

# Ka Leo a Ka Pahu

**Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club**

**Serving the Community in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC**

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*"Aloha O Na Kulaiwi"*

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## KAMHCC JOINS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

In July of 2004, the Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club (KAMHCC) was incorporated in the state of Virginia. At the annual convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AOHCC) in November of 2004, the KAMHCC charter was officially accepted and the first Hawaiian Civic Club in the eastern United States was born.

One of the driving forces behind the formation of our club, Pelekikena Darlene Kehaulani Butts, has been strongly committed for many years to the Hawaiian community in the Washington, DC area. From organizing the lei draping ceremony at the U.S. Capitol, exhibiting books about Hawaii on the National Mall for the National Book Fair, to almost any event related to Hawaii or Hawaiiana, Kehaulani has been involved in spreading the Aloha

Spirit in the nation's capital. Founding KAMHCC brought together a group of Hawaiians and those who love Hawaii, all committed to contributing to the welfare of the community and the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture, and honoring the legacy of Prince Jonah Kalaniana'ole Kuhio.

KAMHCC has already begun working toward fulfilling this mission by assisting in the identification of qualified and interested Native Hawaiian women for potential U.S. Presidential Appointment. KAMHCC has also worked closely with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs D.C. Bureau on Kau Inoa registration and in support of OHA events.



*Organizational Meeting of KAMHCC*

This past fall, KAMHCC participated in the procession marking the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, as well as the annual Pacific Fun Day event in Maryland. Members of KAMHCC have also been actively assisting the Gates Millennium Scholars Program by recruiting scholarship applicants and contacting prospective re-

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## KAMHCC SUPPORTS OHA AT AKAKA BILL HEARING, RECEPTION FOR GOV. LINGLE

KAMHCC members were privileged to participate in two events held on Capitol Hill recently – the Senate hearing on the Akaka Bill, and the Hawaii Congressional delegation reception honoring Hawaii's governor, Linda Lingle, sponsored by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

On Tuesday, March 1, 2005, the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs heard testimony regarding S. 147, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, commonly known as the Akaka Bill. Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Chairperson (and KAMHCC member) Haunani Apoliona, accompanied by

Antoinette Lee, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, offered testimony to the Committee Chairman, Senator John McCain, Vice-Chair Senator Byron Dorgan and Members.

In recognition of AOHCC's commitment to supporting passage of the Akaka Bill,

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*Manning the reception desk!*

## Announcements: Upcoming Events & Other Information



### Hawaiian Treasures

NĀ MEA MAKAMAE O HAWAI'I

Opened September 22, 2004 as a complement to the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, Hawaiian Treasures presents key objects from the Hawaiian collection of the Anthropology Department, NMNH. Developed in consultation with the Royal Societies of Hawai'i, the exhibition features important historic objects and discusses Hawaiian cultural and ethnic

identity as linked with museum collections. Exhibit continues **through May 31, 2005**, at the Natural History Museum.

**Halau O' Aulani and Kumu Hula Paul K. Neves'** present "Moku O Keawe," a May Day Celebration of Hawaiian culture, dance, and music

**Saturday, May 7, 2005**, 2-6 pm, performance at 3 pm; at the NRECA Bldg, 4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22203

Website: [www.halauoaulani.org](http://www.halauoaulani.org).

**Halau O Na Hali'a** presents Ho'olaule'a 2005, a celebration of Hawaiian culture, including performance of kahiko and 'auana hula:

**Saturday, May 21, 2005**, 3-5 pm, at George C. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA \$10 General Admission, \$5 seniors and kids age 5-12. For tickets, call (301) 870-5114 or email halauonahalia@yahoo.com

**Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association** - East Coast Region will host an all-day "La Ohana" Hawaiian cultural presentation on **Saturday, May 28, 2005**, presented by Kaipo Hale, Director, Hawaiian Studies Institute at the Kamehameha Schools, and staff.

The presentation will be accompanied by a display and demonstration of artifacts, some from the Bishop Museum. The program will include Hawaiian poetry and music, hands-on crafts, olelo, and other topics.

Location TBD Please call Maile Duggan at (703) 360-0893.

