A Message From Our Pelekikena
Na Pelekikena Dre Kalili

While I look forward to February and Mahina ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi to see and hear how our language flourishes, March is another big month for our Hawaiian Civic Club ʻohana as we celebrate the birthday of our founder, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole.

After holding much smaller gatherings over the past two years, this year, we’ll hold the Prince Kūhiō Day parade in Kapōlei on Saturday, March 25, starting at 5:00 p.m. If you will be on Oʻahu that weekend, we invite you to participate in the parade and the Hōʻikeʻike afterward at Ka Makana Aliʻi. Register your parade unit today!

The next day, join us at Aliʻi Sunday at Kawaihaʻo Church at 8:30 a.m. as we continue to celebration of the People’s Prince.

In addition to these festivities on Oʻahu, ʻAhahui Siwila Hawaiʻi is supporting and providing funding to our councils to host Prince Kūhiō celebration events across the paeʻāina and continent. More information on this is forthcoming.

While we are familiar with his work in establishing our movement and passing the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, did you know he is also responsible for building the lighthouses across the state, securing funds for dredging and construction of the Honolulu Harbor and Hilo Harbor, forming key national parks in Hawaiʻi, and advocating for the construction of the highway in East Oʻahu that still bears his name? As we honor the 152nd anniversary of our founder’s birth, I encourage you to seek out a new fact about Prince Kūhiō and share it with your fellow Hawaiian Civic Club members. Ulukau, Papakilo, and even Newspapers.com are full of resources. Another good resource is the current Civil Beat series on the Life and Legacy of Prince Kūhiō.

As we celebrate this month, let’s remember the words of our prince and work earnestly "to stick together and try to agree to the best of your ability to meet the most important problem: the rehabilitation of our race.”

Mālama pono, Dre Kalili, Pelekikena
Call For Content

Our Association, Councils, and Hawaiian Civic Clubs do great work in our community and we want to share what you do!

Our pahuhoopu is to provide a platform to uplift all the work of our Native Hawaiian community. Through these efforts, WE NEED YOUR KĀKO‘O!

To Submit an article, flier, etc., please email ahcc.nuhou@gmail.com

For April - Does your club have a member or members who are actively involved in uplifting the work of our ‘āina? April is “earth awareness” month and we would love to highlight the work happening in our HCC ‘ohana? SUBMIT an article and phonoto TODAY!

Deadline for articles to be included in the upcoming Ka Nūhou is the 15th of each month.

For more information or ways you can kāko‘o Ka Nūhou, email Leialoha Ka‘ula at ahcc.nuhou@gmail.com.

Ke aloha nui!

To subscribe
Please send an e-mail with your name and Hawaiian Civic Club to Corresponding Secretary, Leialoha Ka‘ula, at AHCC.Nuhou@gmail.com

Mahalo E Ke Ali‘i Makaʻainana
Na Hope Peleikena ‘Elua Rusty Rodenhurst

PRINCE JONAH KUHIO KALANIANA‘OLE

On March 26 all Hawai‘i Nei will celebrate the 152nd birthday of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole—Ke Ali‘i Makaʻainana of his people.

In reflection, whether or not we are a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homestead Act, we are all part of our Prince's vision; we can enjoy a visit to our National Parks in Hawaii; we have the privilege of being a proud member of our Hawaiian Civic Club family; and we are heirs of his persevering efforts to preserve and strengthen the Hawaiian people.

Kuhio’s concern was—“...the fear that they would not have the educational skills to protect their interests.... He believed that the Hawaiians should help their young people secure an education that would enable them to compete successfully in the new cultural environment introduced to Hawaii in the 19th century.” The Association of Hawaiian Civic Club’s 100+ year dedication to that concern is evidenced by our HANA!

Today, WE can proudly proclaim victory over the attempted decimation of our population. WE assist our youth through our promotion of educational competitiveness and excellence. WE promote our unique mother tongue through our language learning programs. WE encourage leadership by supporting positive and effective interaction within all levels of government through gaining elected or appointed offices. WE protect our cultural heritage by standing firm against intrusions on our practices. WE adamantly protect the things that are important to us, that which make us who we are.

Our ‘Āina, Wai and Kai, and Nohona, or Way of Life, all the resources that were gifted to us as Hawaiians – are in our hands. Prince Kūhiō and our Ali‘i taught us how to stand up as trustees of these gifts and we, in turn, are made beneficiaries and stewards of these treasures.

Prince Kūhiō began this journey many years ago! And, here we are, a NATIONAL organization of sixty-three (63) Hawaiian Civic Clubs rooted in Hawai‘i and spreading across the United States of America. There is strength in numbers. While we are but a fraction of the global Hawaiian population, let us join minds and hearts with all Hawaiians everywhere and become one voice, one action to ho‘oulu i ka pono.

