



Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club
Kulia E Loa'a Ka Na'auao -- Strive to obtain wisdom
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Pelekikena/President's Message
by Doreen Hall

Aloha Mai Kakou

While 2022 is upon us, Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club had a slow beginning with a lot of our members battling colds, flu, and Covid-19 virus. However, our Lāhui is resilient, and we were able to overcome this hurdle. Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club has been in the planning stages for our upcoming 2nd Annual Health Expo Fair to be held in April and our 30th Pacific Island Festival & Ho'olaule'a to be held in September of 2022. While it takes months of preparation, logistics and planning we will prevail and succeed in our task, as we all work together and RISE our community once again.

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club has also been busy collaborating and working with other clubs, organizations, and businesses throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We believe that in "Unity We are Stronger". LVHCC has had the pleasure of attending once again the Chinese New Year Parade in downtown Las Vegas. It was a day filled with Fun, Laughter, and Pride as we walked and represented our club and our Native Hawaiian and Polynesian community here in Las Vegas.

LVHCC also was invited to attend a meet & greet with Kanaka Hekili Motorcycle Club Las Vegas and was named as their benefactor for their 7th Annual Poker Run & Luau. LVHCC volunteered for the Poker Run to show unity in collaboration, and we had a fun time doing so. The Luau was held at the end of the event, and it was filled with Hula Dancers, Oli and 'Olelo Hawai'i by our Past President and Kumu Hula Vincent Souza with Kailiha'o Hula. It was an amazing event where the motto was "Aloha Is Where We Stand". LVHCC has made another long-term partnership with Kanaka Hekili and as we continue to support each other. We look forward to more collaborations.

We also had the opportunity to attend a meet & greet with Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA) to be able to increase Hawaiian Homeownership here in Las Vegas. We are excited to participate and attend their upcoming Luau event in June, another great way for us to obtain necessary tools for our people and our community.

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club had an exciting first quarter, as we continue to progress together. I am thankful for my Board of Directors and our membership for always continuing to support ALL things Hawaiian and to support OUR Club.

Me Ke Aloha,

Doreen M. Hall, Pelekikena

JAMES KALANI HEU
Hope Pelekikena Mua
(1st Vice President)



Aloha LVHCC Members:

I was born in Hawai'i on the Island of O'ahu in 1982. We lived in Ewa Beach and Waipahu. I was raised on the Island of O'ahu until my mother, sister and myself left and moved to Fresno, California when I was 5 years old. I don't remember too much about where or how we lived when we were still residents of Hawaii. But my mother always instilled the Hawaiian culture to my sister and I from the time we were very young.

We moved to Las Vegas—our 9th Island around 1993. By this time, I had one more sister added to the family. I was in the 5th grade and here in the 9th Island is where we planted our flag.

I eventually ended up dancing hula for Nani Ola Hawaiian Dance Company and was going to a hula competitions on O'ahu at the Waikiki Shell when I was in 8th grade. During that visit was when I learned a lot about more about our culture through hula. Even though I would stay in Hawai'i 2-3 months out of the year during summer vacation, I still struggled with being Hawaiian. It seems as I was too Hawaiian for the Mainland but not enough Hawaiian to be in Hawai'i. I was fortunate to attend the explorations program at Kamehameha school during my summer break. Needless to say, Hawai'i has always been a huge part of my life. I graduated high school in 2000 and went into the workforce as a Dealership Technician and have had a long career from 2000-2017 at various dealerships in Las Vegas.

After my 17 year career in the automotive industry, I learned a lot about helping people and switched careers. I now own my own financial services business in Las Vegas where I am able to help families reach their future financial goals and have now opened up an office in Hawai'i to give back to our Hawaiian community which I love so much!!!

I am a Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club member and glad to now be Hope Pelekikena Mua (1st Vice President) and thanks to my mother's (Dorinda Burnet) influence am proud to serve our Hawaiian culture.

I look forward to being very involved in our community through LVHCC and make our great Hawaiian culture a huge part of everything I do for the rest of my life!!



VINCENT CHARLES IOKIMO PALENAPA SOUZA - IHO NEI

Born and raised on the Island of O'ahu in Hawai'i, Vincent is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a Bachelors of Arts in History (Asian & Pacific History) & Political Science.

As a successful Executive within the Hospitality, Entertainment and Meeting and Event Planning field for over 30+ years, Vincent has been honored as a member of the Class of 2000 by the Pacific Business News Forty Under 40, a graduate of the Pacific Century Fellows - Class of 2002, modeled after the White House Fellows, and recognized as a State of Hawai'i Business Person of the Year in 2005. He has served in various Management and Executive roles including, Chief Operating Officer, President and Managing Director for distinguished organizations throughout Hawai'i and since moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2008.

