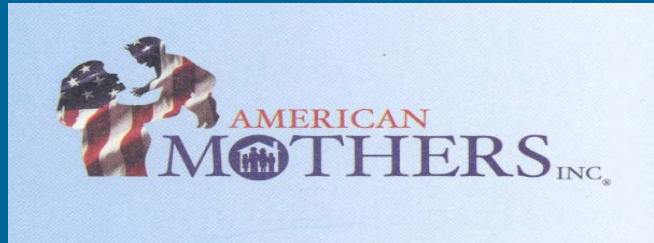


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2007 Mother of the Year Bennette Evangelista

Despite achieving success in the corporate world, Bennette Misalucha Evangelista has never forgotten her most important role in life, MOM. Her loving marriage to Alfredo Evangelista, an attorney in private practice, has produced two wonderful children, Christian (20) and Danielle (15).



assist disenfranchised communities and children gain access to educational and cultural resources.

Danielle Evangelista, Bennette's 15 year old daughter has this to say about her mom, "Being a mom is hard work, but somehow my mom makes it look easy. I get a glimpse of my future as I watch her juggle her challenging job,

Bennette navigated difficult career choices by putting family first. A television journalist by training and experience, she switched to banking to accommodate family needs. Now on her third career, she's excelled in all three while juggling family and community obligations along the way. She is currently an executive for a global development company.

Her commitment to children is reflected in her community affiliations; First Vice Chair of Girl's Scouts Council of Hawaii, Regent at Chaminade University, Board Member -YMCA and former Director of the YWCA.

Born in the Philippines to Benjamin and Avelina Misalucha, Bennette's immigrant roots inspire her to

two busy children, pressing community matters, and a loving marriage. She's what I want to be. Not only is my mom the woman who gave me life, but also my best friend. We spend immense amounts of time together, enjoying each other's company. I can tell her anything and she won't judge me, no matter what the circumstances. She guides me through my tough teenage years and in my book, her love and support in whatever I do is enough to get an award."



Bennette with mom Avelina

Happy Mother's Day



Mother's Day was on May 13 th. Don't forget to honor the mothers in your life everyday.

American Mother's Inc. is the official sponsor of Mother's Day (see story on page 4).

May is AMI membership month. Renew TODAY!

Mom's Conference a BIG Success

The second annual AMI Hawaii Association's Mother's Conference held at the Kamehameha Schools earlier this year was a great success. Two hundred fifty women joined together for an afternoon of fun, inspiration, learning and relaxation.

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Led by 2006 MOY Sally Lee and YMOY Taran McQuivey, the planning for this event began in May '06. Inspired by the theme "Treasuring Motherhood" the day began with a choice of four activities; lomilomi, make-your-own family treasure box, tie quilting or yoga. This open forum of activity allowed moms who arrived early to get creative and unwind, while allowing time for others to arrive and participate in the opening session which featured, Laurie Richardson, the National Mother of the Year (NMOY).

Laurie who comes from Nevada, and a long time advocate for children, opened our conference with

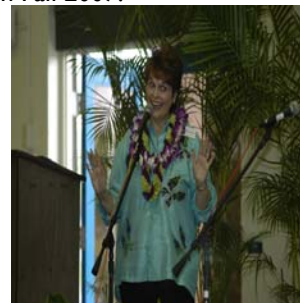
a passionate and enthusiastic address on strengthening families.

Workshop sessions were next on the agenda with a choice of ten topics. These included classes on exercise and health, family fun, family traditions, communication, strengthening relationships with God and understanding husbands. Attendees could choose three sessions and all had great fun learning and interacting with other women.

The evening ended with a light dinner, entertainment by Halau Hula Olana, DrillTeam Hawaii and an array of fabulous door prizes.

The best part of the conference however was the love

and fellowship that permeated throughout the day. Mothers, grandmothers, young, old, single or married, it didn't matter. All came together for a few hours of renewal and recommitment to womanhood and motherhood. Watch for the next Mother's Conference coming in Fall 2007.



NMOY Laurie Richardson



AMI Hawai'i Awards Banquet

The Hawaii Association of American Mothers Inc. banquet was

filled with excitement as the honorees received their guests at the Hale Koa Hotel, located on Waikiki Beach. Honored that evening were Bennette Misalucha Evangelista, 2007 Mother of the Year, and Jolene Kaopuakeaonoono Keli'iliki Bradshaw, 2007 Young Mother of the Year.

The ballroom was filled with love from family and friends that came from all areas of Oahu. Some attendees came from as far away as the Philippine Islands to honor these outstanding moms.

Upon arrival, guests were serenaded by AMI-Hawaii's very own booster members, Bert DuPont, Lyle McMillan, Bode Uale and Amanda Dupont. Board members May Shumway, (2005YMR) and Sally Lee (2006 MOY) continued the entertainment during dinner with beautiful piano medleys. Taran McQuivey (2006YMR) shared her

amazing vocal talents as Dawn Mukai (MOY 2005) graced the guests with a hula to the famous "I'll Remember You." What talent exists amongst us!!

The feast that evening was a scrumptious Asian buffet which was not only delicious but beautifully displayed. No one went home hungry!

