

Roselani Place

MAUI'S ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

ROSELANI SCENE

MAY "MEI" 2026



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Aloha from our General Manager

May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii...

I have always loved the simple beauty of leis, its essence and its importance to the people of Hawaii. Every year on May 1st we get to celebrate Lei Day as it was invented in 1927. Back then Don Blanding wrote an article in the local newspaper suggesting that a holiday be created around the Hawaiian custom of making and wearing a lei. Nearing a hundred years later the lei continues to be adorned here and around the world. It is culturally an iconic symbol to our state and its necklace shape is like life coming to full circle.

I can attest to a time where I had a moment my life came into full circle. It did not occur to me until one of our residents placed a green ti leaf lei on me with rose shaped ti leaves on New Year's Day. Our resident was wearing a red muumuu just like she wore on my wedding day. And it was the same green ti leaf lei with rose shaped ti leaves she adorned my husband and I on our wedding day back in 2008.

Our resident, Asano Suizu, was one of four ukulele players from Kaunoa Senior Center to play at our wedding reception. She donned a beautiful red muumuu and sang and played her ukulele effortlessly. I never saw her after our wedding until I returned to work at Roselani Place in 2019. The moment she placed the green ti lei on New Year's Day 2020, I exclaimed "Asano! You were at my wedding day and this is déjà vu. You gave me this lei before." Asano paused for a moment and said "that was you?!" We were both overcome with emotion as we realized it was fate that brought us together again. My love for a lei brought form an artistic professional lei maker from Pukalani to be at my wedding day. Now I get share my love for leis with my resident. What a true blessing!

Although a lei lasts only a while, the thought lasts forever. I will never forget that moment and neither will Asano as it has a created a bond between us that only a lei can do.

Mahalo Asano for allowing me to share our hoaloha (friendship). And wishing everyone a very special Mother's Day.

Mahalo nui loa,
Faith Gianan
General Manager



Visiting Roselani Place Reminders

Dear Residents and Families of Roselani Place,

Upon arriving to our Community, we kindly ask you do a quick temperature check at the Thermoscanner and complete the COVID screening on our iPad. Residents, staff, visitors and guests are not required to wear face masks and are optional. However, should we have an active staff or resident case, we encourage you to wear a face mask for your protection and for others. I also ask should one present any symptom(s) that is not COVID related, then please wear a face mask.

A friendly reminder to wash your hands often and please utilize the hand sanitizer stations throughout the building. When serial testing is being conducted, we encourage you to wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth upon leaving your room and when assisted by any one of our staff members. If you are in need of a free face mask, please ask us and are made available at the Front Desk. Wearing a face mask becomes optional again when serial testing is complete and no COVID activity is present.

If someone is exposed or is experiencing COVID or flu symptoms, we strongly urge our guests to refrain from visiting and to re-schedule their visit.

We have the ability to test those for COVID who may have been exposed and/or experiencing any symptom(s). **Please inform a Nurse, Resident Assistant or the Receptionist if you don't feel well.**

For our residents who are planning to go out, please inform us of the date, time, and approximate length of when you will be out of the facility. **At least 24-48 hours in advance of leaving**, to our Receptionist. Especially if medication administration services are being provided for a resident by the facility.

Roselani Place stays committed to the well-being of our residents. Our Health Services Team also wants to remind you to wash your hands often. Please inform our team in the Med Room when you have a medical appointment and at least 24 hours in advance to ensure transportation. When you feel sick or ill, please press your call pendant and inform any staff member or nurse.

On behalf of myself and all the staff of Roselani Place, we want to thank our residents and their families for their continued support and understanding to keep our community safe for everyone.

Thank you,
Faith Gianan
General Manager

Roselani Place Senior Prom Event

Our residents, families and friends are invited to attend

Save
the
Date

Senior Prom Event

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Main Lobby or Hansen Hall

2pm to 4pm

Live music by Nevah Too Late

Photo Booth by Hi Frequency Studio

SENIOR
Prom

May 2026 Important Dates

May 1	Lei Day ~ May Day
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Boy's Day
May 6	National Nurse's Day
May 10	Mother's Day
May 25	Memorial Day



Traditionally, Lei day is May first. The first Lei Day was started in Honolulu on the island of Oahu by Don Blanding in 1927. He created the idea to establish a unique Hawaiian holiday.

