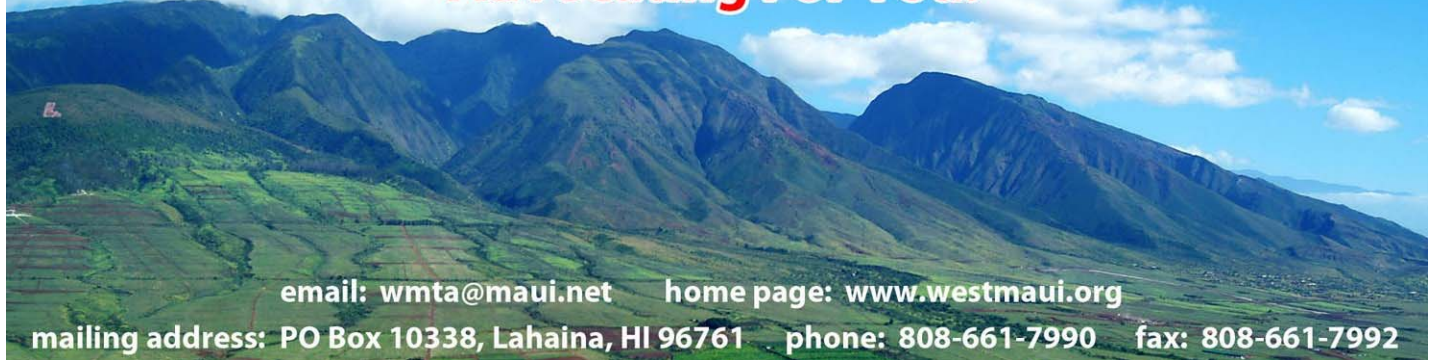


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A'ohe Hana Nui Ke Alu 'ia (No task is too large when we work together)

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Newsletter of the West Maui Taxpayers Association – September 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Joseph D. Pluta



It's time for some Good News!

First, Hawaii's governor Ige announced that on October 15, 2020, Hawaii's pre-travel testing program goes into effect, allowing visitors to avoid the 14-day quarantine if they test negative for Covid-19 within 72 hours of landing. In a news release September 25th, Hawaiian Air said it will provide drive-thru testing for passengers traveling from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Hawaii nearby to those airports. United Airlines made a similar announcement. Services are to be available by October 15th, 2020. See the steps listed in the article "Flying Into Hawaii" in this Newsletter.

Second, WMTA's Candidate's Night will be held on October 15th via Virtual Zoom webinar, Facebook and AKAKU channel 54. The exact log in and details will be on the WMTA web site for easy log in access. We will feature All of the Maui County Council who have opposition and the State district 10 House of representative seats. This is an excellent opportunity to make an informed choice for whom you will support in the November election.

Third, We want everyone to know that we have ongoing communications established with James Diegel, Maui Health Systems Chief Strategy Officer in conjunction with Maui Health Systems, CEO, Mike Rembis, and Lee Weiss. M.D. Emergency Room Operations chief.

They want me to assure everyone that we have an on-going commitment from them to establish a presence here in West Maui In Ultra Urgent Care Services to be supplemented with 24/7 Emergency Room as soon as practicably possible added. Our mutual plans toward this goal were suspended with Covid-19 and the financial toll it's taken on their operations.

Our sister organization, the West Maui Improvement Foundation's "West Maui Lifesaver Campaign," is the key to expedite West Maui's access to 24/7 Emergency Medical Services. If you have not yet sent in your tax-deductible donation to support this campaign, please use the form attached to do so today! (see enclosed form)

Finally, The Neighbors of West Maui Magazine October issue features yours truly (see Page 3) as "The Maui Island Specialist." Like you, I love Maui and serving the West Maui Community is my passion while God gets all the Glory for all successes. Please join with me in our "Betterment of Maui" agenda! Be a West Maui Lifesaver! We welcome your continued outstanding support.

