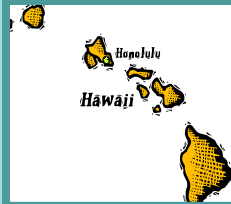




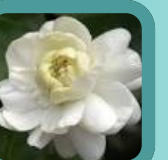
KAHAKUHI O 'ĀINAHAU

"The Flame of 'Āinahau"



Pualani Hao

Winter, 2022-2023



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou 'Āinahau 'Ohana!

I hope that your holiday season was bright, beautiful, and enjoyable. As we look forward to many happy times in 2023, I want to take a moment to mahalo everyone for all the hard work and extraordinary efforts in 2022. We were able to participate in Ho'olaule'a at Alondra Park in July and hold our 40th 'Aha 'Aina in October. Also, the Association's Seattle Convention in November was well represented by 'Āinahau with 12 delegates as well as alternatives and guests. We were the largest contingency on behalf of Nā Lei Makalapua. And even though the weather was chilly, the Aloha from everyone kept us warm. I want to give a special shout out to Maile Hubbard for traveling from Utah to once again to be kitchen luna and delegate. Everyone gives so much to make 'Āinahau events a tremendous success.

I would also like to mahalo Ka'ala Pang and Noelani Mengel for representing at the Constitution and By-Laws' virtual meetings and in-person meeting in Honolulu in preparation for Convention. The hard work by all, including our own Nā Lei Makalapua Pelekikena, Carol Nalani Johnson, was rewarded by passing the many Resolutions affecting Kanaka. This important work helps the Lāhui.

Our musicians, singers and hula dancers' performances were so special to watch at Aha aina and they gave their best for the women at St. Francis Home in Santa Ana and at our Christmas pa'ina at Wintersburg Presbyterian Church. Mahalo nui to our Hawaiian Santa who made the pa'ina just a little bit more special.

I am also happy to report that 'Āinahau represented at the recent Honolulu Mayor's Inauguration and the OHA Investiture Ceremony at Kawaiaha'o Church. Mahalo Pelekikena Carol Johnson for the honor on behalf of Nā Lei Makalapua. Each and everyone of you are da best kine people and I am very proud to be part of this great organization.

Mahalo nui loa, mālama pono,
Pualani Hao

An Important Message from the Editor:

Our hard-working Hope Pelekikena Ekahi **Charlene Kazner** is recovering from a TIA, a mini-stroke which she experienced just before Christmas. Blessedly, she was with her 'ohana, and they called 9-1-1 and she got the help she needed quickly. After a few days at Long Beach Memorial, she is doing fine at home. Please allow her to rest and regain her energy, but keep sending positive thoughts her way. We love you Char!!



Convention 2022



Convention 2022 was hosted by the Mainland Council and held at the Doubletree Hotel in Seattle, Washington. It was a treat to be able to hold an in-person meeting after two years of virtual meetings. ‘Ainahau was well represented by twelve delegates (one for every ten club members) and three alternates. Mahalo to those who took the time and expense to represent us. Delegates were: Pualani Hao, Eric Kakihara, Edye Hill, Charlene Kazner, Sharon Abbott, Jane Ka’ala Pang, Linda McElrea, Andrea (Boomie) Olalia, Noelani Mengel, Maile Hubbard, Steven Robello, and Ualani Ho’opai. Alternates were Pua Hockenhull, Malina Kaulukukui, and Agnes Kakihara. Three of the delegates, Noe, Andrea, and Steven were attending their very first Convention, and Noe shares her experience in the next page. As one of the host clubs, our delegates helped to decorate the plenary meeting hall, helped with technical issues of audio and video, and hosted the health resource room under the leadership of Health Committee Chair Ka’ala Pang. On the social side, many of our delegates could be seen doing impromptu hula during the evening get-togethers and kanikapila! “Ka’a’ahi Kahului” remains a crowd favorite!

We are grateful to the many members, at Convention and here at home, who have made ‘Ainahau O Kaleponi a club of which we can be proud. Special thanks this year to Ua and Charlene for the many health clinics sponsored over the past two years to help many of us get our vaccines. I’m sure that is one of the many reasons we were awarded the **Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana’ole Award** as the Outstanding HCC of the year!! Way to go, ‘Ainahau!!