Lei Day became an official holiday in 1929 and is continued today, with lei-making competitions, concerts, hula performances, and the giving and receiving of lei among family and friends. The *lei* is a symbol of aloha – a way to show others that you care about them. A lei is a wreath of flowers, leaves, etc. that are worn around the neck or head.



In Memory of Roselani Place Residents

George Sano
October 18, 1923 - April 5, 2026

Dorothy Alo
January 2, 1934 - April 19, 2026





VISITOR INDUSTRY CHARITY WALK 2026

Join us at the 47th Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk for a beautiful morning of fun, food, prizes, entertainment and a little exercise as we fundraise to support Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i non-profit organizations. *All funds raised on Maui, stay in Maui! It's our tradition of giving!*

Saturday, May 9, 2026

War Memorial Special Events Arena

Parking located at the War Memorial Stadium

7:30 AM Check-in

8:00 AM Charity Walk Begins at the Start Line

Please consider donating and joining our **Team Roselani Place** for this year's Charity Walk here on Maui. Donations are still being accepted through May 31, 2026 **online only**.

Our Rummage Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, 4/18/26, was a huge success! Thank you to all who came, helped and donated items. Over **\$1,400.00** was raised and will go to our Team and be used to purchase new furniture for our main lobby area. Cash and check donations payable to **Charity Walk** are accepted through May 4, 2026.

Please see Debbie Priest for details.

If you are unable to walk with us, please consider a donation.

Scan QR code or visit: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/MAUI/team/RoselaniPlace>



VISITOR INDUSTRY CHARITY WALK 2026

May Birthdays at Roselani Place

Thomas Figueira	May 09
Elizabeth Cesario	May 10
Mary Yamada	May 12
Ed Gramit	May 13
Masue Okumura	May 16
Tetsuo Kanemitsu	May 22
Tamiko Tokumaru	May 29
Rachel Fujinaka	May 29
Sara Sanders	May 31



Complimentary Birthday Lunch
Please see Kalei in Activities for more info

The Power of Nurses™

The American Nurses Association is celebrating

National Nurse's Week

May 6-12, 2026

and throughout the month.

Roselani Place recognizes the invaluable contributions of our nurses and the real-life challenges they face every day. Whether you're a nurse, a healthcare professional, a resident, or someone who appreciates the valuable role our nurses play in providing our residents with a safe and comfortable environment to call home. National Nurses Week is the perfect time to share your gratitude and to celebrate all nurses!

At Roselani Place, we want to acknowledge our amazing nurses who make a difference in our resident's life, one kupuna at a time. They go above and beyond the call of duty today and everyday.

Mahalo nui to our awesome and dedicated team of nurses: Venesha, Charlene, Patty and Tiare. Each of you have a natural talent to care for our kupuna and we are grateful for all that you do. Your commitment to enrich the lives of our residents everyday is inspiring.

"They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel." ~ Maya Angelou





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May 2026 Newsletter
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Roselani Place May Employee of the Month Anne Kozuki

Congratulations to Anne Kozuki for being our May Employee of the Month. Anne is one of our dedicated Resident Assistants and has been working with us for over a year and a half. She is very dedicated to the care she provides our residents in assisted living.

Anne's husband and his siblings owned *Home Maid Bakery* in Wailuku and were well known for their delicious malasadas. The bakery had been in the Kozuki family for over 60 years. When the business closed two years ago, Anne wanted to help our kupuna. She shared, "... I decided to become a caregiver. It was so difficult at first but I have learned a lot every day and now I love my job. I love working at Roselani Place because I get to help them with their activities of daily living and get to know them personally. It's very rewarding to see the smiles on their faces when I come in to work."

Venesha Vasquez, our Director of Health Service, expressed how our residents are very appreciative of Anne's good care and the genuine compassion she exudes.

We are very lucky to have Anne be a part of our Ohana. Mahalo Anne for all your hard work and commitment to our residents and Roselani Place!



Mother's Day Luncheon

Sunday, May 10, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Menu

**Soup and Salad
Loaded Mashed Potatoes
Roasted Asparagus
Medallion Steak
Strawberry Shortcake**

Musicians in all three Dining Rooms

*Francine Starlite in Aloha Gardens
Nolan McFadden in Maluhia Terrace
Mike Fitzsimmons in The Main Dining Room*

Mahalo for your continued understanding, as we are unable to host a family Mother's Day Luncheon in our Main Dining Room due to the remediation and recovery efforts.