Aloha e ‘Āinahau members:

The 40th ‘Ahaaina is now firmly a success for our history books as evidenced with the continued excitement by everyone that participated. As members send out photos and video of this event, there is one theme throughout, smiles, happiness and a lot of Aloha. Na Kupuna would be proud of the long tradition of Aloha embraced by members. I am proud and honored to have served as ‘Āinahau’s Luna. The hula dancers and musicians kept hearing me say, “It’s my vision, it’s my vision” trying to piece together complicated and diverse mele and hula. And after much cajoling and Pelekikena privilege, we were able to produce one of the best shows ever (said with Pelekikena pride) with beautiful mele, music and hula seamlessly connected. Because the primary purpose was to raise funds, I believe that we achieved and excelled in that endeavor and we have a willing audience for next year.

The show was created honoring Na Kupuna and Na Kumu that gave to ‘Āinahau over the past 40 years. Mahalo to Ualani Ho’opai for her teachings of Wahine Illkea and the new version of Ka Uluwehi o Ke Kai. This was a hula that Aunty Malina taught many years ago and while some of us still remember that version, Ua brought a freshness and liveliness that was beautiful to see. Mahalo to Hoku Aichele for taking on luna duties for Sophisticated Hula, to Mapuana Newcomb for KeAloha, and mahalo to Edye Hill for taking the lead for the Wahine.

Ho‘o‘omaika‘i to Linda McElrea as ‘Āinahau’s Member of the Year for 2022. It was well deserved. Linda volunteered her time and home for many ‘Āinahau endeavors and she costumed the dancers to help make this event memorable. While I only named a few members, we all know that this club and ‘Ahaaina could not have been successful without all the members that participated and led; Maile Hubbard stepping up for another year as Kitchen Luna and hula dancer, Lehua Swope as mele and musician director, Paddy Kakihara as MC, Agnes Kakihara, Laura Kakihara and Kealoha Kakihara for their many contributions and of course, Eric Kakihara and Charlene Kazner, who are always there for everyone, Pelekikena forever. ‘A‘ole hiki I na hua‘olelo ke ho‘ike I ko‘u mahalo...words can never express my mahalo.

While the announcement has been made that I am working in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, I plan to continue to lead our members through 2023. Please feel free to text, call or email me, because even though I am now living in Hawai‘i nei, I count myself lucky to be a part of this amazing ‘Āinahau ‘ohana.

(from the editor: see article on following page re Pualani’s new job!)
Kamehameha Schools hires new commercial development leader

Kamehameha Schools has announced a new director of planning and development. Also a graduate of KS Kapālama, Melanie Pualani Hao will lead projects for Kamehameha’s commercial properties and master-planned communities. “I am deeply honored for the opportunity to return home and return the many gifts Ke Ali‘i Pauahi has blessed me with,” Hao said in a statement. “I'm excited to carry on the tradition of serving this amazing organization with a meaningful mission close to my heart.” Hao worked with commercial real estate prior to her new position. Hao most recently worked with Providence Saint Joseph Health System.

(Article and Photo courtesy of National Public Radio)

Association of Hawaiian Civic Club Convention Coming

October 31-November 5, 2022 are the dates for the annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, of which ‘Ainahau is a member. This is the first in person meeting since Covid, and the 12 delegates representing our club are looking forward to getting together with friends and acquaintances from clubs from all the Islands as well as the continent. The Doubletree Seattle Airport is the Convention venue, and the host is Na Lei Makalapua, the Mainland Council.

At this meeting, many issues affecting the Hawaiian Community both in the Islands and here on the continent are presented in the form of resolutions. They are discussed in committee meetings and then again in the plenary, or main body of delegates.

This year, ‘Ainahau has submitted two resolutions; one to recognize our 40 years of service to the Hawaiian Community here in Southern Cal, and the second to request that Native Hawaiian youth be granted free tuition to the University of Hawaii system. This is a follow-up of our past resolution which now allows non-resident Native Hawaiians to avoid out-of-state tuition at the UH. Hopefully, the Convention delegates will support this and it will be sent to the Board of Regents & the Legislature!
Celebrating 40 Years of Aloha was the theme for our annual Scholarship Aha’aina held at the Garden Grove Community Center on October 1st. So many hands made this such a special event---one that we will remember for a while. It may well have been our last evening event, as the Committee is considering having future aha’aina celebrations during the day.

