Aloha E 'Āinahau!

Where has spring gone? Well my plumeria tree is finally starting to bloom, and although it’s been a while since I’ve been here, I want to acknowledge the activities that continue to go on. Hula and Music practice is going strong on Thursday evenings, chant/oli practice at Lehua’s on Tuesdays has to take the prize as the hot ticket for the 1st half of the year, and I don’t think it’s going to give up that title anytime soon.

Bingo night was another FUN one and I definitely can’t wait to see this back on the calendar. Mahalo to Nani and her crew for pulling this one together for another successful evening. A special Mahalo to our cousins at the Newport Outrigger Canoe Club for donating the ono-licious kalua pua`a and Portuguese sausage. Good luck to you folks in the upcoming race season. This month, after AOKHCC sends one group to the Aquarium of the Pacific and another group

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partnering with The Kamehameha Schools alumni providing a chili lunch to the Kamehameha Warrior Band on June 2nd at Cal-Poly Pomona. The Director of Bands at Cal-Poly, Dr. Rickey Badua, is a Kamehameha graduate so both the Kamehameha band and the Cal-Poly Pomona Wind Ensemble will be performing at 11:30 a.m. on this day in the auditorium on campus with the chili lunch to follow. We still need volunteers, so let us know if you can kokua your time.

Also, hula practice is Thursdays nights at Wintersburg so if you want to dance there is still time to join, so E komo mai. Contact me if you have any questions, (949) 294-2314. Pua

See Tribute to Uncle Victor on Page 3 and pictures here & 4-5

Aloha ʻĀinahau Ohana,

Fundraising for this year has made a great start with our first BINGO night of 2018 on Sunday, May 6th. Nearly 75 members and friends came out to enjoy the many innovative games and prizes at the Brea Community Room. The laughter and shouts of BINGO! as well as the many AWWWs made the evening a fun-filled one. The evening was profitable for ʻĀinahau as well, as we were able to raise nearly $1,900 in profits! Many thanks to Nani Busch and her hard-working committee members for making this such a successful venture. Hopefully there will be another in the Fall.

Coming soon will be the two biggest projects for ʻĀinahau: Hoʻolauleʻa (July 21-22) and the Scholarship Aha ʻaina (August 11). Be sure to save the dates and sign up to kokua.

On a more serious note, I wanted to make special note of the holiday that just passed. Memorial Day was started to honor those who died in the Civil War, and later included those who served in any American conflict. To me, it’s a very special day as we remember the many men and women who died to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Surely, some members of ʻĀinahau know of someone who fits that category. Whether a family member or a friend, we need to take time to say "Mahalo!"

Corey Hayes said her mahalo by making over 100 ti leaf lei to place on the graves of veterans in Hawaii cemeteries. Good job, Corey—and what a wonderful way to show your aloha to those we honor on Memorial Day. Maile Hubbard
Aloha mai kakou,

When I first met Uncle Victor he reminded me of my Dad. He looked so much like him and even sounded like him. I knew then that I had met a very special man….and, indeed, I had. Shorty after I met him, I found out that he and I were both born in the same town, Wailuku on the same island, Maui and then I found out that he and Aunty Jane’s home in Honolulu was only three houses from where my family and I lived when I was a little girl in Palolo Valley…..so many of our paths had crossed. These special connections, made us kindred spirits. We’d reminisce about the different places on Maui and how much fun we had playing as children, although years apart, in the streams of Kepaniwai at Iao Needle, Pu’unene and the sugar mills, the cold winds of Kula, the long and winding ride to Hana and so many more places, each time transporting us back to our favorite island. How I will miss sharing these memories with him.

Uncle Victor Kaiwi passed away on April 5th after a 2-month battle with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. He was 80. Uncle was a charter member of ʻAinahau o Kaleponi Hawaiian Civic Club and founded the Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, serving as its first Council President. He was also a co-founder and President of Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP).

A strong leader for the Hawaiian community on the continent, his work advocated for the “Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (NHPI)” disaggregation of data used by the US Census Bureau. He served as a delegate to the ʻAha Hawai’i Native Hawaiian Convention and initiated Hawaiian language classes in Southern California in 1993. He also founded the Pacific Islander Community Council (1991), the Pacific Islander Health Partnership (2003), the Asian American Pacific Islander Senior Coalition (2000), and Aloha Seniors (2003). Seeing the importance of the Hawaiian sovereignty movement, he facilitated the first Hawaiian sovereignty workshop in California in 1992. He coordinated with the Mainland Council Polynesian Voyaging Society’s and Hōkūleʻa’s week-long visit to Long Beach in 1995. As a health advocate, he coordinated ʻAha Kaleponi Native Hawaiian Health Summit with Papa Ola Lōkahi (2002). For 22 years, he coordinated weekend intensive workshops on Hawaiian culture, language, and family values called ʻOhana Retreat for families residing on the continent.