Warmest Regards,

Joseph D. Pluta – President/ Treasurer



SAVE THE DATE – VIRTUAL CANDIDATES NIGHT - OCTOBER 15, 2020

The West Maui Taxpayers Association (WMTA) invite you to attend the **WMTA 2020 Candidates Night, Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 5:30 pm** via Virtual Zoom webinar, Facebook and AKAKU channel 54. The exact log in and details will be on the WMTA web site for easy log in access.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ENoCSd-PTD-OrKj3f8Fw6A

The **WMTA Candidates Night** is the only forum of its kind in West Maui – and will feature the Candidates for the following: State Senator District 06, State Representative District 10, Maui Mayor, and Maui County Councilmember-all districts. West Maui is a unique and vibrant community that provides employment opportunities and generates significant tax revenues for the all levels of government. WMTA is also unique in that our mission is to promote efficient use of the taxes generated to invest in infrastructure, services and amenities that help ensure that West Maui remains one of the best places to live, work and visit in the world. For any questions, please email wmta@maui.net or call 808-661-7990.



WEST MAUI LIFESAVER CAMPAIGN

Our West Maui Improvement Foundation, West Maui Lifesaver Campaign is gaining momentum and we want to know if you will join us and Stand For Life!

Your financial support and submission of your actual stories will be vital to our success in expediting a new CON for Emergency Medical Services 24/7 in West Maui. Please join us and be a part of the solution!

Next steps. See Page 5 & 6 or:

1. [Click here for fillable, then printable, form to donate \(side 1\), and/or submit your stories \(side 2\)](#) or
2. [Click here to submit story online](#)
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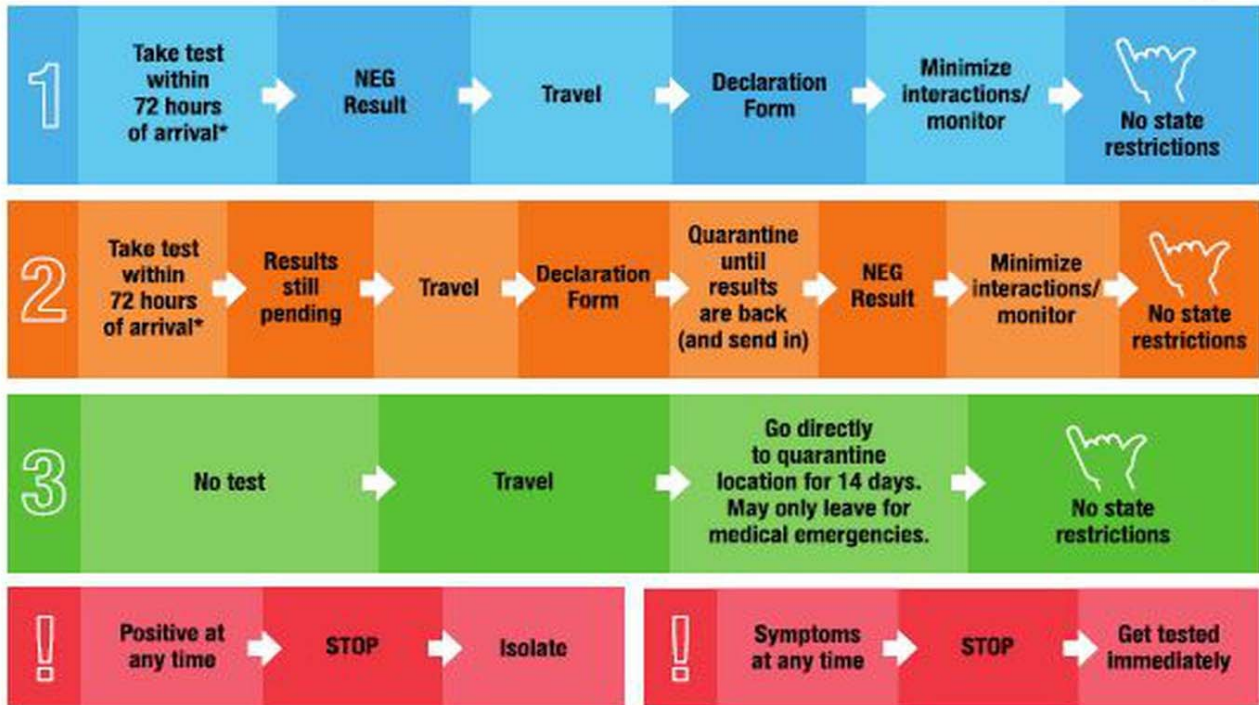
TRAVELING TO HAWAII

