Pelekikena’s Message:

Mele Kalikimaka to everyone. This has been a difficult year for many members and our ohana but with all the prayers and luck, next year will be better!

Mahalo to everyone in 'Ainahau O Kaleponi and a special mahalo to the executive board for everything they have done to support our hui.

I am looking forward to 2011 and hope to see more of our members at all the events and meetings. Mele Kalikimaka, Hauoli Makahiki Hou! Analani

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Mele Kalikimaka and Hau’oli Makahiki Hou Everyone!

Hope you enjoy the usual articles, announcements and additional reports. Jackie has provided reports on the laulau sale held on December 3, 2010 and entertaining at St. Frances Convalescent Home December 6, 2010 – sounds like a wonderful time had by all – sorry I missed it! Paddy has penned great articles on Ainahau’s visit to Lunalilo Home in November and a Mahalo to Corey. Have included Corey’s information regarding collection of pull tab donation. Our Island Bazaar was successful as noted. Last but not least are the highlights on our Annual Christmas Party by Charlene. I have added a section for updates/changes for the Membership List dated November 29, 2010. Joan will be providing changes/additions via newsletter and e-mail until the next list is printed next summer. Pictures attached cover the Christmas Party. Calendars will resume in the March newsletter.

Malama Pono, Maggie Perry

Hawaiian Word of the Day

Published with the permission of Liana Iaea Honda he momi e lei ai--a pearl to wear as a lei

Today’s Hawaiian Pearl is:

OLI (‘oh-lee) Joy, happiness, pleasure, happy, joyful, gay.

On this eve of Christmas we celebrate with ‘Oli, joy, for all the blessings that we enjoy. Surely if you have the capability of reading this He Momi you have electricity, technology and time to sit and enjoy mail from family, friends and colleagues, a luxury many around the world do not have.

‘Oli can also be found in the word Hau'oli, commonly translated as happiness. I like to say Hau'oli Kalikimaka, Happy Christmas, or Joyous Christmas. You might also hear a reduplication of the word ‘oli--'olo ‘oli, to delight or enjoy. The Hawaiian language is filled with reduplicated words, frequently reduplicated to add emphasis to its “singular” meaning. Nu ‘oli, nu ‘oli, he nu kamaha’o - joyful news, joyful news, astonishing news (from the Hawaiian hymn Nu ‘Oli) ‘Oli’oli kakou a pau, ua hanau ‘ia ke Ali’i Nui o na ali’i - We all are filled with delight, the king of kings is born.

Aloha, Liana K. Iaea Honda

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The most blessed and Merry Christmas to all of you. Keep warm! Keep healthy! And above all be happy! Aloha nui from the Judds!
Oh what fun it was on Sunday, December 12th at ‘Ainahau’s Annual Christmas Party which was held at the Harborview Clubhouse in Huntington Beach. Almost 100 members and friends enjoyed plenty of ono food and the fun of sharing the holiday season together. No potluck this year. The food was provided by the Club. We had kalua pig and cabbage made by Paddy Kakihara; chicken long rice made by Analani Imbach, and the following from the Loft, L&L Hawaiian Barbeque and Island Grill…..teriyaki chicken, island chicken, Chinese chicken salad, noodles, macaroni salad and rice. The officers and directors provided all the desserts…..cakes, cookies, breads, brownies and candies.

In the Spirit of Aloha during this season, canned goods and non-perishable items were donated. These donations are appreciated and will go to a very good cause to support families in need of help. Mahalo to all of you who gave so generously.

Almost $500 was collected for the Christmas raffle, with proceeds going to the Lunalilo Home in Honolulu. Mahalo for your donation to support our kupuna in Hawai‘i.

Mahalo to Edye Hill for suggesting and coordinating the cookie exchange. It was a great idea…..bring a dozen cookies and take home a dozen brought by someone else. What a good way to share.

Of course, the highlight of the party was Santa’s visit. Our keiki received stockings full of goodies from Santa Claus. It was great to watch na keiki waiting their turn to sit on Santa’s lap. On his lap, the children whispered what they wanted for Christmas. How exciting it was to see them so happy……Mahalo Santa Claus!

