Ka Nūhou - Hawaiian Civic Club News

A Message From Our Pelekikena
Na Pelekikena Dre Kalili

Aloha e nā lālā o nā ‘ahahui sīwila Hawai‘i:

Kauwela is here, it’s the season for vacation and graduation parties, and soon we start our preparations for our annual convention! Yes, we are just 107 days away from the sound of the gavel of our opening plenary session. Please continue to check our website for updates on registration, deadlines, and other updates. We have a current call for workshops, our convention theme description, awards nominations forms, and huaka‘i available online now at aohcc.org/conventions.

The Association board of directors will meet online on July 15 to discuss updates from our councils and standing committees. Our meetings are open to all members; please contact your council presidents for the Zoom link.

On a closing note, I want to mention that last week Friday, Honolulu opened its Skyline rail system. As a transportation professional, this is a big deal for O‘ahu residents and will change how we move around and across this island. I acknowledge that there has been discussion, and even disagreement, among our members as to the impact and value of this project and system. But, as kama of this island and a Hawaiian Civic Club leader, I encourage everyone to take a ride when you have the opportunity. Each time I’ve traveled on the system, I see places and wahi pana that I didn’t know existed. The experience is eye-opening and inspiring as you travel above rich farmlands in West O‘ahu (there’s a huge dry land taro field!), see the station names that honor traditional and historic place names, and hear the announcements in the train cars ma ka ʻōlelo Hawai‘i. Ride the sky – as our City officials say – and see the ʻāina and the people of our kaiāulu that we all advocate to support and uplift.

Ke aloha nui,
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107 Days until our 2023 Convention!
October 15
Kamehameha ʻElima (V)
December 10
Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop
December 17

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Please send an e-mail with your name and Hawaiian Civic Club to Corresponding Secretary at AHCC.Nuhou@gmail.com

Call For Content In Ka Nūhou
Our Association, Councils, and Hawaiian Civic Clubs do great work in our community and we want to share what you do!

It’s graduation season! Let us celebrate the many AOHCC members graduating from all levels of education and trade school! Please submit name, school, and picture!

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

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

For more information or ways you can kākoʻo Ka Nūhou, email Leialoha Kaʻula at ahcc.nuhou@gmail.com.

Ke aloha nui!

2023 Association Of Hawaiian Civic Club Convention

- October 15-22, 2023
- Visit www.aohcc.org for all your convention needs
- Draft Agenda for daily events and huakaʻi

Upcoming Deadlines:
- July 21 - 90 Days
- August 20 - 60 days
  - Per Capita Dues & Roster
  - Draft Resolutions
  - Club Bios and Activities Report
  - Convention Book Ads
  - Award Nominations
- September 19
  - Convention Registration
  - Kukui Lama Ku
  - Hālai'a Aloha
  - Request for A/V needs

www.aohcc.org/conventions/

Resolution Deadline
All draft resolutions must be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the opening plenary session of the annual convention. Draft resolutions will only be accepted by e-mail.

For 2023, draft resolutions must be e-mailed to ahcc.resolutions@gmail.com by 11:59 PM HST on AUGUST 20, 2023.

Check out:
- AHCC Resolutions Guidelines
- 2023 Resolution Template in ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi & English
- Where to submit? See Guidelines!
- Questions? See Guidelines!

Our voices are stronger united! Let us use our civic connection to ho`o ʻoikaika!

AOHCC Adopted Resolutions can be found at: www.aohcc.org/adopted-resolutions/

2023-2024 AOHCC Board of Directors
Executive Committee
Dre Kalili, Pelekikena (President)
Anthony Makana Paris,
Hope Pelekikena Mua (First Vice President)
W. Rusty Rodenhurst,
Join us in celebrating the remarkable individuals and organizations who embody the spirit of service and dedication to the Hawaiian community. Submit your nominations by August 20!

Please direct any inquiries or questions about filling out the forms or the nomination process to the committee chair. Committee Chair: Toni Lee
Contact: parade.lady901@gmail.com

All nominations for awards are due to the Awards Committee 60 days prior to Convention. DEADLINE: August 20, 2023, 11:59 p.m. HST.

Visit www.aohcc.org/conventions/ for more information and nomination forms.

HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB UPDATES

AOHCC and Hawaiian Organizations Host Interior Secretary Deb Haaland at 'Iolani Palace, June 26

During her recent visit to Hawai‘i, Secretary Haaland visited 'Iolani Palace and spent the evening with a number of Hawaiian organizations including the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Friends of 'Iolani Palace, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Kamehameha Schools, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Queen’s Health Systems. Mahalo nui to our Hawaiian Civic Club members who volunteered to serve dinner and made this event a huge success! We also thank 'Ahahui Sīwila Hawaiʻi for being one of the event’s sponsors.
Kamehameha Day Lei Draping

Across Hawai’i & Moku Honu, Native Hawaiian Leaders honor King Kamehameha by offering beautiful strung together lei at all 4 statues across our nation and America. On this day, and all days, we mahalo our Ali‘i for uniting Hawai‘i.
Above: Pelekikena Dre Kalili and Hawaiian Civic Club Members Toni Lee, Charlie Kapua, Jon Nouchi, and Bev Lee, present plumeria lei sewn by members of Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club with representatives from the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and Friends of Royal Hawaiian Band.
Above: Members at the Kamehameha Statue lei draping in Washington, D.C.

KALO Hawaiian Civic Club & OPIC Successful in Advancing Enactment of Oregon House Bill 3144!

House Bill 3144 sponsored by KALO Hawaiian Civic Club Oregon Pacific Islander Coalition (OPIC) is the FIRST law to support Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (specific) in the state of Oregon becomes official in September 2023!
Thousands Attend CNHA’s First Western Regional Convention in Las Vegas - Hawaiian Civic Clubs included!

Mahalo nui loa to Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement for creating another platform for our kanaka living on the continent to be connected! A week full of kuleana, kulana, pilina, and a true reminder of lawena!

Participants were able to engage in panel discussions, cultural workshops, and of course build pilina. Our ‘opio were once again involved in another stimulating ‘Aha ‘Opio. Connecting on next generation of leaders here on the continent and in Hawai‘i.

Evenings were filled with incredible events like Māhū Magic and Nā Hoku Hanohano Award Winner Josh Tatofi. Pop Up Makeke brought our Hawai‘i arts and business to the continent and was embraced with lots of sales!

Mahalo to CNHA’s staff, all the volunteers, and a huge kunou to Kuhio Lewis. E Ola Ke Hā O Ko Kākou Lāhui!
Surrounded by the beautiful winds of Honouliuli, hundreds were welcomed by Dr. Manulani Meyer and the ʻohana at University of Hawaiʻi’s West Campus. Papa Ola Lokahi hosted Aha Hoʻoolokahi - A Native Hawaiian Health Summit to help hine a light on ola and its many elements. With well over 100 speakers, presenters and practitioners, Aha Hoʻoolokahi was filled with so much ʻike kupuna, aloha, and most of all, a reminder that collectively we can malama our lahui and beyond!
Aunty Lynette Paglinawan enjoy the music. She was one of Aha Ho'olokahi’s keynote speakers.
UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Professional Development:
Sponsorship Available for World Intellectual Property Organization Certification Courses, Apply by August 1

Office of Native Hawaiian Relations Hiring a Natural Resources Specialist (GS-12/13)
The Office of Native Hawaiian Relations is recruiting to hire a Natural Resources Specialist (GS-12/13) that will serve as the Project Manager for ONHR's Native Hawaiian Climate Resilience Program. Further details are available in the announcement at: https://www.usajobs.gov/job/733916100.

Applications may be submitted through USAJobs from June 28 - July 12. Please note that applications will be accepted starting Wednesday, June 28th, thus the Apply button will appear and be enabled on that day. Information about “How to Apply” is in the announcement, along with HR Assistant contact information.

If you have any questions regarding the position, please email doi_onhr_hhl@ios.doi.gov with “Natural Resources Specialist” in the subject line.
U.S. Department of Transportation Continues Work to Develop Native Hawaiian Consultation Policy; Online Meetings July 11-20

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) through its Office of Tribal Government Affairs (OTGA or Tribal Affairs) will be hosting virtual consultation sessions with Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO) and the Native Hawaiian Community (NHC).

The purpose of the consultation sessions is to seek input from NHOs/NHC regarding the Department’s plan to establish a formal consultation policy that would apply when the interests of NHOs/NHC may be affected by proposed Department policies or actions.

Accordingly, USDOT and OTGA are seeking feedback from NHOs/NHC regarding how a formal consultation process may be structured and implemented. NHOs and the NHC are therefore invited to attend a consultation session to provide their input to USDOT and the OTGA on the development of a consultation policy and plan.