In an attempt to cut down on the workload, we did try to do things a little simpler. For example, instead of “borrowing” plants from the nursery as we’ve done for years, Agnes, Pua, Ua, and a few of the ladies brought plants and greens from home and the stage looked just beautiful! Mahalo to Lono for the awesome yellow and red kahili which graced the sides of the stage. Also, instead of having our cooks standing over the grill for hours, we ordered teri chicken from L & L, and it was delicious! I have to say, as we get older, we are getting smarter too!!

There are so many who worked all day to make this event a success, and I don’t want to miss anyone! But special shout-outs to Aunty Maile, our food coordinator, and her hard-working crew: Aunty Carol, Kanani, Lani, Rick, Karen, Uncle Rudy and brother Ernie, and to Gil & Corey for salting the salmon. Mahalo to Laura and her family for the table decorations; simple but beautiful, to Mark & Jodie (Artland’s ‘ohana) for manning the bar so efficiently, to Mapuana and her cousin for getting the pupus set up as well as Mapuana wrapping all the eating utensils! Also, to Hoku for the wonderful gift baskets which the people loved, and for she and Patty handling the scrip sales. To Charlene, Ashlyn & Miriam for manning the Will Call table. Thanks to Geoff for ordering the cakes (what, no carrot cake?!?), and to all the performers and musicians who helped with the serving line.

I want to give a special shout-out to my granddaughter Kealoha for her lovely creative work on our flyer, the table programs, stickers on the utensils, and all the signs around the venue! And Eric used her design on the tickets as well.

AND that didn’t even cover the people who worked so hard on the wonderful program! From the Pu blowers Eric, Craig, and Kanoa to our teachers: Pualani, Ualani, Mapuana (with Aunty Ulu), and Hokunani, to Linda who took care of all the costumes, the adornments, and most of all trying to keep everything in order! Our dancers, besides the teachers: Edye, Agnes, Linda, Sharon, Maile, Laura, Kealoha, Bayley, Kahea, and the adorable Darla Kehaulani, the kane: Eric, Jacob, Kelly, Geoff, and Kekoa. And we can’t forget our super music director Lehua, and musicians Gene, Eric, George and singers Gil, Tom, Charlene, Mapuana, and Barbara. (oh yeah, me too!) Finally, to Casper, our sound guy who made us all sound better!

Thank you to those who shared their photos. Enjoy the event again through them!
Getting everything ready for our guests takes all day!

Laura’s table decorations w/ table numbers in Hawaiian!

The program set at each table

Jacob starts setting up our serving table. Aunty Maile & her crew make the most ono dinner!

Sunny & Noe take over the pupu table when Mapuana got busy
Our Guests Enjoy the Food, the Ambiance and the Awesome Show!

Lehua’s Table w/ George, Barbara & ‘ohana

Laura’s & Kelly’s ‘ohana

Pualani’s friends & family

This group has been coming for years

Hopey’s girlfriends came for the first time and Theo enjoyed everything!
At Your Service!  Mark & Jodie at the Bar; Friendly ‘Cake Ladies,” & Rachel, Darci and a Friend are happy with their poi!

Linda, Bayley, Edye, Kealoha & Kahea get ready for their first number

Bayley----
And Da Guys--Jacob, Kekoa, and Kelly

Hoku & Pua strike a pose!
Sassy Wahines!

Hey! There’s a guy in the dressing room!
40 Years of Aloha! Let the Show Begin!
Pu Blowers Craig, Kanoa & Eric welcome all

Wahine Ilikea in new dresses made by Ua, Linda & Charlene!
(below) Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai in more casual wear!

Hanalei Moon by Kupuna & Papalina Lahilahi by the Kane!
Mahalo to Pualani for her choreography for many of the dances, & for her vision of our whole program! Also to Ualani, Hoku, & Mapuana for their mana’o as well. A special mahalo to Aunty Carol Johnson for singing Hanalei Moon!

The Kane are always a hit. This time with the wahine in the ever popular Kaimana Hila!

“The native hula maidens, they love to dance…” Sassy ladies with Sophisti-cated Hula!

