

*Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Kulia E Loa 'A Na`auao* January—Ianuali 2021



Pelekikena/President's Message by Doreen Hall

### Mission Statement

My mission statement it to support of higher education for Native Hawaiians with various proceeds from fundraisers held throughout the year, to be able to provide post-secondary scholarships to Native Hawaiians seeking advancement in their educational goals. The ongoing success of our various Scholarship Fundraising event is due largely in part to the generosity of donors and community partners. Secondly, to raise our Health & Wellness platform, to keep our Lāhui healthy and thriving for generations to remain not endangered but prosperous throughout our Kauahale near and far.

To start a Kū I Ke Kama'āina Awards, this award is bestowed by the club president to members who exemplify service to the club over the year. We are successful because of our dedicated membership, and our Kuleana is to inspire our members to be engaged in Civic duties across our Kauhale and to recognize their efforts by awarding them for their work and dedication to our Lāhui here in the City of Las Vegas. 

## Pelekikena Message Statement

I want to share with our members my appreciation to serve as the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Pelekikena for the next two years. We have just celebrated the 103<sup>rd</sup> Centennial of the founding of the Hawaiian Civic Club movement as established by **Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole** on December 6, 1918.

As we prepare for the future of our club we must remember that the HCC movement was built on the foundation that Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole set forth with three founding objectives:

1) Elevate (restore) the social status of Hawaiians, 2) Elevate the intellectual status of Hawaiians and 3) to Increase pride in our race and heritage.

We have some challenging times, as we mourn the lost of loved ones, or praise those who has recovered from the Corona Virus, we pray that this vaccine will be able to save lives and or prevent more lives from being taken.

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club has some exciting events that show case our Mission and Vision of our community here in Las Vegas. Even during these difficult times, our members and supporters continue to support all our fundraising efforts, by doing so LVHCC was able to award two Scholarship during this time of financial and health crisis. We are immensely proud to do so. **CONTINUED TO PAGE 8** 



'O Hawai'i ku'u kulaiwi; 'o Kona ka moku, ke ahupua'a 'o Kalihi. I ka pō 'o Hilo, I hānau ai 'o Jenna-Lynn Pōhaimekealoha Fox he wahine.

Aloha everyone. My name is Jenna-Lynn Fox, born on January 20th. I am originally from the Island of Oahu, and grew up in Kalihi. I spent most of my childhood, being raised by my grandmother in Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT).

Family, Hawaiian language, and traditions are just some of the building blocks in the foundation of my upbringing.

I come from a large, tight knit, family of Canoe paddlers. I have always loved the ocean, and began paddling for my uncle's canoe club, Kalihi Kai, when I was 9 years old. During this time I would learn to make paddles from uncle.

I attended a Hawaiian Immersion school from Kindergarten, until I graduated in 2003 from Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Ānuenue. Knowledge was passed through stories and traditions. This is why the Hawaiian Language and culture has always been important to me.

I began my journey to Las Vegas in February 2006 working in the Casino industry in many different roles. Vegas became my new home. Giving and helping others has always been influential to me. As a monthly volunteer, I was unable to contribute as the Pandemic started. Evolving and adapting, I reached out to members of my **Facebook Group LVAE** who generously donated. What started out as a simple giveback project turned into many other givebacks benefiting different organizations in the Las Vegas Valley.

As Hope Pelekikena Mua, I am excited to share my knowledge and experience of culture, language, and business as we work together to cultivate **The Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club.** 

### "'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia'" No task is too big when done together by all

Together we can continue to build and strengthen our Hawaiian community in the Las Vegas Valley.

The Hawaiian community has developed over the years in Las Vegas that shaped the 9th Island. It is my hope that we can get to know our friends and learn how to advance our community through this Lāhui: The Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club.





#### Aloha Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Members:

As Hope Pelekikena 'Elua for the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club, I look forward to being a vessel for the lahui by forming a joint effort between the LVHCC, the community, the media and government entities. To build a stronger and more involved lahui. To motivate members to feel engaged in the many outreaches, workshops and events planned by the LVHCC. I look forward in showcasing new talent and being a role model to the next generation. Letting members embrace their cultural lifestyle...."Aloha Lives in Me". It is essential for its success that everyone be moving in the same direction; hence the importance of continuously optimizing it using the whole team.

