



# KAHAKUHI O 'ĀINAHAU "The Flame of 'Āinahau"



Pualani Hao  
Pelekikena

Apelila a Mei, 2022  
(April & May)

Aloha e 'Āinahau members,

It is so exciting to see the world open up again and 'Āinahau's members getting ready to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Garden Grove Community Center.

We began hula and mele, which is on Thursday nights at Wintersburg church, located at 2000 N. Fairview St., Santa Ana. If you are interested in learning or dancing hula, please reach out at [pelekikena\\_ainahau@yahoo.com](mailto:pelekikena_ainahau@yahoo.com). We hope to see you. There is still time to join in for fun (even if you may not want to hula at Aha'aina, you can still join us).

Mahalo nui loa to Lehua Swope for creating the mele compositions and for all the singers, musicians, and hula dancers for giving of their time. Ualani Ho'opai has already taught us, Wahine 'illkea, and its not too late to have our wonderful Luna teach more hula. We will truly be celebrating **'Āinahau's 40 years of Aloha** (This phrase was given to us by Sharon Abbott.)

Don't forget to check out the calendar at [www.aokhcc.org](http://www.aokhcc.org) to stay up on events. We have a lot planned for this year. See you all soon.

A hui hou, mālama pono,

Pualani



# 40 Years. . . An Anniversary to Celebrate!

In 1982, at its annual Convention, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs approved the admission of 'Ainahau O Kaleponi into its membership. It required that the new club have a membership of at least 25 persons of Native Hawaiian ancestry, as well as a passion for growing and sharing the Hawaiian culture. Of those 25, only a handful are still with us, and only one, Artland Ka'ai, is still active in the Club. We do owe a huge mahalo to those founding members, as well as the charter members like our own Ka'ala Pang.

To celebrate this monumental anniversary, we are planning a real bang-up Scholarship Aha'aina for October 1, 2022 at the Garden Grove Neighborhood Community Center. You will want to be a part of the action. ***Practices for hula have already started, and the musicians, under Lehua's leadership have started as well.*** We are hoping to bring back some of our favorite dances from the past which were taught by our various kumu as well as by some of our more experienced dancers.

The Committee has met and is working on the details, list of possible songs, and especially the theme. If you have any ideas, comments, or concerns, please contact 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Edye Hill. ([edyehill@yahoo.com](mailto:edyehill@yahoo.com))

Let's all get excited about this Aha'aina, and work to make it DA BES' EVAH!



About 10 dancers showed up at the first practice on March 17<sup>th</sup> to learn "Wahine Ilikea" from Ua! Mahalo to Lehua, Eric and George for providing the music.



By Jane  
Ka'ala Pang



## AOKHCC News: April-May: 2022

### Health Updates:

High Blood Pressure Awareness:

Do you know what your blood pressure is?

When was your Blood pressure taken?

Join AOKHCC next meeting and have your Blood Pressure taken

Meanwhile, here's how you can help lower your Blood Pressure:

Avoid high salt or sodium foods: *Spam, corn beef, shoyu, processed foods*

Keep active, get out and walk/exercise at least 30 minutes daily

If taking blood pressure medicine(s); take it(them) as your doctor prescribed

Check your Blood Pressure regularly

Find something FUN to do, manage your stress – *Have Fun!*

### COVID-19 – Update:

Check with your doctor, if over 50 yr. you can take your 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID-19 Booster shot 4 months after your last Booster

If feeling ill or sick, stay home

Continue to wash your hands frequently

Disinfect frequently touch surfaces

Mask, though optional, keep it on with a cough or runny nose

Get your **Flu Shot** soon

Any questions, check with Kehaulani Kazner (714) 290-8981 or Ualani Ho'opai (847) 858-3229 to schedule your Booster

Help keep our Lahui healthy and safe!

### 2022 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Constitutional Convention (ConCon):

August 4-7, 2022 at Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu

**Please Kōkua** to meet and discuss a review and update of our current AHCC Constitution and By-Laws

Why do we have a Constitution and By Laws?

