

Tom McCloskey Wins Aloha Spirit Award

Tom McCloskey, Chairman of McCloskey and Company, was awarded the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce 2004 Aloha Spirit Award on Sept. 22 during the organization's 3rd Quarter Meeting at the Princeville Hotel. Tom joins the ranks of past Aloha Spirit Award winners, including former Mayor Maryanne Kusaka, Dennis Fujimoto, and Larry Macintosh to name a few.

"I'm truly honored to win this award," McCloskey told a gathering of more than 250 people from Kauai's business community.

Tom has been coming to Kaua'i for more than two decades. He wasn't born and raised here, nor is he a full time resident. And yet, as Peggy Cha, KCC Chancellor, one of his nominators noted, "For a part time resident of the island, he has a full time presence in many community organizations." He has displayed his deep love for Kaua'i through philanthropy and involvement, and a sensibility that is sometimes best delivered by those who can be objective, those who are not from here originally. As a result, he is making numerous positive impacts in our community, and in the lives of many individuals here.

One of these individuals is Kevin Yasuda. As Ellen Ching, Executive Director of The Arc of Kaua'i said in her nomination form, "Miracles and angels come in many different forms...Due to the closure of three Arc of Kaua'i homes, 13 individuals with developmental disabilities were facing homelessness..." Tom met with The Arc and quietly stated, "I will buy a condo." Ellen Ching says, "The impact of this deed gave one individual a home and hundreds the dream of independence."

Myles Shibata, Chief Operating Officer of Kawailoa Development, stated, "From seeding Leadership Kaua'i to providing the glow sticks for the children at the annual Lights on Rice Parade, he has provided assistance, resources, and time for organizations and issues that are making a significant impact on Kaua'i."



Other nominators for Tom included Bob Springer, John Isobe, Jackie Kanna, Preston Garcia, and Laurie and Jeff Rivera.

Calendar

McCloskey and Company:

- Dec. 24 Christmas holiday
- Dec. 31 New Year's holiday

Community:

- Dec 3 Lights on Rice Parade
- Dec 4 Princeville Resort Tree Lighting Celebration
- Dec. 18 Waimea Christmas Light Parade
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Fireworks (10 p.m., Po'ipu Beach)
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

**If you would like to include a community event for events happening from March 2005 through May 2005 in the next IMUA calendar, please submit it to your manager or Kymry by Jan. 31.*

Lights on Rice Parade

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"We would like to send out a big mahalo to Leesha Kawamura, Millie Curtis, Tricia Yamashita, and all the Girl Scouts and parents that helped us get the glow sticks ready for the Parade," he continued.

McCloskey and Company donated the glow sticks to the Lights on Rice Parade for the second year in a row, and the company's "elves" handed out the glow sticks to Parade on-lookers at last year's event.

The Lights on Rice Parade was founded in 1999 as a way to pull the entire Kaua'i community together during the holidays, in a central location, and is organized by a volunteer committee including Barbara Bloemke, Dennis Fujimoto, and Judi Murakami. Each year, countless volunteers from the county of Kaua'i and various community organizations and businesses assemble to assist with the parade. It is sponsored by the County of Kaua'i and funded through private donations, some of which include McCloskey and Company, Young Brothers, Garden Island Disposal, American Medical Response, the Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council, and many others which enable it to be free to the public.



IMUA Birthdays

December

- 4 - Mike Lovell
- 8 - Romeo Constantino
- 16 - Ruben Aranda
- 21 - Irineo Fernandez
- 30 - James Sarme

January

- 22 - Bradley Hiranaka
- 25 - Thomas Martins

February

- 16- Winifred Manera
- 23 - Dominador Tangonan
- 25 - Ryan Rivera
- 26 - Jorge Calamayan

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