

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Vol 19 June-June 2024



Maggie Perry
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Aloha LVHCC Members,

What another great quarter it has been!! So many great memories formed and lots of information provided as you will see! Mahalo for everyone's hard work in making **Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club** continually growing and expanding in all aspects! Also, mahalo nui to Pat for his assistance in editing and UpToDate information and contributions.

So proud to share Doreen's awesome experience in Washington, D. C. and also the Nevada Week experience by Kalani and Doreen and so much more!

Graduations to college graduates: two bright stars: Doreen's daughter, **Leialohalani Tani** and Nicole's daughter **Bailey Kawahinenanioloa Jancy-Lee Doctolero**. Also, there is great news for college bound seniors on Scholarship updates!!

Oni (original member & former Pelekikena) shared another travel article and has some awesome news to share too! The informative articles provided by Gail and Pat, along with something new: Profile of Member: Hiro Kajiya.

Pa'a was very busy attending a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture panel LVHCC was invited to be on. An in-depth report is provided I am sure you will enjoy!!

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LVHCC MEETINGS

**Board: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month
Virtual 7:00 PM**

**General Membership Meeting:
3rd Wednesday of Every
Month In Person & Virtual**

6:15 PM Pā'ina Potluck; 7:00 PM

Location: Kanaka Hekili MC Gym

5000 W. Oakey Blvd. D-21, Las Vegas

Next Meeting: June 19, 2024



PELEKIKENA MESSAGE BY KALANI HEU

Aloha Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Members,

What an experience on May 21, 2024! Secretary and Past President for the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club @doreenhall was asked to speak on topics concerning the AANHPI community here in Las Vegas during a session on PBS!! I was able to join her and several other invitees and what an honor to be in the presence of such great community leaders!!! My mom would've been so proud at how far our small community has evolved and stepped up.... I miss you @dorindaburnet and our community misses you too and I hope that I can make you proud Mom!!

Kalani's Mom—Dorinda Burnet. Her picture posted at Taste of Aloha as tribute for all she did for the Hawaiian Community.



Ho'olaule'a Update:

We're actively working on our **31st Ho'olaule'a** focused on conducting it **October 5-6** in the Arts District in partnership with Las Vegas 1st Friday organization. We have a meeting mid-June to sit down and discuss planning, sharing attributes, and identify responsibilities. **More to follow!**





SHARING GRATEFUL RECOGNITIONS!!



The Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club is a community-focused organization in Las Vegas, Nevada. Established in 1989, it aims to promote and perpetuate Hawaiian culture, traditions, and values. The club engages in various activities, including scholarships, educational stipends, and community events. Recently, LVHCC President Kalani Heu and Past President Doreen Hall Vann participated in a Q & A panel discussion on the show **"Nevada Week."** The panel addressed concerns and challenges within the AANHPI (Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander) community in Las Vegas. It's wonderful to see organizations like LVHCC actively contributing to their community! For more information, you can visit the **Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club website.**



Vegas PBS



Join us on Nevada Week with Amber Renee Dixon for a special roundtable discussion featuring AANHPI leaders. Discover what they are working on and celebrating this Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month. Guests include: Vida Lin Asian Community Development Council; Anna Ladao National Federation of Filipino American

Associations - Nevada; Doreen Hall Vann Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club; Eric Jeng, One APIA Nevada

For those who missed it: You can view Vegas PBS on your YouTube channel! Don't miss out on the insightful and inspiring conversation! [#NevadaWeek](#) [#AAPIHeritageMonth](#) [#AANHPI](#) [#VegasPBS](#)





SHARING MORE GRATEFUL RECOGNITIONS!!



BROUGHT TO YOU BY CITY COUNCIL

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER Cultural Celebration

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander month with us at a free, family-friendly show! Join Hula Maiau Ka Pa Hula O Ke Ola Nani as they guide us on a captivating voyage across the Pacific Islands. Through mesmerizing music and dance, we'll delve into the rich Polynesian culture and Hawaiian history, exploring the art forms of Hula Kahiko and Hula 'Auana.

Alexander Library May 16, 2024 6 - 7 p.m.	Aliante Library May 18, 2024 2 - 3 p.m.
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Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club

NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT

Alexander Library | 1755 W. Alexander Rd | North Las Vegas | 89032 | 702.633.2880
Aliante Library | 2400 W. Deer Springs Way | North Las Vegas | 89084 | 702.839.2980
email: nlvrefdesk@cityofnorthlasvegas.com | website: nlvid.org

Mahalo to the dancers for supporting the **NLV Library District's AANHPI Heritage Month** event at Aliante Library!

Maika'i and Mahalo Nui Loa also to Kumu Kanani Cadaos & *Hālau Ka Pa Hula O Ke Ola Nani* to for the two performances presenting Native Hawaiian history as depicted in *Hula* (dance), *Mele* (song), and *'Oli* (chant). They provided a window into the culture of Hawai'i with their Hula, Mele,

and 'Oli. Also having Keiki come up for some Hula instruction and letting them see and touch the Hula implements up close gave them experience that LVHCC was proud share. An event to definitely remember! A hui hou



Memories from Doreen Hall Vann May 13-16 ACDC/One APIA Nevada "EducAsian" Delegation in Washington, DC



Aloha Mai Kakou,

LVHCC Past President Doreen Hall Vann was invited by **ACDC (Asian Community Development Council)** (Non Profit 501(c)(3) and One APIA Nevada (501(c)(4) organization to represent Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders at EducAsian Conference in Washington, DC from May 13-16, 2024 with all expenses paid. LVHCC approved the representation and we were honored to be a part of the discussion, have a seat at the table, and be part of the approach to explore and discuss specific topics that affect our Lāhui in Nevada.

