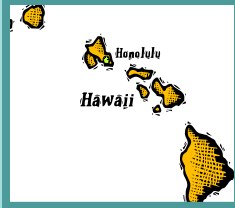




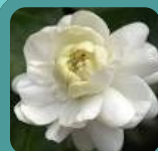
KAHAKUHI O 'ĀINAHAU

"The Flame of 'Āinahau"



Pualani Hao

Spring, 2023



Our Pelekikena Pualani is one busy wahine! She sends her aloha to all of you with a reminder that hula practice for Aha'aina will begin this Thursday March 23rd. More information below.

This editor just returned from a trip to Honolulu and was very excited to see in the Mid-week magazine of the Star Advertiser, an article by Pualani Hao, director of planning and development, commercial real estate division, Kamehameha Schools! Wow! An impressive title! She wrote about a nine city block area in Kaka'ako which is "part of Kamehameha Schools legacy lands and a place that celebrates Hawaiian cultural values and learning." Called Our Kaka'ako, "it hosts public events grounded in culture, education and community service. It partners with local nonprofits to uplift the community." Its most popular event is the monthly Honolulu Nights Market which includes lots of food, entertainment, retail vendors and fun for all. Next time you're in Honolulu, maybe you'll be lucky enough to join the more than 10,000 people who attend this event! Congratulations on a beautifully written article, Pua. As I told you before, Kamehameha Schools is blessed to have you!

Aha'aina 2023 Practices start March 23rd!

Aha'aina chair Edye Moanikeala Hill met with her committee and discussed possible themes for the September 9, 2023 event. Since Convention will be held on O'ahu this year, we will perform mele and hula celebrating that Island. **Practices will begin for hula dancers this Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 at Wintersburg church** in the same area as last year. Practice for musicians will begin soon after. Lehua Swope, our music director will contact her group about their starting date.

Another important item regarding Aha'aina is that we will be having a lunch instead of a dinner. More information will be coming soon. All you gals and guys who enjoy the hula, and most especially, enjoy sharing our culture, mark your calendars for March 23rd! Hope to see many of you there!





The Celebration of Life Of HRH Princess Abigail



By Noelani Mengel

Sunday, January 22, 2023 was the day of the funeral services for Princess Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawānanakoa. The services were closed but all AOHCC board members, including committee chairs, and one representative from each O'ahu club were invited to participate in the procession and to then take shifts to serve at the palace when the gates would open to the public.

I was placed on first shift with Pearl Harbor Civic Club. There were four tables and eight guest books for people to sign in. I received and collected the leis and the flowers that would be taken to Mauna 'ala. The crowd wrapped around the palace and down the street, it was a sight to behold.



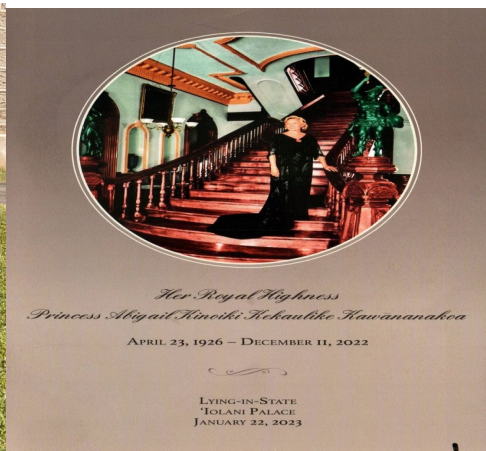
The Leadership Team



*The Princess is taken into
'Iolani Palace*



Noe and friends



Cover of the Program



We Bid Aloha to Current and Former Members



2023 has started out to be quite a downer for ‘Ainahau, as we have lost three current members, and two former members in just this first quarter. I mentioned Aunt **Kealoha Bode** in our last newsletter and she passed just days later. Since she was one of our original members, I have done a special remembrance of her on another page.

