



# Pi'ilani Hawaiian Civic Club of Colorado

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## Christmas Party – 2010

On December 11, Pi'ilani HCCOC held their annual Christmas Party at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church from 4 to 7. Everyone enjoyed the great food and entertainment, as shown below:



Da Band – Mark Kunimune, Keali'i Cofran, Esmond Ah Leong & Bill Emery



Da Band joined by others & a dancer

Pelekikena Lynette Asperin conducted a short business meeting. Mark Kunimune announced the results of the elections. The officers for 2011-2012 are:

Pelekikena (President) – Lynette Asperin  
Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi (First Vice President) – Cynthia Kahakui  
Hope Pelekikena 'Elua (Second Vice President) – Lisa Kelikolio  
Kākau 'Olelo (Secretary) – Puahau Aki  
Pu'uku (Treasurer) – Justin Kulesza

New Board members are:

Esmond Ah Leong  
Heidi Bath  
Nahua Maunakea

Congratulations to our officers and new Board members! Mahalo to Mark and Jennifer Casani who co-chaired the Election Committee.

Mark Kunimune also announced that Cameron United Methodist Church donated \$375.00 to Pi'ilani HCCOC. Mahalo nui loa to Cameron Church!

**Club**  
**Motto:**

*"Ua hilo  
'ia i ke  
aho a ke  
aloha."*

*(Braided  
with the  
cords of  
love.)*

**Club**  
**Flower:**

*Tuberose  
and  
Pakalana*

**Club**  
**Colors:**

*Green,  
Russet  
and Aspei  
Gold*

**Club**  
**Song:**

*Pu'u o  
Kawiki*



In addition to great music, the food was 'ono. Members contributed to the potluck and brought some great things to share.



Pelekikena Asperin leads the business meeting.



"Talking story"

## Upcoming Activities

### Pi'ilani Calendar:

**January 20 -  
6:30pm - Board  
Meeting -  
Lakewood  
Library**

**February 12 -  
2 to 4 pm -  
General Meeting  
& Induction of  
Officers at  
Iwayama Sushi  
& the Big  
Kahuna Bistro**

**June 18, 2011 -  
Ho'olaule'a -  
Civic Green in  
Highlands Ranch**

**November 5-12-  
Convention in  
Honolulu**

### **General Meeting & Induction of Officers/Board Members – February 12**

Pi'ilani HCCOC meets every two months. The next general meeting will be Saturday, February 12, at Iwayama Sushi & the Big Kahuna Bistro, located at 5500 S. Simms St., Littleton CO 80127. At that meeting, the new officers and board members will be inducted into office. Plans are to offer a bento box as a luncheon option for members. Details will be provided in the Evite.

### **Ho'olaule'a – June 18, 2011**

**Ho'olaule'a will be held on Saturday June 18, 2011 (Note: this is a date change) at the Civic Green in Highlands Ranch, located at 9370 Ridgeline Blvd, from 10am to 8:30pm.** Lynette Rogers and Malia and Justin Kulesza chair the Ho'olaule'a Committee. **If you know any food or craft vendors who would like to participate, please contact Puahau Aki at 720-318-7190 for crafts and Lynette Rogers at 303-638-3834 for food. If you or anyone you know would be interested in being a sponsor or putting an ad in our program, please contact Sue Kahalekulu at 303-807-7283. Esmond Ah Leong is the committee chair for entertainment and he can be contacted at 303-789-9432.**

### **Board Meetings**

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Lakewood Library, located at 10200 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Board will introduce the new officers and Board members and plan activities for the 2011 calendar year.

### **Print2Earn**

In December, Pi'ilani launched a new program to generate funds for the club. It is called Print2 Earn. Members can buy brand name cartridges or Re-manufactured cartridges through Print2 Earn and a percentage of the proceeds will go to Pi'ilani. So try it!

### **Hawaiian Airlines Miles Affiliate Program**

Pelekikena Lynette Asperin has registered Pi'ilani with the Hawaiian Air Miles Affiliate Program. Under this program, Hawaiian Air gives miles to both Pi'ilani and the traveler. You must enter a different password - in this case Piilani (without the 'okina) and you will go to a different web page to book flights. Miles accumulated will be used only for officers and/or members to attend Mainland Council meetings or the Convention. Note that the Las Vegas club reported at the Mainland Council meeting that they are funding all of their travel to the convention this way.

### **DUES, DUES, DUES**

Dues statements for members will be going out in January. Note that Pi'ilani HCCOC is a 501(c)(3) organization, that is, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. This means that dues and/or additional contributions are considered fully tax deductible as permitted by law.

## Community Calendar

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**Month of January – Keoni Coelho from Longmont, Colorado @ Kani Ka Pila Grill in the Outrigger Reef in Waikiki – Mon, Wed and Fri from 3 to 5.**

### 'Olelo Corner

**January 14 – Kani Ka Pila – 7 to 9pm – D Note** - Hosted by Mark Kunimune. D Note located at 7519 Grandview Ave, Arvada CO 80002. For more information, call Mark at 303-589-7199.

