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Pelekikena's Message

By Charles Herring

Welina... A warm Aloha to all of you. As we approach our fundraising season we need to remind ourselves that our membership needs to be involved in the fundraising efforts for our organization. Our first fundraising efforts of the year are the Pure Aloha event where we will be selling Teri burgers w/chips and side Macaroni salad. Our second effort is The Friendship soccer tournament at Sam Boyd stadium where we will be selling chicken sticks and fruits.

Volunteers are always welcomed. For more information contact Steve Bowdoin at lvhccnewsletter@aol.com or your 2nd Vice President Janet Ronan at djkronan@cox.net.

Awesome! We have a new website design! Visit the site at www.lvhcc.org and bring your comments to our next General membership meeting. Stay tuned for more information!

Pack your bags—we are heading to Honolulu to participate in the Prince Kuhio Parade on March 29th. Anyone and everyone are welcome to march so invite your `ohana! For more information call me at 808-342-8464. Due to the parade the GMM scheduled for 3/29 will now be on 4/6 with location to be announced.

The 1st VP position is vacant. If you have anyone in mind for this position contact the election chair Jeff Pagan at lvhawyn@aol.com

The 2008 Ho`olaule`a application is online, so pass the word on... This year, as we continue to connect ourselves to our founder Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Piikoi, the membership agreed to change the name of our annual Ho`olaule`a event to be called 18th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Ho`olaule`a, Pacific Island Festival.

Extra stuffs....members are eligible to receive a complimentary 2007 LVHCC event shirt(s), but you have to be at the GMM to receive one! If you have not received your T-shirts, please be sure to make it to our next general membership, I cannot promise that you will have one! This is on a first come first serve basis.

Hele mai...If you haven't been to a neighboring festival, LET'S GO! The LVHCC is coordinating club outings to Arizona for their Aloha Festival (March 15th; over night) and Ho`olaule`a Hawaiian Festival at Alondra Park (July 17-18; 3 days, 2 nights). Plus it's a regatta race weekend so get your swimsuits on.

March 22nd, culture workshop, second session is still open. Call me at 808-34-8464 for more information.

As you see, there are great things being done to increase our club outreach. Please find the time to get involved and share

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your own aloha with your fellow members.

Enjoy the March month. Happy Easter to you all!

Aloha, Charles

Onolicious Recipes

Submitted by Tamar Hoapili

Ingredients:

- 1 16-oz box Blue Star Mochiko flour
- 2 1/2 C Sugar
- 2 tsp Baking powder
- 1 12-oz can Evaporated milk
- 1 14-oz can Coconut milk
- 3 Eggs
- 2 tsp Pure vanilla extract
- 1 stick Butter, melted

Cooking Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 13x9x2" pan with butter. In a large bowl, sift together mochiko flour, sugar, and baking



“Mai e `ai”
(Come and Eat)

powder, and mix well. In a medium bowl, combine evaporated milk, coconut milk, eggs, and vanilla, and mix well. Pour into dry ingredients and blend together. Stir in melted butter. Pour into pan, and tap bottom of pan on a hard surface to settle batter. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until golden brown. Cool at least 1 hour before cutting and enjoying.

Keiki Korner

Submitted by Tamar Hoapili

Learn the Hawaiian colors!

Red - Ula Ula

Yellow - Melemele

Orange - Alani

Gray - Hinahina

Brown - Maku'e

Purple - Poni

Green - Oma'oma'o

Blue - Polu

Pink - Akala

Black - 'Ele'Ele

Club News

Submitted by Charles Herring

Membership Drive:

Starting March 1 through May 31

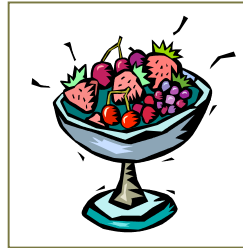
Gift card certificate prizes are 1st \$150.00, 2nd \$75.00 3rd \$50.00

Announcement of winners will be awarded at the July General membership meeting

Criteria: Members name should be written legibly on the top of each application submitted

Board members are not eligible

No application sign-up at any community club information booths



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1 P.M. General membership meeting

3 P.M. Paddling Meeting followed by Ho'olaule'a Committee meeting

MARCH GMM DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

Due to the participation of Prince Kuhio Parade in Honolulu on March 29. The March General membership meeting date has been changed to April 6th, 2008. Location: 2800 S Lamb Blvd. LV. 89121

(Off lamb behind of Boulder Station Casino)-Watch for our LVHCC signs on the entrance of location.

12 noon- pot luck gathering and simple finger crochet yarn cigar

Hawaiian History- Keōpūolani

Submitted by Kanani Cadaoas

In 1778, Keōpūolani was born at Pihana in Wailuku, Maui. Her birth name was, Kalanikauika'alaneo, (the exalted one placed in the calm). She was affectionately called by other names such as; Makuahanaukama, (the mother of many children) and Wahine Pi'o (woman of pi'o rank).