We were so saddened to lose **Anita Coyoli Cullen**, who with her husband Steve and daughter Diane, was a member for many years. She was a real go-getter, always thinking of ways to do for others. She handled the Opportunity Drawing for our Aha’aina for several years, making it a whopping success. Years ago, she started a project which she called “Ukes for Troops,” in which she solicited ukulele from manufacturers in Hawaii and sent them overseas. So many beautiful mahalo letters came back from the service men she made so happy! She also collected formal party dresses to distribute to the military wives who wanted something special to wear to the annual military ball, but couldn’t afford it. She had some health issues and stepped back from active membership for a few years. She and Steve were at the Christmas party in December, and she was so excited to feel well enough to get back into serving with us. We will miss her ever-present smile, her upbeat attitude, and most of all, her desire to help others!

We also lost **Susumu Miyashiro** who had been a member of ‘Ainahau almost from its inception back in the 80’s. He and his wife Thelma were very active back then, but business (they owned a small sandwich shop) and work as a real estate appraiser kept them really busy. Sus and Thelma also had a second home near Kapa’ala on Kauai, and after retirement spent time there as well. One year, when Convention was in Lihue, they had our whole delegation as guests to their home with an awesome dinner! He was a kind and caring man who worked hard and enjoyed travel, reading, gardening and being a grandpa. His son, Milton was one of our first scholarship awardees. Sus leaves behind Thelma, three children, and eight grandchildren. Aloha, Sus!

Two former members also went home to the Lord recently. **Jamieson Judd**, son of Aunt Jackie and Uncle Julian, left all too soon as he was only in his early 60’s. He was a talented musician and had been a member of both the choral and music groups.

Mike Burgeson, husband of Joanie passed just a couple weeks ago. He was a fixture in the kitchen at aha’aina as well as at Ho’olaule’a until they moved to Arizona a few years back. He was always friendly, funny, and great to be around.





Announcements

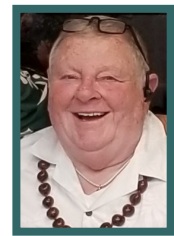


Scholarships

Those interested in applying for 'Ainahau O Kaleponi scholarships for the 2023-24 school year should request applications from Scholarship Committee chair Edye Hill. Her email address is edyehill@yahoo.com, College and Vocational as well as youth awards for those attending the Ho'omaika'ika'i summer program at Kamehameha Schools are available. Also, those who attend cultural programs may apply for the Mary Ann Kalama awards. Deadline for applications is May 1st.

Kolohe Lunch Anyone?

Board member and admitted foodie is ready to start up the Kolohe Lunch program if there are enough members and friends interested in attending. Those who join in the fellowship help Gil decide where to go each month. In the past, they went to buffets (before Covid of course), Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Italian, American, Vietnamese---you name it, they went! If you are ready to meet once a month, or whenever you can, please call Gil at 714-544-1000 to let him know. As soon as he has a few interested, he will let all of us know where and when.



Aluminum Pull Tabs

Gil also wants to remind us that he is still collecting the pull tabs from your aluminum cans. These are donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. It may not seem like much, but I found out that over \$6000 was raised last year to help families with a place to stay while their children are receiving hospital treatments.

Election Results

At our last General meeting in February, we filled four Directors to the 'Ainahau Board and two Mainland Council representatives. Lehua Swope and Andrea Olalia are the two newly elected Board members, and by waiving our By-laws, Gil Kveen and Linda McElrea will retain their spots on the Board.

Noelani Mengel and Sharon Abbott will be our Mainland Council representatives for the coming year. All officers are listed on the last page of this newsletter.



AOHCC Leadership Retreat

For those serving at the annual convention

January 20-23, 2023 was the annual Leadership Retreat for the Association of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs. We stayed in the dormitory at the Saint Stephen Diocesan Center in Kane'ohe Oahu, just off the Pali Highway.

Check in was Friday at 4pm; we each had our own rooms and shared the hall bathroom. I quickly settled in because the first meeting began at 6pm which led to team building activities, talk story, and music into the night.

