Aloha Kakou,

I want to start off the last article of the year by saying MAHALO to everyone in the ‘Āinahau family for all the support dedication and hard work you have put forth this year. I don’t know if it has anything to do with holding a new office this year, but boy this year has gone by fast. . .

One of the goals this year for ‘Āinahau was to encourage participation in something new, specifically participating in the annual Convention of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, which is held every year in the fall. This year convention was held in Las Vegas, and I am proud to say that we had representation from 25 members including 6 who attended convention for the very first time! We will hear from them in this newsletter, and hopefully you will get to speak to them in the next few weeks to catch some of the enthusiasm they have.

It’s been another productive year for ‘Āinahau, and I look forward to what next year has instore for us. I do not want to end this article before mentioning Auntie Lani, Uncle Carl and Uncle Colonel who all passed away this year each one of these have a special place in my involvement with ‘Āinahau, and I hope to continue the work they started here. Warmest wishes of Aloha to you and your ‘ohana this holiday season!

Eric Kupa‘aokalehua Kakihara, Pelekikena (President)

Aloha mai kākou,

The 57th Annual HCC Convention held in Las Vegas offered something for everyone. Many enjoyed trying their luck with the slot machines or tables while others shopped or took in the Fremont Experience. This was my 3rd convention and with each one I learn more about the current issues of concern to the Hawaiian community, as well as, begin to chip away at parliamentary process and “Robert’s Rules of Order.” This time around I was excited and impressed with the wonderful participation from our club with nearly 30 attending which is just shy of 30% of the total membership. Many of the newbies (first timers) expressed wonderment and appreciation for the bigger picture of what AOKHCC is a part of and expressed interest to join in again in future conventions. AOKHCC introduced two new resolutions this year as well, further contributing to the larger arena we participate in. Additionally, impressive was the participation of the millennials, the next generation. Having knowledgeable Hawaiians

Aloha mai kakou,

The Convention this year was exceptional. It was exciting to see so many of our members attend for the first time. It reminded me of my first Convention which was held in Honolulu at the Waikiki Marriott. I was impressed by the passion and love many had for the land, the ocean and the people of Hawai‘i. It was the first year of my membership in ‘Āinahau and being part of the civic club movement was a turning point in my life. I was so excited to be part of this Hawaiian ‘ohana……who loved everything I loved; the food, the music, the hula, the crafts, talk story and the ‘āina, ke kai and people of the land where I was born, my roots. This sentiment is with me every year when I attend the Convention and see the many friends I have made over the years from all the islands and across the continental U. S. and Alaska. I hope the excitement I saw and felt in those

Eric Kupa‘aokalehua Kakihara, Pelekikena, ‘Āinahau O Kaleponi HCC (President)

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Aloha mai kakou,

I hope you and your ohana had a Thankful and Happy Thanksgiving. We are blessed to live in a democratic country that gives us the freedom to vote, voice our opinions, and to move on with the choices that we have made and most of all to have peace, hope, and goodwill to all of our fellow men.

The 57th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs was held on November 14-20 at the Plaza Hotel. Delegates, alternate delegates, members, and guests, a total of 26 `Āinahau members were there to listen and vote on the resolutions that came to the floor on Thursday, Nov. 17 to Nov. 19. Many new faces and old timers joined us at convention. Hali’a Aloha was held on November 16 to honor those members who have passed. `Āinahau acknowledged three of our members, Lani Ryan, Carl Bode and Julian Judd (Colonel).

The Christmas season is upon us and `Āinahau served our communities with mele and hula. St. Francis Home in Santa Ana was on December 5 and Catered Manor was in Long Beach on December 12.

Last of all, to close out the year, our annual Christmas Party was on Sunday, December 11 in Huntington Beach and Santa was there for our keiki.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Hope Pelekikena ’Elua. Mahalo nui loa for your kokua in supporting me and the Board in all of our many activities. May the peace and beauty of the Christmas season remain with you and your ohana throughout the year.

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau’oli Makahiki Hou
Me ke aloha, Maile Hubbard
Hope Pelekikena ’Elua

Aloha All,

No November issue and the December covers wrap for the year and thoughts from some convention participants. Also throughout this issue will be photos provided by participants. The regular newsletter will be provided in January after all this year’s remaining `Āinahau activities have been completed.

