A Message From Our Pelekikena
Na Pelekikena Dre Kalili

Aloha:

Just a short message this month. May is already here, our legislative session adjourns today, we look forward to graduation season, and we start our countdown to our 64th Annual Convention in 167 days!

Our website is updated with convention details and we urge our Hawaiian Civic Club members to visit our convention page and begin planning. We’ve posted our draft convention agenda, resolutions guidelines and templates, and the upcoming deadlines. Please make your hotel reservations before rooms are sold out. We know our O’ahu Council is planning amazing huaka’i and we’ll post details for those as soon as we have everything set.

The other big update to announce is our recently revised governing documents are now posted online. We thank our Policy and Planning Committee for its leadership and countless hours of hardwork over the last three years to update our important documents. Mahalo!

Mahalo for keeping the Hawaiian Civic Club movement going and for all the work our members do for our lāhui.

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May Day Is Lei Day In Hawai‘i
Na Leilani Kupahu-Marino Kahoano

The Art of Lei Making is a generational Hawaiian expression of aloha. My aloha goes to Aunty Betty Jenkins for gentle nudges to run for Lei Queen and to Aunty Malia Craver’s words “Leave a Legacy.” It is my honor to be part of this extraordinary legacy as the 94th O’ahu Lei Queen in the 95th City & County Lei Day Celebration in 2023. The Lei Courts are bound by the art of protocols, gathering, making, sharing, preserving, and wearing lei. Lei is an intimate part of our spirit. An etiquette is taught in presenting a lei and returning it to the land or sea once its purpose is completed. There are specific flowers, feathers, shells, seeds or greenery, as well as colors that are symbolic for each island. Some of the techniques include kui (sew), wili (wind or twist), haku or hili (braid), and hīpuʻu (knot).
For more information or ways you can kākoʻo Ka Nūhou, email Leialoha Kaʻuʻula at ahcc.nuhou@gmail.com.

Ke aloha nui!

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Lei has meanings. ʻIlima, ʻōhiʻa lehua, pikake, pūpū Niʻihau, mokihana, maile, lei hulu are some of the lei that express strong feelings of love. In hula, lei are required adornments for the storytelling and the embodiment of the spiritual relationship to nature. Lei Limu kala (a type of seaweed) is symbolic of forgiveness and healing. Kahu Kaʻupu often shared Maile is known as a "connector" as it reaches outward into the community, as well as, presented on special occasions. However, the plumeria lei is known for being shared at all occasions - it is the flower of the makaʻāinana (our people of the land). We honor our hula lineages by preserving specific lei taught by our founding Kumu Hula. Aliʻi were known for their lei hulu from specific birds. ʻAhahui Kaʻahumanu is known for the annual plumeria lei stringing at King Kamehameha Statue and the ʻilima colored lei hulu. Pāʻū riding select lei that will compliment the flowing pāʻū for the Queen, her court members, and horses. A lei maker may have their own signature in creating a lei with a distinct style. Some of the treasured lei makers are Bill Char, Mel Lantaka, the late Aunty Amelia Bailey, Marie McDonald, Niʻihau families, our Chinatown and airport lei makers and Aunty Euphemia Nagashima. Uncle Kimo Alama Keaulana is known for loving to wear a mound of lei.
Our beloved late Aunty Malia Craver used to say “Lei is also known as “beloved” in the ancient Hawaiian times. The ‘ōlelo no'eau (wisdom) “He lei poina ‘ole ke keiki” - A treasured lei is the beloved child - causes us to reflect on the lei and child connection. A pregnant mother is traditionally given an open lei to protect the unborn baby. Babies’ first birthdays are also a time for receiving their very first lei. Many children learn to make paper lei for their first “May Day is Lei Day.” Children also sense that wearing a lei feels good. In their older years, instead of wearing necklaces, lei may be how they compliment their attire.

Lei is essential in healing and medicine. Kukui lei outside a Neonatal Intensive Care patient’s room was used to enlighten staff and visitors of a baby’s critical status. Lei can inspire healing just by its quiet presence or reduce the feeling of loneliness. Lei may also be draped on a special tree branch or trellis to share love as an “a hui hou...until we meet again.”
As the 1971 Kalihi Elementary May Day Queen, my grandmother strung 10 strands of knee length white crown flowers. Connecting this early keiki tradition to being this year’s kupuna Lei Queen, it will be a great privilege to share the Legacy and Art of Lei Making during this reign as the Ambassador of Aloha, too. This City & County Lei Court is very special as it allows ‘ōpio to Kūpuna to have an opportunity to represent O’ahu. Our intentional work this year will help to prepare for the next Lei Court of ‘ōpio in 2024. Mahalo to the 93 Lei Courts of the past, our current lei court and attendants, the generations of judges, volunteers, and City and County of Honolulu staff who strive to keep this Lei Court legacy thriving.