Doreen's FINAL report on how the trip went and the discussion that occurred will be provided in the near future and will be emailed out to the LVHCC Membership. It is an exciting time for our people as we travel carefully on this political platform and in keeping with our mission to be a non-partisan organization. A wise leader from Hawai'i once said **"We are cultural people, Cultural people MUST be political"** --Mililani Trask.

LVHCC has been afforded many opportunities as others see our work and our community continues to grow. We are 50,000 here in Las Vegas that only increases in size when our Pacific Islander cousins from Samoa, Tonga, Micronesia, Cook Island, and more are brought together." **Get involved and see how YOU can make a difference. Attend meetings so YOU can be a part of the decisions and discussion on our rapidly growing population for OUR club. Eo!!**

Please visit our Facebook and Instagram pages with more photo's of trip to Washington DC. There she met Congresswoman **Susie Lee**, **Senator Catherine Cortez Masto**, **Krystle Ka'ai** and others. Mahalo Nui Loa.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana, Kalani Heu, Pelekikena





Remembrance Message from Doreen Hall **Shared on Facebook**

Aloha Mai Kakou,

Day #4 and FINAL stop.

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto Nevada. Community Leaders brought concerns from their respective communities such as the Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Okinawan and Filipino Leaders. I spoke on behalf of our Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander communities in Nevada on Federal funding for cultural workshops, grants to subsidize LVHCC Program initiatives and the concerns of our rapidly growing population in Las Vegas due to affordable housing, Healthcare and job placements but more importantly the Maui Fires.

Our concerns were heard! It is one step at a time.
Grateful for a seat at the table.

Mahalo Washington DC we will see each other again.!





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**Harvesting Harmony: Unity and Diversity in AANHPI Agriculture
The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Event May 16, 2024.**

***APHIS Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Pacific
Islander Special Observance Panel Discussion***

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service chose to commemorate Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) influence in the Agency. This year's agency theme **"Harvesting Harmony: Unity and Diversity in AANHPI Agriculture"**, by highlighting and showcasing the diverse agricultural practices and crops introduced by the AANHPI communities and how they have enriched American agriculture.

The virtual panel was composed of 5 AANHPI leaders, selected for their influence in the agency or influence through community organizations. Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic was invited to this select panel being recognized by its presence in community, governmental agencies and businesses.

The Panelists: Michael Jackson, Health Director, Fort Mojave Indian Health Center ([NA](#)); Tieri Pa'ahana Bissen, Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club, MCAHCC ([NH](#)); Dr. Suma Chakravarthy, Science Advisor, BRS (AA): Dr. Subray Hegde, Director, BRS-BRAP([AA](#)); Sarah Kim, Property/Space Management Specialist, VS ([AA](#))

The panel had 5 questions. The host selected one panelist to each question to respond. My Questions were 1 and 3 as set forth below.

1. AANHPI leadership has played a major role in American prosperity and economic growth. Why is AANHPI diversity in leadership important for an organization or agency? [LVHCC](#)

Organizations and agencies hold responsibility in taking steps to ensure fair outcomes and access to services. It seems natural that an agency or organization supporting AANHPI diversity in leadership, has proven to draw greater depth and breadth of experience and perspective that is needed to understand the AANHPI communities when developing public policies. To the AANHPI communities, seeing diversity in leadership exhibits approachability, inclusivity, respect, and a shared voice of an organization.

Harvesting Harmony: Unity & Diversity in AANHPI Agriculture - Part 2



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AANHPI leadership is a valued commodity to its communities. AANHPI leaders are bicultural and able to navigate through cultural mores, understanding well the nuances of their community's distinct beliefs, norms, and practices and can identify its community's resistance to the social mores of the organization or agency.

AANHPI in leadership is a visual affirmation of the organization's stake in community. It is my experience without such assurance, AANHPI communities passively disengage from the offending organization or agency and may cease to use its services.

3. What agricultural practices are unique to your heritage or the region of the world your family is from, and are those practices used here on the mainland? If so, where? LVHCC

Ocean Salt Farming: Hawaiians place a high and revered value on Pa'akai literally translated: solidified sea. With multiple uses such as seasoning, preservative, proven remedy for a variety of ailments, pa'akai is most revered as a ceremonial source of blessing, purification, and profound protection. The art of salt farming in Hawai'i is island centric. Each farm produces pa'akai in a unique fashion embedding a specific characteristic learned and refined over generations.

Farmers on the island of 'Oahu have managed mass production of pa'akai within limited spaces. Serving not only Hawai'i but able to export large quantities throughout the U.S.

Farmers on the Island of Hawai'i have managed to instill high saline content within their salts - which are highly requested by traditional healers and spiritual practitioners.

In 1798, King Kamehameha commissioned to have his palace built in Lahaina, Maui. In the surrounding waters, the King required a royal fish pond, limu (seaweed) and a private pa'akai farm. Farmers were given specific instructions on species, amounts to maintain and Royal suitability. It would exhibit the talent and traditional knowledge of the pa'akai farmer capable to customize the product to the King's palate.

On the Island of Kaua'i pa'akai is prized for its unique pink color and sweetness. It is flakey and light in flavoring. There in Hanapepe-Pa'a kai is not for sale: a unified stance of the 22 Kaua'i Salt Farming 'Ohana. Pa'akai is given or bartered. The practice has endured for 4-generations presenting an attitude of protection and generosity. **Pa'akai production** becomes unique to Hawaii as it carries traditional and cultural practices specifically servicing the needs of its local community.

4. Can you share a personal story or anecdote about a trailblazer within the AANHPI community who has had a significant impact on your life or career?