How do they help us conduct the business and affairs of the Association

A full review of what to expect and prepare for the ConCon available online @

**Preparation for AHCC 2022 Constitutional Convention.**

AHCC 2019 Amended Constitution and By Laws

ConCon Rules

### 63<sup>rd</sup> Association Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention - The ConCon:

November 1-6 at Double Tree Hotel in Seattle, Washington

Online Hotel Reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/go/AHCC22>



## *From Tree to Treasures . .*

When was the last time you tried to purchase a genuine lauhala hat, if ever? Over 20 years ago, I just had to have one and I paid \$125 for it---for me, a pretty big investment. I looked on the internet yesterday, and found one almost like mine, but not quite as nice, and the cost was three times what I had paid! Ah. . ., made me feel good! Have you ever wondered why they are so costly? I spent some time with 'Ainahau's resident lauhala person Corey and learned a lot about the time effort, and respect that goes into the creation lauhala hat.



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Let me give you a little background about Corey's ulana (lauhala weaving) experience. She started with Aunty Doreen Henderson's lei hulu (feather lei-making) classes. After completing her many lei projects toward her graduation, she decided she needed a hat on which to wear them. She heard about Ka Ulu Lau Kona, an ulana group started by Elizabeth Lee, one of the most respected lauhala Kumu. Aunty Elizabeth was getting increasingly worried about this most important cultural practice being lost. Especially important, the older Kumu were dying off and she wanted their knowledge to continue. Each year, a four-day intensive weaving workshop is held in Kona, and since 2005, Corey has been fortunate to attend most years.

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Over 150 people, ages 12-90's attend, and those with more experience can complete a hat or even two. Corey has moved from the beginner's class all the way to the advanced specialties group, whose members often create new stitches, and new designs. Because 'Ainahau has helped with her fees through the Kalama Fund, Corey has held some workshops for us, where we made lauhala bracelets. She is happy to teach anyone who is serious about learning ulana.

## *From Tree to Treasure . . .*

(continued)

One thing I was most impressed with is the attitude an authentic lauhala weaver exhibits. A quote from *'Ike Ulana Lau Hala*, a book Corey loaned me: “Always make lei with goodness and aloha in your na’au (gut); make lei hala and do things from a place of profound aloha!” Although this refers to lei making, it totally applies to ulana as well.

Other things I learned is that, for some, lauhala weaving can almost become an addiction. Some students claim that once they start weaving, a sense of calm comes over them, so the addiction can be a positive experience. There are also cultural protocols which should be followed. Just as in hula, when an ulana kumu teaches a new pattern, it “belongs” to her or him and should not be passed on without their permission. Unfortunately, some of the younger generation are not taking this to heart, and often falsely claim ownership of certain techniques.

There is so much to learn about this particular craft, and I find I am so ignorant of most of it. For example, the scientific name of the hala tree is *Pandanus tectorius*, and is native to countries like Malaysia and Micronesia. There were once groves of hala especially in the windward areas and places near the coastline. However, like everything else, population growth caused much of them to be destroyed. Luckily, there are still plenty of them around. The one in the photo above is Corey’s favorite and is located near Kailua Beach Park. The one below is in Hawai’i Kai, very close to Maunalua Bay.

Since there is so much to digest, I will continue this article next time. In the next issue, I will discuss the types of lau (leaves), the preparation of the lau, and the initial steps in creating your “treasure!”



## Time for Some Laffs. . . . .



Remember Frank DeLima? In the 1990's his brand of humor made all of us (at least those over 40!) enjoy life so much more. He often used racial stereotypes common to locals, and which today would probably be frowned upon. But as he used to say, "I no make fun of any one race; I make fun of all a dem!" I googled him and he was described as "an American comedian and Catholic Deacon from Hawaii." He is 72 years old now, and although not performing regularly, can still be seen on Hawaii TV doing public service announcements advocating for kids. He also is active in the Catholic Church and through his *Frank DeLima Student Enrichment Program*, he goes to various schools around the Islands to perform motivational speeches.