Mahalo to all the contributors in this issue.
Mālama pono, Maggie

Convention 2016, was probably my 15th or so meeting. I have to say, I am as impressed with the whole process now, as I was in 1998! The professionalism of the leadership, and the passion of those who rise to speak, make me proud to be in their midst. Resolutions as simple as congratulating Kamaka Ukulele on its 100th anniversary, to allowing Native Hawaiian prisoners on the mainland to receive their mail in olelo Hawai’i, all the way to the more controversial ones such as lowering the blood quantum for transferees of Hawaiian Home lands. All of them are discussed fully in committee, brought to the plenary where they are discussed again, and then voted on by the delegates.

I am constantly in awe of those who have studied the issues and speak with confidence to push their agenda! And the best thing---those whom I admire are young people, young enough to be my grandchildren!! More power to them!

I was also very pleased to see several new faces attend the Convention and see their interest in the workings of the Civic Club develop and grow. Mahalo Linda, Sharon, Kevin, Kehau, Kumu Ulu, and Pua for taking that first step! Most especially, mahalo to the members of `Āinahau for supporting us in this annual endeavor! Next year: Seattle. How about more new faces?!?

Blessings,

Paddy Kakihara
Mahalo to our officers for encouraging our membership to attend Convention 2016! The workshops were informative and enlightening, committee meetings educational, and the plenary sessions lively with discussion and protocol.

The theme, “E ho’okanaka”, addressed who we are, and becoming who we want to be. The workshops allowed me to learn more about the Hawaiian culture and issues facing the islands. It was wonderful to hear the debates and to know that we all can voice our opinions without fear, trepidation or retaliation.

Especially beautiful was the traditional tribute and respect for our kupuna and elected officers. Musicians and spontaneous hula dancers and meles were SO entertaining that some stayed far into the night enjoying themselves.

At the outset of this week, I was a lit candle. Its flame has brightened and continues to warm as I journey forward. I encourage all to experience Convention at least once! Aloha, Kehau Bryce

A hui ho, Lehua Swope
The 57th AHCC Convention began Saturday, Nov. 5th with a morning long review of the 58 Resolutions by AOKHCC Delegates and Alternates in preparation for Convention. Members of Kaha I Ka Panoa Kaleponi HCC join the discussion sharing their mana`o.

The 57th Annual Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, meeting in Las Vegas began with November 13th through 20th, a successful of `Āinahau o Kaleponi HCC and our delegation following several extremely informative pre-Conference Workshops on grant writing, social enterprises for non-profits, Hawaiian federal recognition and self-determination, Nā Lei Makalapua, Mainland Council met with the election of new Officers and Board members. Pelekikena Kehaulani Darlene Butts, Maha`ainana HCC (Washington DC-Virginia-Maryland) begins her administration in January 2017. Pelekikena Kehaulani Butts, Lono Kollars, Keoni Parks, Marlene Livesay now Council officers. Ho`omaika`i ana congratulations to the newly elected Council Officers and Directors elected and installed.

`Āinahau submitted 2 resolutions, both passed and approved by the Plenary. Following an evening of Halia Aloha, paying tribute to members Carl Bode and Lani Ryan, and Association Awards: Aunty Ulu Cortez and Aunty Maile Baker, Nā Lei Makalapua Kuku Lama Kü recipients graciously accepted their awards with a mele and hula. The Convention approved both Resolutions submitted by AOKHCC “Dept. of Public Safety approving letters written in `Ōlelo Hawai`i to prison inmates” and recognized Hawai`i Sign Language (HSL) established before American Sign Language.

Fun events enjoyed by members included Aaron Mahi’s Aha Mele, President Luncheon, AOKHCC dinner Friday at Island Sushi in Henderson, while members covered Native Rights Kōmike that met till almost midnight. Mahalo to Keoni Park, dual member of LVHCC, who coordinated AOKHCC Friday night’s dinner for our entire delegation.

Final business this Convention was the election of new Association Officers: Annelle Amaral, Pelekikena, was elected to serve another 2-year term of Office. We look forward to her leadership. Aloha no, Ka`ala
Janese Johnson’s Reflections from 2016 Convention

Awesome Convention Oahu and the Association! Warm welcomes by the tribunal leader and resort set the pace. Long time, 16 years since last Convention. Married ya. Missing many Kupuna from Clubs, mom to ‘Āinahau founding members to Past President Charlie Rose, Bruce Keppler, Lionel, Kaua‘i to my Uncles Charles Kupihea, Charlie Warrington, Sterling Johnson, and many, many, I still find many! Aunty Antionette Lee, her son, now a man, President Annelle Amaral, Soulee, Past AOHCC President, Momi Jones, Aunty Sharon Paulo, Aunty Mohala Reed, Pahana Bissen, Aunty Ihi b Wakinekona, Aunty Corey served as guest, and many more.