The following are the dates for the online consultation meetings. Although the dates are set-up specific to the Hawaiian Islands, we welcome NHOs/NHC representatives to attend a meeting that is most convenient. All the meetings will be held from 12-1:30 HST.

The Tribal Affairs team will be hosting these virtual meetings through the online Zoom platform. If needed, you may download this application here.

Please note that Zoom links are specific to each day and see attached Zoom details for call-in options.

**July 11th – Moloka‘i**
Join ZoomGov Meeting
https://usdot.zoomgov.com/j/1602913218?pwd=MnY2NiZ3WU5XSHRXZTJwOU5URYUHBSZz09
Meeting ID: 160 291 3218
Passcode: 213277

**July 12th – Kaua‘i**
Join ZoomGov Meeting
https://usdot.zoomgov.com/j/1602835330?pwd=SHdJYmlJVEV6WE11dWp5b3FzVEhiZz09
Meeting ID: 160 283 5330
Passcode: 946201

**July 13th – O‘ahu**
Join ZoomGov Meeting
https://usdot.zoomgov.com/j/1608526507?pwd=TjdBT2FVa2I5c0pJUEJFaTFzWEJnQT09
Meeting ID: 160 852 6507
Passcode: 893409

**July 18th – Maui**
Join ZoomGov Meeting
https://usdot.zoomgov.com/j/1602598949?pwd=dzd2TE4Ymlyg3IoSVBgdCtXZTJ2OT09
Meeting ID: 160 259 8949
Passcode: 861667

**July 20th – Hawai‘i**
Join ZoomGov Meeting
https://usdot.zoomgov.com/j/1616087541?pwd=MmRkM3diQ1NZeltbNNeJRMz0NCGRtrdz09
Meeting ID: 161 608 7541
Passcode: 339736
We encourage distribution of this notice to members of your Native Hawaiian Organization(s) and others in the NHC who may be interested.

We appreciate your understanding and value your time. We look forward to meeting with you and listening to your feedback.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of Tribal Government Affairs
(https://www.transportation.gov/self-governance)

Queen's Seeks Participants in Study on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Perspectives on COVID-19 Communications

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED:
UNVACCINATED? VACCINATED?
YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

The HeAR US Study
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Perspectives on COVID-19 Communications

Purpose: Listen to your ideas on how to improve COVID-19 vaccination information for you, your family, and your community

Who can participate:
• Age: 18 years or older
• Identify as: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
• Vaccination status: 1. Unvaccinated; 2. Vaccinated but not boosted; 3. Vaccinated and Boosted
• Language spoken: English

Study Information:
• Participants will attend a 2-hour focus group discussion
• Participants will receive a $100 token of appreciation
• Focus group seats are limited

Interested in participating or have questions?
Please contact us at:
808 440-0744 or rfaamaisli@smshawaii.com.

Date: Mid-July and Early August
Location: Downtown Honolulu

This study is being conducted by The Queen’s Medical Center on behalf of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Solicits Legislative Proposals for 2024

Every year, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands prepares and submits legislative proposals for inclusion in the Governor’s Administrative Package for the next session of the Hawaii State Legislature. For the 2024 package, the department is soliciting recommendations from the Commission, DHHL staff, beneficiaries, other stakeholders, and the public. You are receiving this email as part of an effort to reach out for input.

In order to be considered, proposals must be good public policy for the department; must address the department’s operations, programs, regulations, processes, budget and/or resources; and must create a benefit or an advantage for the department, the trust,
or trust beneficiaries, or otherwise correct a deficiency. Authors of proposals should keep in mind that amendments to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, require review by the U.S. Department of the Interior and may require the consent of the U.S. Congress prior to implementation.

Staff will review and evaluate all legislative proposals and will determine which will be submitted for consideration and approval by the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Legislative proposals approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission will move forward for consideration for the Governor’s Administrative Package. The Governor may choose not to include certain, or all legislative proposals submitted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Legislative proposals that are approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission, but not included in the Governor’s Administrative Package may be introduced independent of the administrative package.

Please provide the required information online: https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/government-relations/. Additional information can be submitted and if you already have a bill drafted, send that as well. Completed proposal forms must be submitted by July 31, 2023.