Socially active in his community since a youth and proud of his volunteer efforts for the various community and charitable organizations and foundations for which he has served and continues to:

- ♦ **Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Commissioner; Clark County, Nevada**
- ♦ **Office of Living Arts, State of Nevada 501(c)(3) non-profit; Officer & Board Member**
- ♦ **Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club (Nevada non-profit); Past President, Board Member and Current Advisor**
- ♦ **Kalihi/Palama Hawaiian Civic Club; Member**
- ♦ **Hawaiian Heritage Legacy Collection (Henderson, Nevada Library System/Green Valley); Co-founder and Volunteer**
- ♦ **American Cancer Society; Southern Nevada Leadership Board & Volunteer**
- ♦ **Kailiha'o Hula; Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner (Kumu Hula/Hula Instructor)**
- ♦ **St. Thomas More Catholic Community, Henderson, Nevada: Parish Member, Eucharistic Ministry**
- ♦ ***Miss Hawaii Scholarship Program/Miss America Organization; 12-year Board Member***
- ♦ **Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau; MCI Advisory Board**



Michelle Lehuanani Recania-Souza Na Alaka'i (Board Director)

Hailing from Kaimuki, O'ahu, Hawai'i, Michelle is a graduate of Mid-Pacific Institute and attended Chaminade University of Honolulu.

Michelle has served as a Lead Travel Director for one of the largest Travel Incentive Houses in the United States, the Operations Coordinator of one of Hawai'i's leading Entertainment Production firms and Meetings-Conventions-Incentives Sales Manager for the largest Luau Attraction in Hawai'i. She has served as the Registrar of one of the largest youth non-profit organizations for over 10+ years in Las Vegas and is the current President/Owner of Nevada Window Tinting, a leader within the commercial, residential and automotive window tinting industry throughout Southern Nevada.

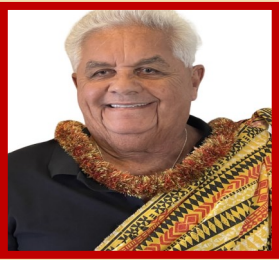
As a hula dancer since the age of 2, Michelle has been a member of Halau Hula throughout her lifetime and has shared her love of hula not only in Hawai'i but nationally and internationally.

Michelle has served as Education Chair for Meeting Professional International (MPI) - Aloha Chapter and a Volunteer for 12+ years with the Miss Hawai'i Scholarship Program/Miss America Pageant.

She serves as an Officer & Board Member for the Office of Living Arts, a State of Nevada non-profit 501(c)(3) and is also a volunteer with the Hospitality Ministry at St. Thomas More Catholic Community, Henderson, Nevada.

Michelle is a member of the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club (LVHCC) since 2009, served as a Director of the LVHCC from 2012-2014, and resumed her role as a Director of the LVHCC Board on January 1, 2022. In addition, she is a member of the Kalihi/Palama Hawaiian Civic Club on the island of O'ahu, Hawai'i.





PAULINO ESPINOZA
Na Alaka'i
(Board Director)



Aloha Fellow Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Members:

As a newly sworn in Na Alaka'i, I look forward to serving the club in this capacity. My wife Jeannette and I have been long time members and residents in Las Vegas.

I was raised and born in Kalihi on the Island of O'ahu having graduated from W. R. Farrington High School in 1964. I have three boys and two girls with eight grandchildren from a previous marriage. I have been married to Jeannette for 30 years. I retired 28 years ago from the Army. In my retirement years, I love golfing, playing ukulele, bowling and fishing. With my ukulele groups, I previously participated in the Kumukahi Ukulele & Hula Festival here in Las Vegas, Nevada and now participate in two ukulele groups. Look forward to competing once again in future Kumukahi event taking place in August. I also volunteer to help the homeless through our church and enjoy attending Bible class and serving as an Altar Server.

Very much looking forward to doing what I can as Na Alaka'i of Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club to help the Lāhui.

A hui hou, Paulino



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

Aloha Kākou!

Big changes have occurred seemingly miraculously related to mask mandates, travel pre-testing, and other mandate/emergency order direction both in Nevada and home in Hawai'i.

Here in Nevada wearing masks indoors is no longer mandated as the Governor has removed such a requirement as a state emergency order. However, private companies and venues may have their own restrictions in place so continue to check large-scale events, concerts, and businesses before you buy tickets or enter their establishments. While many immediately dropped all mask and jab requirements others retain them.

Traveling home to Hawai'i has a lot of changes. As of Midnight, 25 March, the State no longer requires any travel pre-screening testing or jab requirements to get on a plane to fly home. Also, Hawai'i, as the last remaining state to require an indoor mask mandate, will also let that directive from the Governor expire the same time as will the State's "Safe Travel" Program. This means as of 26 March, travel to Hawai'i no longer requires having a printed copy, QR code on your phone, or uploaded negative pre-test. A remaining "unknown" is it remains unclear if the State will require masks on busses.