We had other members recognized also: Linda was nominated for the **Ke Po’okela O Kuhio Award** as the outstanding HCC member and Ua was nominated for the **Kalaniana’ole Award** as the outstanding HCC member for service to the community-a-large. Charlene and Dennis were honored as respected “kupuna” with the **Kukui Lama Ku Award**, and Andrea won the **Kama Ali’i Award** as the Outstanding Young HCC Member! Congratulations to all!

Attending Convention is one of the best ways to see the Civic Clubs at work and to make a difference for the future generations of young Hawaiians. 2023 Convention will be held on O’ahu, possibly at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Think about attending!

Convention Experience for the First Time!

By Noelaní Mengel

My first Association of Hawaiian Civic Club Convention, I left humbled and empowered. My hope was to connect with as many Hawaiians on and off the islands, hear their stories and be part of the solutions that perpetuate the culture and traditions of Hawai'i into the future.

I was thankful to have attended the Constitutional Convention in Honolulu earlier this year as there were many familiar faces of aunties and uncles who I had spoken with before. 'Ainahau decorated the main room with the aunties from the Civic Club in Seattle and the smell of pine was delicious as the goal was to highlight the foliage of the land we were standing on.

Representing Ainahau at convention is a big responsibility, the history of good works from our club is impressive to put modestly. I am thankful for all the lessons that I learned as a delegate. There was a moment of self-doubt and I am thankful to be a part of the 'Ainahau Ohana, especially Auntie Corey Hayes, who was over 2,000 miles away and helped me find my mana and keep my chin up.

I was the delegate for Ecosystems/Environment Committee where I offered an amendment to Resolution 2022-AB, to create a permanent stewardship program at Pololu Valley, that was seconded by Pua, the delegate from Kohala Civic Club (resolution author). I met with Pua two days later in her home in California to talk story and we learned we have both paddled under Manny at Kawaihae, and we are related, and just like that, my ohana grew.

I attended presentations from Hawaii Tourism Authority, Government Relations, Na'opio goals for the future, and a meeting completely in Hawaiian that I was thankful for Sanoë who scooted her chair closer to me to translate. This led to a mini brainstorming of how to reach more non-olelo speakers, projects being worked on with the Kamehameha Schools, and so much more.

My first Association of Hawaiian Civic Club Convention will not be my last. The relationships that I have made have already grown and I know will continue to grow. There is a lot of work to be done for Hawai'i in the political realm. There is a lot of aina work and how the land is touched during and when political decisions are made. Convention is a place where these worlds meet. I am honored and excited to continue my service as the ***Chair for the Ecosystems and Environment Committee for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club's Convention 2023!*** My daughter is my inspiration, and I could not ask for a more supportive husband. Let's get to



Convention is a time for Work, and a bit of Fun as well!



Decorating the plenary with pine and northwestern decor



Sisters, Edye and Andrea (Boomie) bundled up for a walk to the train



*Always time for a photo op!
Goofing off while some work!*

Mahalo to Linda for most of the great photos!



Eric, Lou, Maile, Edye, Andrea & friend at Pike Place during rare spare time!

'Ainahau did us proud in the Award Department!



Almost all of our delegates and alternates



*Pualani accepts the award for
Civic Club of the Year!
Yay, 'Ainahau!!*



*Our award nominees and winners Linda, Charlene, Andrea, Pua, and Ua with a
celebratory cheer too!*



Outgoing & Incoming Officers of the Association and the Mainland Council



*Our group poses with
Association President
Hailama & others!*

*Dinner at a nearby
Thai restaurant caps
off the week. Eric,
Agnes, Edye, Steve,
Pua, Boomie, Linda,
Pua H., Lou, Maile, &
Charlene!*





Sometimes they got dressed up!!



**Awww. . . Maile & Lou
And all the lovely wahine with Maggie Perry!**



**Eric & Steven held their own
with all the gals. . .**



And even got invited to be in the photo!



**Pua H, Benton,
Ka'ala and Sha-
ron ready to enjoy
the evening!**

**Mahalo for the
photos, Maggie!**

**Our Pelekikena
Pualani with Ste-
ven, Edye and
Charlene enjoying
the evening festi-
vities**



Christmas Party at Wintersburg December 10, 2022



A good time was had by all who attended the annual 'Ainahau Christmas gathering which we held at a new venue this year. We had a group of about 60, which included a few from Hawaii (our Pelekikena Pualani among them!), and happily a few whom we hadn't seen for a while (Anita and Steve!), as well as several friends of members.

