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# Senior Luau Help Out

On the day of December 5, 2018, Farrington Key Club members and a few of our officers volunteered to make flowers as decorations for Class of 2019's Senior Luau. Every year, Senior Luau is a fun filled event that is specifically planned for Seniors every year. Key Club had a general meeting on that same day and fortunately, members were more than happy to go and volunteer in making flowers out of colored construction paper. At first, it was a hard task due to the amount of steps and folding we had to do to make the perfect flower. Although it was a bit challenging, we helped each other out by assisting one another making sure each step we did was accurate. We were also helping out with Class of 2019's council and they were really nice to us and even got to talk stories with friends.

After two hours of making flowers, we realized we had made so many and the council thanked us for all our hard work. Members had fun in this service project because they got to be creative. They also got to learn how to make flowers in that certain way since those were very pretty. In this service project, it also gave few officers a chance to bond with new members and improve our leadership and collaboration skills together. It was a great feeling knowing we are giving back to our own school and fellow students by making their event decorations as nice possible to contribute it making it a fun and memorable event for our seniors.

# Honolulu Marathon

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, Farrington Key Club helped out for the Honolulu Marathon with other Key Clubbers from other schools. This event is at 3:00 in the morning but it was very exciting. A lot of members look forward to this event because not only they meet new people and cheer up the runners. Our teacher separated us to different jobs. There was a lot of people who filled up cups with water. Some were in the table arranging the cups. Most people had to stand on the line and pass out the waters to the runner. Lastly, we had to clean up after the event.

Before the the actual marathon started, we had to fill up thousands of cups with water for the runners to grab and drink. Each group was in charge of a table. Each table there people who lay out cups and once it's arranged, someone fills out the pitcher and pour water in each cup(half way only). For each table we made three layers of water and waited for the runners to come. The actual fun started when the runners were finally coming to the water stations. The people passing out the waters were to stand on a line and stretch their hands and put a cup of the water for the runners to have an easier time grabbing waters. As the people grab waters from the table, someone is in charge of making the cups organized. When there were only little runners coming on the stations people, our teachers told some of us to start picking up empty cups on the road. When the last runners already passed our stations, we started cleaning out the extra cups and started cleaning the road fully. When everything was cleaned up and took a group picture to remember this tiring but awesome day.



# Technology

On Saturday, December 15, 2018, Farrington Key Club went to Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center to help and taught around 30 elders about their devices, such as phones, tablets, and computers. We thought that the outcome of the elders would be less, since last time there was more volunteers than elders. This experience was fun and exciting for our members and the elders because they got to interact with each other and share stories about their families. Also, the elders kept thanking us for helping them and some wrote down notes for them so that they'll remember what to do.

Before teaching and helping the elders, they got a lesson about how to use Facebook, since most of them wanted to start one to communicate with their friends and families. While that was going on, I was planning out which members have tables, since there was more elders than members. Each table acquired about 4 to 5 elders and 1 to 2 members. We did it like this because most elders have the same questions about how to use certain devices. However, the remaining elders had different devices, like a Kindle Fire tablet, those members who knows how to use it are assigned to help them. After the service was over, we thanked the elders for coming and they thanked us for having patience with them, which we found cute. Some elders stayed longer since they were part of the team that planned the service and they were talking to us on how to improve the service, in which we responded that it would be good if the ratio to elders and volunteer is 2 to 1, that way elders could have more chances to ask other questions. After we left, members continued to talk about how the elders was so nice, offered them some food and water, and how they were looking forward to the next Learning Technology service.



# Stan Sheriff

Being in the Stan Sheriff Center and taking orders from customers gave me a good idea of an actual job. Not knowing what to expect as I showed up at call time waiting for the rest of the volunteers to show up, I was quite nervous and excited after hearing how fun it all was. Key club members would tell me how the job of a cashier was cool, how being a runner is crazy and how the lady working there was really strict. If I had to be honest, Stan Sheriff is the community service that will break your legs because of standing and running for many hours. Even though it was a really tiring day, it was all worth it knowing we gained much more money for our HCON event.

From the start of entering the concession place, there was already yelling. "Send someone down to the kitchen to retrieve this or that!" "start separating the bowls!" "put the hot dogs in the wrappers!" it was anarchy in a very small place. With Ms. Romero there, I would say it was organized and much more easier because there were some people, like me, who did not know at all what they were doing. It was understandable why Auntie Melinda was constantly yelling at us, she just knew that with how slow we was and how we were all just standing there, we was never going to get things done on time. In my honest opinion, working stan sheriff is really fun, despite all the chaos, we were just living in the real world. We all worked together to get things done, and if we hadn't then things would have gone out of place. Like what the author John C. Maxwell said, "The truth is that teamwork is at the heart of great achievements", and thanks to all of the volunteers on December 16 2018 Stan Sheriff was a success.





# Avalon Arts and Crafts

In this month's Avalon Arts and Crafts, we created letters for the elders in the center. On December 23, our members socialized with the elderlies very well as they shared some of their background stories with us. There was a lady who talked a lot about her children and how she loves them very much and how much she appreciates them for being in her life despite the distance between them.

Most of the elders did a card for their loved ones -- their children, relatives, grandkids, and many more. We honestly didn't care if the letters were aesthetically pleasing or not; what's important is that the cards were made straight from the heart. I personally made a card for aunty Sandra because I see her every month I attend avalon and she warms my heart every time she smiles. This is why I love going to avalon -- to see how much of an impact we make for the elders, how we make them happy, and how, in some ways, we make them feel special, which we genuinely do feel.

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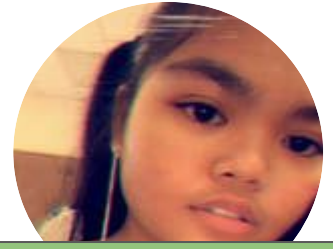
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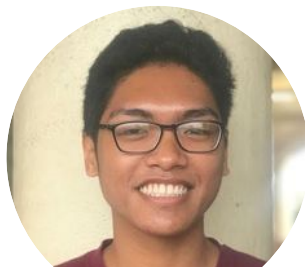
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