The Policy Analysis & System Evaluation (PASE) Research Team of Kamehameha Schools has added a new publication to the PASE website:

### **Kau Li'ili'i: Characteristics of Native Hawaiians in Hawai'i and the Continental United States**

In what ways are Kānaka Maoli in the state of Hawai'i and on the continent similar or different? Find out more at:

[http://www.ksbe.edu/pase/pdf/Reports/Demography\\_Well-being/04\\_05\\_21.pdf](http://www.ksbe.edu/pase/pdf/Reports/Demography_Well-being/04_05_21.pdf)

## KAMHCC ATTENDS HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB CONVENTION

### *The Pride of Aloha – Spawns Firsts*

The Pomp and Circumstance, the lights, the assemblage of Native Hawaiians in their respective club fineries, honored guests and the thundering voice of President Charlie Rose calling representatives Pelekikena Darlene Kehaulani Butts and Delegate Al Kaulia of Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club to the stage...it was inspiring.

The men and women of Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club received our official charter at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. The musical PowerPoint slide presentation crafted by Gini Moore and Maile Duggan spoke of the beginnings of this newest club. The familiar words of our club song, "He Hawaii Au," drew strength from the voices in assembly. Tears of renewal, of pride, of recognition were shed by all who love Hawaii.

The Pride of Aloha provided a dramatic perspective of the waters and coastlines of Hawaii. A belated witness to the discovery of each island, this conventioneer stood in awe as untouched cliffs, crashing shores, and a midnight lava flow revealed themselves through daylight and utter darkness. It was a rebirth. Every passenger felt it. Only 338 Native Hawaiians understood it.

The work to be done was intimidating. The new kids on the block were attending their first Convention; presenting our first Resolution, voting for our first Association Board, and voting for our first Mainland Council leadership.

Our resolution offered at the Convention, Resolution L04-37 – "Assist the Mainland Council in Identifying and Contacting Qualified and Interested Native Hawaiian Women For Potential Presidential Appointment," passed by an overwhelming margin.

*"The Pride of Aloha provided a dramatic perspective of the waters and coastlines of Hawaii."*

#### Elected Mainland Council Board

Pelekikena - Keoni Jensen

Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi – Tee Furtado

Hope Pelekikena 'Elua – Chalmers Akima

Kakau 'Olelo Ho'opa'a – Denny Colbert

Pu'uku – Anthia Austin

#### Mainland Council Meeting Schedule

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting:

4-6 February 2005, Las Vegas, NV.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting:

22-24 April 2005, San Diego, CA

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting:

5-7 August 2005, Chicago, IL

#### Elected Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Board

Pelekikena - Toni Lee – Pearl Harbor HCC

Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi – Leimomi Khan – HCC of Honolulu and the Kalihi-Palama HCC

Hope Pelekikena 'Elua – Soulee Stroud – HCC of Utah

Pu'uku – Patrick Sniffen – Pearl Harbor HCC

#### Convention Schedule

2005 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention, Kona, HI, 23-30 October, Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii

Room Rate: \$150.00 for two (plus taxes) 2006 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention, Oahu, HI



*Pelekikena Darlene Butts (r) and OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona (l)*

Washington D.C. is one of two mainland sites under consideration for the 2007 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention. A formal proposal is under construction for the Mainland Council's consideration. Your mana'o is required to refine the proposal. Questions to consider:

Is there a cultural significance to the people of Hawaii in Washington D.C.?

Is there an economic significance to the people of Hawaii in Washington D.C.?

Is there political significance to the people of Hawaii in Washington D.C.? If yes, why?

Do we anticipate political/cultural/economic conversions in 2007 relative to Native Hawaiians?

As prelude to a possible 2007 Washington D.C. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs convention I encourage full delegation attendance at the 2005 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention to be held from October 23 to 30, 2005 at the Fairmont Orchid, Kona, HI. Come. Represent. Participate. Share. Renew.

*By Darlene Kehaulani Butts*

**WE ARE SEEKING YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT  
TO FAVORABLY PASS S. 147 / H.R. 309  
THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT  
OF 2005 (the "Akaka bill") IN U.S. CONGRESS  
Status Report: March 17, 2005**

**109<sup>th</sup> Congress:** Hawai'i Senators Daniel K. Akaka and Daniel K. Inouye re-introduced the bill in the Senate, and Hawai'i Congressmen Neil Abercrombie and Ed Case, along with co-sponsors, re-introduced the bill in the House on January 25, 2005.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) heard S. 147 on March 1, 2005, and on March 9, 2005 ordered S. 147 to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. Chairman McCain, Vice Chairman Dorgan and all 7 others present voted aye. Native Hawaiians have access to federal appropriations, and the amendment clarifies federal recognition of a Native Hawaiian government entity would not cause Native Hawaiians to become eligible for Bureau of Indian Affairs trust funds, or federal appropriations and services established for Indians and Alaska Natives.