Our finale was AWESOME! Ua started it off with I Am Hawaii, and every island was honored with a different hula implement. The audience loved it! Special aloha to Lehua and her musicians Gene, George and Eric for helping Pua’s vision come alive!
Mary Ann Aki Cain Kalama Scholarship

Corey M. Hayes is a long-time member of AOKHCC and has volunteered at almost every project we have done. She has become an expert in ulana, or lauhala weaving. The scholarship will assist Corey in her attendance at the Ka Ulu Lauhala O Kona weaving workshop. She was our Member of the Year in 2017 and is Native Hawaiian.

Robin Kehaulani Bryce is an active member of AOKHCC and a past member of the board of directors. She is a new student eager to learn about lauhala weaving. This scholarship helps Keahu attend the Ka Ulu Lauhala O Kona weaving workshop. She is a Native Hawaiian and has served as Convention delegate for AOKHCC.

`Āinahau O Kaleponi Academic Scholarship

Brianne Kealohaonalani Naomi Kakihara is attending Biola University pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching. She is an active AOKHCC member, dancing hula for the Aha`aina, volunteered at the Ho’olaule’a, and other club functions. She designed our flyer, and logo for today’s event. She is a Native Hawaiian, and is the daughter of AOKHCC members Craig and Laura Kakihara and the granddaughter of Tom and Paddy Kakihara.

Campbell Leilani Reyes is attending University of Hawaii at Manoa pursuing an undergraduate degree in Art History with a minor in Anthropology. She is a Native Hawaiian and she worked so hard at the food booth at Ho’olaule’a. She is the daughter of `Āinahau members, Mark and Jodie Reyes and the granddaughter of founding member Artland Ka’ai.

Rachel Pokipala is attending the Western University of Health Sciences for a Master of Science in Nursing. She is a Native Hawaiian and an active member of `Āinahau. She worked at the food booth at Ho’olaule’a. She is volunteering for the Aha Aina. She is a new member of AOKHCC.
AOKHCC Newsbit – October, 2022

HEALTH & HARVEST: 2121 North Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705
Pre-Registration Required for this Community event: October 15, 2pm – 4:30pm (Saturday)
Register: https://bit.ly/3fq3vAe Bring your Insurance card if you have one
Flu Shot
COVID-19 Vaccine & Boosters
Shingles
Pneumonia

Wellness Phone Banking:
`Ainahau needs your kokua to check on the welfare of our members and others in our community.
Wellness check October through March 2023
Help to complete 25 calls each month
Orientation to be scheduled, contact Ualani Ho`opai: uhoopai@pacifichealthpartners.org
SoCal PICRT to begin general checkin/wellness calls - October through December 2022
Contact Ualani Ho`opai: uhoopai@pacifichealthpartners.org
All calls documented on Goggle Doc

63rd Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention: October 31 – November 6, Double Tree Hotel, Seattle, WA.
Ho`oponopono Workshops with Malina Kaulukukui, Ho`oponopono Kupuna Chair
Tuesday, November 1, 1-2pm, Komike Malama Ola Health Room (Northwest Ballroom #3)
Wednesday, November 2, 9-10am, KMO Health Room
Association Health Survey 2022
420 Mahalo Card for completed Survey
Opportunity to enter Health Basket Raffle with $100 and $50 VISA Card
`Ainahau submits two Resolutions:
2022-Q: HONORING `AINAHAU O KALEPONI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THEE COMMUNITY
2022-U: REQUIRING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI’I TO AWARD FULL TUTION WAIVERS TO ALL NATIVE HAWAIIAN STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERISITY OF HAWAI’I SYSTEM
Convention Delegates and Alternates to meet on ZOOM October 20, 6pm. Contact Charlene Kazner to join the discussion on ZOOM.

Aloha no!
Ka`alakahikina
What??!! Christmas already? No, just a reminder to mark your calendars for ‘Ainahau’s annual Christmas party. The date is Saturday, **December 10th** from **4:00 to 7:00 pm**. Our usual venue is being renovated, so we will be using the social hall at Wintersburg Presbyterian Church. Most of you are familiar with the location because we have our Aha’a’ina practices and dress rehearsals there. The address is 2000 N Fairview, Santa Ana.