Mahalo to all of you who came and supported us at the Christmas Party. Mahalo to Joan Burgeson, Carmen Postrzech and Marie Feola for chairing the event and for the keiki stockings and decorations - and to the following for their kokua in setting up, decorating, helping in the kitchen, serving, cleaning-up and to Santa Claus; Paddy Kakihara, Analani Imbach, B.J. and Joe Rodrigues, Eric and Agnes Kakihara, Edye Hill, Ellie Kalama, Maggié Perry, Maggié’s guest, Ruby Justis, Dennis Kazner, Tammy Kazner, Laura Garay, Maile Hill, Joann and Mike Hill, Gil Kveen. Mahalo to the board for the ono desserts and Mahalo also to all of you who pitched in and helped put the tables and chairs away. You all made this a special time for all of us.

Mele Kalikimaka!

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As has been our tradition for the past umpteen years, ʻAinahau members who attended the Annual Convention, when it is in the Islands, make a visit to Lunalilo Home as part of our Charitable and Welfare Program. This year, a small but willing group of nine of us were there on November 15th to see the couch we purchased for them earlier this year, visit with the kupuna, and "try our best" to put on a program! Take it from this reporter, we did very well—even surprising ourselves! A few songs, a few hulas, and just an all around good time! We also passed out goodie bags which we filled with items provided by Kaʻaʻala and Kaiwi Pang, Pacific Island Health Partnership (PIHP), and other organizations. The kupuna are such a great audience and it’s a joy to see their smiles. Mahalo to the Pangs, Gil Kveen, Lani Ryan, Tom, Paddy, Eric and Agnes Kakihara, and Charlene Kazner for doing ʻAinahau proud. A special thanks to Mary Ann Crowell, our guest pianist from the Kailua HCC. Next year, since Convention is on Oahu, we will hope for a bigger turnout.

Lunalilo Home was originally built near Kewalo Basin in 1883, where it remained for 44 years. The Home was supported by a charitable trust set up by Prince Lunalilo, who used his landholdings to aid his people, especially the elderly. The Home was moved to the Mualualua area on the slopes of Koko Head, long before the area became a neighborhood of upscale homes known as Hawaii Kai. The Home was renovated in 1997 and 2001. The current buildings were reopened in 2001 to house 42 residents. Although Lunalilo was originally intended for Native Hawaiians kupuna, they currently accept other elderly who qualify. They have also opened an adult day care on the five acre grounds.

Next time you’re in the area, drop by and have a look at the wonderful facility. Spread aloha with the kupuna, and look for the many signs of ʻAinahau’s ongoing relationship with them. There are framed Hawaiian quilt designs on the wall, a karaoke machine, a new couch in the lanai, and even the flags flying outside—all gifts from us to them!

For the past few years, ʻAinahau has been pleased to award member Corey Hayes a scholarship to attend a Lauhala workshop on Hawaiʻi Island. She is a serious student of this once dying art which has seen a resurgence in the last decade.

We are so proud of her talent, and especially so when she shares it with us in various ways. She has done lauhala workshops for ʻOhana Retreat and ʻOhana Day, and her work is becoming more and more creative and accomplished.

This summer, she helped us with the makana for Aunty Ululani Cortez, our kumu hula for our annual Scholarship ahaʻaina. The dancers wanted something special for Aunty, and Corey made the perfect lauhala hat for her!! And to top it off, she made a beautiful lei hulu for her papale! We know that Aunty Ulu will enjoy the gift for years to come. Below is a picture.
**LAULAU SALE REPORT**
by Jackie Judd

*Mahalo Nui to Laulau crew!!*

"Oh, 5 pork here, 3 chickens, don't forget the poi!" Those were part of the sounds of the crew hard at work packaging the laulau and poi orders on Friday December 3rd. The Judds picked up the order at a new place this time (Gardena at the Hosoda Bros Shop), got the ice and we were in business. Double Mahalo to Joseph and B.J. Rodrigues for opening their home by preparing the garage so neatly, getting the equipment needed from the Shed and even cooking too!

B.J. and Joseph, Maile Hill, Maile Hubbard, Charlene Kazner, Thomas Kalama and us JJ's, made quick work of the orders for this last laulau fundraiser of the year. It just couldn't happen without their capable and willing hands. You know what? It doesn't stop there. They all made such ono kaukau too! We had stew and poi (ala Maile Hill's inauguration), spareribs, noodles, rice (of course), potato salad, almond jello (one of B.J.'s specialties) and "better than sex cake" yum! and more! Doesn't this scene tell you that we worked so well together, everyone contributing and we had a great time doing it. Think about May 2011 when this laulau fundraiser happens again. Malama Pono, Jackie Judd, Chair

**ISLAND CREATIONS BAZAAR BAKE SALE AND BOUTIQUE—NOVEMBER 21, 2010**

The Island Creations Bazaar Bake Sale and Boutique event had a great turnout in spite of the rainy weather. Special thanks to Charlene Kazner and Sherry Udink for helping me set up and work throughout the day. Also mahalo to B. J. Rodrigues, Debbie Janus and Edye Hill who also worked and joined in the fun of serving the customers and sharing aloha with her "neighbors". We sold just about all of the bake goods. We had marvelous baked goods from all the bakers who also donated all of the ingredients needed for their goodies. Bakers included B. J., Maile Hubbard, Jackie Judd, Edye, Agnes Kakhira, Charlene, Lani Ryan, Paddy Kakhara and myself.