Saturday was busy with training on Parliamentary Procedures, Roberts Rules, Board Governance and Best Practices as well as the Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.

The Four Strategies are:

1. Grow Leaders
2. Amplify the voice of the Lahui
3. Raise a Resilient Lahui
4. Forge ahead with Foresight

There are objectives under each strategy and can be found on the AOHCC website.

After Saturday's session, we headed to McKinley High School for a movie screening of "My Partner," with the cast and crew. This movie is tri-lingual, speaking Olelo, Tagalog, and English and tells the story about the importance of water, kalo, fishing sustainably, and so much more. When the movie comes to theaters, I would recommend going to see it.

Sunday I woke up early and headed to the beach with Leialoha for a sunrise swim with the turtles followed by another meeting, brainstorming breakout sessions, and a quick change to make it to Iolani Palace to serve at Princess Abigail's memorial service.

I am pretty new to the Association and I am learning so much. I am honored to serve as the Committee Chair for Ecosystems and Environment and I am excited for the future of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Melissa Noelani Mengel

*A gorgeous view of St. Stephen's with
Mt. Olomana in the background*



Mahalo to Noelani for sharing her experiences through pictures too!



Leadership attendees----some familiar faces, including Aunty Carol, Mainland Council President! They ate well too!

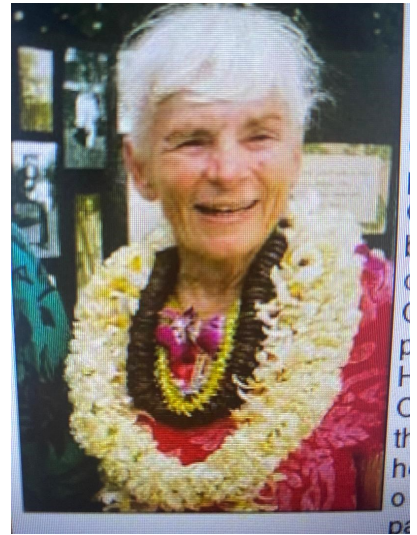


Convention 2023

Come see Noe and those pictured in action at the annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Consider attending the week of October 15-22 at the beautiful Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in Waikiki.

Aloha 'Oe Aunty Ke!

Kealoha Bode, known to all of us as “Aunty Ke,” passed quietly in her sleep at her home in Orange on January 9th. She was 92 years old, and one of the original members of ‘Ainahau O Kaleponi. Her late husband “Uncle Carl” was one of the founding members, and she joined him soon after.



Aunty Ke had been in poor health for a while, so we did not see her at any of our functions for the past few years. Blessedly, some of us were able to visit her just days before she passed to sing some Hawaiian mele for her. Many thanks to Lehua, Eric, Agnes, Tom, and Boomie for the timely visit, and also to Aunty’s niece Corey Hayes for inviting us.

Mary Kealoha Young grew up in the town of Kahuku on Oahu’s north shore where her dad was a plantation luna and her mom a school teacher. She graduated from Punahou School in 1948, and attended the University of Washington where she earned her degree in 1953. It was at UDub that she met Carl Bode, a handsome young Hawaiian. They married and eventually settled in Orange, California where they raised three children: Chris, Gaylian, and Karen Ke. Kealoha worked as a school secretary/clerk for 26 years at a nearby middle school. She also taught many children in Orange how to swim!

When ‘Ainahau was founded in 1982, Carl became one of its first Pele-kikena, and Kealoha was by his side participating in all the events. She and her good friend Flora Burbank were stalwart workers, hula dancers, and choral group singers. She attended many AOHCC Conventions, and mentored many of us newer members. She was quiet and kind, always willing to help out wherever needed. Their front yard plumeria tree provided many lei and lots of decorations for aha’aina over the years. We will miss her gentle nature and loving smile and were blessed that she embraced the Hawaiian culture with all her heart!