With humble resolve let me offer a ho‘okupu to our Prince from the words of the mele "Ka Na‘i Aupuni":

I ho‘okahi kahi ka mana‘o
I ho‘okahi kahi pu‘uwai
I ho‘okahi kahi ke aloha

E mau ke ea o ka ‘āina i ka pono.
PRINCE KŪHĪO PARADE
KAPOLEI
SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023
STARTING AT 5:00 PM
ENTRY APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

KAPA PAPA KUHIKIWI
POʻE UNUHI
Directory of Oʻokuʻoku Hawaiʻi Translators

‘IMI PONO
Hawaii Wellbeing Survey 2023

The 2023 ‘IMI PONO survey centers relationships, job and resident community cohesion and wellbeing outcomes. The survey is currently being conducted online. Participate now by completing the survey online.

PARADE TIMELINE
10 am
Kapolei Hale Parking Lot Opens for Participants
11 am
Volunteers Check In
1 pm
Parade Participant Check In
2 pm
Start lining up units
4 pm
Parade start time
5-7 pm
Shuttle to beginning of parade
8 pm
Parade ends

Route: Kapolei Hale to Ka Makana Ali'i
Limited Street Parking. Old K-Mart Lot and Kapolei Hale (closes at 7pm)
Shuttle service from Ka Makana Ali‘i between 6-8pm

PARADE ROUTE

Ka Makana Ali'i
Kapolei

Save the Date!

HUAAP Live Zoom Webinar
March 2, 2023
7-8 PM PST

Dr. Yuki Kanahele
International Community Health Services

Dr. Keauhou Bayne

Dr. Bethany Van Giessen

BRAIM welcomes host Dr. Sills, Dr. Awa and Dr. Makucem as they share the Hawaiʻi ‘āina and ‘āina’s impact on Hawaiians’ health.

To join, log into your zoom account.
Meeting ID: 877 487 7962
Passcode: 874939

The Bismarck Mahomed Ali ‘Aina Community Health Services (BRAIM), a non-profit organization that focuses on healthy and sustainable Native Hawaiian communities.
It took his sailing approximately six days, covering a distance of 2,397 miles, by passenger steamer or freight ship from Honolulu to San Francisco in the 1920’s. The second leg of his destination required boarding a train with its ever rhythmic and repetitive sounds for a ten-day, 2,435-mile train ride to Washington, DC. He knew he must experience the arduous travel to accomplish his work as Ke Ali‘i Maka‘āinana.

Following years of discovering negotiating skills and stratagem and implementing them in the halls of the United States Capitol, developing personal diplomacy and relationships with key voting legislators, ensuring his message to be an issue those voting legislators care
about, and even more critical is: will the measure impact their own constituents. He knew these were the skills a non-voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives serving his island people of Hawai‘i must master.

Kukui‘ula, Kōloa, Kaua‘i (which Kaua‘i folks call Po‘ipū) is the birth place of ke ali‘i Jonah Kūhiō Kalani‘anaole’s. Named Prince Kūhiō Park, it reveals remnants of life as it was when he was born. The selection of the site indicates consideration for its tranquility, usually clear, warm sunny weather, and closeness to gentle white foamed aquamarine ocean waves slapping against jet black lava rocks that line the shore.

His life of service began in that peaceful birth place Kukui‘ula; to Honolulu and hānai by King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi‘olani and titled a Prince in the Hawaiian Kingdom; to educated in the best of schools in Honolulu, the continent and England; to traveling the world over; to being elected ten consecutive terms as Delegate to the House of Representatives. Prince Jonah Kūhio Kalani‘anaole had mastered his skills to be pa‘a ā pa‘a, ho‘okō, kumu kānāwai, me kūkākūkā to “cultivate and advance—by every pono means available” to “preserve and strengthen the Hawaiian people.” His legacy continues.

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PC: Collection of the U.S. House of Representative

**Pacific Business News** recognizes Kuhio Lewis, CEO of Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, as the 2023 Power Leader. Eō!

Mahalo e Kūhiō!
The Hawaiʻi Department of Transportation (HDOT) starts its electric bike and electric moped rebate program

The Hawaiʻi Department of Transportation (HDOT) starts its electric bike and electric moped rebate program on February 28. The electric bike and electric moped rebate was created through Act 306 to “reduce the cost of living and cost of transportation by providing rebates for the purchase and use of electric bicycles and electric mopeds.”

Persons over the age of 18 that meet one or more of the eligibility criteria can apply online here or request a paper form by calling 808-831-7931.