Harvesting Harmony: Unity & Diversity in AANHPI Agriculture - Part 3

I will share my mother as a significant impact on my life as a

Native Hawaiian female: Born in 1932 Kahului, Maui Helen Frances Apo was the 10th child of a total of 12 children born to Alama and Mary Elizabeth Apo. At the age of 7 years my mother and her siblings lost their father to lung cancer. He was a train engineer for the Kahului Railroad and a heavy smoker. With 9 children remaining in her care, grandmother refused to turn her children over to the welfare department and worked multiple jobs. My grandmother never had time to mourn the loss of her husband.

My mother was the first in her family to graduate from high school. Her first job was a secretary for the Maui Pineapple factory supervisor. My mother met my father John Bissen Jr, also a Native Hawaiian, through her older brother. My father's family lived less than a mile away from her home. In 1954 my parents were married and vowed to remain in Kahului Maui with its population of 28,219 residents. But my father was in the shipping industry and at the time Hawai'i was booming with the pineapple and sugar cane trade. There were multiple port destinations anxiously waiting for the Hawaiian connection. He received several transfers as superintendent with a final destination at Long Beach CA.

It is in Long Beach that my mother's career also catapulted. Entering into US Customs Long Beach Harbor, my mother started as a GS3 secretary. Her efficiency and aptitude gained many accolades and promotions albeit "male dominant" challenges as well. In 1988, my mother co-founded the **Asian American Pacific Islander Program** organizing AANHPI employees in US Custom, Los Angeles. In 1990 through steady and hard work, **Helen Francis Apo Bissen** became the **First Native Hawaiian woman to hold a high-ranking position as a Colonel in US Customs, district of Los Angeles CA – LAX**. Upon retirement she received the Gallatin Award – highest career service award under the US Treasury and the first Native Hawaiian woman to be a recipient. I do believe that my mother had set a great example of achievement possible for all AANHPI.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Hearing the responses among the panelist and forum participants the moderator inserted the practice of **Aloha Āina (Love of the Land)** and **Mālama Āina (Care for the Land)**. Can these practices be incorporated into other regions?

My response was no. These concepts were engrained in us via our kupuna for generations upon generations. Aloha Āina was the first breath of every Hawaiian. Mālama Āina was the first step of every Hawaiian. Aloha Āina and Mālama Āina is not classroom taught. It is inherited kuleana past from one to many and to all who live Hawai'i. Aloha Āina and Mālama Āina is most specific to Hawai'i because it is the composite elements of the ocean, the mountains and the sky supporting the sharing of life in the Islands. It cannot be reproduced.

We mahalo our Doreen for her initial contact with Damall Martin Equal Employment Specialist with the Office of Diversity. Mr. Martin was in charged organizing the project. **Indeed it was a momentous opportunity for LVHCC to be invited and representing the Native Hawaiian community.** The virtual meeting was recorded and a link was promised after departmental approval.



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PAT'S HEALTH ARTICLE



**Patrick
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'Elua**

Aloha Kakao All,

Ever notice there are times when you can't really figure out how old someone is just by looking at them? This is due to several factors that affect appearance and is directly linked to your family genetics, lifestyle, and if you follow a healthy approach to your diet.

Aging happens to everyone in two ways: chronological and biological. Chronological is your normal age progression from the day you were born. In other words, if you just celebrated your 50th birthday that's your chronological age. Biological is a result of other factors that can make you appear younger or older than your chronological age. These factors include: current health status, past health issues, genetics, and how you live your life on a daily basis related to exercise, what you eat, and what you drink.

"Time marches on" as they say so you can't change things chronologically. But from a biological aspect, genetics appears to only affect between 20-30% of how you age. This means how your lifestyle occurs has a larger effect on how you appear to age. On average, research suggests, since everyone is different, that following the best health behaviors—regular exercise, no smoking nothing, not taking drugs or drinking alcohol to excess, and managing stress—provide the potential to live until at least 86 years old. Life after 86 appears genetically related—if your 'Ohana has a history of longer living, say to the late 90s or even over 100, that is "built in" to your DNA.

When it comes to exercise and physical activity, these tend to slow aging and reduce stress (a big factor in aging). Things that accelerate aging include drinking alcohol and tobacco/vaping which can lead to higher percentages of body fat, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Basically, stress and inflammation that occurs because of bad health habits increases the chance for illnesses, stress, and cause an increased biological age appearance. For overall health and wellness, start and stick to regular appointments with your doctor who can assess your health and refer you to specialists (dietitians, mental or physical therapists).

Many people claim it's hard to get motivated to start exercising. While willpower alone may not get you off the sofa, try realizing that exercise "tells" your body to start repairing itself, makes your heart stronger, improves circulation and insulin sensitivity, fights inflammation, and increases your metabolism to burn more calories. And if you think your health and the rate you age is out of your control, NOT! Get out and move more, find an online workout that interests you, we have 8+ Hālau in Las Vegas—join one or attend a class, and since pool season is about to start, go for a swim!

Feeling exhausted, try **Māmaki Tea** which is well known for lowering blood pressure, cholesterol, and inflammation along with improving your mood and lowering anxiety (stress's cousin). Lower inflammation means lower risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke, dementia, and diabetes and making it easier to lose weight. Adding dried Māmaki fruit to your diet may help repair brain cells and slow the onset of dementia. And Māmaki is an antioxidant similar to green tea while far more antioxidant levels (40%!) than juiced fruits like cucumber, lilikoi, lemon, and papaya.

For brewing Māmaki tea, start with 1-2 teaspoons of leaves per cup, steep for 15 minutes in a cup of boiled water, and add fruit slices for flavor. If you're not going to drink it immediately, put it in the fridge as soon as it cools off to prevent nutrient loss.