Please park around back and enter from the ramp leading to the kitchen. If the gym is not in use, you can park near it and enter from the door on that side of the social hall. “More information will be forthcoming, especially about food assignments & Santa stockings. Hope to see you all there!

---

**U.S. Mint to Issue Edith Kanaka’ole Quarter**

The Edith Kanaka’ole Foundation is proud to announce that Aunty Edith was named an honoree of the 2023 American Women Quarters, a program of the U.S. Mint. She will share this honor with four other women trailblazers including Eleanor Roosevelt, first African-American pilot Bessie Coleman, Mexican-American journalist Jovita Idar and Maria Tallchief, Native-American and America’s first major prima ballerina.

!“This is an unbelievable honor for our family, for our body of work at the Edith Kanaka’ole Foundation in carrying on her legacy and her teachings, for our home and for our people,” said Dr. Huihui Kanahele-Mossman, who is her granddaughter as well as Executive Director of the Foundation.

All of us should be proud of this recognition awarded to the late Aunty Edith for her contributions as a Kumu Hula, composer, chanter and a key influencer in the Hawaiian Renaissance of the 1970s. A true cultural Icon and UH Hilo teacher who always encouraged her Native Hawaiian students to earn their degree!

Look for her quarter to come out sometime next year!
‘Ainahau’s 2022 Member of the Year
Linda McElrea

‘Ainahau is pleased to honor Linda Kealaula McElrea as our 2022 Member of the Year. Linda has been a member of ‘Ainahau for eleven years and has become an indispensable part of many of our events. For last week’s aha’aina, she not only danced, but took care of all the costumes and adornments, and is in the process of trying to organize it all. She has chaired several bake sales at the Craft Fair in Gardena and has organized our Pau Hana Bash/Bowling parties. She currently is serving on the Board of Directors.

Linda is an only child, born and raised in Long Beach. She attended Wilson High School where she met her husband Stan. They lived in Westminster for 43 years until moving to North Tustin a few years ago. She and Stan have two grown daughters and three grandchildren. Being a caring, compassionate person, Linda has been caring for her Aunt for many years. Her home is a warm, welcoming one, and she has had hula practice, bake sale prep, and even costume sewing there! Linda is an avid bowler and she and Stan love spending time traveling and camping in their RV.

Aunty Ulu gave her the Hawaiian name Kealaula, the Dawning, several years ago because she said that Linda “rises early to prepare for the day and always cares for her family!” A truly appropriate name for Linda, whose love for things Hawaiian began when she was only nine years old and her aunt brought her a souvenir hula skirt and top, and a Hawaiian record after a trip to the Islands. She performed for a few years with a dance group here in Orange County.

Linda is happy to be a part of ‘Ainahau and to learn so much of what it means to be Hawaiian, and to love our culture even more. And Linda, we are even happier that you are a part of the ‘Ainahau ‘ohana. Congratulations!
Test Your Knowledge of Famous “Hawaiians!”

(These people were either born in Hawaii or called Hawaii home for awhile)

1) B______ O______ (Easy one! #44)

2) B______ I___ (Over the Rainbow)

3) D______ K______ (Royal Olympian)

4) B______ M______ (Singer/Actress—Aunty Ulu’s classmate)

5) D______ I______ (Airport named for him)

6) J____ N______ (Well, Gol-ly!)

7) J____ L______ (Book ‘em Dano!)

8) F______ D______ (Moloka‘i Saint)

9) C______ L______ (Buried at Kipahulu)

10) K____ S______ (Go Angels!)

11) J____ M______ (Aquaman)

12) N____ S______ (Pussycat Dolls)

13) E____ O______ (1st Asian-American in space)

14) B____ M______ (HOT Billboard artist)

15) P____ M______ (1st Asian-American congresswoman)

Answers in next issue!
Answers from last issue
N--Z!

N _________ (old swimming hole!)  Natatorium
O ____ (free one)  Oahu
P _____ (Kauai resort area)  Poipu
Q _____’  H _______  Queen’s Hospital
R _________  H ___ ______ (Go Rough Riders!)  Roosevelt High
S ___  I ______  Sand Island
T _______  (it’s pink!)  Tripler
U ____________ (ride ‘em cowboy!)  Ulupalakua
V _________  S_. (and we don’t even grow grapes!)  Vineyard St
W _______ (on several Islands)  Waimea
Y ____  S_. (never grows old)  Young St
Z ____’  Zippy’s

I couldn’t think of an X place name. The first person to give me a legitimate one will get $5!!