To be eligible for the electric bike and electric moped rebate, you must be 18 years of age or older and able to prove one of the following:

- Participation in a low-income assistance program such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Section 8.
- Do not own a motor vehicle with four or more wheels.
- Current enrollment in school, community college, or university.

Wide adoption of electric vehicles, including bicycles and mopeds, will help move us toward our state’s clean energy goals while filling a key gap in mobility for many in our state. HDOT will continue to support programs that encourage Hawaiʻi residents to use vehicles with lower emissions that enhance their transportation alternatives.

NHO & HBA Lists: DOI Consultation on Proposed 513 DM 3, Providing Guidance on Use of ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi by DOI

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) has developed internal guidance for the Department’s bureaus and offices for the respectful and proper use of ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi by personnel whose primary language is not ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi.

Such guidance will support and enhance existing efforts to promote the use of ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi when preparing
Federal documents and other communications that reference people, places, plants, and animals in Hawai‘i.

The Department’s Office of Native Hawaiian Relations (Office) invites Native Hawaiian Community leaders, staff, and members to a virtual consultation during which the Office will provide an overview of the internal guidance and the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback and comments. The draft internal guidance on the use of ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i would be added to the Departmental Manual (DM) at 513 DM 3 or chapter 3 of Part 513 pertaining to the Department’s intergovernmental relations with the Native Hawaiian Community.

The comment period runs until 11:59 pm HST on Friday, March 31, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to doi_onhr_hhl@ios.doi.gov.

For more information, please visit: https://www.doi.gov/hawaiian/proposed-guidance-on-use-of-hawaiian-language

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**E Makaʻala: Med-QUEST Eligibility Renewals**

**www.alohacare.com**

**MedQuest Toolkit**

Throughout the pandemic, all Medicaid members received continuous uninterrupted coverage amid the public health emergency. Med-QUEST Division (MQD) under the Department of Human Services, will begin reaching out to members in March to let them know what month their eligibility will be redetermined. This eligibility renewal work will begin in April and be spread out across 12 months.

MQD wants to assure people that their Medicaid coverage will remain active until their case is up for renewal. We anticipate that most current members will continue to be eligible for coverage, but for those who may no longer be eligible, our MQD staff will help connect them with affordable coverage on the HealthCare.Gov Marketplace. Or, if Medicaid coverage is no longer needed, please contact us and let us know.

Members will receive a pink letter that contains eligibility renewal information one month prior to their month of renewal. This means that renewal notices will go out as early as April 2023 (for May 2023 renewals) and as late as March 2024 (for April 2024 renewals).

Please note that this notification process will happen over a one-year period. This means that not all Members will receive their pink letters at the same time. A plain white letter will be sent in March to every Med-QUEST household letting them know the month of their scheduled redetermination. The redetermination months will range from May 2023 to April 2024.

In preparation for this renewal period, Med-QUEST asks members to do the following:

Be sure to update your contact information by logging into your account on Medical.mybenefits.hawaii.gov or by calling the Health Plan number on the back of your insurance card.

If you no longer need QUEST (Medicaid) coverage, call us at 1-800-316-8005, (TTY/TDD 711) to let us know.
Starting in April, be on the lookout for a pink envelope with a pink letter that will provide instructions on eligibility renewals. This pink letter may require a response in order to maintain health coverage. Be sure to read the letter and follow all instructions, if applicable.

If you need coverage but no longer qualify for Med-QUEST, please check with your employer to see if you are eligible for health insurance coverage.

If you are not eligible for health insurance through your employer, please visit the Health Insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.Gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596 to make sure you stay well and stay covered!

AOHCC Calendar of Events & Meetings
Available online at:
http://aohcc.org/resources/calendar

If you have any events you would like to add to the calendar, please email us at AHCC.Nuhou@gmail.com

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Honoring Kauikeaouli Kamehameha III
Mayor’s Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA)

Aloha kākou,

The Mayor’s Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) is pleased to present a lei-draping ceremony to honor Kauikeaouli Kamehameha III. We will pay tribute to this extraordinary ali‘i who was integral in creating a strong and independent Hawaiian Kingdom in the nineteenth century.

EVENT DETAILS

Thomas Square Park
9:00 – Royal Hawaiian Band
9:30 – Opening
Please RSVP by Thursday, March 9, 2023. (Link below)

Lee Mokulehua, Events Manager via email at j.mokulehua@honolulu.gov or via phone at 768-4227.

For other MOCA inquires please contact Chassity-Ann Santiago, Office Manager via email at chass.santiago@honolulu.gov or via phone at 768-6622

Direct link to RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/563759325158