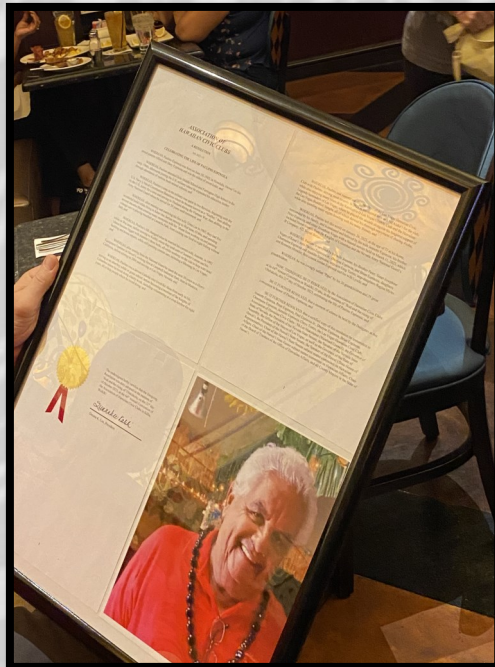
Want to learn more? Come to the next LVHCC 4th Annual Health Expo to be rescheduled to a later date this year to learn more about health and wellness topics covering physical, mental, financial, home, and other areas. It will be free to enter and we'll have a number of new vendors, food trucks, and a raffle! A hui hou!

**PAULINO ESPINOZA
(OUR MISSED BOARD MEMBER AND FRIEND)
TO JEANETTE ESPINOZA.**

Uncle Paulino Espinoza's In Memoriam Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs' Resolution Presentation to Auntie Jeanette Espinoza occurred on May 24th at the Santa Fe Hotel by Hope Pelekikena 'Elua Pat Filbert. Uncle Paulino was a longtime LVHCC Member and Board Officer. He was an inspiration to our people here in Las Vegas for decades.

Rest in heaven Uncle, not a goodbye, but A Hui Hou.

- **Picture 1: Pat presenting the resolution to Jeanette**
- **Picture 2: the Resolution**
- **Picture 3: Jeanette and Pat sit and read the resolution**





ONI ONEKEA

LVHCC Charter Member
TRAVEL COLUMN FOR THE
SUMMER!

Aloha Kakou Fellow LVHCC Members:

Due to the heat of Summer I will not suggest the National or State Parks. When Fall is here my best park is **Valley of Fire**. Make it at some point to see the Sunset and see how the Valley turns into Fire!!!

River Rafting (class II - III - IV - V) I did Class IV what a RUSH. I'm the one with the **Black and Green**. If you can't make it to Jackson Hole go to Kern Calif. about 4 hr. drive.

Take the kids to Tuacan (St. George) and take in the Performances of Frozen or Anastasia during June and July. Jersey Boys will be added in July.

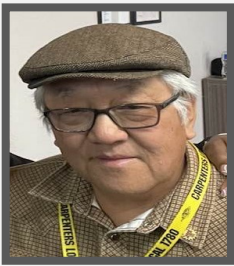
Do an overnight at Laughlin and explore the area and the river. Bullhead, Az is right across the river.

Take a Bento lunch to Mt. Charleston Resort than take the scenic drive thru the mountain to the ski area and return to Hwy 156 to I-95. Beautiful drive. Weekdays are better. Check with the Ski area as they may have some activities for the kids. If not staying at one of the Major Hotels pay the admission to their pools. Rates vary.

On Saturday, before Mother's day my Granddaughter paid \$40.00 p/p to celebrate at Green Valley Ranch and was presented with a box and in there was a pair of baby shoes with a sonogram. I will be a "Great Kupuna Wahine.

Have a wonderful/maika'i Summer!





PROFILE OF ACTIVE LVHCC MEMBER

Retired Master Carpenter

Hiro Kajiyama



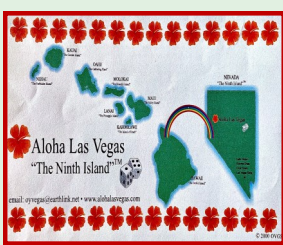
He goes where he is needed! Like setting up and providing bird houses on events such as Ronald McDonald House Fun Run on April 18 at Floyd Lamb Park which made wonderful memories for the Keiki.

Hiro has been spending many hours to kokua his time supporting McDonald House each month for years.

From Hiro: Recently attended Red Rock Democratic Clubs Event with his beautiful made Lei Po'o for Wahine who connected with the Paiute National participants. Malama Pono My Friends and IMUA! IMUA! IMUA!

Also spent a day at Central Tech Academy Grading Students where I gave all of the students an A for their Presentation! He has mentored many high school students at different locations. Encouraging great Prospects for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters!





PROFILE ON MEMBER AUNTIE LYNETTE MACAULEY



Auntie Lynette Macauley has been linked with the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club for decades. While she recently donated over six dozen 9th Island shirts to LVHCC to sell as a fundraiser, 13 books for the LVHCC book drive, and 3-4 dozen vintage Hawaiian Shirts, her efforts to support the Native Hawaiian Lāhui in Las Vegas go back decades. She is a long-time Club member, has supported the Club time and time again, and even opened her home for an LVHCC Christmas party. Her business sold shirts first with "Aloha Las Vegas" logos on them which later became "The 9th Island" logo that had a number of designs which linked Nevada and Las Vegas with Hawai'i. She created an effort to support Keiki with cancer undergoing chemotherapy via an organization called "**Kimo Leads the Way**" which provided themed stuffed animal frogs to the Keiki undergoing treatment. She is also a Haumana (student) and volunteer at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program and is one Akamai Kupuna! She and her husband Don, along with their son Richard, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this year!