Image Source: Hawaii News Now <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2020/09/16/live-governor-discuss-states-covid-response-new-infections-slowly-decline/> Please visit link for more detailed information. This information is current as of October 1, for travel beginning October 15, 2020.

FLYING INTO HAWAI'I?



Take a pre-travel test or quarantine for 14 days. Here are the steps:



Joseph D. Pluta: the Maui Island Specialist



By Jasmine Hanner

Joseph Pluta is known as “the Maui Island Specialist”.

Joe has been a licensed realtor for over 42 years and is the principal broker and manager of Joseph D. Pluta Realty, LLC. He specializes in home sales, condo sales, property management, and vacation rentals on Maui - it wouldn't be a stretch to say he knows our beautiful island inside and out, like the back of his hand. Furthermore, he conducts his business with honesty, integrity, and genuine warmth that keeps his loyal clients coming back year after year. He offers full-service real estate sales and rental management at his suite on Lahainaluna Road, right in the heart of Lāhainā town.

“Upon being stationed on a nuclear fast attack submarine at subbase Pearl Harbor, I fell in love with Hawai'i...”

“God gets all the glory for any and all successes,” Joe says affectionately, in answer to what he attributes his personal success. “A commitment to service and God with humility is the key.” He smiles. Over the past four decades, Joe has enjoyed a long and successful career in real estate. In typical Joe fashion, however, he's a unique combination of two lifelong habits: he doesn't do anything but his very best, and he's incredibly humble. Not to mention, he hasn't simply been working long hours in his real estate office all these years. He's spent every spare minute working to make Maui a better place - for his loved ones, and for every single person who lives here. He calls it the “Betterment of Maui” agenda.

Joe and his lovely wife, Carole Joy, have been Rotary members for decades. He's continually invested his time and money in pushing for a much-needed West Maui hospital for over 20 years now. He's an esteemed member of the Realtors Association of Maui, Hawai'i Visitors & Convention Bureau, The Veteran's Advocacy and Benefits Association,

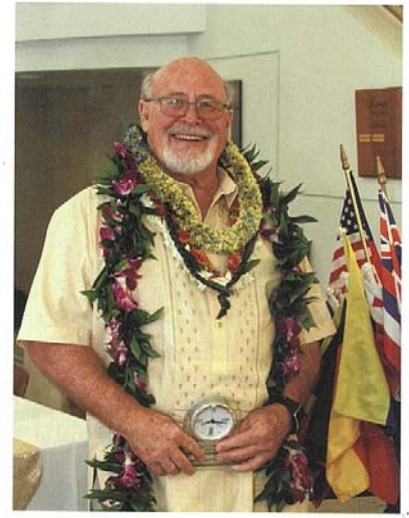
Maui Chamber of Commerce, Church on the Go, Inc, and the Maui Hotel and Lodging Association. And he's a founding board member of the West Maui Taxpayer's Association (WMTA) and the West Maui Improvement Foundation (WMIF), both organizations with a specific mission to improve our West Maui community.