### Akaka Bill

**January 15-16 – Ancient Hawaiian Huna Weekend** – with Tracie Kameahananikai Brown and special guest Phil "Mango" Stephens. For more information, go to <http://www.tracibrown.com> or call 303-494-7075.

### Hawaiian Language Courses

**January 19 – Indigenous Film at the Gardens** – *The Film Class*, a documentary about Black Bedouins in Rahat, Israel. 7-8:30pm (Doors open at 6:30pm) in the Gates Hall at Denver Botanic Gardens – Free.

**February 4 & 5 – Denver Uke Fest @ Swallow Hill** – includes artists Led Kaapana and Aldrine Guerrero - <http://swallowhillmusic.org/music-school/events-and-festivals/ukefest/artists>

### 'Olelo Corner

**A - Akahi** – Kindness, expressed with tenderness

**L - Lōkahi** – Unity, expressed with harmony

**O - 'Olu'olu** – Agreeable, expressed with harmony

**H - Ha'aha'a** – Humility, expressed with modesty

**A - Ahonui** – Patience, expressed with perseverance

### January = Ianuali

- **Ianuali 1, 1862** – the Hawaiian flag is printed in color on the front page of Ka Nupepa Ku'oko'a a first-of-its kind achievement in newspaper printing
- **Ianuali 17, 1893** – The sovereign Hawaiian Kingdom is illegally overthrown by the U.S. government; a formal apology was offered by the U.S. Senate and President Clinton one hundred years later.

### Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act (Akaka Bill)

The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, also known as the Akaka Bill, was not acted on by the U. S. Senate in 2010 and so must be reintroduced next session. The chance of passing the bill in the next session is subject to debate. But noted is that Secretary of Interior **Ken Salazar, of Colorado**, sent letters to Senate leaders in early December urging support for the bill.

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### Hawaiian Language Courses

**Kamehameha School** has an online distance-learning program, called **A'o Makua**, at <http://www.ksbe.edu>. Courses are offered monthly.

**'Aha Punana Leo's** Niuolahiki Distance Learning Program has an on-line, self-directed Hawaiian language course.

Visit: [www.ahapunanaleo.org/niuolahiki](http://www.ahapunanaleo.org/niuolahiki)

E-mail: [papaniuolahiki@ahapunanaleo.org](mailto:papaniuolahiki@ahapunanaleo.org) or Call: (808) 834-6567

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Pi'ilani Board met December 16, 2010. Highlights were:

- Status of committees for Ho'olaule'a discussed. Committee still waiting for final approval form HRMD for the June 11<sup>th</sup> date. Budget and grant requests have not been finalized.
- Election results reported. Both old and new board members requested to attend January Board meeting. Installation of officers/board members to take place Feb. 12. Discussed doing luncheon from 2 to 4 pm at Iwayama Sushi. Lynette Asperin will discuss with Lee Iwayama.
- Date of January Board meeting set.
- Christmas party was great fun!
- Club sent in \$500 to Hawai'i Maoli as part of grant request for all the Hawaiian Civic Clubs.
- Approved Leslie Susan Ko as a new member.
- Mainland Council Meeting Tentative Dates  
February 25-27 – Las Vegas  
June 10-12 – Washington DC  
August ? – Clarksville, TN

## E Komo Mai (Welcome)!

**E Komo Mai (Welcome) to our newest member – Leslie Susan Ko!**

## THE BOARD

### Officers

President -	Lynette Asperin -	303-549-6172
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President -	Mark Kunimune -	303-589-7199
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President -	Puahau Aki -	720-318-7190
Recording Secretary -	Lisa Kelekolio -	720-373-1095
Corresponding Secretary -	Cynthia Kahakui -	303-882-9174
Treasurer -	Sue Kahalekulu -	303-470-3276

### Directors

Jennifer Casani - 808-782-8319	Lynette Rogers - 303-638-3834
Tony Kahalekulu - 303-470-3276	Jeff Kopina - 720-732-9903
Justin Kulesza - 303-346-3444	Merv Tano - 303-733-0481

## Purposes and Objectives, per Pi'ilani Constitution

1. Promote charitable and educational projects for the benefit of any race, but with primary emphasis on people of Hawaiian ancestry, and to actively encourage and financially assist them in furthering their education.
2. Unite members into one harmonious group, working for the benefit of the whole.
3. Take an active interest in the civic, economic, social, health and moral welfare of our community, particularly of people of Hawaiian ancestry, and to support program of benefit to them and the community.

**Email contributions for newsletter to [sistahsue@comcast.net](mailto:sistahsue@comcast.net). Mahalo nui loa to Jon Cypher for the photos from the Christmas Party! Jon is the Webmaster, so be sure to check out our web page if you haven't lately. Jon has done some nice work on it! And have you seen that Pi'ilani is now on Facebook? Be sure to check us out! Mahalo to Kylie Smith for getting us up and running on Facebook.**