The amount collected was approximately $518.00 with outside orders of $82.00 minus the $85.00 booth fee with a profit of $540.00. Maggie Perry, Chair Person

**Contribution to Ronald McDonald House**

By Cory Hayes

Ultimately, the time I took to create the pull tab lei is my donation to the Ronald McDonald House. A while back, I happened to be at an Ainahau meeting when my Uncle Carl Bode was talking about the pull tabs and I told him I would like to help him out with them. I ended up with all the tabs and began gathering them also. Many of them smelled so I rinsed them, sorted them, straightened them and strung them. For me, it is a labor of love. Our older daughter spent a week at CHOC hospital in intensive care and we were fortunate that we live relatively close. Many families come quite a distance and the Ronald McDonald House is available for them to stay close to their child who has to spend any time in the hospital.

This particular lei measured at 219 feet @ 43,800 tabs. The last lei I completed was 288 feet @ 57,600 tabs. I believe this is the 4th or 5th lei I have turned over to Ainahau through Uncle. The Ronald McDonald House does write a receipt acknowledging the donation. At the last visit, I was able to tour the premises and learned that "Ronald McDonald" only lends its name. There are many "Houses" across the different continents. They all depend on donations of food, supplies, money, and physical support to keep the "Houses" functioning. The pull tabs are a tiny contribution that is converted into cash for any sort of incidental needed within the "House". Since they have limited space, they can only collect the tabs and, as they accumulate, they turn them in.

(Mahalo Corey for all your hard work and Mahalo to Kealoha and Carl for dropping this huge treasure off at Ronald McDonald House on behalf of Ainahau)
Silent Night and Felix Navidad rang out in St. Francis Senior Home on Monday, December 6th. We had a grand turnout with the choral, including those great new members, the hula dancers and musicians. Our leader, Gene Goto, lead us in the singing of the Christmas Carols and the "dancing/singing crew" were better than "Abba" with their harmony, lovely hula hips and hops and even getting the residents to join in with the Carols (thank you Gene!), and with hula hands (thank you Maile Hubbard), and our hula guys teaching, while dancing, Kaimana Hila to two of the Staff's nieces (thank you Eric) and giving the residents an explanation of He Hawai'i Au (thank you Mapuana). Total participation on everyone's part. It really gave us all the real, warm feeling of Christmas.

And what happened after we sang? Well, it was "Tamale Time" in the old hall that night. The dear Sisters made us a pile of tamales which our grateful crew demolished to the very last one. They were so delish that some of our members propositioned the Sisters into accepting orders—and they were perfectly willing to do so. So some of our guys will be enjoying these delectable morsels during their Christmas celebrations. The Sisters also usually have crafts on display and some of us were able to purchase beautiful wreaths. You can bet we all went home happy and left happy people as we bid them Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou! Me Ke Aloha, Jackie.

Kolohe Lunch

DATE: December 29, 2010
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: China Garden, 14825 Jeffrey Road
       Irvine, CA 92618
PHONE: (949) 653-9988
Please contact Lili (714) 655-8297 or Gil at (714) 454-4244 to RSVP or for more information

Out to LUNCH!
Hauoli La Hanau to the following celebrating birthdays:

DECEMBER
Bob Collar
Maile Hill
Mapuana Newcomb
Sherry Ramaila
Agnes Kakihara
Scott Gehring
Scott Kazner
Lani Ryan
Steve Cullen

JANUARY
Janese Johnsen-Sanchez
Kaiwi Pang
Zachary A. Smith
Genny Victorino
Paul Chang
Eleanor Kalama
Julian (Colonel) Judd
George Nakabara
Lehua Swope
Mike Hill
Randy McEwan
Lynette Kalama
Jess Sanchez

Get Well Wishes To:
Laura Kakihara for a very speedy recovery!

AILAHAU O’ KALEPONI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB—2011
GENERAL MEETINGS

Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: F&M Bank, 12535 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA unless otherwise notified

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Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!!

Until January, 2011—Pau

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