As you can imagine, it's tough to choose a few favorite memories from such a wonderful career of service and hard work. But he does have a couple of all-time favorite moments. “Starting WTMA in 1980, and building the only privately funded fire and ambulance station ever at Nāpili,” he says with pride.

So, what prompted Joe to start his real estate empire? “Upon being stationed on a nuclear fast attack submarine at subbase Pearl Harbor, I fell in love with Hawai'i,” he explains with a grin. “I went to UH Mānoa Shidler College of Business on the G.I. bill, and got a double major degree in real estate and travel industry management in 1974.” He was later inducted into their Hall of Honors.

Joe and Carole Joy have five adult children, Jennifer, Alexandra, Ikela, Ezekiel (“Zeke”), and Mahealani; in turn, they have been further blessed with seven grandchildren, Brianna, Shekainah, Jeremiah, Mariah, Kaiulani, Kolomona, and Kenny. Jennifer, a graphic artist, resides in California and owns her own business, pixelsandpop.com. Her sister Alexandra is a model and singer in nearby Hollywood. Zeke works for the county of Maui mayor's office. Mahealani is a licensed insurance agent who also owns a fitness gym named Ho'omana Barbell in Wailuku (it is the only USPA certified powerlifting gym in all of Hawai'i), and Ikela is a licensed insurance agent working with Mahealani. Granddaughter Brianna also works in the insurance office, while Shekainah works in a bakery, and Jeremiah works for Hawaiian Airlines. Moriah, Kaiulani, and Kolomona are still in school. “Everyone loves all things to do with the ocean and beach BBQs,” Joe says of his 'ohana.

When Joe is not working tirelessly for his family, his business, and the community,



he and the love of his life, Carole Joy, enjoy relaxing at their favorite beach spot near mile marker 14 at Olowalu.



“We have been doing business for 41 years on Maui with thousands of satisfied customers,” Joe concludes, warmly flashing his trademark big smile.

You can find the “Maui Island Specialist” by visiting mauidestination.com, [LinkedIn \(Joseph D. Pluta\)](https://www.linkedin.com/in/joseph-d-pluta), and [Facebook \(@Joseph-Pluta\)](https://www.facebook.com/josephpluta), or learn more about the “Betterment of Maui” agenda by visiting westmaui.org (WMTA) and westmauiimprovementfoundation.org (WMIF). ●

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September is National Preparedness Month, (NPM)

"Disasters Don't Wait. Update your Ohana Plan Today."

It's crystal clear to our Nation that Preparing for Disasters must now include Pandemics. Please visit www.WestMaui.org direct link <http://www.westmaui.org/news-blog/national-preparedness-month-npm> , to see the recommendations by Dennis A Terpin, Ph.D. retired Emergency Manager at the University of Illinois Chicago, Emergency Manager West Maui Taxpayers Association, to keep your family safe all year long.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Joseph D. Pluta

The WMTA and the WMIF were created to advocate for the West Maui community over 41 years ago. The record of accomplishments is remarkable. Covid-19 and the pandemic challenges has evidenced the gaps and failures of government in resolving issues leaving us wondering why we were wholly unprepared. With the "new normal," and all of the complexities of re-starting our economy ahead of us, there are many challenges to be met and we will be relying upon our members to "step up," and do more. When you think that you have done absolutely everything to address problems, remember this, "You have Not." There is always more to be done that you simply did not imagine could or would be possible. That is why we are reaching out to remind you about the choices you have of being a part of the problem or part of the solution.

One of our past presidents and a hard-working board member, Rick Nava, has put his name on the ballot to be our West Maui Council member. We applaud his decision and invite you to compare his qualifications and service with our incumbent when you consider whom you will want to support.

We know that our success has been evidence that with God's help, all things are possible to those who believe. We love the quote about commitment below and invite you to carefully consider its significance.

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative and creation, there is one elementary truth the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents, meetings and material assistance which no man could have dreamed would have come his way.

Whatever you do, or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now."

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and William Hutchinson Murray-

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