

KAHAKUHI O 'AINAHAU MINI NEWSLETTER

November, 2011

♦♦Laulau Sale/Pickup: Friday, December 2, 2011. Please contact Jackie – if any questions. See reminder flyer sent 11/28/11. Jackie: Home: (714)962-8518 Cell: (714)397-5313 juddbeach@aol.com

♦♦Next General Meeting: December 4, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at Farmers and Merchants, 12523 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA 90704. **ELECTIONS IMPORTANT PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

♦♦Christmas Party: December 11, 2011 - Potluck – reminder e-mail sent 11/28/11. Send Joan Burgeson as names of na keiki still needed to receive Christmas Stockings.

♦♦Birth Announcement – Congratulations to the Kazner-Espinoza Family: Brody Keoni Kazner-Espinoza, Born: November 4, 2011, Weight: 7 lbs., 0 ounces, Height: 19 inches, Hair: Dark Brown

♦♦Convention Reports by Paddy and Reflections of Convention by Charlene: see attached. **Mahalo you two for contributing!!**

♦♦Visit to Lunalilo Home: Report from Paddy Kakahara – attached.

♦♦Installation Luncheon: Saturday, January 7, 2012 at China Buffet in Fullerton. Further details will be provided.

♦♦Upcoming General Meeting: Sunday, January 22, 2012, 2:00 p.m. Farmers and Merchants, 12523 Seal Beach Blvd. Seal Beach, CA 90704.

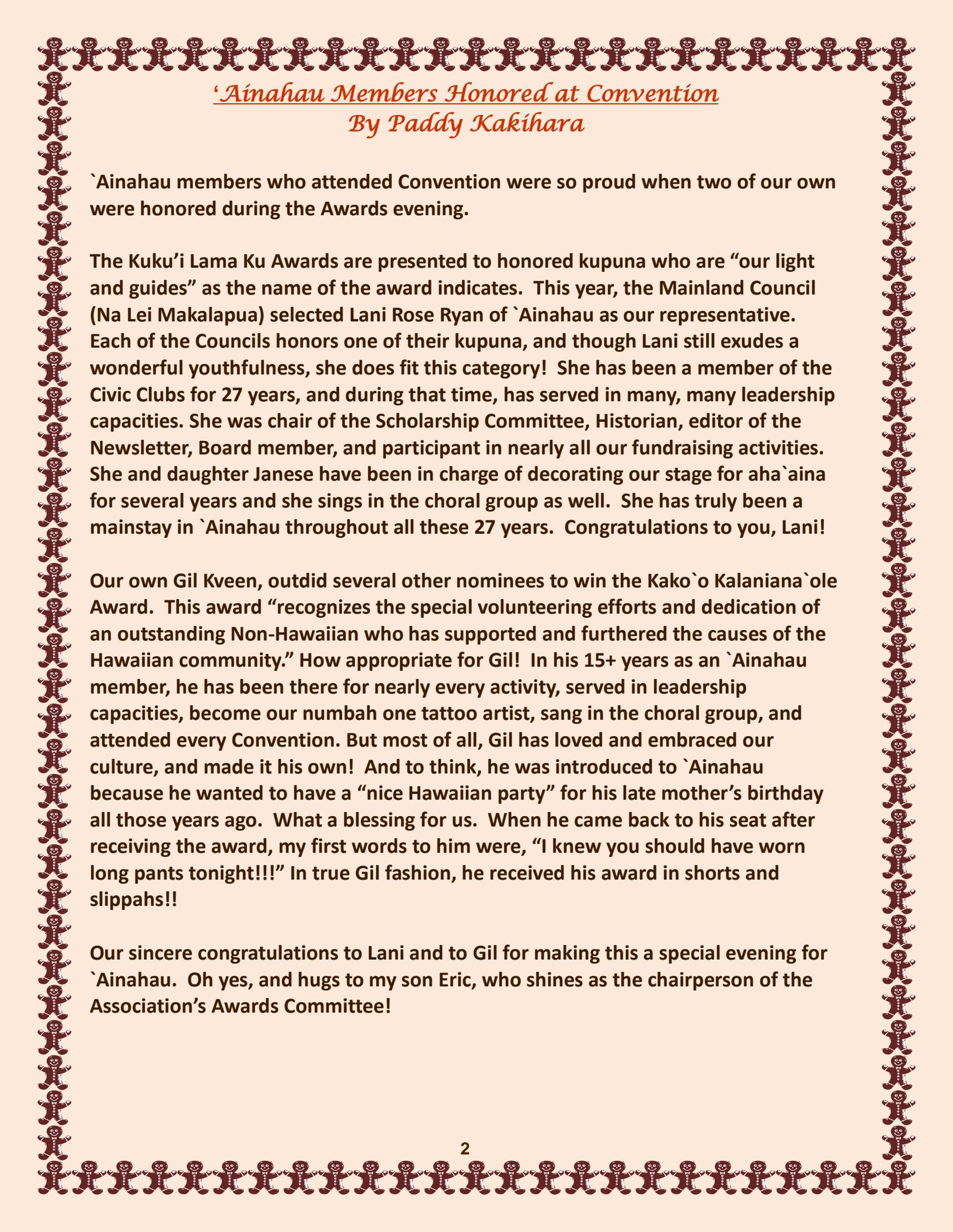
♦♦December Birthdays: *Hau`Oli La Hanau (Happy Birthday!!!)*