By Jane
Ka'ala Pang



ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi Celebrates 10 Years:

In celebration of the indigenous language of Hawaiʻi, the Association featured daily Mahina ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi throughout February – if you missed it, you can subscribe: AOHCC.org for your monthly newsletter from the Association and check out the special link @ [Ka Nūhou](#). In celebration of ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi, [Ka Nūhou](#) featured daily ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi helpful lessons for driving, exercising, banking, travel visiting Disneyland, Sunday pule & himene and much more.

April is Women History Month:

AOKHCC celebrates two mana wāhine for their work and advocacy for Native Hawaiian:

- **ʻAnakē Maryann Kauluwehi Kalama**, our founder, who envisioned the “voice of our Native Hawaiian community living outside Hawaiʻi” be engaged and heard by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club. She gathered 25 Native Hawaiian in Costa Mesa that began a forty year journey serving the California and other communities across the continent to improve and celebrate the lives of Lahui.
- **Dr. Isabella Aiona Abbott**, “Maui born, pioneering professor, first lady of limu” a long time supporter of AOKHCC; UH Mānoa recognized her contributions naming the Life Science building at Maile and East-West Center Road the Isabella Aiona Abbott Center for Life Sciences in January 2023.



Healthbits:

- Remember to check in with your health provider and schedule your health screening: annual mammography, colonoscopy for those over 45 years and older; singles immunization over 50; and others screenings put off during the past two years of COVID-19.
- Remember your flu shots and if not received your COVID-19 Boosters
- Continue to move and exercise, thirty minutes of hula works; balance with five to eight hours continuous sleep helps you recover each day
- Eat healthy: fill your plate with colored vegetables and fruits



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‘AINAHAU O KALEPONI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

2023 CALENDAR

We will hold in person meetings on a quarterly basis and virtual meetings in between.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

February 26- board 2pm
 general 3pm
March 26- board 2pm
 general 3pm
May 21- board 2pm
 general 3pm
August 20- board 2pm
 general 3pm
September 24- board 2pm

IN PERSON MEETINGS

April 15- board 2pm
 general 3pm
June 24- board 2pm
 general 3pm
November 12 board 2pm
 general 3pm
December 2 board 10 am
 general 2 pm
Christmas party --WPC

January 20, 2024 general meeting with BOARD INSTALLATION

JULY IS DARK DUE TO HO’OLAULE’A

OCTOBER IS DARK DUE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS’ CONVENTION

Addendum to the above calendar:

Hula practice begins: Thursday, March 23 6:30 WPC

Ho’olaule’a: July 15-16 Alondra Park

Aha’aina: Saturday, September 9th Luncheon at Garden Grove Center

AOHCC Convention: October 15-22 Hilton Hawaiian Village

All in person meetings will be held at the PIHP conference room in Santa Ana





A very happy birthday to those members celebrating during the Spring!!

March Birthdays

5 Maggie Perry
11 Ululani Cortez
14 Jacob Smith
19 Rick Hashimoto
20 Noelani Mengel
23 Chris Klein
23 Amber Tissandier

April Birthdays

11 Donald Hamilton
11 Edmund Pang
24 Alex Johnson
25 Linda Shellabarger
27 Mark Aichele
29 Andrea "Boomie" Olalia

May Birthdays

2 Hope Kahealani Kakiara
9 Maile Hubbard
13 Thelma Miyashiro
19 Geoff Hill
23 Curtis Hayes
27 Michael Tissandier
28 Dennis Kazner





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

Aloha mai `Āinahau `Ohana,

Can you believe it's that time again????? Time does fly when you're having fun..

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 if you have any questions or need additional information. Please mail your checks payable to AOKHCC to:

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Attention: Membership

We appreciate you and all you do for our club. Mahalo piha. Kōkua ke `olu`olu.

Charlene Kazner
Hope Pelekikena Mua

‘Āinahau O Kaleponi Hawaiian Civic Club

**Our 41st Year
(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



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