Here's a few of his oldies:

***My car was in da shop, and I called my friend for come pick me up. She was busy, so she told me to go take da bus home. What a lolo! How she expect me for take da bus home? Where I going put 'em? I no more room!!***

***My friend wen call me up and ask me why I nevah pick him up at da airport. "I was waiting and waiting you buggah, and you nevah show up. Where you was?" I told him, "Well, I was on my way, but I saw da sign say, 'Airport Left.' So I turn around and went home!"***

***I was sitting in da doctah's office and he was having one hard time finding my pulse. "Oh doctah, I know why," I told him. "It's cuz da nurse wen just take 'em!"***

Frank's humor made us laugh till we cried, and what I admired about him the most, is that he never used cuss words in his performances! He made us laugh at ourselves at times---and boy, don't we all need that once in a while? Mahalo, Frank!

## Ainahau Calendar of Events

'Ainahau is alive and well and back to our busy schedule! Here is the calendar for April and May. Although not all of us will attend all the events, please know that at least one of our members will represent us at each event:

### April 2022

4: Na Lei Makalapua exec meeting via Zoom 8:00 a.m.  
7, 14, 21, 28: Hula & Music Practice 7:00 p.m. Wintersburg  
9: Na Lei Makalapua Convention meeting via Zoom 8:00 a.m.  
10: Club Meetings at Barber City Women's Club Board 2:00 General 3:00  
24 Civic Duty performance, music & hula, Lomita  
27 HICC meeting Linbrook Bowl Board 6:00 p.m. General 7:00

### May 2022

1: Scholarship Application deadline  
2: Na Lei Makalapua exec meeting via Zoom 8:00 a.m.  
5, 12, 19, 26: Hula & Music practice 7:00 p.m. Wintersburg  
8: Club Meetings: at Barber City Women's Club Board: 2:00 General 3:00  
14 : Na Lei Makalapua Council meeting via Zoom 8:00 a.m.  
25 : HICC meeting TBD Board 6:00 p.m. General 7:00 Vendor packets due



### April Birthdays:

2 Keoni Babcock  
4 Ryan Terao  
8 Isaiah Ka'ai  
11 Donald Hamilton, Edmund Kamekona Pang  
20 Malia Wakinekona Carlsen  
24 Alex Johnson  
25 Linda Shellabarger  
26 Ricky Lee Stone  
27 Mark Aichele  
29 Andrea "Boomie" Olalia

### May Birthdays:

2 Hope Kahealani Kakihara  
9 Maile Hubbard, May Porter  
12 Kathy Williams  
13 Thelma Miyashiro  
19 Geoff Hill  
23 Curtis Hayes  
27 Michael Tissandier  
28 Dennis Kazner





## *In Honor of the Founder of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs*

*(A two-part article by Sharon Abbott)*

March 26<sup>th</sup> is a state holiday in Hawaii to honor Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. He was born on this date in 1871. We know him well as the founder of the first Hawaiian Civic Club on December 7, 1918. However, he was so much more; but first and foremost, he was dedicated to the betterment of the Hawaiian people.

Queen Kapi'olani, his maternal aunt would hanai Prince Kuhio when his parents passed away. Kuhio's style or title was Royal Highness, and he was of the Kalakaua dynasty. He and his two brothers were part of King Kalakaua's Hawaiian Youth Abroad Program where young ali'i were sent abroad for education that would expand their world knowledge and experiences.

It was during their time abroad that the princes became the first surfers in California, showing their friends in Santa Cruz the Hawaiian sport. They later introduced their sport to the people of Britain as well.

Kuhio served in Kalakaua's royal cabinet as administrator of the Department of the Interior.

King Kalakaua wanted Kuhio to marry a Japanese princess for alliance purposes, but he chose to marry for love. In 1895, Kuhio was part of the Wilcox rebellion. He was sentenced to a year of imprisonment during which time his fiancée, Elizabeth Kahanu, would visit him every day! They married a year later, and she was given the title of Princess.