**Senate majority leadership agreed the Native Hawaiian recognition bill will be on the Senate floor for a vote in 2005. Placement on the calendar should occur after filing of the Committee Report.**

**S. 147 / H.R. 309** aims to extend the federal policy of self-determination and self-governance to Hawai'i's indigenous people, Native Hawaiians, thereby establishing parity in federal policies towards Native Hawaiians, American Indians and Alaska Natives. The bill does not extend federal recognition, rather, it authorizes a process for federal recognition.

**S. 147 / H.R. 309** provides that after the recognition process of the Native Hawaiian governing entity is complete, negotiations may ensue between the recognized Native Hawaiian governing entity, and federal and state governments over matters such as the:

- transfer of lands and natural resources;
- exercise of governmental authority over any transferred lands, natural resources and other assets, including land use;
- exercise of civil and criminal jurisdiction, and the delegation of governmental powers and authorities to the Native Hawaiian governing entity by the federal and state governments.

The measure has strong bi-partisan support, including our Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, Republican and Democrat co-sponsors, Hawai'i, Governor Linda Lingle - who testified in support of the Akaka bill in the 108<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Hawai'i State Legislature, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and other Native Hawaiian organizations and leaders.

The National Congress of American Indians, Alaska Federation of Natives, National Council of La Raza, Japanese American Citizens League, Organization of Chinese Americans, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium and numerous Native, Asian and Pacific American and civil rights organizations have issued resolutions, statements or letters of support for the Akaka bill, Native Hawaiian self-determination and self-governance.

**For more information, contact Martha Ross, Bureau Chief, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Washington D.C Bureau at 202-721-1388 or [Martha\\_Ross@ncai.org](mailto:Martha_Ross@ncai.org), or go to [www.NativeHawaiiians.com](http://www.NativeHawaiiians.com).**

## Ka Inoa

*Aloha mai e nā lālā o ka 'Ahahui Hawai'i Sivila 'o Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana, mai ka 'ō'ili mua 'ana o ka lā i Wakinekona, DC a ka lā welo aku i ke kulāiwi 'o Hawai'i nei.*

*This is the first in an ongoing series of presentations by Kapio about our KAMHCC club symbols.*

As all new parents know, naming a child can be a painstaking task. Should you name the child after your mother's grandmother's oldest brother? Or should you name the child for the beautiful full moon that gleamed the night of her birth?

As it was then and is now, the art of naming is very important to Hawaiian people. Much thought and sincerity goes into selecting a name. Hawaiians would sometimes give names to remember important events, places and people. The Hawaiian people believed that the memory of a person could live on through his name even long after his passing.

Like a new parent naming her child, the founding members of Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club carry on this very important aspect of our culture in the naming of our club.

In true Hawaiian fashion, there was much

discussion over what we should name our new baby. In all of the suggestions we found a commonality that the name should represent our roots in Hawai'i, our new lives here in the Washington area,

*"Prince Kūhiō was nicknamed Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana—the Prince of the People."*

and the purpose of our organization.

Looking back on Hawaiian history and the history of Hawaiian civic clubs, one figure proved most prominent—Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole. Prince Kūhiō served as a delegate to the U.S. Congress and also formed the first Hawaiian civic club in 1918 to stimulate education within the Hawaiian community and promote Hawaiian culture.

Having been elected by the people of Hawai'i, Prince Kūhiō was nicknamed Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana—the Prince of the Peo-

ple. It all made sense, as things should be when naming your child. And so we choose to honor and perpetuate the memory and legacy of our beloved ali'i, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, through the living memory of Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club.



*Kapiolani Adams*

Eō Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana !

## The Women's Appointment Project

Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club calls each member to action in the fulfillment of Resolution 37, adopted on November 14, 2004 at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention. Resolution 37 states, "Assist the Mainland Council in identifying and contacting qualified and interested Native Hawaiian women for potential Presidential appointment."