2	BOB COLLAR
6	MAILE HILL
11	MAPUANA NEWCOMB
12	SHERRY RAMALIA
13	AGNES KAKIHARA
19	SCOTT GEHRING
28	SCOTT KAZNER
30	LANI RYAN
31	STEVE CULLEN
31	LAURA GARAY

♦♦Membership Roster Change – Please Edit Your Lists:

☼ New Address: Keoni Babcock, 3660 W Mesa Ridge Trail, Tucson, AZ 85742-8841

☼ New Address: Tom Taum, Emerald Cove Apartments, 18131 Jolly Lane, Bldg. 2, Apt. 101, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 – *Welcome Back to California Tom!*



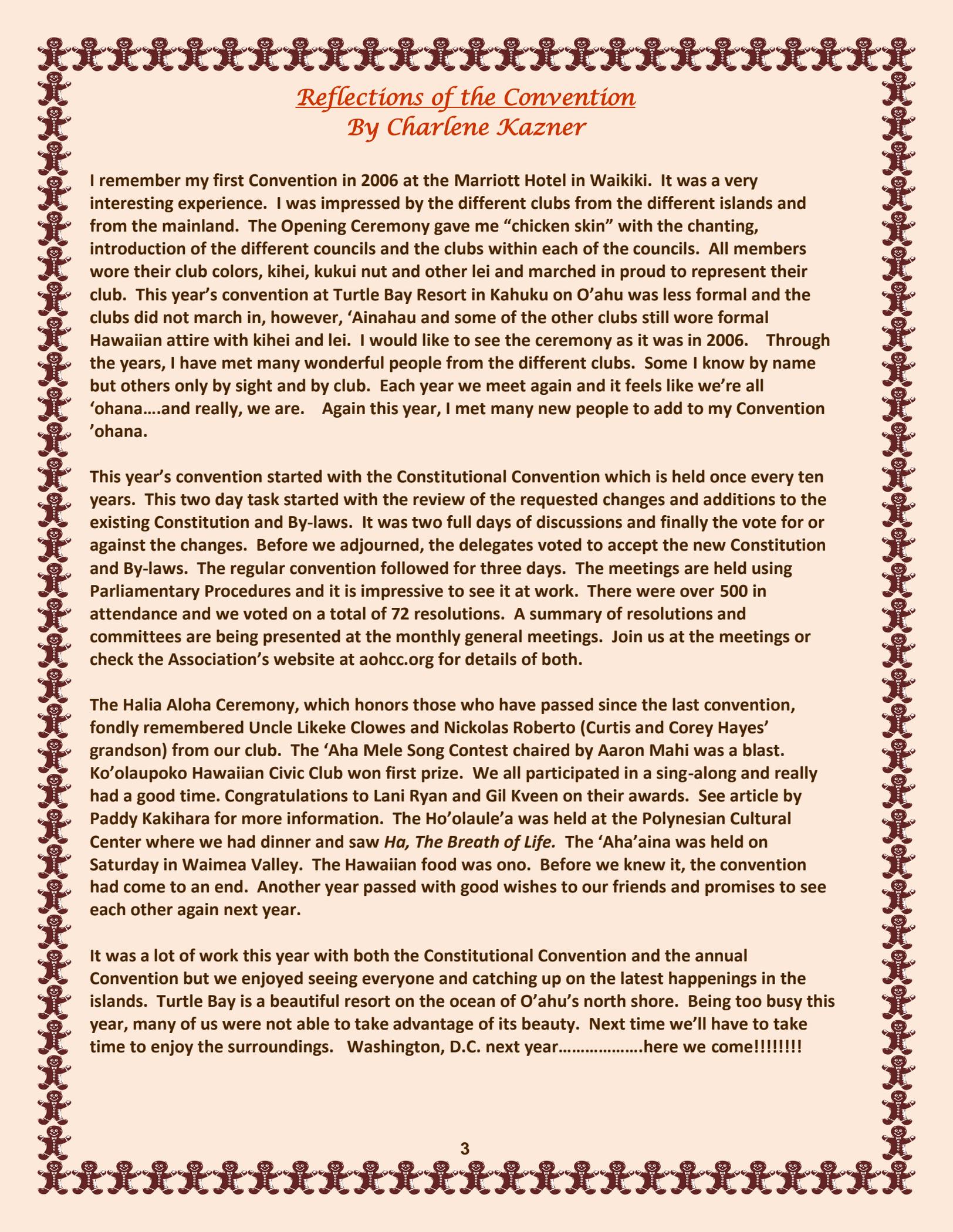
‘Ainahau Members Honored at Convention
By Paddy Kakihara

‘Ainahau members who attended Convention were so proud when two of our own were honored during the Awards evening.

The Kuku’i Lama Ku Awards are presented to honored kupuna who are “our light and guides” as the name of the award indicates. This year, the Mainland Council (Na Lei Makalapua) selected Lani Rose Ryan of ‘Ainahau as our representative. Each of the Councils honors one of their kupuna, and though Lani still exudes a wonderful youthfulness, she does fit this category! She has been a member of the Civic Clubs for 27 years, and during that time, has served in many, many leadership capacities. She was chair of the Scholarship Committee, Historian, editor of the Newsletter, Board member, and participant in nearly all our fundraising activities. She and daughter Janese have been in charge of decorating our stage for aha`aina for several years and she sings in the choral group as well. She has truly been a mainstay in ‘Ainahau throughout all these 27 years. Congratulations to you, Lani!

Our own Gil Kveen, outdid several other nominees to win the Kako`o Kalaniana`ole Award. This award “recognizes the special volunteering efforts and dedication of an outstanding Non-Hawaiian who has supported and furthered the causes of the Hawaiian community.” How appropriate for Gil! In his 15+ years as an ‘Ainahau member, he has been there for nearly every activity, served in leadership capacities, become our numbah one tattoo artist, sang in the choral group, and attended every Convention. But most of all, Gil has loved and embraced our culture, and made it his own! And to think, he was introduced to ‘Ainahau because he wanted to have a “nice Hawaiian party” for his late mother’s birthday all those years ago. What a blessing for us. When he came back to his seat after receiving the award, my first words to him were, “I knew you should have worn long pants tonight!!!” In true Gil fashion, he received his award in shorts and slippahs!!

Our sincere congratulations to Lani and to Gil for making this a special evening for ‘Ainahau. Oh yes, and hugs to my son Eric, who shines as the chairperson of the Association’s Awards Committee!