After the death of both Princess Ka'iulani and Queen Kapiolani in 1899, Prince Kuhio and his wife traveled abroad to help ease the pain of their great loss.

Together, the Prince and Princess lived in Waikiki at Pualeilani. Born of ali'i status herself, Elizabeth's uncle, William Hoapili Ka'auwai was the first ordained Hawaiian Anglican priest. Her aunt High Chiefess Mary Ann Kiliwehi, along with William, accompanied Queen Lili'uokalani on her voyage to meet Queen Victoria. Both Elizabeth and Kuhio were in attendance at the deathbed of Lili'uokalani.

Elizabeth was a graduate of Sacred Hearts Academy, just like our members **Jackie Judd** and **Charlene Kazner**. She was a protégé of Queen Kapiolani. So regal was her appearance that famed novelist Jack London described her as follows:

*"Always shall I remember her as a resplendent exotic flower, swaying and bending its head with unaffected, innate grace. And the Princess Elizabeth Kalaniana'ole has set an example, a pattern, that will make us full critical of royal women of any blood."*

(More about Kuhio in the next issue.)

(Content taken from Wikipedia and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs' 2019 Convention booklet)

# A Friendly reminder that it's time to pay your Membership Dues.....!

Aloha mai `Āinahau `Ohana,

It's hard to believe that it is the end of March and soon we will see the spring flowers in bloom. At this rate, our `Aha`aina in October will be here in the blink of an eye.

If you have not paid your dues, please see below for information on how much your dues are, what they are used for and where to mail your payment. We need each of you to keep our club strong, vital and ongoing. Membership dues are key in operating our club. Your dues help to pay for our Association of Hawaiian Civic Club dues, Mainland Council dues, storage shed, insurance general meeting space, convention registration and other operating expenses. Expenses for events such as Ho`olaule`a, Movie Nights, Bingo, etc., are covered by revenue brought in for the event. So, as you can see, membership dues go a long way to keep our club running. Following are the dues:

Student (full time)	\$10.00
Single	\$25.00
Single-w/ `Ohana	\$30.00
`Ohana	\$40.00

Please contact me at (714) 290-8681 or [sevenkaz@aol.com](mailto:sevenkaz@aol.com) if you have any questions or need additional information. Please mail your checks payable to AOKHCC to:

`Āinahau O Kaleponi HCC  
12534 Valley View Street #343  
Garden Grove, CA 92845  
Attention: Membership



We appreciate you. Mahalo piha. Kōkua ke `olu`olu.

Charlene Kazner

## *'Āinahau Scholarship Information*

We are grateful to the members of `Āinahau O Kaleponi and our community supporters to be able to offer scholarships for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. Please email Edye Hill at [edyehill@yahoo.com](mailto:edyehill@yahoo.com) for a scholarship application. AOKHCC offers three different scholarships, the Academic Scholarship for post-high school education, the Kalama Scholarship for pursuit of Hawaiian focused education, and the Youth Scholarship for the Kamehameha Explorations program. Academic & Youth Scholarship applications are due by May 1, 2022.

The Scholarship Committee goes through a rigorous review of the applications, interviews and selection process. All recommendations for scholarship awards are approved by the Board and General Membership. We encourage members to apply.

# ʻĀinahau O Kaleponi Hawaiian Civic Club

Our 40th Year  
(1982 - 2022)

Pelekikena, Pualani Hao  
Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi, Charlene Kazner  
Hope Pelekikena 'Elua, Edye Hill  
Pu'uku, Ualani Ho'opai  
Kakau 'Olelo Ho'opa'a, Sharon Abbott  
Kakau 'Olelo Ho'oholo, Paddy Kakhara  
Sergeant at Arms, Gil Kveen

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Year Chartered: 1982

## Motto:

E Malama 'Ia Na Pono O Ka

ʻĀina E Na 'Opio

“The Culture of the Land is Preserved in its Youth”

Club Flower: Pikake



Club Colors: White, Peacock Blue, Seafoam Green

Club Song: 'Āinahau

Newsletter: Kahakuhi O 'Āinahau

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