HOWEVER: the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) has requested a third extension to 18 April to the Biden Administration's nationwide mask mandate for airports, train stations, bus terminals and airplanes, trains, and busses—put in place 7 Jan 2021—which was set to expire 19 March. This means all of Hawai'i's airports and inter-island flights will require the wearing of masks through 18 April on planes and at airports.

L VHCC advocates for our community to continue to focus on shifting to a healthy lifestyle. Advancing a healthy lifestyle can help defeat conditions and diseases that can shorten your life (e.g., heart conditions, chronic kidney disease, Type-2 diabetes, overweight/obesity, liver disease, and a weakened immune system). Other factors for increased risk include smoking, excessive alcohol drinking, not getting good sleep, and being physically inactive, which all weakens the immune system. Covid jabs do not reduce the risk of testing positive or spreading the virus; especially with unhealthy lifestyles. Practicing a healthy lifestyle will assist keeping you in the 99% recovery group if you should catch Covid and not add you to the 1% that have died.

Be aware that people have choices and if they choose to wear their mask that's their right to do so. Increased/added fees continue to occur/be discussed in Hawai'i as Hawaii Tourism Authority recommendations on all islands are implemented so be aware. Rental car prices have continued to reduce in price but remain very high for the foreseeable future. Advanced checking on reservations remains something to do at least six weeks before you travel

By Island information:

O'ahu & Maui – The "[Safe Access Oahu](#)" site ended operations on 6 March. No proof of vax or negative test paperwork required to be shown to enter restaurants, bars, or gyms **UNLESS** those businesses require it. No vax documentation or quarantine for inter-island travel.

Maui (including Moloka'i & Lana'i) – repealed Covid emergency rules 21 February. No proof of vax or negative test paperwork required to be shown to enter restaurants, bars, or gyms **UNLESS** those businesses require it. No vax documentation or quarantine for inter-island travel.

Kaua'i – repealed Covid emergency rules 1 March. No proof of vax or negative test paperwork required to be shown to enter restaurants, bars, or gyms **UNLESS** those businesses require it. No vax documentation or quarantine for inter-island travel.

Big Island – repealed Covid emergency rules 28 February. No proof of vax or negative test paperwork required to be shown to enter restaurants, bars, or gyms **UNLESS** those businesses require it. No vax documentation or quarantine for inter-island travel.

Coming back to Nevada from Hawai'i does not require a test to re-enter Nevada. If you believe you were exposed testing locations can be [found here](#). LVHCC recently acquired 1200 home Covid testing kits so if you need some please contact the Club or come to our events where we will have them available. Also, you can order up to 4 home testing kits from this site: <https://www.covidtests.gov>. Lastly, always check with your airlines to identify what happens if you test positive before your flight to Hawai'i. Additionally, while on flights, be respectful and pono to keep you from being banning/placed on "no fly" lists if you are argumentative with flight crew or other passengers.

ARTICLE ON CHARTER MEMBER ONI ONEKEA

Aloha Fellow Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Members:

As a charter member of the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club, I wanted to share my memories and past activities events that occurred.

I moved from Hawaii with my son Tayne Kaanapali to Las Vegas in 1980. I became a Charter Member of the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club in 1989.

In 1990, we celebrated King Kamehameha's Birthday at Hemming Way Beach with a Canoe Regatta along with various vendors participating.

During 1991-2006, our Ho'olaulea events were held at Lorenzi Park. Ho'olaulea had also been held at the Henderson Convention Center.

In 2007, the event was been moved to the Henderson Convention until present.

From 2001-2010 the LVHCC held the Canoe Regatta at Lake Las Vegas. I served as Mainland Council Secretary 2000-2004 and Treasurer 2010-2014. In 1993, LVHCC hosted the Association of HCC Convention at the Stardust Hotel. The opening ceremony was held at **Snow Mountain on the Paiute Indian Reservation**. We all chartered buses and took the attendees to the site. The aha āina was attended by 1,200. The Paiute Delegation also attended and performed for everyone. **This was by far the best convention I attended to date.**

In 1993, I created Latitude Twenty Newsletter for the community.

In 1999, I attended my first Mainland Council Meeting which was held at Tooele, UT and Iosepa Skull Valley. Iosepa Skull Valley has a history of where the Mormons had placed the Polynesians to handle the livestock way back in 1889. Iosepha History: (the I is pronounced like an English Y) Iosepha is a ghost town in Skull Valley, Utah, located 75 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. Once home to over 200 Polynesian members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Iosepa was inhabited during between 1889-1917. Today, it is the site of an annual Memorial Day gathering that draws Pacific Islanders and others from all over the Western United States Source: Google).

In 1998 to 1999, I served as Pelekikena.

1999 -2004 Na Wahine Luncheons were held once a month.

In 2003, I retired from the Business Sector to pursue other interests.



Maggie Perry
Koho Mua Mainland Council
Representative



“E lau hoe mai na wa’a”
Everyone paddles the canoe together.