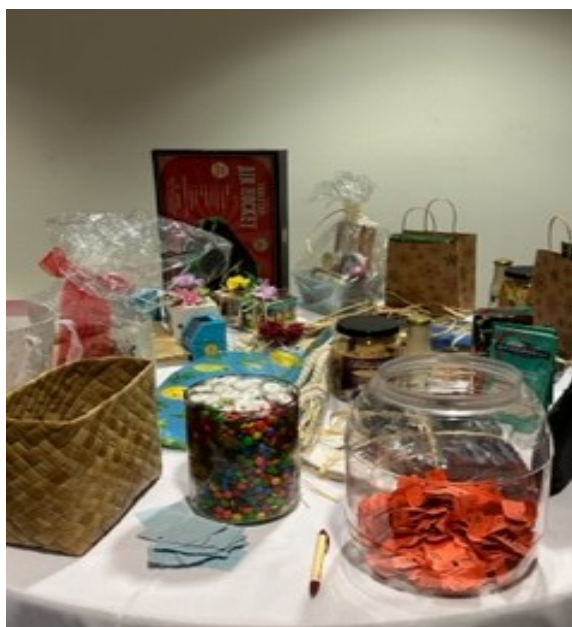
We started out with a real ono potluck, which this year featured way more desserts than veggies. My kind of meal!! Mahalo to all who shared.

Special mahalo to Charlene, for organizing the whole event and for the fun games we played after eating. There was a lot of laughing, and even some screaming and cheating! Thanks to Lehua and Eric for the music to "play games by!" And thanks also to Fifi and Edye for sharing the hula.

Of course, the evening wouldn't be complete without our Santa, Artland Ka'ai, who also entertained us with a musical number. Gil did an awesome job of helping him get ready. Too bad, the cold season kept many of our keiki from attending and getting their stockings (Mahalo, Hoku!) from Santa. However, some of the "big kids" were happy to sit on his lap! A belated Mele Kalikimaka to all!



Festive table decorations. Mahalo to Corey for the special apple bananas!



Prize table! Sharon filled a jar with more than 1000 candies. Amazingly, Geoff guessed within 4 of the total!

Charlene's 'ohana & friends.

*Geoff & Kalea in foreground,
Barbara & George, Steve &
Anita and a friend.*



*Yay!
Game
Winners!*



*Santa Artland shares a
mele!*



*Everyone
loves Santa-
from 21
month old
Theo to a
little older
Mapuana!!*





By Jane
Ka'ala Pang



32nd Association Convention:

Delegates, alternates and guests of Āinahau o Kaleponi HCC demonstrated **“It’s Kākou”** as each pulled together as a TEAM throughout the week, whether in doing their respective duties attending plenary, committee meetings, health activities, other Convention activities. Such was the call “to clean up the Kōmike Mālama Ola room” at the start of the `Aha`āina dinner. It took two days to days to set up the health room – but `ĀINAHAU picked up, cleaned, packed, stored materials in 10 minutes, returning to their dinner to enjoy the special program culminating Convention’s work. Mahalo piha to the menehune who set up and provided water, snacks galore for the delegates for each plenary, checking on each other if kōkua needed, kept tabs on each member that all went well. This photo includes Kōmike Mālama Ola Ka’ala Pang, Chair, Ualani Ho’opai, Secretary, with Dr. Poki’i Balaz, first scholar from Hawai’i selected as President Obama’s Foundation Fellow for her passion and work with nā kūpuna population and Alzheimer Foundaton.



Keali’i Pang, O’ahu Council Pelekikena, Malina Kaulukukui, Ho’oponoponu Kūpuna, Ka’ala Pang, Sheri Daniels and Lehua, POL @ Ho’oponopono Workshop. Kōmike Mālama Ola honors Halia Aloha Dr. Ka’imi Sinclair for her work with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Cllubs

TAKE CARE OF YOUR `OHANA AND FRIENDS:

Enjoy the holiday season with `Ohana and Friends

1. Get your 3rd COVID-19 Booster and vaccines
2. If in doubt: check your status with home antigen test kits, available free for now!
3. Wear your face mask indoors and in large crowds
4. Continue to wash hands frequently
5. Disinfect frequently touched surfaces
6. If sick: test, stay home, self isolate, contact your private doctor or healthcare worker
7. Enjoy the holidays **SAFELY** with `Ohana and Friends

Aloha no!
Ka’alahikina

St Francis Women's Home

December 5, 2022

About a dozen mask-clad members put on an hour-long Christmas show for the ladies at St. Francis Women's Home in Santa Ana. This has been a long-standing "gig" for 'Ainahau, and we always look forward to the audience of fun-loving Wahine! Many of them will get up and dance with their walkers!! Because of Covid restrictions, only a limited number could participate. Mahalo to Lehua, Eric, Edye, Charlene, Gil, Tom, Linda, Sharon and Mapuana for bringing joy to the residents there.