Uncle Victor and Aunty Jane spent the last twenty plus years advocating for health access and equity for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders and senior services. He was an advisor for AmeriCorps Elders (WECARE) from 2006-2010; served on the Asian American Advancing Justice Advisory Board; community researcher for the National Cancer Institute’s Weaving an Islander Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training (WINCART ) from 2006-2016; and was trainer and host facilitator for the Ulu Network John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai’i (JABSOM) for heart disease, diabetes, weight management and improving lifestyle intervention. As a seven-year breast cancer survivor, he served on Susan G. Komen’s National Advisory Council. He also served as Board Vice President for the Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum and the US Census Racial Ethnic Advisory Committee. Through the years, Uncle Victor received many, many awards for his dedication and commitment to the NHPI community.

After serving two years with the US Army, Uncle Victor moved to California where he met and married his wife of 50 years, Jane Kaʻala Mock. He worked for 35 years as an aerospace engineer with Rockwell International working on the Apollo and Space Shuttle missions. He is survived by his wife, Aunty Kaʻala, his 2 sons, Benton Kealiikiamoku, and Edmund Kamekona, his wife Wendy; and 4 grandchildren, Kiana Keakealani, Mākena Kailoikelani, Kālia Kamaluʻuluolele, and Tayden Kalani.

Wherever Uncle went, Aunty Jane was at his side. The impact Aunty and Uncle had on the NHPI community is immeasurable. They have been mentors, advisors, advocates and a friend to so many and the legacy they leave will continue to benefit NHPIs for generations to come. We are blessed to have been a part of their world.

On Friday, May 11th, many of us gathered at Diamond Head Mortuary Park in Honolulu to bid Aloha to Uncle Victor. It was a beautiful service attended by many Hawaiian Civic Club members along with family and friends. Hailama Farden (see photo below) officiated the service, Annelle Amaral (see photo below) gave the eulogy and Manu Boyd led the music. Many people from numerous organizations paid their respect to Uncle Victor and Aunty Jane, which is a testament to the impact they have made in the community. The Interment immediately followed a reception hosted by the Pang ʻOhana. A second memorial was held the following day, May 12th at Kepaniwai Park in Iao Valley on Maui, scattering Uncle’s ashes in Kepaniwai stream.

Please join us on Monday afternoon, July 9th for Uncle Victor’s California Celebration of Life at Costa Mesa Senior Center. Details to follow.

Aloha ‘Oe Uncle Victor Kaiwi. Mahalo nui loa for teaching us to help and serve our community and always, always with ALOHA…….A hui hou, Uncle. We will miss you always…….
to Cal Poly Pomona where we are co-hosting a ‘Chili-Rice’ lunch for the Kamehameha Band on the 1st weekend, Charlene and I will be heading East for the 2nd quarter—June 9-10 for Mainland Council meeting and lei draping ceremony in Washington DC. (Aunty Jane, we’re gonna save you a seat!) then right around the corner is the HICCSC Ho`olaulea (July 21-22) and the Scholarship Aha`aina on August 11.

As always, I want to Mahalo to everyone who has, and will come out and will be there to pitch in to get the work done! There are a few familiar faces that I haven’t seen in a while, and I encourage you to come out, even if you aren’t dancing, or singing, we’d love to see you, so come on out! As things go with `Āinahau there’s always good fun to be had whenever we get together.

We have been working on the website (www.aokhcc.org), and slowly but surely things are coming along. The calendar is updated regularly and we are putting a priority to get content up on the site, so even if you can’t make it out to see us, you can stay in touch with what’s going on.

As I end my article this month, I want to send Aloha out to the Pang `Ohana, as they remember and celebrate the life of Uncle Victor. Uncle was not only a Past Pelekikena, Treasurer, Vice President, and most recently a Board of Director for AOKHCC, he was also very active at the Council level, and was the very first president of the Mainland Council. Uncle was just as busy outside of `Āinahau, and it is safe to say, that the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island Communities in Southern California would look very, very different if it wasn’t for Uncle’s tireless love for his `aina and his people.