Sponsored by of the Women's Political Caucus, the Women's Appointment project seeks the names and contact information of interested and qualified Native Hawaiian women. A "self identifying" database will be housed on the KAMHCC website. Each individual will be contacted for

project screening and criteria assessment. That website link will be live by 1 April 2005.

If you are interested in serving please EMAIL Darlene K. Butts; [dbutts@elderschoice.net](mailto:dbutts@elderschoice.net) with your name, contact information and specific field of interest:

Justice, General Counsels,  
Inspectors General, Solicitors General  
Education  
Economics, Trade, Commerce, OMB,  
Treasury, Federal Reserve Board,  
SEC,  
SBA, FDIC, FHLBB  
Environment, Energy, Interior, Historic  
Preservation, NRC, Agriculture

Health and Human Services

Science, Technology, Transportation,  
Aviation, Maritime, NASA, NSF

Defense, Military, Arms Control,  
State, Foreign Service, Ambassadors,  
V.A., Peace Corps

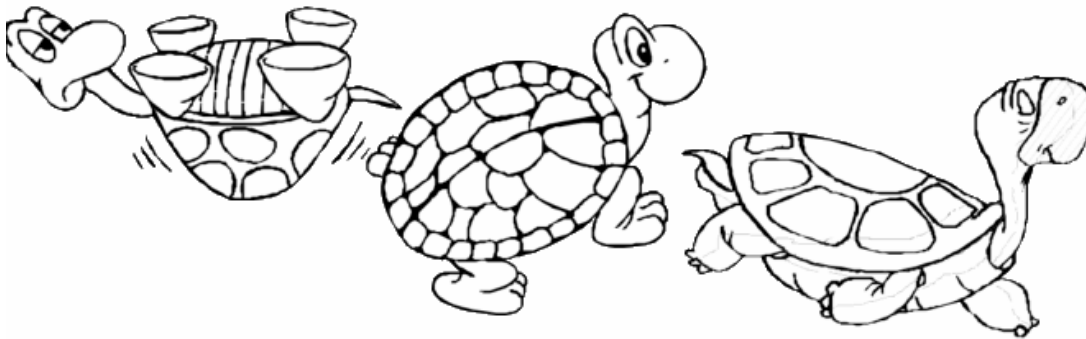
Housing and Urban Development

Civil Rights, EEOC, Labor, Office of  
Personnel Management, Merit Systems

Protection Board

Arts, Humanities, Corporation for  
Public Broadcasting, Museum Services

# Ka Heihei Honu (The Turtle Race)



Na helu  
(numbers)

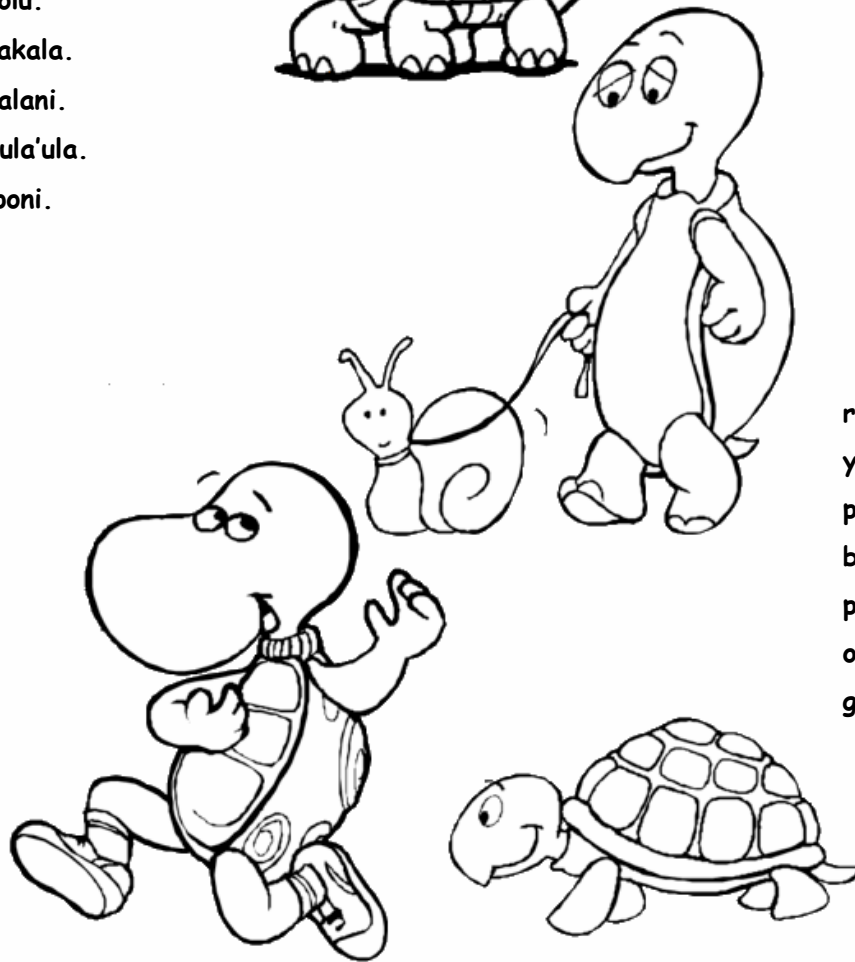
- 1 - 'ekahi
- 2 - 'elua
- 3 - 'ekolu
- 4 - 'eha
- 5 - 'elima
- 6 - 'eono
- 7 - 'ehiku