A little about my background: I am John Stephen Carbonell, better known as "Keoni". I am a native from Kane'ohe, Oahu, Hawai'i. Usually, if not in the kitchen or at a special event in the community, I enjoy listening to Hawaiian music, learning about my Hawaiian heritage, hula, bowling, taking cruises and relaxing when possible visiting home by the beach. After high school, I attended the University of Hawaii on scholarship receiving a Hotel Operations Degree. With this experience, I was given an opportunity to travel while managing hotels. In 1999, I decided to make the move to the 9th Island, "Sin City". The mission of my move was to learn the casino and convention industry. The goal of residing in Las Vegas for only 5 years has turned into 22 years of networking, learning, traveling and sharing the Aloha Spirit and Hawaiian culture.

With the pandemic, I have been working from home in finance and continuing my education online to earn a bachelor's degree in Human Resources. In my spare time, I have been involved in the Hawaiian Community supporting the various hula halau and community organizations. You may also see me in the Las Vegas Valley setting up pop-up makeke at various locations promoting crafters, concessionaires, organizations and small businesses.

Sharing some of my interesting facts: I'm a true Capricorn, born January 6th, have 2 biological sisters, 2 step-brothers, 2 step-sisters and 1 half-sister. I am an avid cruiser; last counted 35 cruises, on repeat: Golden Girls and Rosanne, car radio stations 102.7, 106.5 and now 91.50 on Sundays listening to Little Grass Shack: Emory, Miss Aloha and Punaboy. Favorite ethnic foods: Fusion Asian and Hawaiian, least favorite foods: Italian and Mexican and finally: a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan, win or lose.....

In closing, I leave you this quote by Mac Anderson, "Great leadership usually starts with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference".

## Hau'oli Mahahiki Hou 2021!



Update on Covid by Na Alaka'i & Sergeant at Arms Pat Filbert

#### Aloha Kakou LVHCC Members:

Other than all current pandemic restrictions in place the good news on the horizon is that a vaccine, developed by hard working doctors and researcher's under Operation Warp Speed, is now becoming available. The vaccine looks to be a 2-part series and the state is developing the layout of who will be getting shots first.

Otherwise, Hau'oli Makahiki Hou for 2021! While the New Year is only a week or so old, the Hawaiian year already began last year in November with the rising of the Pleiades and the start of the Makahiki season. While it doesn't seem to have slowed down here in the 9<sup>th</sup> Island, the Hawaiian New Year is a time of relaxation, peace, and celebration—restoring and reinvigorating our spirt.

So how was the new year celebrated in this time of Lonomakua? From a historical perspective a Hawaiian family might gather to pray for blessings obtained and for blessing the new year. They would dress in black until midnight and then change into white as a way of signifying the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new year. A hala lei might be worn around the neck to show passing of the year along with bad and evil things.

Of course, eating a new year's feast would occur! There are many feast foods each holding a certain significance and meaning assigned to them. There was, of course, Poi (eaten in remembrance of Haloa and no stink talk, arguing, evil words, or grumbling allowed when the poi bowl was uncovered!), Roast pig (while not eaten in the Makahiki of old, nowadays it is good food for the closure and beginnings of the new year), <u>"Sea pig"</u> (if pig was not available, preparing "sea pig" from goatfish or mullet was a substitute), Laulau (signifying the wealth of the family and land—"lau" is the way of saying "400" implying "lots"), Sweet potato (a symbol of new awakening), Breadfruit (a symbol of new growth), along with miscellaneous foods such as 'alamihi crabs (forgiveness), unicorn fish (pardon), and sargassum (spiritual release of wrongdoing).

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Koho Mua Mainland Council Representative & Historian, Gail Wright





"E lauhoe mai na wa'a" Everyone paddles the canoe together.

Aloha! Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (MC-AHCC),

also know as Na Lei Makalapua, is the youngest of the five councils and consists of 17 mainland clubs. The MC logo is above.