Congratulations to Charlene who came up with Xeriscape Gardens in Pearl City. She spent the $5 at Los Sanchez!

Special Mahalo for Silent Auction Donations!

Our very talented crafter, Corey Hayes, generously donated a lauhala hat and a feather lei, both which she spent many hours creating, for our silent auction. In addition, Mrs Susan McCormick, Lehua’s sister-in-law, gifted us with two framed Merrie Monarch posters.

These items not only raised $900 for our Scholarship Fund, but made a few people very happy! Mahalo to Susan, and to ‘Ainahau member, Corey!!
Ainahau Calendar of Events

‘Ainahau is alive and well and back to our busy schedule! Here is the calendar for October & November. 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:

**October 2022**
1  Aha‘aina
9  General Meeting via Zoom
15 Vaccine Clinic- Santa Ana United Methodist Church
20 Convention Delegates meeting via Zoom
22 Mainland Council meeting via Zoom
26 HICCSC meeting
31  Happy Halloween!
31  Annual Convention starts-- Seattle, WA

**November 2022**
1-6 Convention
9  Last day to submit Aha‘aina receipts
14-18  Submit names for children under 12 for Christmas stockings
24  Blessed Thanksgiving!!

*Phone Banking through end of the year and into 2023*

**October Birthdays**
1  Wendy Pang
2  Gene Goto
6  Corey Hayes
6  Makena Magee
20  Kelani Falasco
21  Jennell van Kooy
21  Kanani Hamilton
21  Kevin Bryce
23  George Santoro
24  Kim Mercer
24  Jacob Linao
27  Kealoha Kakihara
28  Laura Kakihara
30  Patty Hashimoto

**November Birthdays**
4  Tamrah Espinoza
6  Kam Monaco
14  Paddy Kakihara
17  Lani Goto

*Editor’s note: I am using a very old birthday list and I apologize if I have left anyone out. Please let me know of any corrections, or additions especially for any newer members. Mahalo!*
Bits and Pieces: A Few Reminders . . .

1) **Vaccine Clinic**-- this Saturday, October 15, 2022
Covid boosters or flu shots require no reservation; all others (monkeypox, shingles, etc) by reservation only! (See Ka’ala’s article for more detail)

2) **Club T-shirts** are available for purchase. Those who have already bought one say it is very well made and a very comfortable fabric. Contact Charlene for details--there is a limited number of various sizes left. (sevenkaz@aol.com)

3) **Aha’aina receipts** are due no later than November 9, 2022. If you purchased anything for Aha’aina for which you would like reimbursement, Ualani , our treasurer would like those requests to be in by November 9th. She needs to get the books closed on Aha’aina. If you are donating any items which may be recurring (purchased again next year), Charlene would still like to know how much you spent, just for future reference. After November 9th, it’s mahalo for the donation!

4) Looking ahead to December: **St. Francis Women’s Carehome** in Santa Ana has requested a performance by ‘Ainahau’s dancers and musicians. The date is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Contact Charlene if you are available. The last time we were there, because of Covid, we were limited to 12 participants. Not sure if that is still the case. ‘Ainahau has Been going to St Francis for more than 20 years, and the Sisters and the residents are always a great audience!
Pelekikena, Pualani Hao
Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi, Charlene Kazner
Hope Pelekikena 'Elua, Edye Hill
Pu'uku, Ualani Ho'opai
Kakau 'Olelo Ho'opapa'a, Sharon Abbott
Kakau 'Olelo Ho'oholo, Paddy Kakihara
Sergeant at Arms, Gil Kveen

Pelekikena Iho Nea, Immediate Past Pres
Eric Kakihara

Address:
12534 Valley View Street, No. 343
Garden Grove, CA 92845

Website: www.aokhcc.org

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: ʻĀinahau

Newsletter: Kahakuhi O ʻĀinahau
Editor: Paddy Kakihara
(pkakihara@yahoo.com)

Chartered Nov., 1982
Tax Status: §501© (3)