawaii.org to register for trainings and the annual fundraiser or contact mcpadmin@mediatehawaii.org for additional information

** Seating in trainings is limited. Early registration is encouraged.