46th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival, July 15

Ola ka Hula i ka Po'e Hula, Hula lives through hula people, the 46th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival, takes place at the Frank F. Fasi
Civic Grounds (Skygate) on Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., announced Moanalua Gardens Foundation, festival producer. Admission is free and open to the public and visitors.

“We are excited to be returning to our first live in-person Prince Lot Hula Festival in four years and invite the entire community and visitors to join us for day of beautiful hula, cultural demonstrations, good food and more,” said Leilani Williams-Solomon, President of MGF’s Board of Directors.

The largest non-competitive hula celebration in Hawai‘i, the festival honors Prince Lot Kapuāiwa, who helped reprise hula in the 1850s and reigned as Kamehameha V from 1863 to 1872.

Founded in 1978 by MGF as a gift to the community, the festival now attracts thousands of residents and visitors each year. Opening ceremonies on Saturday will include the Royal Order of Kamehameha, presentation of MGF’s tenth Annual Malia Kau Award to renown Kumu Hula Pohai Souza, followed by an impressive line-up of premier hālau hula (hula groups) who will perform both kāhiko (ancient) and ‘auana (contemporary) hula.

Twelve Hālau Hula from O‘ahu, Maui and Hawai‘i islands have been invited and their kumu have been encouraged to include dancers from their out-of-state branches.

Featured hālau from O‘ahu are:

- Nā Pualei o Likolehua - Kumu Hula Niuli‘i Heine
- Pua Ali‘i ‘Ilima - Kumu Hula Vicky Holt Takamine
- Ka Hale I o Kāhala – Kumu Hula Leimomi I Maldonado
- Hālau Hula Ka No‘eau - Kumu Hula Michael Pili Pang
- Hālau Hula O Kaleipuaaimilia – Kumu Hula Makalapua
- Bernard Hālau Hula Nā Lei Lehua - Nā Kumu Hula Cooke and Sky Gora
- Keali‘ika‘apunihoua Ke‘ena A‘o Hula- Kumu Hula Leimomi Ho
- Ka Pā Nani ‘O Lilinoe - Kumu Hula Lilinoe Lindsey
- Hālau Hula Kamamolikolehua – Kumu Hula Pohai Souza
- Kekaiulu Hula Studio Hawai‘i – Kumu Hula Blaine Ikaika Dutro

Neighbor Island hālau hula include:

- Hālau Hula Maunalei from Kona, Hawai‘i – Kumu Hula Lelehua Bray
- Hālau Hula Kauluokalā from Kahului, Maui – Kumu Hula Uluwehi Guerrero.

This year’s new hybrid festival will be filmed for a two-hour television special in the Fall.

The festival will also feature a Hawaiian-inspired craft fair. Demonstrations will include poi pounding, lei making, lauhala weaving, feather lei making, and Kapa stamping by noted cultural practitioners. The Royal Hawaiian Band will perform at noon. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day, along with limited edition t-shirts, posters, and souvenir kōkua buttons. Proceeds from the merchandise sales will help cover some of the costs of the festival.

The public is encouraged to bring their low beach chairs and mats. No commercial photography is allowed. Free parking is available in...
7-Eleven Hawai‘i is this year’s Presenting Sponsor. Other sponsors include Kamehameha Schools, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Bank of Hawai‘i, Accel Events and Rentals, The Queen’s Health System, Hawaiian Airlines, Matson Navigation, CARE Hawai‘i, Royal Hawaiian Center, Pasha Hawai‘i and American Savings Bank. Funders include Department of the Interior, Office of Native Hawaiian Relations; National Endowment for the Arts, Hawai‘i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Kennedy Center Arts Across America, and the City and County of Honolulu. Media partners include KHON2, Honolulu Star Advertiser and MidWeek. MGF depends upon grants and donations to cover festival costs. For more information or to make a donation, please visit MGF’s website at www.moanaluagardensfoundation.org or call 808.839.5334.

A non-profit organization founded in 1970, Moanalua Gardens Foundation (MGF) is committed to preserving and perpetuating the history, native culture and environment of Hawai‘i through education and stewardship of Kamananui (Moanalua) Valley and celebration of the Prince Lot Hula Festival.
‘A’A I KA ‘ŌLELO!
The Mālama Loko Ea Foundation is beyond excited to provide another FREE course focused on learning ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i!

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5:30 - 6:30pm for DOE teachers & students*
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*All teachers and students welcome with available space, priority for DOE

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