I am your Mainland Council (MC) Representative, which means that I am responsible for attending the MC meetings and keeping you informed as to what when on at these meetings. Also, to let you know when the meeting take place and to elicit feedback to take to the meetings.

The MC meets four times a year: Mid-February (Q1), late April/early May (Q2), August (Q3), and November (Q4), at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention, usually Tuesday evening of convention week. The location of Q1—Q3 alternates between the various MC clubs, including Alaska, Washington, DC, Seattle, Tucson and San Diego. Hopefully, the MC will get back to live meetings later this year!!



Mainland Council income comes from per-capita dues from all member clubs, raffles and silent auctions at quarterly meet-

ings etc. Needless to say, fundraising during the pandemic has been challenging! However, the sale of the Journal: *The Hawaiian Journey Across Time, Sea and Space* has been an on-going fundraiser for the MC. The

MC sells the Journals to individuals and clubs for \$10.00 each. Clubs in turn can raise funds by selling the Journals to members for \$15.00. So that being said, I have several to sell if anyone is interested!

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**Continued:** Makahiki will conclude in February. In days past, the chief would return from sea to land and be "welcomed' with a kali'i ceremony by experts at spear throwing. The was a test of strength of leadership—if the spears thrown were caught there was life; if not, death. Hopefully the spears of 2020 are caught so there is new life in 2021! Kind regards to Kalani Akana, Cultural Specialist at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; this article is derived from his broader article. For a terrific story on why there are games during Makahiki, see "*Mo'olelo Makahiki: The Kōnane Champion*" by Mikiala Pescala at https:// kawaiola.news/ mo'omeheu/mo'olelo-makahiki-the-kōnane-champion

Aloha nō, Pat



Aloha LVHCC 'Ohana!

Please see flyer and get excited with us as we will be hosting our Inaugural "Swing for the Future" Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Scholarship Golf Tournament! It is a short 3-1/2 months away so we will be needing "all hands on deck" to make this event very successful and

one that we will be able to do annually!!

I am respectfully requesting all members to spread the word and to help obtain participants as well as donations for our raffle and silent auction. Each family can kokua by bringing in just one or even two prizes from contributors, reminding them that this will benefit our scholarship programs! You may contact John Keoni Carbonell, Hope Pelekikena 'Elua, Raffles & Silent Auction Committee.

We are also asking for organizations/companies to sponsor a hole which will have their logo on a sign at a selected location on the course and be included in all future advertisements and social media platforms. Please refer them to me for more information!



This will be our first big fundraiser of the year so let's start it off with a big bang! Mahalo nui loa...

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Maile Ae, Na Alaka'i Director & Golf Fund Raiser Committee Chair

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Aloha kākou āpau LVHCC Members!

Mahalo Nui to all of the contributors for our 1st Quarterly Newsletter for 2021! Excited to share the profiles of our two newest officers!! They have amazing backgrounds and have <u>already brought so much to the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club!</u> See Kala flyer on Page 8 for a great way for all of our members to do their part in supporting the all important scholarship funds!

Also, sharing first message of new **Pelekikena Doreen Hall.** As you will see, there are many updates to report and share! **Please share this newsletter with your ohana and hoaloha!** We would love to see more new members!

Noho hau'oli a olakino ho'i — Stay happy and healthy!!

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Message from Dorinda Burnet Pelekikena Iho Nei Immediate Past Pelekikena

Aloha Kakou,

I remember the dysfunction and desperation that this club was in a mere four years ago. These last 4 years were hard work! We proceeded forward with pure guts and intuition and at times, we took no prisoners! We stayed on course and I am so proud of where our club is today. We are solvent, we are transparent, we are PONO!! We have integrity, we are progressive and innovative and we are proud to be members of the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club! In 2020 we were voted the best Hawaiian Civic Club of the year! What a great accomplishment!

I am extremely proud of the new leadership our club has. I am proud to be their Iho Nei, or advisor. I can share with them the trials & tribulations I have experienced here in Las Vegas for the last 27 years as well as the past president for the last 4 years. I believe it is a good thing to have term limits on elected officers. It keeps the club alive and innovative with new 'ike (insight) and mana'o (thoughts). It also solidifies the legacy of the club; the club will survive long after any administration leaves. This was the wish of Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole when he created the Hawaiian Civic Club movement 102 years ago. Our goal (as it's local chapter) is to just KEEP IT GOING. However, we have done more than that! We have created a service oriented organization that helps uplift our lahui in any way possible.