Halia Aloha recognitions, 56 or more Kupuna lives celebrated, honored, and remembered. Aunty Corey Hayes walked for Uncle Carl. Scott and Denny walked for Uncle Myself. Myself, Aunty Maile, and Uncle too for mom and Eric Kakihara walked with each of our Kupuna. Eric grew up with them too. When all the flowers were gathered at the end of the walk they were arranged into beautiful bouquets.

Night skyline pics captured from room to hitchhiking a ride with Aunty Ualani Cortez for sushi with the ‘Āinahau Ohana onolicious and worth da wait. Fresh poke, over the top, and instead of having to serve yourself all ya can eat.

You orda and served! Saturday night we celebrated dinner with mom in heart we had ono salmon and a glass merlot Indiana style...! GO girls go! From what I heard the Aha mele enjoyed by all! President Luncheon sold out and sfew showing for Pule Sunday, the Aha‘aina Saturday. musta wipe de Ohana all out...

No forget not all fun and games ya know. We had to work but you also got job and kala. We get up before da roostas or da sun, we fetch da coffee, pen, pappa, study, go meetings, hele on. First workshop Living on US Continental and Native Hawaiian Civics. Four speakers including ‘Āinahau past president/member Pahana Bissen. The concentration He Hawaii Au/Identity. How on the mainland or home incorporate actively participating civically in protecting our identity and brining core Hawaiian values to the table Pule, Hema da slippers, as forms of teaching order and respect, child involvement, being Hawaiian, cultivating Hawaiian food, music, using aloha to reach out to new Hawaiians. Outside of Hawaii suggestions included: outreachs, social media, networking. Moreover, the group realized the value of the islands and mainland connecting more better using outreachs to perpetuate, CM Security protects your privacy inform, net-work, and to keep the spirit of “aloha” on our minds and in our hearts.

Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and Homestead Policy Priorities and Civic Engagement, we were brought to speed in less than hour. All 3 Federal laws protecting homesteads disected by PowerPoint and mirrored written materials as handouts for future use.

Lehua Swope, Edye Hill and myself kicked rock in community relations and as presented at the general meeting December 4, I shared Lehua’s report of the resolutions and thank Pelelikena Eric Kakihara’s invitation to sit as an alternate/delegate in voting on Benefits and Trusts resolutions and attended. Mahalo nui! Membership you missed a really good time! Maybe next time e’” Malama pono and Me Ka Pumehana Janese Pilialoha Johnsen

Reflections of 2016 Convention

By: Pua Hao Jarvis

Aloha ‘Āinahau Members:

What can the Hawaiian Civic Club Convention do for you? For me, being at the Convention gave me an overwhelming sense of belonging. I was able to lend my voice through voting for or against issues affecting Hawaiians. The Resolutions that passed were permanent records to help the world understand and act to help the Hawaiian people, culture, and lands.

I was also able to connect with old and new friends that shared the same love for Hawai‘i. Now that I have attended my first Convention, I can’t wait to go to the next one which is in Seattle.

As part of the ‘Āinahau cultural workshop series in 2017, a Roberts Rules of Order workshop is planned for Spring 2017. Details will follow in the new year. This workshop will help members understand the protocol to bring forth future Resolutions at Convention. What’s important to you? Help write a Resolution, learn Roberts Rules, and see you at Convention! Pua Hao Jarvis.

Ualani Ho‘opai
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and/or Hawaiians at heart, of all ages, to understand and navigate our country’s new administration will ideally be of benefit to our community and the country as a whole. I am excited to see how the future of the association and the mainland council will shape and unfold with this new energy.

When I sit back, take a breath, and ponder that this type of gathering has been going on for over a half of a century, and that AOKHCC will be 35 years old in 2017 is longevity that is far less frequent in this day and age. I am honored to be a member of such a legacy as AOKHCC and never tire of hearing all the stories. I am grateful to the membership of AOKHCC and for those who work tirelessly in the multiple activities throughout the year.

Look for future listings of upcoming club movie nights in 2017, to continue to raise funds to help support participation in the 58th Annual AHCC convention in Seattle, Washington.

Mahalo nui, Ualani
Aloha Kakou,

My first thought at my first convention was that this must be similar to what our founding fathers experienced in setting up our nation. Each delegate had a definite opinion about the resolutions and they were full of passion. Delegates expressed their opinions and listened respectfully to all sides of the issues.