*Gil & Char waiting to provide the music & song along with Lehua, Eric, & Tom
Our dancers, Edye, Linda, Sharon, and Mapuana
It wouldn't be Christmas without Fifi's "Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer!"*



Answers to Last Issue's Word Game: "Name these Famous People from Hawaii!"

Congratulations to Hoku Aichele for getting them all correct!

- 1) Barack Obama 44th President
- 2) Bruddah Iz "Giant" of a singer
- 3) Duke Kahanamoku Olympian, father of surfing
- 4) Bette Midler graduate of Radford High
- 5) Daniel Inouye longest serving Senator
- 6) Jim Nabors Gomer Pyle TV fame
- 7) Jack Lord the original Hawai'i 5-0
- 8) Father Damien served the lepers at Kalaupapa
- 9) Charles Lindbergh first to fly across the Atlantic
- 10) Kurt Suzuki Angels catcher; just retired
- 11) Jason Momoa HUNK!
- 12) Nicole Scherzinger Pussy Cat Dolls singer
- 13) Ellison Onizuka died in Challenger explosion
- 14) Bruno Mars Hawaii boy makes good
- 15) Patsy Mink 1st Asian Congresswoman

Editor's note: The school teacher in me just will not go away. I hope you don't mind my injecting some kind of challenge for you in each issue!

Your "Fun?" Activity for this Issue

ANIMALS OF HAWAII

C O V O P U W Z G R I H H Y G
Z S U L G B J M O O C O P E R
X T J Y O L P A H I P Q Z T O
F M W K S I U N U Y S G A Z P
X A A A U H E U M I G W W K O
T N N H L H O P U H I Z K D Z
F O A X I S T N H W S I G G D
P A N S K M K I U P P U W Z A
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MANO

SHARK.

WANA

SEA URCHIN.

NENE

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOOSE.

HE'E

OCTOPUS.

MO'O

GECKO OR LIZARD.

IWA

GREAT FRIGATEBIRD.

AHI

YELLOWFIN TUNA.

PUEO

NATIVE HAWAIIAN
OWL.

HONU

HAWAIIAN GREEN
SEA TURTLE.

PUHI

EEL.

HUMUHUMU

SHORT NAME FOR HAWAII'S STATE
FISH, THE
"HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKUAPUA'A"

MANU

BIRD.

MAHI MAHI

DORADO OR DOLPHIN FISH.

Thanks for the suggestion, Hoku!

A Few Bits and Pieces

- 1) Congratulations to Noelani Mengel who has been named as Chairperson for the Ecosystems/Environment Committee for Convention 2023! She joins Ka'ala Pang, who has served for years as the Health Committee Chair. Noe will be attending a leadership training later this month.
- 2) Any budding young chefs out there? If you know any kids between 8 and 13 who have a passion for cooking, the show "Master Chef Junior" is looking for contestants. If interested, let me know and I will forward information.
- 3) Auntie Kealoha Bode, who was one of the first members of 'Ainahau, is very ill and as this newsletter goes to "press" we are not sure of her condition. Some of us members had a chance to sing some Hawaiian mele for her, which we hope she was able to hear and enjoy. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



December Birthdays

11 Mapuana Newcomb
13 Agnes Kakahara
19 Scott Gehring
28 Scott Kazner
31 Steve Cullen

January Birthdays

3 Ginny Victorino
5 Ualani Ho'opai
11 Kekoa Kakahara
12 Janese Johnsen
13 Nicholas Reyes Campos
16 Lehua Swope
20 Frances Okura
26 Kehau Bryce

February Birthdays

3 Edye Hill
6 Myra McCarthy
17 Bernard Victorino



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. I will only list current members. Mahalo!

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(1982 - 2023)**

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

Pelekikena Iho Nea, Immediate Past Pres
Eric Kakhara



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

Council Koho Mua (Representatives)

Sharon Abbott
Noe Mengel



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