EO o Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club! E holomua kakou!!



## Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Award

**Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club** of the Year

# Las Vegas Hawaiian **Civic Club**



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### Dec 2020:

Michele Ae, Brandon-John Borling, Charlie Van Acker, Larry Gove, Lee Burnet, Jill Munemitsu, **Darlene Reganit, Cathy Arakaki, Curtis Beat** 

January 2021:

Lynette Macauley, Charlene Gove, Dorinda Burnet, Kehau Bryce, Joji Munemitsu, Doreen Hall, Hope Igarashi, Grace Nicolas, Zaiden Vann, Tamar Hoapili, lokua Taueu, Jenna-Lynn Fox, **Emily Higby, John Keoni Carbonell** February 2021: CeCe Cullen, Bill Olds, Michael Arakaki, Shai Walter, **Brad Thompson** 



LAS VEGAS HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EATS N TREATS BY JEN

#### **Pelekikena/President's Message Continued from Page 1**

There are many activities planned for the year, taking into consideration the current COVID-19 pandemic. I ask that all members try to support and/or attend these activities when permitted to do so. Our plans for the year include increasing membership, fundraising for our four Scholarship Programs, promoting, and perpetuating our traditions, language, and our health. Aloha is where we STAND, we have may made the choice to move from our beloved 'Aina, but the Aloha spirit is with us no matter where we are. I challenge our 'opio, our youth to take their place in LINE as Native Hawaiians to continue the legacy our Kupuna has bestowed upon us, and to take our Kuleana to the next level of success.

We, the people of Hawai'i now here in the City of Las Vegas, we are few, but have a long line of our predecessors that stand behind us, to continue to help us move forward and progress.

#### 'E Holomua Kākou ame 'E Onipa'a Kākou. **KAPU ALOHA E LOKAHI E!!!** He Who Lives In Harmony Within Himself, Lives PONO, Lives KAPU ALOHA,



# COINS FOR CAUSE

## Educational Kala Jars

100% of this effortless coin fundraiser supports the Educational Stipend Scholarship awarded annually. Invest in our children's future.



## As Easy As It Gets....

1) LVHCC will provide members with a limited edition kala jar. Set the jar near your laundry room, in your vehicle, junk drawer or somewhere convenient and visible.

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Loose change, coins in your couch or at the bottom of your purse, pick it up, drop it into the kala jar and see it grow.

4) At the end of the month exchange it for a new kala jar and restart the process.

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For scholarship application, deadlines and award information please visit the LVHCC website.

LVHCC reserves the right, at its discretion, to change, modify, add, or remove portions of the terms.



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Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club `Alemana` ka (Calendar Corner)

#### **Announcements**

♦ Kala Collections Snap Funds Jar – Doreen Hall for jars. All year round Fundraiser <u>CONTACT DOREEN TO KOKUA!!!</u>

• LVHCC is continuing the Ohai Ali'i Jewelry and Club Scarf Fundraiser! Please send us an e-mail for placing orders and further details.

- Pelekikena Doreen Hall continues on the Little Grass Shack Radio Show on KUNV/91.5 Sundays from 12-4 PM as "Miss Aloha" providing commentary and community calendar information. Ongoing: hear 'Olelo Hawai'i by Immediate Past Pelekikena Dorinda Burnet at 2:30 too!!!"
- LVHCC has partnered with the Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative as a fundraiser to support tree plantings on O'ahu and the Big Island. Legacy Trees can be given to honor an individual, commemorate an event, or memorialize a loved one. The order form is here: <u>https://legacyforest.org/lvhcc</u>

### **Kūlia E Loa'a Ka Na'auao - VIRTUAL Motto: Strive to Obtain Wisdom** VIRTUAL MEETINGS & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- 1st Tuesday of Every Month Virtual Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 3rd Tuesday of Every Month Virtual General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ 4th Tuesday of Every Month NA MEA HAWAI'I CANCELLED due to COVID UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



**Recent Interview with Ninth Island Connection** 

by Doreen Hall

Congratulations LVHCC we made the local newspaper back home in Hawaii called the mid week newspaper. Our interview with Nine Island Connections was Showcase this week.