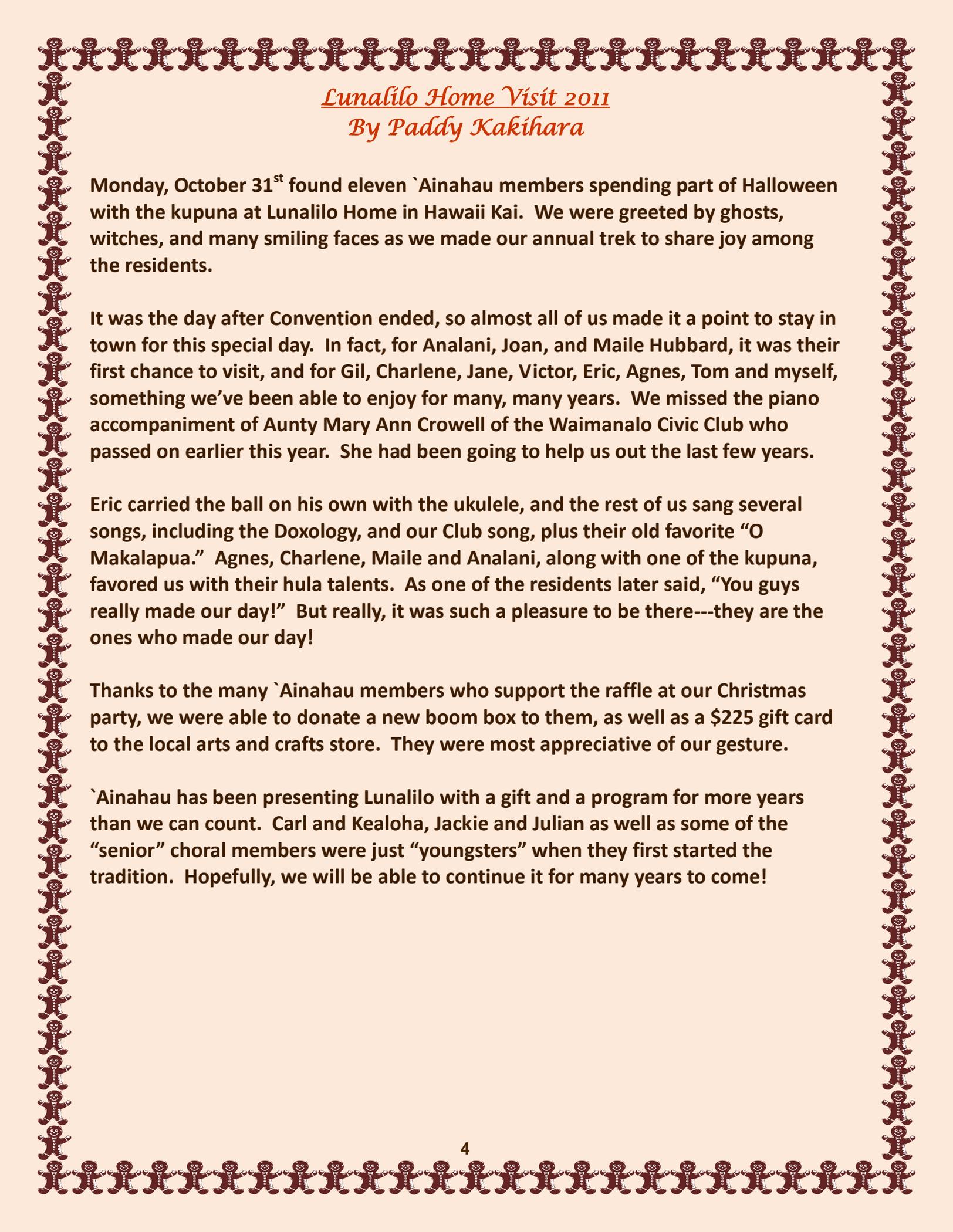
Reflections of the Convention
By Charlene Kazner

I remember my first Convention in 2006 at the Marriott Hotel in Waikiki. It was a very interesting experience. I was impressed by the different clubs from the different islands and from the mainland. The Opening Ceremony gave me “chicken skin” with the chanting, introduction of the different councils and the clubs within each of the councils. All members wore their club colors, kihei, kukui nut and other lei and marched in proud to represent their club. This year’s convention at Turtle Bay Resort in Kahuku on O’ahu was less formal and the clubs did not march in, however, ‘Ainahau and some of the other clubs still wore formal Hawaiian attire with kihei and lei. I would like to see the ceremony as it was in 2006. Through the years, I have met many wonderful people from the different clubs. Some I know by name but others only by sight and by club. Each year we meet again and it feels like we’re all ‘ohana....and really, we are. Again this year, I met many new people to add to my Convention ‘ohana.