Convention 2021 artwork created by: Lance C. Lanakila Holden for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **Convention Theme: “Kai Kapu, Kai Ola”** (Restricted Ocean, Living Ocean) Represents discipline, faith, and respect for authority. Mana’o.

By Manu Boyd: This 2021 AHCC Convention theme reminds us of our kūpuna who put restrictions on fishing and gathering so that ocean resources could regenerate. They depended on fish, limu, wana, hā’uke’uke, he’e and more for their sustenance. The lives of

kānaka depended on seasonal kapu. Today, we are promoting well-being and health by new restricted behaviors: mask wearing and social distancing. While those “kapu” were placed on us more than a year ago in 2020, we will never forget those important lessons.”

Summary: The scheduled virtual Plenary Sessions and Committee Sessions were held from Friday, January 14 and Saturday, January 15. The majority of resolution recommendations were accepted by the Plenary voting body **on Sunday January 16, 2022.** *There was much participation/discussion to review over the 84 resolutions presented along with late resolutions. While there were some time delays due to technical problems, it was a well organized three days with so much to cover.*

The convention is an event every member should experience and participate in. *So many hard working experienced and knowledgeable participants were involved with lively discussions including our representatives. The convention was represented by 57 out of 61 civic clubs from the five councils (Oahu, Maui, Kaua’i, Hawai’i Island) and the Mainland Council.* Each day began with a Plenary session, three to four hours in length. Sunday morning Plenary session included reports by the presiding chairs of the Program committees and an opportunity for the voting body to comment on each resolution and to finally accept committee recommendations, or to add amendments, or to not adopt. Several did end up having lengthy vigorous discussions.

Mahalo Nui for all the delegates from LVHCC. It was my second convention and it was amazing and educational to see/hear all the exchanges.

The 2022 AHCC Convention is scheduled to be an in-person event to be held in Seattle, WA on October 30-November 6.

A hui hou, Maggie Perry
MC Representative



**Maggie Perry
Message from Editor
"Luna ho'oponopono":**

Aloha Kākou Āpau LVHCC Members!

***Mahalo Nui to all of the contributors to
Volume 10, First Quarterly Newsletter for 2022***

***We are excited and proud to share about our new
Board Members and Iho Nei!!***

**Request: *If there are any changes for your e-mail addresses or info.,
please advise via e-mail to: lasvegashcc@gmail.com.
Mahalo Nui!***

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

Mālama Pono, Maggie

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
ONI ONEKA**

The New Na Wahine Kope Walaū (Coffee Social) will start in June. Here are the details. Any questions, please call me.

We will meet once a month on a Thursday morning at various locations.

This is for the "Early Risers" and Kanaka welcome!

Following is scheduled and reminders will be shared from LVHCC too!

May 19th - 0930 - Meet at the Westgate Hotel lobby area at the coffee Counter. We will then take the Monorail to MGM and may meet up with others at the Food Court. On the return we may make a stop at the Linq Complex. For locals it is \$1.00 each way,

June 16th - 0900 - Galleria Mall Food Court. You may want to take a walk around the mall for exercise and talk story.

July 14th—10:00 - Mt. Charleston Resort terrace area (not the Lodge)
Time to enjoy the cool weather.

Contact Oni for Reservations: (702) 482-6354





LVHCC BIRTHDAY 2022 **MEMBERS!!**

January Birthdays

Deric Uehara
Dorinda Burnet
Ehau Bryce
Joji Munemitsu
Doreen Hal
Zaiden Vann
Kaipo Cullen
Pi'ikea Cullen
Vincent Souza
Debra Madiaga
Michael Jolliff
Kalani Hao
Tamar Hoapili

February Birthdays

Cece Cullen
Bill Olds
Nancy Singleton
Michelle Souza
Michael Arakaki
Jonathan Thomas
Nestor Tani
Annie Toledo
Avia Blackard

March Birthdays:

Delwayne Arakaki
G. Pualani Esprecion
Lindsay Malu Kido
Marcia Lee
Maggie Perry
Kahelani Thomas

Announcements

Kala Collections Snap Funds Jar
All year round Fundraiser

CONTACT DOREEN TO KŌKUA

Pelekikena Doreen Hall continues on the **Little Grass Shack Radio Show** on KUN-V/91.5 Sundays from 12-4 PM as "Miss Aloha" providing commentary and community calendar information.
Ongoing: hear 'Olelo Hawai'i by Doreen 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: <https://legacyforest.org/lvhcc>

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 7:00 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

VALUES IN ACTION

OUR SHARED VALUES ARE:

ALOHA

Love, compassion

‘IMI NA ‘AUAO

To seek wisdom

MĀLAMA

To care for, protect

‘IKE PONO

To do the right thing

KULEANA

Responsibility

HO‘OMAU

To perpetuate

HA‘AHA‘A

Humility, modesty

**Mahalo to Uncle Kimo Howard for inviting me and LVHCC organization to be a judge for the Lions Club International District on January 12, 2022
“Student Speakers Contest”.**

