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Ed Reinhardt



On May 11, Ed Reinhardt will succeed Bill Bonnet as President of Maui Electric Company. Reinhardt moves into his new position after fourteen years with MECO, most currently as Manager of Energy Delivery. Bill Bonnet will return to parent company, Hawaiian Electric, to fill the role of Vice President of Government and Community Affairs.

Reinhardt is a native of Maui and a graduate of Lahainaluna High School. He holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from Northrop University and has worked as a power systems engineer for Amfac's Lihue plantation, chief engineer at Molokai Electric Company and as a systems engineer for Kauai Electric Company. "Bill Bonnet has worked hard to help MECO maintain a strategic focus and commitment to our community. These priorities have kept our company on target and I'm looking forward to continuing that commitment," says Reinhardt.

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Outgoing president
Bill Bonnet

Over the last five years Bonnet has served as Director of the Maui Chamber of Commerce and Director of the Maui Economic Development Board, a board member of the Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation and the Maui Family YMCA. "I'm so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such a great MECO team and to have experienced the tremendous support of this community. Ed is one of Maui's 'own,' and I know I leave MECO in good hands," said Bonnet.



Graduates: Hang on to your memories!

It's graduation season and here in Hawaii we express pride in our graduates with leis, gifts, and bright balloons. But take note: If someone in your family receives a Mylar balloon for graduation, encourage them to "hang on to their memories!"

These popular, shiny balloons are leaving more and more people in the dark when they end up in overhead power lines. Each year the number of outages attributed to Mylar balloons entangled in lines during the graduation season increases.

MECO would like to ask for your support as the season for commencement exercises begins. When buying balloons for your graduate, check to be sure a small weight is attached to the end of the ribbon or string that holds the balloons. This will help us keep the lights on and help our graduates to hang onto their memories.

2001 Electron Marathon highlights

More than 3,000 supporters cheered on twenty high school teams from around the state at the Sixth Annual Electron Marathon on March 24 at Ford Island. The electric vehicles are designed, engineered and built by students from kits supplied by MECO, its parent company, Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and Hawaii Electric Light Company (HELCO).



Maui's Electron Marathon award winning entry, **Seabury Hall**.

Zooming ahead in first place was the Big Island's **Kohala High School** with the highest overall score. **Kohala** also took top honors in four award categories: Best of Show, Best Vehicle Performance, Best Documentation and Best Construction and Safety. Coming in 2nd place for Best Vehicle Performance was Maui's **Seabury Hall**. Other Maui County schools participating were **Maui High School** and **Lanai High and Elementary School**.

MECO and its affiliates sponsor the annual event in partnership with the State Department of Education, the U.S. Navy, Young Brothers, the U.S. Department of Energy and Citizens Energy Services – Kauai Division.

Bill payment help available in June

During June, the State's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program will be offering customers with household income and assets below a certain threshold a one-time annual credit against their electric bill.

To apply, take your original electric bill (no copies) during the period of **June 1 through June 29** to one of these Maui Economic Opportunity offices:

Maui	249-2970
Maui (Hana)	248-8282
Molokai	553-3216
Lanai	565-6665

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Oriental Lavosh (Armenian Flat Bread)



- 3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup furikake (seasoned seaweed mix)

Preheat electric oven to 350°F. Combine flour, baking soda, salt, and butter. With a pastry blender, mix ingredients together until mixture resembles cornmeal. Add buttermilk and stir until mixture forms a dough. Add furikake; knead lightly. Form dough into 1-inch balls and lightly coat with flour. On a floured board, roll balls into paper-thin (1/16-inch) pieces. Place on baking sheets and bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 8 to 10 servings.