

"The Flame of 'Ainahau"







Pualani Hao Pelekikena 'Aukake a Kepakemapa (August & September, 2022)















Aloha e 'Āinahau members,

"E hana like kākou me ke aloha, I mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono" (Let us work together with aloha so that the sovereignty of the land is perpetuated by pono). This is one of the proposals to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs' Constitution. If voted on at a future constitutional convention, it would replace the current motto by Kamehameha III Kauikeaouli, "UA MAU KE EA O KA 'ĀINA I KA PONO" (The sovereignty of the land has been perpetuated in righteousness). While there are many amendments proposed for both the constitution and the bylaws, this 'Olelo Hawai'i speaks to the fact that we all agree, whether we change the motto or not, that we will work together with Aloha as we take on future challenges. Mahalo to Noe Mengel & Ka'ala for representing 'Ainahau at this Policy/Procedure event in Honolulu..

Please save the date if you are attending the AHCC convention this year in November in Seattle where Ainahau will be decorating the plenary room on Wednesday morning, November 2nd, participating in Aha Mele with the mainland council and also being honored for 40 years of Aloha.

For any members that have not committed yet to attending Convention, please feel free to contact me or Charlene Kazner if you are interested in attending.

Mahalo,

Pualani Hao, Pelekikena



40 Years of Aloha!

This will be the theme for our annual Scholarship Aha'aina on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Although costs have gone up this past year, in honor of our 40th anniversary, we will keep the price at \$40. Charlene is again handling tickets which will be going on sale at the General meeting on August 20th.

Ho'olaule'a 2022 A Huge Success!

The weekend of July 15-17 found many 'Ainahau members, under the direction of Luna Maile Hubbard and her chief assistants Charlene Kazner and Eric Kakihara busy at work! Friday was the day to load up the truck at the shed, and decorating and setting up our food booth at Alondra Park in Gardena. We simplified our menu this year, so there was no lomi salmon prep at Wintersburg.

Saturday and Sunday, many hands were busy serving the big crowds our laulau plate (rice, laulau, watermelon) with poi sold on the side, and our popular loco moco. We sold out of the nearly 800 laulau we ordered! Even though the mood of the workers remained high, it was pretty hot working the food line as well as the grill/stove area. A couple of our members had difficulty with the heat; Lehua Swope especially. Blessedly, a good rest at home and she was okay.

We had some new workers this year, and it was especially nice to see several generations of family members working side by side. Artland had his grandson Nainoa, as well as his nephew Mark Reyes and great nieces Makena & Campbell who came all the way from Carlsbad. Maile and Lou had their daughter Marlise and grandkids Jacob, Makena and Hayden working more than one day! And, I can't forget Tom's & my 'ohana: Eric, Agnes, Edye, Geoff & Kealoha.

In addition, so many willing hands: Ua, Mapuana, Stan (filling in for "sore footed—again!" Linda), Rick & Patty, Pua & Steven, Gene & Lani, Rudy, Marco & Jeff Lum, Kanani Hamilton, Rachel Pokipala, and one of our newest dancers, Darci Watanabe. Mahalo plenty to all of you for making our biggest fundraiser of the year such a success!

Several members were also helping out with PIHP's health booth (Yay, Director Ua!), and some of the above mentioned helped with our food booth as well. A special shout out to Tracy Sun, Program Manager COVID-19 Response for the Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF). Through PIHP, 'Ainahau has received several grant awards from APIAHF. Tracy was visiting from West Virginia and offered to help, working in our booth both Friday and Saturday. Mahalo for the help, Tracy, and mahalo for the funding!

On Sunday, we were so excited to have Joe & BJ Rodrigues stop by with her brother George and Sherry. For more years than we remember, BJ took the lead in this Ho'olaule'a project! It was good to see her "just sitting!" It is always a treat to see long-time, long-distance members Denny & Scott from Tennessee, who work alongside our Sharon in the planning of the Ho'olaule'a. All in all, a wonderful weekend!

There are quite a few photos from the weekend event. Mahalo to Eric, Edye, Kealoha, Ua, and Patty for adding to my few. I'm so sorry we didn't get everyone—will try to do better next time. Please enjoy!

Mahalo



Ua, the watermelon specialist,; Da old timers: Tom & Paddy, Maile Charlene with the Rodrigues; Pelekikena Pualani with Tom, Joe & BJ.