The honu are racing.  
 Color the honu 'eono polu.  
 Color the honu 'ekolu 'akala.  
 Color the honu 'elima 'alani.  
 Color the honu 'ekahi 'ula'ula.  
 Color the honu 'ehiku poni.  
 Color the honu 'elua  
 'oma'oma'o.



Na waiho'olu'u

- red - 'ula'ula
- yellow - melemele
- purple - poni
- blue - polu
- pink - 'akala
- orange - 'alani
- green - 'oma'oma'o



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ipients who needed assistance in completing the application process.

Members of KAMHCC are uniquely positioned to provide feedback to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs by virtue of being located in Washington, DC. Many of the members of our group work directly or indirectly with the federal government and see legislation or federal agency actions first-hand that may have a direct impact in Hawaii.

Exciting upcoming projects for KAMHCC include offering Hawaiian language and culture classes open to the public, a Paniolo Day event, and providing support at the upcoming Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing on Federal Recognition for Native Hawaiians.

Other exciting plans in the works for KAMHCC include researching and writing on the experiences of Prince Kuhio and Queen Liliuokalani during their stays in Washington, developing a scholarship and college application assistance program for area youth, and expanding civic and cultural awareness offer-

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ings here for anyone desiring to learn more about Hawaii and its people.

Many KAMHCC members’ names will be familiar to anyone who has traveled to the DC area recently. Members instrumental in the formation of KAMHCC include **Claire Pruet, Maile Duggan, Kapiolani Adams, Al Kaulia, Gini Moore, Martha Ross, DeeDee Akeo, Kanoe Davis, Dreana Kalili, Gail Brown, Mary Beth Aoyagi, Anela Nomura, Aloma Myers, Kawe Mossman, Kimo Van Giesen, Keith Tom, Elsie Steffany and Tim Johnson.**

The women and men of KAMHCC are honored to join the ranks of members of the Asso-



*KAMHCC Initial Officers (l to r) Deedee Akeo, Claire Pruet, Kanoe Davis, Darlene Butts, and Tim Johnson*

ciation of Hawaiian Civic Clubs who are devoted to the civic, economic, health and social welfare of the Hawaiian community. See next issue for listing of officers, directors, and committees. Also included will be a listing of the upcoming KAMHCC meetings.

## KAMHCC SUPPORTS OHA AT LINGLE RECEPTION

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KAMHCC members worked in support of OHA’s efforts at the hearing. Wearing bright red in a show of unity with all supporters of Native Hawaiian rights, members greeted the senators with lei as Chairperson Apoliona rose to speak, and joined the Chair and OHA Trustees in the opening chant.

Those who attended were deeply moved by the impassioned testimony in support

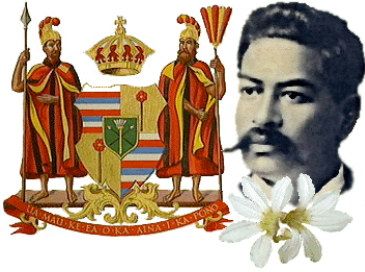
of the Akaka Bill provided by Congressmen Case and Faleomavaega, OHA Chairperson Apoliona, Governor Lingle, Jade Danner (CNHA), Tex Hall (President of the National Congress of American Indians), and Julie Kitka (President of the Alaska Federation of Natives).