Good luck everyone! A blessing to assist and support with all things of Higher Education platforms. 🌸🌺🌸🌺🌸🌺



Aha 'Aina Makahiki 2022



**Las Vegas
Hawaiian Civic Club**

February 12, 2022
Lifesize Virtual Platform
10AM – 12PM
Join the meeting:
<https://call.lifesizecloud.com/13103630>




Email your Organization/Club Calendar to
lasvegashcc@gmail.com

*'A 'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia dh
No task is too big when done together by all.*

The 5th Annual LVHCC Business 'Aha'aina Makahiki occurred on January 12 via the virtual platform Lifesize and watched via FaceBook live stream.

Attendees: representatives from 11 organizations, including LVHCC, totaled 16 attendees on Lifesize and simultaneous live streaming on FaceBook saw 43 views and multiple shares.

Purpose: bring together Community Partners to discuss their missions, scheduling of 2022 community events, determine how LVHCC could assist, work to avoid event scheduling conflicts for 2022, and integrate all calendars.

FUTURE EVENTS COMING UP!!

Seiya Taba, Las Vegas Okinawan Club (LVOC), <https://nlvoc.org/>, is currently planning several in person events including an **April 30 picnic at Craig Ranch Park**, a December Birthday lunch, and a 10th anniversary event in development (see their website for details on these and other events). They also provide classes on dance, Eisa (Taiko) drum, and others 9th Island Culture Club <https://9thiccflv.org/> will be holding its Spring Craft & Foodie Fair on **May 14**, 9am to 3pm, at 4110 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.

August 3-7 the JACL National Convention will occur at Bally's here in Las Vegas.

Delwayne Arakaki, Japanese American Citizens League, (JACL) <https://lasvegasjapaneseamericancitizen1.godaddysites.com/>, is one of several Asian American organizations in Las Vegas and is linked with the Kaminari Taiko drum organization. Annually JACL hosts an Obon Festival, Mochi Pounding event (both in planning stages), and maintains the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha Hall which can be rented for events. **From August 3-7 the JACL National Convention will occur.**

Liane Smith, Bishop Museum and LVHCC Associate Partner, noted she is the museum's representative on the Continent and focuses on six states (NV, AZ, TX, OR, WA, UT). Partnering with non-profits and assisting in perpetuating the Native Hawaiian culture on the Continent is part of her mission. There are a number of exhibits and events coming up at Bishop Museum on O'ahu in partnership with other organizations including: An art event (Hawai'i triennial 2022 Feb. 18-May 8), a bilingual ('Olelo Ni'ihau & English) in June, and a Keiki event in the Fall as part of the opening of a new space to share stories, inspire talks, and will include an outdoor garden. See <https://www.bishopmuseum.org/events/> for more events/details

Rachelle Basso, Henderson Library System, the Cultural Connective Initiative Coordinator for the library. She acknowledged the partnership with LVHCC over the last year received 350 Native Hawaiian focused books in 'Olelo Hawai'i and English. On **June 11** LVHCC has coordinated to conduct both a **150th celebration of King Kamehameha Day** and a limited participation literacy presentation ceremony at the Paseo Verde Library in June-July the library is hosting a book read with **author Lisa See on her book "The Island of Sea Women"** which will also be available in e-book, audio book, and hard copy formats. On **July 27** the library will host a watch party (more details at <https://www.hendersonlibraries.com/>) •

PAST LVHCC EVENTS



Happy Founder's Day:

March 26, 2022

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Founded by Prince Kūhiō in 1918, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement is the oldest Native Hawaiian community-based advocacy movement. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is a not-for-profit organization that is a confederation of individual and autonomous Hawaiian Civic Clubs located across Hawai'i and across the continental United States. Our clubs are organized into five councils: Moku o Keawe (Hawai'i Council), Nā Hono A'o Pi'ilani (Maui Council), Ke One o Kākuhihewa (O'ahu Council), Moku o Manokalanipō (Kaua'i Council), and Nā Lei Makalapua (Mainland Council). We are governed by a 18-member volunteer Board of Directors and advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood, and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.



Mar 23 Meeting with Dr. Daniels, Papa Ola Lokahi

Lunch with Dr. Sheri Daniels, Executive Director with Papa Ola Lōkahi at Hikari Sushi in Spring Valley, Las Vegas. From Hawai'i Nei to the City of Las Vegas. Mahalo for your continuous support of our club and our community!



MISSION STATEMENT

Papa Ola Lōkahi supports the efforts of kupuna healing, and the organizing support of cultural masters and traditionalists toward the understanding, support and perpetuation of the Native Hawaiian Healing knowledge, attitudes, values, beliefs and practices. This office advocates for the preservation of such traditions to ensure that the rights and cultural integrity of these practices are respected and appropriately protected.