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Da Gang—Ready to fac the Sunday crowd! Kealoha, Edye, Patty smiling before the line starts! (B) Tracy, Darci Edye, Maile & Char setting up

Is This Work or Fun? Mahalo, everyone!









Our booth looked so good! Rick, chief rice cooker and Rudy manning the steamers for the laulau!





Some of our members performed with their halau. Marlise & Makena Klein with proud Dad Chris, and Patty Hashimoto with a friend!





At the PIHP booth, Artland gets his blood pressure checked by Makayla & Nia Fifita, while Momi Nakila gets excited at winning a prize!





And, of course Pau Hana time means yogurt time. So ono, yeah?!? I wasn't gonna use this photo, Charlene, but I couldn't resist!







By Jane Ka'ala Pang





Policy & Procedure Event:

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) met at Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, HI August 5-6 to review the AHCC Constitution and By Laws (C&BLs).

All 5 Councils were well represented "in person": Nā Lei Makalapua (Continental Council) led by Nalani Carol Johnson, Pelekikena, Kauwahi `Anaina Hawai`i, Utah, was represented by:

'Ahahui Kisila Hawai'i o San Diego HCC, California

'Āinahau o Kaleponi HCC, California

Ke Ali'i Bernice Pauahi Paki.o Kansas, Missouri

Our twelve hour days began with 6:30 am with COVID-19 testing and temperture checks for all 130 participants. The event was filled with intense discussions, historic reviews, filled with memories of past leadership, fun filled with five minute breaks of "uehe – ami – slides" to "Tewe Tewe", Waikīkī, and mele hula from each of the islands led by Malia Nobrega-Olivera, Moku o Manokalanipō, Pelekikena, Kauai Council.

Members met with HCC leaders who began our journey over 40 ears ago, former member Ihi Wakinekona living on Kauai, and many others who send AOKHCC members their warm aloha.

'Ōlelo Hawai'i was celebrated as native speakers debated on correct terminology throughout C&BLs. For those joining us for the 63rd Convention, best bring along your Hawaiian Dictionary for reference, These experts will meet and resolve their differences prior to the Convention. Other Articles and Sections dealt with membership, chartering new HCCs, AHCC emblem, mele, flower, motto. All members are welcome to join the next P&P Series Virtual by ZOOM August 20, August 27 and Sept. 17. More to be shared at next General Membershp meeting.

Scavenger Hunt with Convention = Order of Business: Article 10-Section 12: provided a much needed break: as we received a generous gift card from Young's Fish Market. Check out the C&BLs at AOHCC.org Website "Resources>Governing Documents" and identify at least 10 errors. The dedicated members of the Policy & Planning met at least 18 hours weekly in preparation for C&BLs series. By all account, evaluations and membership response "P&P Event was productive, successful and COVID FREE!

Aloha nō, Ka`alakahikina



Aha'aina Practice in Full Swing Our 40th Anniversary Will be Special

Practice: Thursdays 530-8:30



Dancers Sharon, Darcí, Línda, Edye, Agnes, Bayley, Hope, Kealoha, Ashlyn, Noe, Kehau, & Laura, being taught by Pualaní, Ua, Hoku and Mapuana. Some old favorites and a beautiful Island medley are on tap. Lehua has the musicians working too: Gene, George, Eric, Barbara, Charlene, Tom, Mapuana, and Paddy.



Aloha, My Friend! We'll Miss You

"Hello, my friend!" That was the normal greeting we all got from 'Ainahau's most senior member, Lori Carter. Sadly, our friend passed from this world on June 30th, blessedly with Charlene by her side. We will miss her smile, and her joy in singing and playing ukulele.

Lori was born February 10, 1928 in Waikiki, where she grew up. She would often share stories of how she spent lots of time with the "Waikiki Beach Boys" of the 40's and 50's. She said hers was a privileged life, and she loved being a "Waikiki Beach Girl!" In fact, her family will be scattering her ashes in her beloved Waikiki on August 17th.

She graduated from Roosevelt High School and spent much of her life in Waimea on Hawai'i Island, where most of her family still reside. She is survived by her sister Yvonne and husband Bill Gunderson, and many nieces and nephews. Her niece Kiki took care of her needs in Lori's last few months with the help of 'Ainahau friends Charlene, Hoku, Lehua, Kehau and Barbara.