After the awards presentation ceremony, Bennette and Jolene ended the evening by sharing their plans for the upcoming year. It will be a special year filled with new ideas to further the goals of AMI-Hawaii which is to strengthen the home and family.



May is AMI Membership Month

Congratulations! You are a member of the great organization that recognizes and honors mothers. OOPS—membership lapsed? May is AMI membership renewal month. Take a moment to renew your commitment to supporting MOTHERHOOD by downloading the membership form on page 5 . New members are WELCOME—join TODAY!



Jolene Bradshaw, Young Mother Representative 2007

Jolene Kapuakeaona Keli'iliki Bradshaw was born March 15, 1965 in Mission

Hills, CA. She attended Brigham Young University Hawaii where she majored in Music with an emphasis on Piano. She also danced professionally at the Polynesian Cultural Center and has performed around the world as a member of PCC's Promotional Team.

Married for eighteen years, Jolene resides in Ewa Beach, HI with her husband, Scott, and their 16 year old daughter, Jordyn. Jolene works full-time for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as the office manager for their Facilities Management Group. She is also a member of the Parents Board for The Kamehameha Schools Concert Glee Choir, serves in church as the ward organist, choir pianist and Sunday School teacher, and continually supports her husband who serves as the Bishop of the Ewa Beach 2nd Ward.



Scott, Jolene and Jordyn

While introducing Jolene at the 2007 awards banquet, May Shumway, 2005 Young Mother said, "On a personal note: I want to share with you three things that will help you understand why Jolene Bradshaw is full of life and why any kid would want her as a mom. First, she loves chocolate, and you can say she's as sweet as chocolate. She is irresistible and those around

her can easily become addicted to her fun personality. Second, she loves Disneyland and anything "Disney". She has completed two of Disney's annual marathons, as evidenced by this medal. Her upbeat personality is very contagious and you can't help but smile whenever you're around her. She brings out the best in everyone she meets. Lastly, she adores her family, her husband Scott and her daughter

Jordyn. Jolene exemplifies everything that AMI believes in, as she daily strengthens the spiritual foundation of her home and family.

National AMI Convention

The 72nd National AMI Convention was held in exciting Las Vegas on April 25-28, 2007. The Renaissance Hotel on Paradise Drive is a non-gambling, family hotel that accommodated members from all over the United States and Puerto Rico.

Representing Hawaii were our new 2007 MOY Bennette Evangelista and our 2007 YMR Jolene Bradshaw, Bert and Amanda DuPont, Lyle and Lianna McMillan and Abe and Sally Lee.

Workshop presenters included

author of the #1 best seller, The Christmas Box, Richard Paul Evans, Anita Canfield, Linda & Richard Eyre, Jane Clayson Johnson and "The Fly Lady" Marla Cilley.



The Men's Booster group went on a tour of Hoover Dam and had an unforgettable helicopter tour of the city.

We are proud of our MOY and YMR who gave excellent

speeches and won the hearts of all. The new 2007 National Mother of the Year is Ileen Loosle Barlow of Oregon and the National Young Mother is Ansley Barnett of Georgia.

Visit us at

www.americanmothershawaii.org

Visit our website for the latest news and pictures of our AMI Hawaii Association activities and personalities at www.americanmothershawaii.org.

Meet our 2007 Mother of the Year and Young Mother of the Year and find out what makes them so special. See what's ahead in our AMI activities and join us.

Join AMI Hawai'i as we participate in the Kailua 4th of July parade.

Wednesday, July 4th

9am

Questions—Call Merv at 842-8444





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History and Purpose of American Mothers, Inc.

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Anna Reeves Jarvis

Mothers, Inc. (AMI) began in the Reeves Jarvis as she sought to caught in the conflict of the Civil love and friendship across battle vance grew into a national holiday Mother's Day.

Today, AMI is the official sponsor of Mother's Day and Mother of the Year

The first Mother of the Year was presented by Honorary Chair Sarah Delano Roosevelt in 1935 at the Waldorf Astoria. Every year since then, AMI has named a remarkable mother from among Mothers of the Year for 50 states, Puerto Rico, and District of Columbia for this important honor. In the 1960's, AMI expanded to support the specific needs of young mothers and the selection of Young Mother of the Year. All mothers are honored at an annual convention in recognition of the invaluable contribution mothers make to the future success and happiness of their children and society.

Sally Lee, MOY 2006 Recognized

Sally Okura Lee, our 2006 Mother of the Year was selected by the National Association of Social Workers – Hawaii Chapter as the Social Worker of the Year for Family and Child Welfare. She was honored at a NASW banquet in March 2007. Sally has been a social worker with LDS Family Services for 26 years. She also received the Angel of Adoption Congressional Award in Washington DC in September 2006 for the extensive work she has done with adoption in Hawaii over the years. She was also named recipient of the national award of Service to Families and Children from LDS Family Services in 2006.





Membership Application

Name: _____

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State

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▶ Annual dues = \$25

Please enclose a check payable to: Hawaii Association of AMI

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Annual dues include membership in American Mothers Inc. (\$20) and in the Hawaii State Association (\$5). Members receive American Mother magazine.

Renewals are due May 1 of each year.

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