Through presentations, demonstrations, workshops, kūkākūkā sessions and working closely with kūpuna (elders), POL seeks to improve awareness of and sensitivity to Hawaiian cultural processes and the philosophies of spiritual healing, thus assuring that they are included within the larger health and wellness arena. Whenever possible, POL networks and partners with organizations in the medical communities. This Program keeps apprised of both Hawai'i legislative and congressional actions impacting and affecting these practices, responds to requests and inquiries, and provides technical assistance to the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems as well as other community-based organizations as requested.

The Traditional Healing office welcomes kupuna (elder) wisdom to provide the support for its cultural, spiritual and historical foundation. This foundation seeks the knowledge of the source of illness which lies within our ancestral past and environment. The wisdom of this knowledge understands that healing and wellness embraces the principles and protocols of our Native Hawaiian cultural and healing practices, and compels respect for our kūpuna.

<http://www.papaolalokahi.org>

RECOGNIZING AMAZING PEOPLE WHO KOKUA!!



• Emory Nihipali, Little Grass Shack on KUNV radio <https://www.lgsvegas.com/>, identified he wants to get more involved in events across Las Vegas along with sharing events and collaborating to be the link to get the information out. He noted that organizations should contact Doreen to provide event information. **In the Spring KUNV will be conducting its public radio pledge drive to raise funds.**

Cathi Minami, Ninth Island Aunties (NIA),
<https://www.justserve.org/ninthislandaunties>



Cathi Minami is noted her organization is not a non-profit and is working to feed families in need on a monthly basis, hundreds of homeless and teens at risk, and provides turkey dinners for Thanksgiving meals all through referrals to ensure those in need are receiving assistance. NIA also conducts an annual Kalikimaka Adopt-a-Family effort providing gifts, meals, and support to a family chosen each year. All these efforts are to provide a sense of community. For Easter this year, NIA is focusing on assisting 200 at risk and homeless keiki/'opio with essential items (socks, hygiene kits, etc.)





Kailiha'o Hula
(200 Years of Hawaii)
130 East Ford Ave, Las
Vegas, NV 89123

Kailiha'o Hula Halau is celebrating their 13th anniversary with a gala on November 28 (location is to be at South Point. See below to get more details and where to get information.

Aloha...Pleased to share our Kailiha'o Hula - Hālau 13th Anniversary 'Aha'aina/Gala. The event will occur at the South Point Hotel and Casio and tickets are available at www.officeoflivingarts.org.

We can confirm the following table and individual ticket pricing:

- ◆ **Kako'o/Support Table of 10 @ \$2,500 (Very Limited Availability - \$2,500 Donation will receive a TAX DEDUCTION AS ALLOWED BY THE IRS)**
- ◆ *** Kōkua/Assist Table of 10 @ \$2,000 (Limited**
- ◆ **Availability - \$2,000 Donation will receive a TAX DEDUCTION AS ALLOWED BY THE IRS)**
- * Hoa'aloha/Friend Individual Tickets @ \$150 each. (Each ticket purchase will receive a \$50 per ticket TAX DEDUCTION AS ALLOWED BY THE IRS).**
- * All credit card transactions will incur a 10% credit card and handling fee for table sponsorships and a 5% credit card and handling fee on individual ticket transactions. Credit card transactions via PayPal and/or Venmo will be available by or before March 1st.**
- ◆ **Checks are also acceptable for payment made payable to "The Office of Living Arts" and mailed to:**

NOTE: Limited Capacity anticipated for this very special Hawaiian Cultural Presentation & Aha'aina. This 'Aha'aina is in partnership and presented by The Office of Living Arts (OLA), a 501c3 IRS recognized Organization. Table and Ticket costs and any and all Donation and/or Sponsorship received will be entitled to a Federal Tax Credit as allowed by the U.S. IRS tax code. Please further note that all your ticket purchase correspondence henceforth will be provided by the following designated email address: **Pua.Kailihao@gmail.com**. Please direct any inquiries regarding tickets to the ticket designated email as needed. Regarding attire and holokū, elegant Hawaiian attire including Hawaiian holokū is encouraged but NOT REQUIRED. We suggest Evening Attire or Elegant Hawaiian Attire including Holokū for this special event.

