

# TIM Alum's Medical Center Dream for West Maui Becomes a Reality



For many years now West Maui residents and visitors would have to travel miles to get emergency medical assistance and at times would have to deal with road closures along the way. But now with the continued efforts of the West Maui Improvement Foundation President, Joseph Pluta ('74 TIM grad), the WMIF Board of Directors, and the community's support, the development of the West Maui Hospital and Medical Center has finally been approved!

For over 10 years, Joe Pluta has been pushing to build an around the clock emergency medical center in West Maui to help the many West Maui residents and visitors. It has been reported that during a critical medical accident (ex: head injury) if a person does not obtain medical attention within the first hour of the accident the chances of experiencing complications and damage to the body is greater. Therefore with the development of this medical center the West Maui community will be just steps away from getting the best medical attention without having to travel very far.

It is truly extraordinary people like Joe that helps bring a community together. Congratulations Joe on this great milestone for Maui!

For more information on the new West Maui Hospital and Medical Center visit [www.westmauihospital.org](http://www.westmauihospital.org).

# TIM Alumni Leads Family Business Into Agtourism



Kylie Matsuda ('01), TIM alum, is currently the Managing Director for her family owned business, Kahuku Farms. She was recently featured in an [article \(click for pdf version\)](#) published in the Hawaii Business Magazine about how she is helping her family business expand into agtourism. It is a wonderful article on Kylie and her family company. Aside from her family business, Kylie is also serving on the TIM International, Inc Alumni Association (TIMI) Board of Directors. Congratulations Kylie!

## TIM Alum starring in "Gypsy"

Candes Meijide Gentry ('98), a TIM alum, will be starring in a Diamond Head Theatre Production of the popular Broadway musical "Gypsy". She will be playing the lead role of Louise/Gypsy Rose Lee. Candes has been in theater for almost 10 years and has performed in three DHT plays including "Gigi", "You Somebody" and "Follies". She is currently a vocal student at the University of Hawaii and has recorded two music cd's - Come What May and A Change in Me. Aside from entertaining, Candes works as the Director for her family's company Gentry Pacific, Ltd. She was recently married in Lanai to Milan Drager who also works in the travel industry as the Assistant Director of F&B at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Congratulations Candes! Break a leg!

"Gypsy" opens on March 20th and runs through April 5 at the Diamond Head Theater.

For ticket info call 733-0274 or visit

<http://www.diamondheadtheatre.com/season/2008-2009/play4/index.html>



# **Jimmy Buffet's at the Beachcomber Restaurant Now Open!**

The OHANA Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel has just reopened its newly renovated hotel. With all renovation complete and the grand opening of Jimmy Buffett's Restaurant you will want to see it for yourself! Once you enter the lobby you get the feeling of the ocean with the wavy like carpet and wall designs and the beautiful sealife paintings. The newly renovated rooms are absolutely gorgeous! You get the feeling of relaxation and comfort when you enter the room and with a fantastic view of Waikiki its a great place to vacation or just spend a weekend.

Plus with Jimmy Buffett's new restaurant, which has indoor and outdoor seating, and live entertainment at night, it's a perfect place for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Don't forget about the amazing Magic of Polynesia show that is one of Waikiki's most popular shows to see! So visit the OHANA Waikiki Beachcomber where you can have the perfect vacation or a great night out!

## *In loving memory of Teresa Lau*



TIM International would like announce the recent passing of fellow TIM graduate, Teresa Lau. Teresa graduated from the TIM School with a BBA in 1983. Before her passing, Teresa worked as the Director of Sales & Marketing at Riyuegu Hotsprings Resorts in Xiamen, China.

On behalf of all the TIM alumni, family, and friends, we send our condolences to the family of Teresa Lau.

You are forever in our prayers.