

## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

Aloha and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou from Bali Hai Villas! What a delightful holiday season our guests and owners enjoyed at the resort; our Guest Services team "decked the halls" this year, decorating a large Christmas tree in the Clubhouse and assisting many families with their "perfect" holiday family photo! Also, many of our owners and guests enjoyed Christmas Eve at Bali Hai as we featured "The Homestead", a local Kaua'i band that serenaded all with Hawaiian holiday tunes mixed in with traditional classics. Complemented by hula dancing, eggnog for the kids (and the adults!), sangria and an array of holiday treats, the evening spent upon the Mahina Terrace was a successful and welcome celebration of the holiday season.



Prior to the close of the year, on December 6th, Bali Hai Villas hosted a North Shore Blood Drive in partnership with the Blood Bank of Hawai'i. The drive was successful, with ten first-time donors joining fifteen others, including several of the resort's guests, in this day-long event in the Owners' Lounge where healthy snacks and refreshments were provided. Our Bali Hai Villas 'ohana is proud to host blood drives twice annually, providing a convenient and accessible North Shore location which had been missing for many years on the island of Kaua'i.

Pictured above: Sean Cannard, along with June Sundberg, Guest Services Manager

The weekly potluck dinners, complimented by Hawaiian entertainment and Mai Tais, continue to be very popular and well-attended, as does our recently added weekly fish-feeding activity at the resort's Dolphin Pond. Guests are provided an overview of the many varieties of fish, birds, and plants that call the resort's ponds their homes, and have the opportunity to feed our bountiful supply of fish at the same time. During your next visit to Bali Hai Villas, please be sure to review our current Activities Schedules upon the Clubhouse display board for a complete listing of all resort happenings!



## MEET THE BALI HAI VILLAS' "AMBASSADOR OF ALOHA"!!



Sylvia Iida is our Assistant Guest Services Manager and newly appointed "Ambassador of Aloha" at Bali Hai Villas. Born and raised here on the Garden Isle, Sylvia joined the Bali Hai 'ohana almost sixteen years ago.

Sylvia is married, with two children, which she states are her "greatest accomplishments". Her daughter holds an accounting/finance degree from Harvard University and her son has an engineering degree from South Point University. She states family is her number one priority because "you don't get another one or another chance to do it right!"

The majority of Sylvia's family has roots in the tourism and hospitality industry and she specifically remembers her grandmother encouraging her to apply for the Front Desk Manager's position many years ago. Sylvia started her career with Bali Hai Villas in 2001, when registration was still initiated at the airport for all of the PAHIO resorts on the island. In 2014, she accepted the position of Assistant Guest Services Manager exclusively for Bali Hai Villas. Sylvia loves helping people and taking on new challenges. She enjoys connecting with owners and guests to ensure that their vacations are memorable and rewarding. Sylvia is always smiling and radiating with positivity through her homegrown Aloha.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to be the Ambassador of Aloha for this great resort!" - Sylvia Iida



## Hawaiian Haupia (Coconut Pudding)

These sweet coconut cream custard cubes are a favorite at luaus and family gatherings. With no gluten or lactose, it is also an excellent option for those with dietary restrictions.

### Ingredients:

1 1lb bag frozen coconut milk 1/2  
cup sugar  
5 tbsp corn starch  
3/4 cup water

### Preparation:

In a small bowl, whisk corn starch with 3/4 cup water and set aside.

In a medium pan, combine frozen coconut milk with sugar over med low heat until sugar is completely dissolved. Slowly bring to a boil. Continuously stir and add cornstarch mixture.

Bring to a full boil over medium heat. Stir constantly until the pudding thickens and coats the back of the spoon. Lower heat and continue to stir until you have a smooth texture and the pudding is shiny.

Remove from heat and pour the mixture into an 8"x8" pan. (I use a 9"x13" pan for a double recipe). Ensure that the top has been evened out.

Place a piece of plastic wrap directly on top of the pudding. Refrigerate until cold and the pudding has set.

Cut into small squares and serve! To add a little tropical touch, try placing the pudding square on Ti leaves or a banana leaf!





## Anini Beach



Located just minutes away from the beautiful Bali Hai Villas lies the longest and widest fringe reef of the Hawaiian Islands, also known as Anini Beach. This particular beach is popular for camping, fishing from shore, and even paddle boarding above the lively reef. Even though Anini Beach does not have a lifeguard posted, it is still considered one of the safer beaches on Kauai's North Shore, aside from the strong currents and rip tides that can occur in the channels and outside the protective reef during the winter months.



Because of its unique conditions, this beach usually has well protected waters and some of the most consistent conditions for water activities. Enjoy snorkeling, beach walks, picnicing, and wind surfing almost all year long on this usually less crowded breathtaking beach. Anini Beach is lined with shade trees in most areas, has multiple campsites, picnic tables, pavilions, restrooms and showers. When visiting the beautiful North Shore, make sure you stop and visit this pristine area that is known for resting turtles and seals.

### **Bali Hai Villas** **"Creating Lifelong** **Memories with Aloha"**

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