Mahalo nui for everyone's support of Kailiha'o Hula & this very special event. Ke Aloha Nui,
KAILIHA'O HULA & THE OFFICE OF LIVING ARTS

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club `Alemana` ka Calendar Corner CHINESE NEW YEAR HAPPENINGS




Emily Higby Award Luncheon

Luncheon Theme | Lunar Chinese New Year

02.22.2022



CHANG'S HONG KONG CUISINE
4670 S. DECATUR BLVD
LAS VEGAS NV 89103

CHECK-IN/MEET & GREET
10:30AM
EVENT 11:30AM TO 2:00PM

**RSVP REQUIRED WALK INS
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Guest Speaker
Tin Hwang Esq., Hwang Law Group

Please visit our website lvacrc.org/acrccluncheon to RSVP

General Ticket \$35	VIP Table \$500
Includes Chinese New Year Gift and 10-Course Meal	Chinese New Year Gift Advertising/Marketing Opportunity

Email info@lvacrc.org or call 725-205-1205



CYN The 11th Annual Chinese New Year in the Desert™

Chinese New Year is the most important Chinese holiday and is known as “Spring Festival” in China, “Tet New Year” in Vietnam and “Seol-lal” in Korea.

The explosive growth of Chinese New Year in the Desert™ over the past 10 years has led to an expanded program at various venues in 2022. Participating venues include: Grand Canal Shoppes, The X-Pot, Taverna Costera, Downtown Las Vegas, and Rainbow Kitchen.

The success of this event has largely been due to the contributions of generous sponsors and donors who have lent their financial support to this event. We want to thank Jamba inside Harry Reid International Airport for championing this year’s annual festival.

Ten years in and Chinese New Year in the Desert™ has grown from just another cultural event to one that is an official state recognized “Nevada 150” event and what Forbes Magazine has called “one of the top 8 places in the United States to celebrate Chinese New Year”.

The goal is to bring the largest Chinese/Lunar New Year celebration in the US to the great city of Las Vegas. Every year the money raised has gone towards increasing awareness and educating the community about the **Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures** as it relates to the annual Lunar New Year celebration.



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STEAM Spring Week Theme Week

Las Vegas Natural History Museum

April 9-18, 2022

in collaboration with



Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club & Kailiha'o Hula



Sponsored by PK Foundation

Presents

Hula "The Beauty of the Hawaiian Dance"

April 16, 2022

Session I: 10:30AM - 12:00PM

(Child/Keiki based program for ages 5yrs - 12yrs old are WELCOMED)

Learn a Hula Noho (Sit), Hula Mele (Song) Ke 'Ao Nani (A Beautiful World)

Experience a brief history and introduction of the Hawaiian Art Dance and learn simple Hawaiian Words

Make-It-Take-It Workshop, Learn how to make a Kukui Nui Lei Bracelet

Session II: 12:30PM - 2:00PM

(Teen / Ōpio, Adult/Makua and Senior/Kupuna (Age 13+ and Up are WELCOMED)

Learn a simple Hapa Haole Hula (Hula to English Words), Mele "Hawaiian Lullaby"

Simple hand gestures and foot movement.

Make-It-Take-It Workshop, Learn how to make a Kukui Nui Lei Bracelet



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Cultural Practitioners

Las Vegas Natural History Museum, 900 Las Vegas Blvd N, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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Join us on April 9, 2022 for 'Ewalu Club's 9th Annual Hō'ike Celebration taking place at UNLV's Student Union Theatre from 430pm till pau! Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. *stay tuned for the prices*

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This years theme is — Hānau Ka 'Āina, Hānau Ke Ali'i, Hānau Ke Kānaka — Born was the land, Born was the chief, Born was the man! In our production, we bring you life to this meaning as we embrace unity and appreciation within our Polynesian cultures! We hope to see you there!

UNLV 'EWALU CLUB
EIGHT PERSPECTIVES. ONE DESTINATION.

HĀNAU KA 'ĀINA HĀNAU KE ALI'I HĀNAU KE KĀNAKA

BORN WAS THE LAND
BORN WAS THE CHIEF
BORN WAS THE MAN

9th ANNUAL HŌ'IKE SHOWCASE
EXPLORING THE CYCLICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAND AND ITS PEOPLE

APRIL 9
UNLV STUDENT UNION THEATRE

DOORS OPEN 4:30PM
SHOW STARTS 5PM

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

April 16 - LV Natural History Museum, STEAM Theme Workshop LVHCC will have a make it take it table Kukui Nut Lei, Kailiha'o Hula will have a hula workshop

April 21st - 24th - Pure Aloha Festival & Concerts. Craig Ranch Regional Park, 2 stages, full line up, entertainment, food & merchant vendors. Vizzun.com

April 30th - 9th Island Cultural Club of LV, Displaced Community Outreach, Making A difference, 11 am, Lake Mead Library, 951 W Lake Mead Blvd LV, NV 89106

May 1st - Lei Day

May 1st - May Day with 808toVegas. Celebrate Hawaiian May Day, Lei Day with food & merchant vendors, entertainment. 2230 Corporate Cir, Henderson, NV 89074

May 7th - Aloha Shoyu 75th Anniversary Poke Contest. Celebrity chef demo, entertainment by Champ Kaneshiro headlined by Josh Tatofi, lunch included. Happening at the Orleans, info at AlohaShoyu.com

May 12th - North Las Vegas, Hawaiian Culture Workshop, Aliante Library, 6-7PM

May 19th - North Las Vegas, Hawaiian Culture Workshop, Alexander Library, 6-7PM

May 21st- Hawaii stand-up comedian Tumua Tuinei at Craig Ranch Amphitheater, TumuaComedy.com details/tickets.