Auntie Lynette remains a strong supporter of LVHCC and, in her words, "without LVHCC there would have been no 9th Island Company or Kimo Leads the Way organization." Maika'i Auntie!





DOREEN HALL VANN
Kakau 'Oleleo Ho'opa'a
(Secretary)

Leialohalani Tani, LVHCC Member who is also my daughter graduated top of her High School Class at Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O Ānuehue, then graduated with her BSN (UH Mānoa) and became an Oncology Nurse in honor of her Tūtū who battled Colon Cancer. Now, she accomplished the highest degree in Nursing. Introducing Dr. Chaelyn Mabel Leialohalani Tani, receiving her Doctorate' of Nursing Practices (DNP) from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Eō e ka'u keiki. ❤️ Ha'aheo kākou iā 'oe.
(My Keiki—We are proud of you!)





**Nicole-Rene Kuuleinani Petri
Hope Pelekikena Mua
(1st Vice President)**

**Daughter of Nicole-Rene Kuuleinani Petri
Bailey Kawahinenaniloa Jancy-Lee Doctolero.**



On May 4th, 2024
my daughter, Bailey
Kawahinenaniloa Jancy-Lee
Doctolero graduated from
Nevada State University with
her Bachelor of Science,
Biology Degree.

Our 'Ohana are extremely
proud of her accomplishment.
Bailey's goal is to become a
Pharmacist.



Bailey Kawahinenaniloa Jancy-Lee Doctolero

Bachelor of Science, Biology



Gail Wright
Ho‘opa‘a
Mo‘olelo
(Historian)

Na A'a Mo'aukala (Historical Roots) by Gail Wright & Pat Filbert



Patrick
Filbert
Hope
Pelekikena
‘Elua
(2nd Vice
President)

The story of the **Iosepa Settlement** in Utah is about Native Hawaiians who left their comfortable homes in Hawai‘i to resettle in Utah in the 1880’s. Sailing from Honolulu to San Francisco took several weeks; then travel by carriage and horse back to Salt Lake City, over rough trails, mountains and desert, took another several weeks. All this to cover over 3000 miles in distance.

But how did this all start? The Mormon Church sent missionaries to the South Pacific as early as 1844. Their work was slow to show success, but as they learned the language and customs of the people conversions began to increase with many converts desirous of migrating to Utah. Their leaders felt that the next best step was to gather the Hawaiian saints into one location in the islands.

The first gathering place was established in the valley of Palawai on Lana‘i with Hawaiian Mormons beginning to gather there in 1854. This proved unsatisfactory, and a permanent place was established in Laie, Oahu, in 1865. The Hawaiians, however, continued to cherish a desire to come to Utah. By 1889 about 75 had gathered in Salt Lake Valley. The land unanimously voted on is located at Skull Valley in Tooele County. Tropical landscapes and greenery of Hawai‘i were traded for desert farm land. At its peak in 1916 Iosepa was home to 228 inhabitants, but despite its remarkable successes the colony was also plagued with hardships. Harsh, dry desert summers and cold snowy winters took their toll. It seemed that the cemetery grew faster than the town.

At the height of Iosepa’s prosperity, it was announced that the Mormon Church would build a temple in Hawai‘i causing many Iosepans to move back. By the late 1960s, only one resident remained, Akoni Ho‘opi‘aina, and when he died in 1968 Iosepa’s cemetery held its first funeral in more than 50 years. A dozen years later, volunteers trooped to Iosepa’s cemetery and began cleaning the gravestones.

By the late 1990’s, a formal historical society erected a monument and began holding annual Memorial Day celebrations that now attract more than 1,000 people. Even though the desert has reclaimed Iosepa and the townsit is gone, it won’t be forgotten. It is sacred and the sacrifices the Polynesians made created a when they built the town is a legacy that will live on forever. For more information, see the Historical Report provided at the May 2024 LVHCC Membership Meeting.



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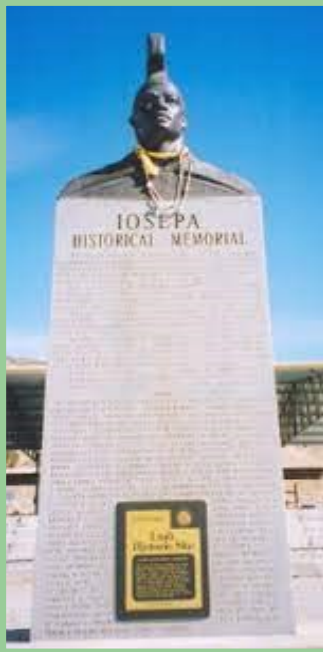
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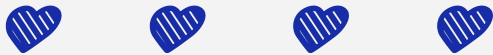




DOREEN HALL VANN
Kakau 'Oleleo Ho'opa'a (Secretary)

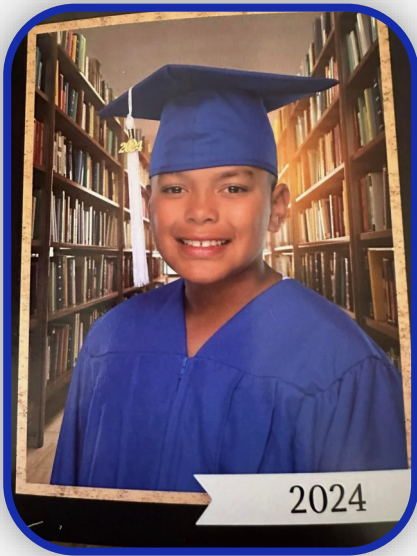
Zaiden Vann with proud parents:
Marquise and Doreen!