Her father, Kōwala, was present at the birth of Keōpūolani on Maui, but soon after was commanded to return to the island of Hawai'i by his father. King Kalani'opu'u had plans that Kōwala would rule over the island Hawai'i.

It was the custom in the islands that the ali'i or chiefs did not bring up their own child. The child had numerous trained attendants that cared for

them even as they became adults. Keōpūolani was raised under strict kapu. As an infant being nursed by her wet nurse (kahu hanai waiu), neither a chief nor commoner could approach or touch her. The penalty was to be burned to death.

In 1790, Kamehameha of Hawai'i had set out to conquer all the Hawaiian Islands and to place them under his single rule. The warriors of Maui and Hawai'i met in conflict at the famous battle, the men of Maui fought in the traditional style face-to-face and hand-to-hand. Kamehameha had the use of a cannon, lopaka. His warriors towed Lopaka up to the valley of 'Ōao. There were two foreigners that assisted Kamehameha, John Young and Isaac Davis. They were needed for their knowledge of this new weapon. The maui warriors became trapped in the valley and their only

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recourse were to climb up the cliffs. There were so many slain people both from armies that the bodies clogged the stream. It is for this reason the battle was named Kepaniwai (battle of the dammed waters); also known as Ka'uwa'upali (clawed off the cliff).

Keōpūolani, who is approximately 11 years of age, witnessed this battle and at her side is, Keku'iapoiwa (her mother), and her mother's half-sister, Kalanikauikikilokalaniakua, along with other chiefs. They made their escape west over the pass to Olowalu and north to Lahaina where they meet up with Chiefess Kalola (her grandmother).

The plan was to flee to the island of O'ahu, but unfortunately the elderly Kalola was ill and her court had stopped at Kalama'ula on Moloka'i. Kamehameha respected the old reverence for lineage, as he did for all things traditional and asked Chiefess Kalola for her sacred daughters. This request included Keōpūolani. Kalola advised Kamehameha that all this could be done upon her death. Association with the sacred women of the royal Maui line would help Kamehameha consolidate and legitimize his authority in uniting the islands. During this time, Keōpūolani is the highest ali'i of all hawai'i.

After the passing of chiefess kalola, kamehameha takes keōpūolani, keku'iapoiwa, and kalanikauikikilokalaniakua to his household at keauhou in north kona. It is in kailua-kona where kamehameha establishes his court. Being captive was not what these women wanted, but keōpūolani was obedient.

In 1795, kamehameha plans a warfare against kalanikupule, who escaped from the maui battle, and is now on the island of o'ahu. Keōpūolani and her mother, keku'iapoiwa, travels with kamehameha to nu'uano, o'ahu where he defeats the army of kalanikupule. It is at this battle that an indigenous chief of this island gave her the name keōpūolani (the gathering of heaven). In this same year, at waikiki, keōpūolani marries (ho'ao)

kamehameha but was only made his constant companion. He slept with her only from time to time in order to perpetuate the high-chiefly blood of the kingdom. Their marriage linked the house of kamehameha to the ruling house of maui and the old ruling house of hawai'i.

The lineage of keōpūolani made her more sacred than that of her uncle/husband, kamehameha i. It is said that kamehameha would have to uncover the top part of his body when coming into the presence of his youthful and very high ranking wife.

The union of kamehameha i and keōpūolani produced the royal line of the kamehameha dynasty: liholiho#, kauikeaouli#, and nahi'ena'ena. Keōpūolani was known as a good mother, respectful to the chiefs, to her husband, and to all people. Keōpūolani would break hawaiian tradition of hanai and keep her daughter nahienaena by her side.

On may 14, 1819 king kamehameha i dies in kailua-kona, hawai'i. It is his closest friend, hoapili, that is entrusted with the bones of this fallen chief. Hoapili and keōpūolani tooked the sennit-wrapped remains of this great chief and placed it in a secret cave at kaloko.

At the death of kamehameha i all traditional kapu was lifted. His son, liholiho, was installed as king by queen regent ka'ahumanu. Liholiho wanted to keep all the kapu system, but he was persuaded by ka'ahumanu, kaheiheimalia#, and his mother, keōpūolani to keep free eating ('ainoa) as a permanent arrangement.

Keōpūolani had been attracted to the christian missionaries and would become the paramount symbol of two conflicting worlds. She and her daughter were the last female ali'i whose mana was that of the old akua#. A woman who gave up the very privileges of status that made her the highest person in the land.

On september 16, 1823, keōpūolani was baptized a christian, then passed away. According to the wishes of keōpūolani, her people were allowed only to wail at her passing. Her christian funeral was the first done for a high chief.

MARCH La Hanau e La Ho'omana'o

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- Kevin Rice
- Jethro Tan

- Kathee Tobin
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- Henry Vincent

March Anniversaries

- Tom and
Kealohalana O'Brien

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Motto
Kulia E Loa'a Ka Na'auao
"Strive to Obtain Wisdom"

Pagan
Kakau `Olelo Ho`opa`a

Steve Bowdoin

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