The ceremonial aspects of the convention were beautiful and so meaningful. It was a joy and honor to see our heritage being carried on as Prince Kuhio had hoped for his people.

I felt full of pride in being able to attend while humbled by the important work being done. I appreciated our delegates concerns for the alternates as they made sure that each of us got a chance to substitute for a while and sit on the delegation floor.

We also had a chance to have "good fun" and get to know each other better. This was a blessing to all.

I thank everyone for the privilege given to me to attend convention and help to represent our club.

Mahalo nui Loa, Sharon

My Convention 2016 Ramblings
By Victor Ka`iwi Pang

I am proud and thankful to have been selected to represent our club as a delegate to the 2016 AOHCC Convention.

Our club introduced 2 programmatic resolutions plus 3 memorial celebrating the lives and contributions of Uncle Carl Bode, Julian Judd and Aunty Lani Ryan who joined other Kūpuna this year. All 57th Convention Resolutions can be located on AHCC.org, check Resolution 2016 for more details.

AOKHCC Resolution were discussed in Kōmike:
Our 2 programmatic resolution were on : Our incarcerated native Hawaiians could not receive letters from their `Ohana written in `Ōlelo Hawai`i (Hawaiian language) yet other incarcerated such as Samoan, Korean, Japanese and Ilocano were allowed. Yet Hawaiian language is an official recognized language of Hawai`i. Though our Hawaiian men were sent to Arizona (Saguaro or Eloy) we were appalled of this policy. Though the state Hawai`i Department of Prison Systems (DPS) was given a court order as result of a suit by the Hawai`i Legal Corporation to allow Hawaiian prisoners to receive letters written in Hawaiian. Though DPS has rescinded this policy it was unknown if the contractor for the prisons Correctional Corporation of America (CCA) has implemented the new policy. Henry Ka`onohi Kim of the Arizona Civic Club in Phoenix will follow up and give us a report at a future meeting. This was assigned to the Health committee and was passed in committee and Saturday`s plenary session.

Our other resolution addressed Hawai`i Sign Language (HSL) as an endangered language and one of the last discovered languages. Facts uncovered were there are about 40-70 living Kupuna who actively practice Hawai`i sign that preceded American sign Language (ASL) by 100 years and uses vocabulary that is 80% different from ASL. This was assigned to Benefits and Trusts committee was passed and subsequently passed in Plenary the next day.

In retrospect, it was nice that our Eric Kakihara used our alternates to sit in committee meetings and to relieve the regular delegates had to leave for a few minutes for health exams etc.

My take away was the preconvention workshops on Grant writing, social media by Mona Bernardino were excellent and the workshop on Federal recognition by Michelle Kauhane were enlightening.

Aloha, Ka`iwi Pang
At the time AOKHCC Resolution Passed

Pictorial Memories from Hawaiian Civic Club Convention in Las Vegas, NV
More Pictorial Memories from Hawaiian Convention in Las Vegas
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Legend to Pictures Provided:
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Group: Eric, Linda, Aunty Ulu, Sharon, Kehau and Kevin
Group getting ready for possession: Sharon, Calvin, Ka’ala, Maile, Lou, Charlene and Ka’iwi

Top: Arlene, friend of Charlene, Ualani, Eric, Charlene, Benton Keali‘i Pang - O‘ahu Council Director and member of Hawaiian Civic Club in Honolulu, John Keoni Park and Ka’ala Pang,
Second: Mapuana, Calvin, Mike, Lehua, Kehau and Kevin. Sharon. Aunty Ulu, Linda and Janese
Janese Johnson and another picture from hotel room by Janese
Ka’iwi Pang and other hearing of resolution he authored being passed
Charlene, Edye and Agnes attending banquet
Evening Lights from Hotel by Janese

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Whole Group Names Previously Mentioned adding members, Corey Hayes, , Carol and Aleka Johnson, Paddy and Tom KahiKara Gil Kveen, Bebe Huff, Melanie Pua Hao

Eric and Aunty Ulu

Mapuana, Aunty Ulu, Linda, Paddy and Tom KahiKara and Lou Hubbard
Below: Aunty Ulu, Linda, Calvin Chang and Carmen Ku’ulei Postrzech
Linda, Sharon, Lehua, Mike
Below: Ka’ala and Kaiwi Pang
Eric in background, Entertainers unnamed
Sign from Convention
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