**E Ho'omaikali Kaualeimāo as we celebrate
another milestone with his 5th Grade
Promotion. Class of 2031.**



Eō!!

LVHCC Member since 2019.
(Wants to be future Pelekikena too!)



MANY HAPPY BIRTHDAY RETURNS
LVHCC MEMBERS!!!

APRIL:

Carol Heu
Megan Arakaki
Mapuana Hepa
Jeannette Forma

Sumerlynn Abear
Don Macauley
Ed Crisostomo

Scarlett Jane

Pascua-Maeha

MAY:

Sharon Hanek,
Kalani Heu,
Kaelene Makaiwi,
LeRoy Blanchard,
Anna Doell,
Jordan Gonzalez,
Talulah Sky Carvajal

JUNE:

Adam Cebula
Ayshaleigh Tani
Ramona Solatorio
Helen Bissen
Terrilyn Saffery
Tiarre Tenorio-Norwood
Marivio Aldaya

REMINDER:

See Jacquie Lawson
E-cards sent to members
from LVHCC Officers with
birthday greetings or
welcome new members
(check junk mail if not
in your in-box). Appreciate
replies and updates.



New Members

'Ohana:

May Carvajal, Dalilah Star Carvajal,
Ocean Christopher Carvajal, Talulah Sky Carvajal

Kupuna:

Daniel Sherer, Linda & Rick Recania,
Marianne Vasquez,
Kehau & Ka'imiloa Chrisman
Randal Okamura

Corporate:

John Faucis (LV Dream Homes)

Associate:

Vegas Vista Academy by Dr. Benjamin Feinstein

Please Kokua for Book Drive!!!

BOOK DRIVE

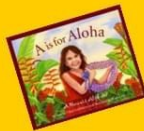
WE NEED YOUR HELP 2024!

We need your support for this project in the form of donations of Native Hawaiian and, Pacific Islander, and other related books in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i or English that will be donated to local libraries throughout the City of Las Vegas. We are excited to share this opportunity with you and hope you will consider supporting us. By donating books, you will greatly support our efforts to invest in our kamali'i and our 'ōpio as we build future leaders in order to progress our lāhui in the future.

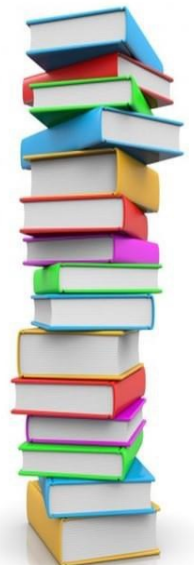
You can help by donating new or gently used books, cd, audio books from Preschool to 12th Grade by emailing us at lasvegashcc@gmail.com for pick up. For more information call (702) 907-3667.

Mahalo for supporting LVHCC Literacy Initiative Program.

Drop off Monthly
GMM Meeting
3rd Wednesday 6-7PM
5000 W. Oakey Drive
Suite D-21



Las Vegas
Hawaiian Civic Club





Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Scholarships

The awarding of the LVHCC 2024 Founder's Scholarships of \$750 each were approved by the Board of Directors for **Jordan Quilla and Zachery Zrebiec**. Once the scholarships are awarded by the Public Education Foundation, LVHCC will publish Mahalo notes from the awardees.

LVHCC congratulates our three Kamehameha Schools Ho'omaka'ika'i Exploration Grant winners: **Dezmin Hurley, Arian Alaka'i and Andrew-Jace Chong! Maika'il**

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club

Educational Stipend

The Stipend can be used for continuing education, technical & trade schools, on-line courses, for testing related items, and instructional event attendance at the discretion of LVHCC. Applicants must be a LVHCC Member or 'Ohana Member of an LVHCC Member to apply. Three stipends in the amount of \$500 each are available as selected by LVHCC. All awards are distributed at LVHCC's discretion.

General

All applicants will use LVHCC Education Stipend Application Form 102 found on the LVHCC website at <https://www.lasvegashawaiiancivicclub.net/educationalstipend/>. The Application Form, and documents identified on the Form, will be submitted to LVHCC at:
7260 West Azure Drive, Suite 140-1052
ATTN: Education Committee
Las Vegas, NV 89130

The Application period opens June 1 and ends August 24, 2024



Scan the QR code for more info.

NW Career College is offering a \$2,000 tuition discount for Native Hawaiians in Las Vegas. Scholarship through LVHCC partnership
Classes start on July 8, 2024.

See website for more details

<https://landing.northwestcareercollege.edu/.../Hawaii.../...>



\$2000

PREFERRED PARTNER SCHOLARSHIP



*For Partner Members, spouses, partners, and dependents, and the greater Hawaiian Community in Las Vegas

Career Training Programs In:

 Healthcare  IT  Legal  Business

PAST EVENT

4/7/24



FIGHTING ANGELS EASTER EGG HUNT!
LVHCC supported our new Corporate Member the "Fighting Angels Volleyball Club" on April 7, 2024 at an Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck they sponsored. This was an open to the public event held at Centennial Hills Park. Longtime LVHCC Community Partner Ninth Island Aunties was also in attendance. LVHCC donated 100 Easter Eggs with small prizes inside for the keiki.



PAST EVENT

4/13/24

#ROCKTHE SOCKS
to benefit families with hospitalized children
APRIL 13, 2024
RACE STARTS AT 8AM



Runnin' for the House
2024
RMHC Greater Las Vegas

Floyd Lamb Park
9250 Tule Springs Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89131

REGISTRATION FEES:
\$40 for adults (18+)
\$30 for children (6-17 years)
TO REGISTER, TEXT
Run4Families to 41444

Registration includes race entry, water, armband, and pair of red and white striped socks, an exclusive McDonald's gift certificate to reward volunteer, and a Runners medal.

