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His passing was just four weeks after the terminal diagnosis of three to six months, and they barely got everything tended to. Now as an author, publisher and speaker, Karen has developed a workbook called, A Guide to Getting Affairs in Order, to help other families and individuals get organized before it is too late. She is determined to help families have peace of mind by guiding them to communicate and avoid being caught needlessly in an unfortunate situation during a time of grief. Her intent is to take the scary and uncomfortable out of the conversations people need to have so they may be begin to understand the importance of organizing valuable documents and letting their last wishes be known.

Whether you talk about it or not, death is going to happen. Accidents happen every day. Unexpected emergency health issues come up with no notice. With the help of A Guide to Getting Affairs in Order, any vital information that your family and loved ones need in the event of a calamity is recorded. This workbook is designed for everyone to use, and makes it easy for you to tell someone where your important documents are kept. It also allows you to clearly detail any final intentions and wishes. Many decisions that need to be made at the time of death can be made in advance, such as burial arrangements, financial and legal matters. There is some solace for your loved ones knowing they are doing exactly what you wanted. This road map is provided by you for your survivors.

Even those who are superstitious and don’t want to talk about death, or those that are not comfortable sharing financial information with anyone, now have a place to record everything they want their loved ones to know. The questions range from legal documents and financial affairs, to family history and more delicate matters such as your last wishes. Everyone needs someone who knows what to do or who to call. This guide will help you, your family and loved ones have peace of mind.

Karen discussed the importance of communicating to your beneficiaries about different forms such as Advance Health Care Directive, Power of Attorney and Durable Power of Attorney. The workbook is designed to be a step by step guide, and clearly identifies all documents and information necessary to make final arrangements. She recommends reading through the workbook first, and then write the answers wherever you choose. If circumstances change, or financial information needs updating, it is quick and easy to add new account statements and remove and shred those that are no longer active. The workbook can be stored with the current year’s tax information, and reviewed each year.

While we are working and earning money, we make many choices. We set some general goals and adjust our 401K or other financial vehicles to be able to achieve them. There are some great resources out there that speak to this. There are financial planners that will give us advice. And there are many programs and groups we can join to become educated in savings and investing. Many times we don’t watch the progress of our 401K or other long term investments. They are long term, and so they don’t do much from day to day, week to week, month to month, and maybe not even from year to year. But what is important is that we keep track of where they are and how to find out about them when we need to move them. One of the things we can do for ourselves or for our Elderly loved ones is to help gather the information about these types of financial accounts into a place where they can be found when they are needed.

There are many sad stories about people passing unexpectedly and not one person in the family knows what that person’s wishes were. You have this opportunity to record your intentions and ensure that those who are helping to sort through your affairs know what you want. They will know the location of your will and any additional paperwork. They will know if there are accounts other than the obvious checking and savings accounts, and what to do with the funds.

The workbook does not provide legal advice, and no one should rely on it in making any final legal decisions without consulting a lawyer. It is designed to provide a starting place for conversation, organization, and decision-making regarding what is right for your family. If you need additional information, you can email Karen at Karen@gettingaffairsinorder.com or visit her website at www.gettingaffairsinorder.com.

Past President Ernie thanked Karen for her presentation and asked her to sign a children’s book “Santa Claus and the Molokai Mules”, by Jeffrey Garcia, which will be donated to Aiea Elementary School to promote literacy.

**CELEBRATIONS**

Member Induction: David Arashiro inducted March 7, 1997 and sponsored by Jim Dolin and Stefanie Wilson, inducted March 8, 2010 and sponsored by Ernie Anderson

Member Birthdays: David Arashiro, March 12 and Bruce Fink, March 1

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

“I CAN” donators: Alice & Bee Clark, Ernie Anderson, Connie & Gene Kraus, Dudley Fullard-Leo, John McLaughlin, Jim Varner, Stefanie Wilson, Alan Lloyd, and Willa Gardner

**HAPPY BUCKS**

Ernie Anderson, $20 to the Rotary Foundation, happy because his golf is good. Dudley Fullard-Leo, $10 to the Rotary Foundation, daughter got her life saving certificate. Ted Meeker, $20 to the Rotary Foundation, happy that he managed to show up. John Mihlbauer, $20 to the Rotary Foundation, for his son and bosses birthday.

**PROGRAM**

Ernie Anderson introduced our Guest speaker Karen C. O’Neil, a certified wellness counselor and prior member of the American Counseling Association. Her knowledge in counseling, coupled with a real life experience with the death of a family member, has inspired her to help others protect their families and loved ones. There is some solace knowing someone is doing everything exactly as it was wanted.

A few years ago, Karen’s children leaned on her to help cope with the passing of their father – her ex-husband. Not only did the family grieve together, but they had to work together to get all his affairs in order. His passing was just four weeks after the terminal