



# Governor's E-Newsletter

## November 22-28, 2003



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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### **Major Headlines**

**Governor Lingle Serves Thanksgiving Meals**

**Watabe Wedding Corporation Performs its 300,000th Hawai`i Wedding**

**Washington Place Foundation Holds Ornament Sale**

**Salvation Army Bells Sound the Start of the Holiday Season**

**St. Andrew's Priory Girls Sing at the Capitol**



As volunteers look on, Governor Lingle performs a ceremonial carving of turkey before serving Thanksgiving meals to the homeless.

### **Governor Lingle Serves Thanksgiving Meals**

Governor Lingle joined members of the community at the River of Life Mission to serve Thanksgiving meals to Hawai`i's homeless. Over 120,000 meals are served annually at River of Life Mission. The Mission, a non-profit organization committed to helping the homeless and indigent, helps 300-400 people on a daily basis who drop by in need of a meal, shower, change of clothes and even a friend. Bob Marchant, executive director said, "When I first started four years ago, we were serving 7,000 meals per month, and now we're up to 10,000 meals each month." Read more about [River of Life Mission](#).



Mr. Hidetoshi Watabe and Governor Lingle congratulate Watabe Wedding Corporation's 300,000th couple, Junko and Mitsuhiro Yatsuzuka.

### **Watabe Wedding Corporation Performs its 300,000th Hawai`i Wedding**

Each year Watabe Wedding Corporation brings 15,000 weddings to the state of Hawai`i. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuhiro Yatsuzuka marked a milestone in the 30 years Watabe Wedding has been providing weddings in Hawai`i, as the 300,000th couple was wed this week. Governor Lingle declared November 26, 2003, "Watabe Wedding Corporation Day" and offered her congratulations to the couple in a lei exchange ceremony at the Capitol. According to the 2002 Annual Report published by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, of the 6,389,058 visitors who arrived by air to the state in 2002, 10.9 percent came to get married and/or honeymoon. 61 percent of all visitors getting married or on their honeymoon were from foreign countries. [Read more in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.](#)



Governor Lingle signs an ornament for a customer. Photo courtesy of Gary Hofheimer.

### **Washington Place Foundation Holds Ornament Sale**

Governor Lingle personalized holiday ornaments purchased in support of the Washington Place Foundation. 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the fifth in a series of ornaments will benefit the non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of this venerable Governor's Mansion and former home of Hawai`i's last monarch, Queen Lili`uokalani.



Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona ring bells for Salvation Army to encourage public participation in support of the organization. Photo courtesy of Daniel de Castro.

### **Salvation Army Bells Sound the Start of the Holiday Season**

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona kicked off the holiday season by ringing The Salvation Army bells and tending the famous red kettles in downtown Honolulu. For the second year, the Governor and Lt. Governor encouraged the public's participation in supporting Salvation Army's year-round charitable programs. "The sight of red kettles and sounds of ringing bells have been a part of everyone's holiday memories," said Governor Lingle. "Lt. Governor Aiona and I are happy to help continue this tradition of giving and support The Salvation Army's efforts to establish a comprehensive network of social services in Hawai'i."

### **St. Andrew's Priory Girls Sing at the Capitol**



45 second-graders from St. Andrew's Priory visited the Capitol to spread some holiday cheer by performing a medley of songs.

### **Special Quote of the Week:**

**Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona Offer Thanksgiving Message**

[Read their message in .pdf.](#)

### **Key Upcoming Events**

**December 1** Governor Lingle will take part in a World AIDS Day Memorial Service and Celebration of Life, Church of the Crossroads, 6:40-7:00 p.m.

**December 2** Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Administration.

**December 6** Governor Lingle departs for meetings in Washington, D.C., including the National Governor's Association's Task Force on Long-Term Health Care.