Later that same day, KAMHCC members were again on hand in support of OHA, greeting visitors at the reception honoring Governor Lingle for joining with our Hawaii Congressional delegation in steadfast support of federal recognition for Native Hawaiians.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Washington D.C. Bureau, Martha Ross, Bureau Chief and Julie Coleson, Assistant planned and coordinated the event and deeply appreciated the assistance of KAMHCC that evening. Kanoe Davis

and Makalena Shibata began with a traditional chant, Kapiolani Adams presented a welcoming oli and pule. The reception table was staffed by KAMHCC members Deedee Akeo, Gail Browne, Shani Butts, joining Mona Bernardino, OHA Director of Nationhood and Governance and Bryce Mendez, OHA volunteer. Hawaiian music by the Aloha Boys and guest artist, Haunani Apoliona filled the halls of Congress. Hula was shared by Kanoe, Makalena, Kapiolani, Maile Duggan, Julie Coleson and some amazing dancers from Halau O Aulani. Makakoa Enterprises, Inc., Kehaulani Butts and Chef Rowena Ku’ulei Freeman prepared the excellent kalua pig and Queen Emma Trifle.

A great time was had by all!



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Members are encouraged to submit articles, news items, announcements, and advertisements.

*ALOHA O NA KULAIWI*

**We are on the web  
at:**

**[kamhcc.org](http://kamhcc.org)**

*KAMHCC takes an active interest in the civic, political, economic, health and social welfare of our community; supports programs of benefit to people of Hawaiian ancestry; honors, preserves and protects Native Hawaiian culture and traditions.*

*For information about joining KAMHCC in this mission, please contact:*

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## **Viva Las Vegas!!!** *The Mainland Council Contributes to Economic Stability*

The gaming industry suffered a tremendous blow at the hands of two unidentified crap-shooting victors at the infamous tables of the world famous California Hotel. Had I not witnessed the triumph myself, I would never have believed that two true Hawaiians could walk away from a glorious winning streak – 10! TEN! Come on T-E-N!! What does that mean?

The Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs installed its new officials on February 4, 2005 in Las Vegas, NV. Presiding over the installation banquet were Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Pelekikena Antoinette L. "Toni" Lee and Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi – Leimomi Khan. A fellow Washington D.C. transplant visited during the evening – Hawaii's own Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka. Senator Akaka ushered words of encouragement and steadfastness for the legislative battlefield ahead. It was also during this session that we learned of the

fate of Aaron Mahi, Conductor of the Royal Hawaiian Band.

### ISSUES DISCUSSED

A review of Kau Inoa registration indicated that there is NO age limit for registrants: birth to death. Each registration form should indicate the "KAMHCC Kau Inoa #251".

Two surveys were disseminated by mail to club members for input – Language and Economic Development. A club wishing to host a Hawaii Maoli speaker can earn a \$50 stipend. For every kupuna interviewed about language proficiencies, the club will earn a \$20 stipend. KAMHCC has submitted three names.

Resolution drafts for the upcoming convention are due during the 22-24 April 2005 Mainland Council Board Meeting.

An update for KAMHCC Resolution 37 revealed the inaction of the returning Bush administration. The Presidential transition team rejected access by the

Women's Political Caucus, sponsor of the 2005 Women's Appointment project. KAMHCC has requested that the Mainland Council continue to gather names and contact info of interested and qualified women. A "self identifying" database will be housed on the KAMHCC website subject to periodic assessment and screening to ensure data integrity. That website should be live by 1 April 2005.

A draft proposal of the 2007 AOHCC Convention in Wash., D.C. was delivered in the Meetings and Conventions Committee. The proposal will be enhanced to focus on the purpose and/or benefits of Native Hawaiians meeting in Washington, D.C. The OHA Research Project of Washington delegations from Hawaii will prove to be an asset in this endeavor. KAMHCC will present our convention proposal during the August 2005 Mainland Council meeting.

*By Darlene Kehaulani Butts*