We Aloha You Uncle Victor and you will be missed.
Mahalo and Aloha!
Eric Kupa‘aokalehua Kakihara

In Tribute to
Uncle Victor Kaiwi Pang

Performed Eulogy
Annelle Amaral, President of Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

Performed Service -1st Vice President of AHCC: Hailama Farden
KOLOHE LUNCH
By GIL KVEEN

Thursday, June 14: "Original" Crab Cooker, 2200 Newport Blvd, Newport Beach - Phone 949-673-0100. They're going to tear the building down!

Thursday, July 12: Rascals, 1760 N Bellflower, Long Beach Phone 562-431-7777. Don't eat the chili, but the Chinese chicken salad and other dishes are ono!

Thursday, August 9: Brodard Vietnamese, 1061 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley. Brodard is always good but I haven't tried this one.

Thursday, September 13: Fu Wing Low Cantonese and Szechuan, 16545 Brookhurst St. Fountain Valley. Phone 714-839-4481. Lori loves this place.

Contact Gil if any questions:
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(Mahalo to Mapuana for assisting Gil & forwarding list.)
Calling all able-bodied members!

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Friday, July 20

Preparing lomi salmon (chopping onions, tomatoes and salmon) at Wintersburg Church kitchen. Approx. 8:00-12. If you already know the time(s) that work best for you, please let me know soon. I wouldn't want your shift to be filled before you get a chance to sign up!!

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10:30 a.m.---10:30 p.m. More details later

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Once again, if you have a certain area you would like to help with, please let me know. Mahalo in advance for your continued support of 'Āinahau's projects, which help us fulfill our goals of preserving and sharing our Hawaiian culture.

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Early Call for Kokua
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Even have that feeling that the pastor was talking only to you and that he was trying to send you a message? Well, this was one on those Sundays, the message was about "Passing the Baton".

We have all seen this scene when the baton was passed or dropped causing the racers to be disqualified. I wonder if as many times that I have dropped the baton, if God said, "That is it, you are out of the game". As Christians we are taught that Christ is a forgiving God who will forgive us over and over and that we are His children from the moment that we received Him in our hearts. But do we really trust that God is forgiving and compassionate towards us? When we fail in life, we feel that we have failed our friends, family and ourselves. That God is going to punish us! This is just how I feel about passing the baton. Did I instill in my children the values that my parents have instilled in me? Did I do my best to make them worthy members of society, contributors to the progress of this world? I wonder sometimes. I know that they are my children and that there is nothing that they can do to make me not love them, even when they can say or do things that may or may not be pleasing to most, I think that I take that as a sign of growing up. Growing to be their own identity. My mother had taught me to be selfless, humble and always do good for others. This is every mother's wish.

As I sit in church, I wondered if I had passed the baton. All my children are adults now, they have turned out to be good, valued contributors to this world. I account that all to the great talks that my husband has given them. All those late nights when Boom has to confess her mistake and discover the answer that Daddy had to hear her say. All the long talks on the phone with Myra or Edye (sometimes Geoff or Erin). to which, I would ask, "what's going on?" Eric would simply say, "Oh nothing". I hope that I have done well, even as I have dropped the baton in all the challenges that I have had, I have chosen a partner who is willing to catch the baton and pass it on.

What we do at 'Āinahau is rewarding in many ways as we pass the baton to our children, who in turn passes it to their children and this is how we go on to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture.

Mahalo Nui, Agnes
Kealohaonalani Kakihara graduated from Azusa Pacific University. She has been a member of ‘Ainahau since childhood & is the daughter of Craig & Laura, and granddaughter of Tom & Paddy. She has also been a scholarship recipient all three of her college years.

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27 JANE KA'ALA PANG

JULY
1 JACKIE JUDD
7 MILILANI MAGEE
7 CHARLES HERRING
7 BARBARA HADDAD
11 RUSTY ESPINOZA
18 KEN MENGEL
31 ANITA COYOLI-CULLEN
31 KEALA KAKIHARA-MONACO

Refer to Website for all upcoming calendar dates:
http://www.aokhcc.org/
Efforts to improve and expand the website.
Your input on the website will be appreciated!!!

REMINDER: PLEASE SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN POP TOPS. Gil Kveen is collecting pop tops from cans on an ongoing basis. The pop tops will be donated by ʻĀinahau as a fundraising project for the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring to General Meeting or contact Gil: C: 714 454-4244
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