MIDWEEK JANUARY 27 2021

# The Comforts Of Home Are Here

to Vegas from Honolulu. This was our second time mak- ences between the Hawaiian ing this journey, choosing to Islands and the Ninth Island, leave paradise again to focus those relocating to Vegas may on our show. We are not the be surprised to find out that first Hawai'i residents to re- there are many comforts of locate to the Ninth Island. In home here. For starters, local fact, Las Vegas has the largest food, from poke to lau lau, can residents.

to Las Vegas? Randy Hatada You'll find Hawai'i favorites

hile many enjoyed as the most popular reasons for turkey dinners relocation. Hatada, who also and football on moved from Hilo to Vegas, has Thanksgiving, we spent the helped hundreds of former Haholiday on a plane relocating wai'i residents with relocation.

NINTH ISLAND

with Sebastian Rodriguez

While there are huge differ-What draws so many locals former Hawai'i residents. of Xpand Realty, a Las Ve- like Pā'ina Café, Cinnamon's vorites are Island Sushi & Grill rance Fong, is now managed

gas-based real estate compa- and L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, and 2 Scoops of Aloha LV. ny, lists cost of housing, cost of as well as several one-of-aliving and career opportunities kind restaurants. Two of our fa- former Honolulu resident Ter-



population of former Hawai'i be found at several restaurants, The author (left) meets with Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club members, including many owned and operated by former president and current adviser Dorina Burnet, president Doreen Hall and director Pat Filbert, PHOTO COURTESY KRISTINE RODRIGUEZ

Island Sushi, established by

by his son, Danial. Terrance worked as a chef in several Strip restaurants before open-

unveiled a second restaurant, salmon, squid lū'au and poi. Zenshin, at South Point Hotel the Island Caterpillar.

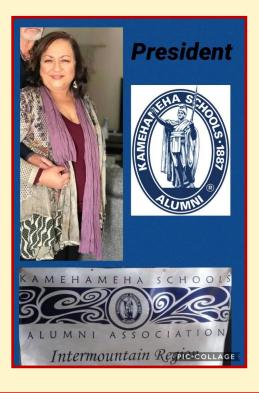
by former Waipahu resident Hawai'i. It also supports the Shai Walter-Unciano. Upon community through fundraisentering the establishment, ers and scholarships, and helps one feels back home in Ha- maintain cultural connections. wai'i. Shai's father, a former cook at Zippy's, is the primary chef, whipping up tastes of Island Connection at 7 p.m. home like beef stew and teriyaki butterfish. The eatery features its own unique creations,

ing Island Sushi, and then ered with rice, kālua pig, lomi

In addition to local grinds, Casino. Island Sushi offers de- the Hawaiian culture is prelicious deals on Hawaiian com- served by Las Vegas Hawaifort foods and sweet treats, as ian Civic Club, which has well as unique sushi rolls like been serving the community for over 30 years. The club is 2 Scoops of Aloha LV is a here to welcome and support family-run restaurant owned those relocating to Vegas from

> Catch Sebastian and Ninth Wednesdays on K5 and 2 p.m. Sundays on KGMB.

including Da Titah, a cup lay- info@ninthislandconnection.com



Congratulations to Dorinda Burnet for being elected as President for Kamehameha School Alumni **Association Intermountain Region!** 







# Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Our 32nd Year (1989—2021)









JENNA-LYNN FOX Hope Pelekikena Mua (1st Vice President)



JOHN KEONI CARBONELL *Hope Pelekikena 'Elua* (2nd Vice President)



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*PAT FILBERT* Na Alaka'i (Board Director) & *Sergeant at Arms* 



*MAGGIE A. PERRY* Na Alaka'i (Board Director)





*DEBRA LEIMOMI CHOCK* Na Alaka'i (Board Director)



*MAILE AE* Na Alaka'i (Board Director)



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Club Colors: Red and Gold

Club Song: He Hawai'i Au (I Am Hawaiian)

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