Lehua mamo o ka uka, he pua laha ʻole.

Celebrating the Enactment of Act 11 (2023), Lā Kūʻokoʻa - Nowemapa 28
Members of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs join Governor Green, First Lady Jaime Green, and community leaders for the signing of Senate Bill 731 into law (Act 11, 2023). This new law marks November 28 of each year as Lā Kūʻokoʻa. The Association adopted Resolution 2016-36 that called for Lā Kūʻokoʻa to be observed and celebrated as Hawaiian Independence Day.
Meeting with U.S. DOT on a Native Hawaiian Consultation Policy

Last month, representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation held community meetings statewide to initiate a discussion on developing a Native Hawaiian Consultation policy and procedure. Increased opportunities for consultation with federal agencies is consistent with past resolutions adopted by the AOHCC.

Arlando Teller, Assistant Secretary of Tribal Government Affairs, and Misty Klann, Tribal Specialist, from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation are interested in feedback from the Native Hawaiian community on issues like the following:

- What would be the most effective method to communicate a proposed policy?
- What persons or organizations should be contacted for consultation?
- Is a virtual consultation acceptable to the Native Hawaiian community?
- Are there other areas (besides policies that have implications on the Native Hawaiian community) where the community would want to have a consultation with the U.S. DOT?

If you are interested in providing comments and feedback, please email Arlando Teller at arlando.teller@dot.gov.
PKHCC Scholarship Applications Now Open, Apply by June 30

Calling all Native Hawaiians pursuing further education! Check out the Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club Scholarship and get your application in by June 30, 2023 at www.pkhcc.org/scholarship.

Save the Dates: King Kamehameha Day Statewide Events

This year marks the 151st Annual King Kamehameha Day holiday with festivities planned across the islands. See the statewide schedule of events below. This year’s theme is “E ala e nā kini o ka ʻāina! Arise people of Hawai‘i.”

On O‘ahu, the annual celebration of King Kamehameha Day begins with the Lei Draping Ceremony on Friday, June 9, at 2:30 p.m. fronting Ali‘iolani Hale. Then the 106th King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023. As in year’s past, the parade will take a route beginning at King Street fronting ‘Iolani Palace. Participants will then head down Punchbowl Street, before making a left to Ala Moana Boulevard and eventually Kalākaua Avenue. The parade comes to a finish at Monsarrat Avenue and Queen Kapi‘olani Park. Streets will begin to close in Downtown Honolulu at 7:30 a.m., with closures coinciding as the Parade moves along the route, several blocks before its approach. The Parade is expected to reach Kapiʻolani Park around 11:30 a.m.

Following the parade, the public is invited to enjoy live music, food and more at the King Kamehameha Celebration Ho‘olaule‘a at Kapiʻolani Park from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To enter a unit in the parade, please click here to access the unit application.

For more information, visit the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission website.

Here is the schedule of events:

1. 2nd Annual King’s Gala, Location: Kaunakakai, Moloka‘i - Hiro’s ‘Ohana Grill at Hotel Moloka‘i Date: June 2, 2023, at 5 pm - 9 pm

2. King Kamehameha Pāʻū Parade, Location: Ala Malama Ave., Kaunakakai, Moloka‘i Date: June 3, 2023, at 5:30 pm

3. King Kamehameha Hoʻolauleʻa, Location: Kaunakakai, Moloka‘i, Kaunakakai Ball Park Date: June 3, 2023, at 6 pm – 10 pm

4. King Kamehameha Statue Lei Draping, Location: Honolulu, O‘ahu Date: June 9, 2023, from 1 pm – 5 pm

5. 106th King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade Location: ‘Iolani Palace to Kapi‘olani Park Date: June 10, 2023, from 9 am – 1 pm

6. King Kamehameha Celebration Hoʻolauleʻa, Location: Queen Kapi‘olani Park, Honolulu, O‘ahu Date: June 10, 2023, from 11 am – 5 pm

7. King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade, Location: Kona, Hawai‘i Island Date: June 10, 2023, from 9 am - 11:30 am

8. King Kamehameha Celebration Hoʻolauleʻa, Location: Huliheʻe Palace, Kona, Hawai‘i Island Date: June 10, 2023, from 11:30 am - 3 pm
9. King Kamehameha Celebration Parade, Location: Līhuʻe, Kauaʻi
Rice Street from Vidilina Stadium to the Historic County Building
Date: June 10, 2023, from 9 am