McDonald's **LEXUS OF LAS VEGAS** **MULTIPURE** **CENTENNIAL SUBARU** **Capital One**
i'm lovin' it **BOYD** **PRIVATE BANK** **NV Energy**

RMHLV.ORG | (702) 252-6663 | EVENTS@RMHLV.ORG | @RMHCLASVEGAS

Apr 13 Ronald McDonald House Fun Run, 7am-2pm, Floyd Lamb Park




Enjoyable morning assisting Uncle Hiro with friend Eddie setting up his work items and bird houses along with receiving additional kokua from Doreen and Pat for the good cause annually done by Ronald McDonald. The keiki enjoyed it tremendously and we also enjoyed meeting the people/keiki!

Mahalo Uncle Hiro for sharing this rewarding opportunity!!

PAST EVENT

4/14/24

HOLOLOLO MARKET





WANT TO BE A MEMBER?
ASK US HOW.

HOW DO WE IMPACT OUR
COMMUNITY HERE IN LAS
VEGAS?
ASK US HOW.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
ASK US HOW.

Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club
Membership Drive & Community
Resource Booth at The HoloHolo
Market
1028 Fremont Street
April 14, 2024
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM





THE HOLOHOLLO MARKET
SUN. APRIL 14
11AM-4PM
FERGUSONS DOWNTOWN

Vendors, Plant Swap Meet, Food & Entertainment



LVHCC Members: Gail Wright, Edine Swain, Dan Sherer and Pat Filbert attended the HoloHolo Market representing LVHCC with a Club Information Table. The Hawaiian game of Konane was demonstrated to several event attendees.

Mahalo Nui LVHCC Member and Manager Tiarre Norwood for inviting LVHCC!





***SHARING 20 YEAR DINNER CELEBRATION FOR
CATHI MINAMI & NINTH ISLAND AUNTIES AND HER AMAZING
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND KOKUA THROUGH THE 20 YEARS!
GREAT KAUKAU AND GREAT FRIENDS!!
APRIL 20, 2024***



PAST EVENT

5/3 & 4



LVHCC ran the Keiki Zone in Partnership with
Flavors of Aloha.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Special Presentation Speaker on May 15, 2024 GMM Dr. Benjamin Feinstein representing new Associate Partner Vegas Vista Academy

Dr. Feinstein provided his background (Univ of Hawai'i Masters and PhD in Education with a focus on Hawaiian studies), tenures teaching and managing at different schools and locations for 20 years, and then focused on starting the Vegas Vista Academy (VVA) which focuses on education, engagement with the land, and dual language (English, Spanish) immersion. VVA will open in August with classes K-3 and will expand each year over a seven-year build and currently has a goal of 200 students by opening. VVA has over 100 community partners for service, support, 'Ohana school support, and fundraising. He had also submitted a Membership Application earlier. Dr. Feinstein noted there is a 31 May and 27 June open house and he will send more information. On 27 June there will be an open house at the school, more information pending."



PAST EVENT

5/26/24



Spotlight Poetry's AANHPI Poetry Showcase

Hope Pelekikena Mua Nicole-Rene Petri and Hope Pelekikena 'Elua Pat Filbert attended as the LVHCC representatives at this event which occurred on **May 26th** at **Taverna Costera in the Arts District**. LVHCC was one of four sponsors of the event. Nicole gave a short presentation at the opening of the event to inform the attendees about LVHCC and several upcoming events we are planning.

- Picture 1: Nicole providing LVHCC presentation
- Picture 2: the evening's hosts (left to right) Johnny Swoopz, Penehuro Williams, Demetri Manabat
- Picture 3: all eight poets that presented include (front row) event hosts and (back row left to right) Soul Stuf, Sheila Writes, Lyka Ferry, Ethereal Kay, and J.M. Huck



**Shared from Community Events
from Charles Herring of
Na Hula Hali'a Aloha**

June: 16- Father's Day 22- San Diego Ho'olaule'a Festival. Preble Park. Liberty Station. Returning event, new location. (Huaka'i- Hui Outside state Travel)

29- Buddhist Sangha Obon Festival. Clark High School. Na Hula to perform.

July: 4- Fourth of July Independence Day.

7-10- Island Envy INSPIRED at UNLV Student Hall. Summer Program for High Schoolers. Must sign up on their website. TBA. Na Hula to do Na Mea Hawai'i. (Need Volunteers)

27- Clark County Library- "Christmas in July" 2pm. / Hawaiian Flag Presentation. At 11am.

August 17- Japanese Atomic Museum Event. Japanese History. More Information TBA

September: 7- Multi Culture Gala. Supporting Affordable Housing. AAPI Community. Ahern Hotel. LV Blvd/Sahara. More information to come. Na Hula Performs.

21- Red Hats Convention at Orleans. Two-day event. 9/21- 11:45- 12:30p (45 min show) Na Hula perform.

22- 8:30 to 10:30a- Culture Groups to assist. (Lion's dance, Taiko, Japanese

October: TBA- Aki Matsuri. Henderson. Water Street Plaza. Hula program to perform

10/26- Na Hula~ween Bowling. Kid's program.

December: 1- Na Hula Annual Christmas Show.