Lori moved to California and worked for many years as a personal caregiver, sharing her aloha with several clients. She joined 'Ainahau and spent years in the choral group, as well as helping in lots of our events. She met Norman Mathews through a friend, and they spent several years together before marrying and moving to Garden Grove. Theirs was a true love match. She always referred to Norman as "my sweetheart!"

Another phrase Lori is known for is "OOH, that's my favorite!" I remember last year when I took her for her Covid shots in Fullerton, she insisted that we go to lunch afterward. We had to go to her "favorite" Red Lobster, and she had to have her "favorite" shrimp! To watch her enjoying that meal made me want to drool!! But most of the time, she used that phrase to describe the many Hawaiian mele she knew and loved. Every time she heard someone start a new song, she would say, "Ooh, that's my favorite!" Just ask Lehua. She and Lori spent many many hours singing together, one favorite after another. In fact, just a week or so before she entered the hospital, Lori and Lehua were singing for the residents at her care home!

I have no doubt that Lori is singing her favorites in the heavenly choir. Aloha, my friend!







Just for Fun . . .

Answers to last issue's quiz:		
A_	(Magic Island)	Ala Moana
B _	_ W	Blow Hole
C_	(form	er Kauai resort) Coco Palms Hotel
D_	(easy one!)	Diamond Head
E _	_ (one more easy one!)	Ewa
F		(Kalihi) Farrington High School
G_	Ave.	Gulick Ave.
H_	(not on O'ahu)	Hilo
I	P	Iolani Palace
J	(think of one of our for	anding members) Judd St.
K_	(choo, choo!)	Kahului
L_		Leonard's
M_	(UH)	Manoa

Now Try to Complete the Alphabet!

N	(old swimming hole!)
О	(free one)
P	(Kauai resort area)
Q	_ H
R	H (Go Rough Riders!)
S I	
T	(it's pink!)
U	(ride 'em cowboy!)
V	S (and we don't even grow grapes!)
W	_ (on several Islands)
Y	S (never grows old)
Ζ ,	

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



Ainahau Calendar of Events

'Ainahau is alive and well and back to our busy schedule! Here is the calendar for August & September. 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:

August 2022

- 11, 18, 25 Hula & music practice at Wintersburg 5:30
- 12 'Aha'aina Committee meeting Zoom 6:30
- 13 Na Lei Makalapua meeting Zoom 8:00 a.m. Scholarship Committee 10:00
- 20 Board & General meetings—Barber City 2:00 & 3:00

September 2022

- 1, 8, 15 Hula & music practice 5:30
- 11 Board & General Meeting—Barber City 2:00 & 3:00
- 22 Dress Rehearsal Wintersburg Social Hall 5:30
- 29 Final practice if needed
- 30 Aha'aina food prep 9:00 (TBD)





Hau'oli la hanau



August Birthdays

- 4 Peter Rijken
- 5 Blaise Cardoza, Tom Kakihara
- 10 Emily Kazner
- 11 Steven Carlsen, Darla Espinoza
- 15 Anthony Rijken
- 19 Eric Roth
- 20 Paul Shallabarger, David Kazner
- 22 Terrill Lynn Stone
- 24 Noah Fine, Larry Hao
- 26 Nani Roth
- 27 Nani Busch

September Birthdays

- 2 Sharon Abbott, Joseph Nartea
- 9 Kelly Tang
- 10 Dale Falasco
- 12 David Kahakauwila
- 17 Pualani Hao

- 18 Emma Nartea
- 19 Linda McElrea
- 20 Calvin Chang
- Eric1Kakihara



`Āinahau 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 Kakihara
Sergeant at Arms, Gil Kveen

Pelekikena Iho Nea, Immediate Past Pres Eric Kakihara

Board of Directors:

Maile Hubbard Artland Ka'ai Gil Kveen Linda McElrea Ka'ala Pang

Council Koho Mua (Representatives)

Sharon Abbott



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Motto:

E Malama 'la Na Pono O Ka `Āina E Na 'Opio "The Culture of the Land is Preserved in its Youth"

Club Flower: Pikake



<u>Club Colors:</u> White, Peacock Blue,

Seafoam Green

Club Song: 'Āinahau

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'Āinahau

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