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2010: International Year of the Lung

The **Hawaii COPD** (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) **Coalition (HCC)** and Department of Health have collaborated to get Governor Linda Lingle to **proclaimed 2010 Year of the Lung** in Hawaii. We join with hundreds of organizations all over the world, including the American Thoracic Society in **2010 Year of the Lung!** More information about Year of the Lung is at www.yearofthelung.org. A copy of this proclamation will be on the website of www.hawaiicopd.org

COPD Education Day 2010

Mark your calendar for the fourth annual COPD Education Day 2010, celebrating international Year of the Lung! It will be on **Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Queen's Conference Center**. Details to follow! Call (808)699-9839 for more information or to sign up to help with planning and arrangements.

Welcome to Our New Partners

The Hawaii COPD Coalition welcomes pulmonologist, **Dr. Christine Fukui**, registered nurses, **Gwenn Chinn**, and **Helen Bressler** and first year medical student, **Luke Lam** to our Project SUCCESS team and thanks them for their assistance. They are invaluable partners and additions to the Hawaii COPD Coalition! **Times Supermarket Health Mart® Pharmacy** is another new partner! Welcome also to new board member, **Robyn Akoyoshi, CPA**.

Breathing Hui

Support Group on breathing and cessation

Everyone is invited to attend the Breathing Hui meetings held monthly at Kaiser Honolulu (1010 Pensacola), meeting room 2A/B, **2nd Friday of the month from 10-noon**. The meetings are led by experienced respiratory therapist **Jo Ann Ikehara** and registered nurse **Donita Gano**. Many different topics are covered. Meetings are free; refreshments and supplies are included. Parking is \$3 for 3 hours. Thanks to trainer **John Cheung**, RD of WCCHC who led us in exercises in February. Pulmonologist, **Dr. Kevin Hara**, MD of Pali Momi, spoke in March on highlights from Hawaii Thoracic Society's Conference on Maui. Attorney **Owen Helleckson**, JD talked in April about estate planning, powers of attorney and advanced directives.

For May, we will have a mystery speaker and in June, we will have a medical student, **Megan Motosue** report about the May 2010 American Thoracic Society Conference in New Orleans.

For more information and details, contact the Hawaii COPD Coalition at (808)699-9839 or through the website or e-mail below.



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