May 26th - 11am-1pm free event, AAPI Heritage Month Celebration, West Sahara Library
9600 W Sahara, LV, NV 8911



June 10, 2021—Henderson Pride Fest



**Las Vegas
Hawaiian Civic Club
are proud to announce
the participation in the
“CNY in the Desert”
2022**

**Spring Festival Parade.
Saturday, February 5th
11a.m. - 1p.m.**

**L VHCC is seeking community partners
who are interested in participating.
Contact: Lasvegashcc@gmail.com**

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Mākaia Happening February 5, 2022!!

Mahalo to 2 scoops of Aloha LV, Na Hula Hali'a Aloha, Kanaka Hekili Motorcycle Club Las Vegas, LVHCC Members and our Lāhui for coming out on February 5, 2022 representing Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islanders here in Las Vegas. Hūlo!!!! Cannot wait for next year. Mahalo [Jan-le Low](#) and [Derek Uehara](#) for having us...



Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club 'Alemana' ka—PART TWO



January 9, 2022: Mahalo to President Wade Keller and members from Kanaka Hekili Motorcycle Club Las Vegas for Welcoming Kalani Heu (1st VP) and Doreen Hall to their monthly meeting on January 9, 2022. When the mission and purpose aligns ALOHA will always



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY
MARCH 13TH
2022
KHMC Las Vegas
Annual Poker Run

Large Group Rides
March 11th and March 12th



MARCH 13, 2022 EVENT!

MARQUISE, DOREEN, ZAIDEN
KAILIHA'O HULA HĀLAU DANCERS &
KUMU VICTOR CHAVEZ
NA WAHINE DANCERS
KALANI, DOREEN, MAGGIE, MICHELLE, ONI &
KUMU VICTOR

LVHCC MISSION

LAS VEGAS HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB: The “Aloha Spirit Law” Of Hawai’i

- To promote and perpetuate the traditional values and cultural expertise of Native Hawaiians.
- To promote educational projects for the benefit of any race (with the primary emphasis on the people of Hawaiian Ancestry or Hawaii born) and to assist in furthering their education with the aid of scholarships.
- To unite members into one harmonious group, while working to promote good government.
- To take an active interest in the civic, economic, social, health and moral welfare of the community and the people of Hawaiian ancestry.
- To provide a forum for the free discussion of issues in the public interest and programs beneficial to the Hawaiian community.
- To perpetuate the traditions, songs (mele) and chants (oli), culture, customs and Hawaiian language of Hawai’i and to encourage their use.

Malama: To care for our members, especially our kupuna.

Ola Kino Maika’i: To live healthy.

Ho’ihi: To respect the views of all.

Kuleana: To take responsibility.

Ike: To seek knowledge. To be informed.

Na’au Pono: To nurture a deep sense of justice as we seek to uplift the conditions of Native Hawaiians.

Laulima: To work in harmony, for many hands make the work easier.



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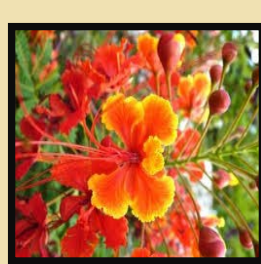


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Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club

Our 33rd Year (1989—2022)



DOREEN HALL
Pelekikena (President)



**MICHELLE LEHUANANI
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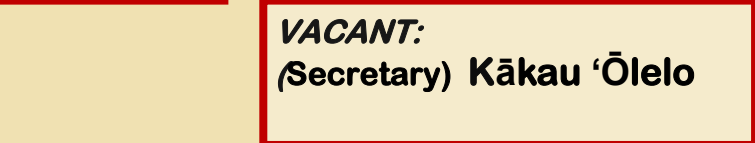
VACANT
Hope Pelekikena 'Elua
(2nd Vice President)



VINCENT SOUZA
Pelekikena Iho Nei
Past Pelekikena
Appointed



**NICOLE-RENE
KUULEINANI PETRI**
Pu'uku (*Treasurer*)



VACANT:
(Secretary) Kākau 'Ōlelo



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



PAULINO ESPINOZA
Na Alaka'i
(Board Director)

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Las Vegas, NV 89130

Motto: *Kulia E Loa'a Ka Na'auao*
(Strive to Obtain Wisdom)

Editor of Newsletter:

Maggie A. Perry

Date/Year Chartered:

July 28, 1989

Club Colors:

Red and Gold

Club Flower (Pua):

Carnation & Ohai Ai'i

Club Song:

He Hawai'i Au
(I Am Hawaiian)

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