10. King Kamehameha Celebration Hoʻolauleʻa, Location: Līhuʻe,
Kauaʻi Historic County Building Date: June 10, 2023, from 9 am – 3 pm

11. Kamehameha Paniolo Heritage Rodeo, Location: Maunaloa Town,
Molokaʻi Date: June 10, 2023, from 10 am – 5 pm

12. King Kamehameha Statue Lei Draping, Location: King
Kamehameha Statue, Kohala, Hawaiʻi Island Date: June 11, 2023, at 8 am. Morning protocol begins at sunrise, hālau hula performances, receiving lei at 7 am, Lei Draping 8 am

13. King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade, Location: Kohala,
Hawaiʻi Island Date: June 11, 2023, at 9 am

14. King Kamehameha Celebration Hoʻolauleʻa, Location: Kohala,
Hawaiʻi Island Date: June 11, 2023, at 11 am

15. Nā Kamehameha Commemorative Pāʻū Parade, Location:
Lāhainā, Maui Date: June 17, 2023, at 9:45 am

16. Nā Kamehameha Commemorative Hoʻolauleʻa, Location: Lāhainā, Maui Date: June 17, 2023, at 9 am
Job Announcement: Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office Cultural Liaison, Apply by May 11

The Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office (PIFWO) is pleased to share the advertisement for its cultural liaison position. The position will be stationed in Honolulu but works on natural resource issues across the US Pacific Islands and the Freely Associated States.

The position:
- Establishes and maintains positive working relationships with Native Hawaiian organizations, and indigenous Pacific Islander organizations, committees, etc., relative to pertinent Service programs, projects, initiatives, etc., as they interact with Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander interests;
- Serves as Pacific Island Fish and Wildlife Office’s primary liaison with the indigenous cultures of Hawai‘i, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands;
- Applying an Indigenous lens to creating or analyzing data and information-indigenizing the ways information is being collected, analyzed, used, and shared;
- Works closely with Native Hawaiians and indigenous Pacific Islanders to facilitate collaboration and open communication between indigenous Pacific Islander groups and the Service, and to provide technical assistance as needed;
- Exercises sound judgment in recognizing and treating sensitive issues of local community, regional and national concern; and
- Keeps key management officials informed of sensitive and/or potentially controversial program issues and problems.

For more information, visit USAJOBS. Please assist us in recruiting a diverse pool of well-qualified candidates by circulating this announcement widely. If anyone has any questions on the position, they are welcome to reach out to Benton Pang (benton_pang@fws.gov) or Michelle Bogardus (Michelle_Bogardus@fws.gov). The recruitment closes on May 11, 2023.

**I Kua Na'u Study: Advance Care Planning for Kupuna, Seeks Study Participants**

"I Kua Na'u" (literally, "For me the Burden") is a NIH-funded project to explore Advanced Care Planning among Native Hawaiian kupuna and their ‘ohana.

Participants must have a primary care provider and will be randomized into either the intervention group or control group. The Intervention group participants will receive three educational sessions about advance care planning issues.

Participants randomized into the control group will get "usual care" with their doctor, and will have the opportunity to access the educational sessions once the study is completed. All participants will be contacted by telephone by research staff at 3-month and 6-month intervals to answer questions about their healthcare preferences. $25 gift cards will be given to participants at four points in the study. The study includes a partnership and referral from ‘Ahahui o Nā Kauka.

Participants must be Native Hawaiian and 55 years of age or older. Please contact Malina Kaulukui at ikuanau@gmail.com or 808-387-3768.
The Elizabeth Kahanu HCC invites all Hawaiian Civic Club members to participate in its general membership meeting this month on Thursday, May 25, at 5:30 p.m. The club welcomes its member, Jon Nouchi, Deputy Director of the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, who will share updates on the planned opening of the City’s rail system at the end of June. The meeting will be held on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9609716482
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To participate in this research study, we ask that you:
✓ Self-identify as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
✓ Are 18 years of age or older
✓ Have your own smartphone with a text and data plan
✓ Have an active email account
✓ Have reliable internet access
✓ Understand written and spoken English

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Are you Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander and have been told by a medical professional that you have high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes?

You may be eligible to participate in an online study that offers education to improve blood pressure and blood sugar.

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• Identify as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
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To find out if you’re eligible contact
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This study, #16600, has been approved for human subject participant by the Washington State University Institutional Review Board.