**PAST
EVENT
5/11/24**

 BROUGHT TO YOU BY CITY COUNCIL

FREE EVENT

**ASIAN AMERICAN,
NATIVE HAWAIIAN,
& PACIFIC ISLANDER**
Heritage Month Celebration!

MAY 11, 2024

ALIANTE NATURE DISCOVERY PARK 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.
2627 NATURE PARK DR.
NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV 89084

BOOTHS
FOOD VENDORS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
KIDS ACTIVITIES AND MORE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL (702) 633-1012

**City of NLV AANHPI
Heritage Celebration 11
May 11am - 3pm.
Occurred at Nature
Discovery Park**

Member Dan Sherer and Pat Filbert represented LVHCC to network, provide details about what LVHCC is and does, ran the Color Wheel for the Keiki and provided Na Mea Hawai'i instruction on the Hawaiian game of Konane along with conducting donation sales with donated 9th Island t-shirts from [Auntie Lynette Macauley](#) along LVHCC merchandise.



Zippy's Las Vegas
7095 Badura Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89113

Zippy's Las Vegas selected LVHCC as one of four beneficiaries for the month of May during their "Kokua Pac" fundraiser.

LVHCC was the feature organization **May 6-12** and a portion of the proceeds for each Kokua Pac purchased will be donated to LVHCC to support our community and Club initiatives here in Las Vegas.

Three of our Board Members in attendance: **Nicole-Rene Petri, Doreen Hall Vann, and Stacen Makaiwi** created "Hype" videos that Zippy's used to advertise.



UPCOMING EVENT!!

Kamehameha Schools Alumni

KSAA-IMR ALOHA FRIDAY

alum and a guest are invited

Friday, June 21, 2024 | 5-8pm

Sierra Gold | 215 & South Jones

6515 S. Jones Blvd. Las Vegas NV 89118

Pupus + one drink per person provided
Guests must be at least 21 years old

RSVP

tinyurl.com/KSAA-IMRAlohafriday

RSVP by Friday, June 14, 2024



questions? email ksaa.imr@gmail.com or call 702.848.4811

**UPCOMING EVENT!!
PLEASE KOKUA & ATTEND !
IT WILL BE GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL
THERE!**

The Holoholo Night Market

**Saturday
June 29
5:00PM-9:00PM**

**Fergusons Downtown
1028 Fremont St.**



MORE COMING UP!

JUNE 28 - 30, 2024

Friday-Sunday

EMBASSY SUITES
BY HILTON CONVENTION CENTER
3600 PARADISE ROAD
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, 89169



KAHĀ

Ka Aha Ho'olauna Aloha

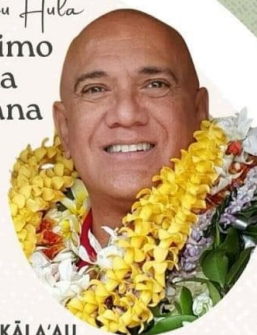
A GATHERING OF ALOHA

TO CELEBRATE
HAWAIIAN CULTURE & HISTORY

#MAUISTRONG

Keynote Speaker

Loea, Kumu Hula
Dr. J. Kimo
Alama
Keaulana



PRESENTING
WORKSHOPS:
HULA NOHO, KĀLA'AU
HULA NOHO, 'IL'I'ILI

HULA 'AUANA



Loea Kumu Hula
Leialoha Lim Amira

HULA 'AUANA



Kumu Kalani Flores-Hatt

HULA 'ŌHELO



Kumu Hula Kapono Kamaunu



Kumu Hula
Kapono Kamaunu

KANIKAPILA HOU!



Loea Melvin Amira

Kumu Hula
Kapono Kamaunu



Kumu Hula
Kapono Kamaunu

OLI HEI

ŌLELO HAWAII



Kumu Lokalia Mayo

MOENAHĀ
A CULTURAL LEARNING PROCESS



Kumu Kaulana Mayo

Loea Titi Kanahele



LĀ'AU LAPA'AU

Kumu Keala Chan



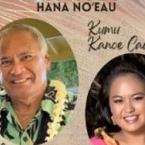
LOMILOMI:
THE ART OF HAWAIIAN MASSAGE

'ULI'ULI HEKE



Kumu Kapono Kamaunu

NĀ HULU
HANA NO'EAU



Kumu Kaulana Mayo

PŪPŪ NĪ'HAU
NĪ'HAU SHELL EARRINGS



Kumu Awapuhi Kahale

Kumu Lokalia Mayo



Kumu Lokalia Mayo

Meet & Greet

FRIDAY
JUNE 28
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Kanikapila

SATURDAY
JUNE 29
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Kumu Kaulana Mayo

FEATURING
LIVE IN
CONCERT



Kumu Kaulana Mayo

JUNE 30
'AHA'AINA
DINNER BUFFET &
CONCERT
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM

CORPORATE MEMBERS



CORPORATE MEMBERS—PAGE 2



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DESTINY TO WELLNESS



***Fighting Angels
Volleyball Club***

ASSOCIATE PARTNERS



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



University of Hawaii

Alumni Association & Friends – Las Vegas



**Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club
Our 35th Year (1989—2024)**

**Pelekikena
(President)
Kalani Heu**



**Hope Pelekikena Mua
(1st Vice President)
Nicole-Rene Kuuleinani
Petri**



**Hope Pelekikena 'Elua
(2nd Vice President)
Patrick Filbert**



**Kākau Ōlelo
Ho'opa'a
(Secretary)**



**Pu'ukūi
(Treasurer)**



**Koho Mua
(Mainland Council Rep.)**



**Doreen Hall
Vann**

Nate Makaiwi

Pa'ahana Bissen

Na Alaka'i—Directors



Maggie Perry



Debra Leimomi Chock



Stacen Makaiwi



**Gail Wright, Ho'opa'a
Mo'olelo (Historian)**

Motto

**Kūlia E Loa'a Ka Na'au'ao
*Strive to Obtain Wisdom***

**Date Chartered:
July 28, 1989
Club Colors:
Red & Gold**

**Club Flowers:
White Carnation and
'Ohai Ali'i**

Club Song He Hawai'i Au