This year’s convention started with the Constitutional Convention which is held once every ten years. This two day task started with the review of the requested changes and additions to the existing Constitution and By-laws. It was two full days of discussions and finally the vote for or against the changes. Before we adjourned, the delegates voted to accept the new Constitution and By-laws. The regular convention followed for three days. The meetings are held using Parliamentary Procedures and it is impressive to see it at work. There were over 500 in attendance and we voted on a total of 72 resolutions. A summary of resolutions and committees are being presented at the monthly general meetings. Join us at the meetings or check the Association’s website at aohcc.org for details of both.

The Halia Aloha Ceremony, which honors those who have passed since the last convention, fondly remembered Uncle Likeke Clowes and Nickolas Roberto (Curtis and Corey Hayes’ grandson) from our club. The ‘Aha Mele Song Contest chaired by Aaron Mahi was a blast. Ko’olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club won first prize. We all participated in a sing-along and really had a good time. Congratulations to Lani Ryan and Gil Kveen on their awards. See article by Paddy Kakahara for more information. The Ho’olaule’a was held at the Polynesian Cultural Center where we had dinner and saw *Ha, The Breath of Life*. The ‘Aha’aina was held on Saturday in Waimea Valley. The Hawaiian food was ono. Before we knew it, the convention had come to an end. Another year passed with good wishes to our friends and promises to see each other again next year.

It was a lot of work this year with both the Constitutional Convention and the annual Convention but we enjoyed seeing everyone and catching up on the latest happenings in the islands. Turtle Bay is a beautiful resort on the ocean of O’ahu’s north shore. Being too busy this year, many of us were not able to take advantage of its beauty. Next time we’ll have to take time to enjoy the surroundings. Washington, D.C. next year.....here we come!!!!!!!



Lunalilo Home Visit 2011
By Paddy Kakihara

Monday, October 31st found eleven `Ainahau members spending part of Halloween with the kupuna at Lunalilo Home in Hawaii Kai. We were greeted by ghosts, witches, and many smiling faces as we made our annual trek to share joy among the residents.

It was the day after Convention ended, so almost all of us made it a point to stay in town for this special day. In fact, for Analani, Joan, and Maile Hubbard, it was their first chance to visit, and for Gil, Charlene, Jane, Victor, Eric, Agnes, Tom and myself, something we've been able to enjoy for many, many years. We missed the piano accompaniment of Aunty Mary Ann Crowell of the Waimanalo Civic Club who passed on earlier this year. She had been going to help us out the last few years.

Eric carried the ball on his own with the ukulele, and the rest of us sang several songs, including the Doxology, and our Club song, plus their old favorite "O Makalapua." Agnes, Charlene, Maile and Analani, along with one of the kupuna, favored us with their hula talents. As one of the residents later said, "You guys really made our day!" But really, it was such a pleasure to be there---they are the ones who made our day!

Thanks to the many `Ainahau members who support the raffle at our Christmas party, we were able to donate a new boom box to them, as well as a \$225 gift card to the local arts and crafts store. They were most appreciative of our gesture.

`Ainahau has been presenting Lunalilo with a gift and a program for more years than we can count. Carl and Kealoha, Jackie and Julian as well as some of the "senior" choral members were just "youngsters" when they first started the tradition. Hopefully, we will be able to continue it for many years to come!

Pictures from November 20, 2011 Island Bazaar, Gardena, CA





Pau Until December - Newsletter - Maggie!