



# Pi'ilani Hawaiian Civic Club of Colorado

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**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 Aspen Gold*

**Club Song:**

*Pu'u o Kawiki*

Aloha Kakou,

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Pi'ilani Hawaiian Civic Club of Colorado had a good year in 2009. New officers and board were elected in the spring of 2009 and although not installed until April, accomplished the following:

- Held monthly board meetings
- Held general membership meetings every two months, including the Founder's Picnic in August, the Indigenous Film Festival in October, and the Christmas Party in December
- Sponsored the C & K concert
- Attended two Mainland Council meetings and the Convention
- Met with representatives of ECHO

We are especially grateful to the former officers and members of the Board, who kept Pi'ilani going after the resignation of the prior president of the club in the fall of 2008. Thanks also to Maile Inagaki, who served as Vice President for the club in 2008 and 2009, for all her service to the club.

We have much more planned for 2010, including doing a monthly newsletter, starting now. Sue Kahalekulu is our editor and would appreciate your input or contributions of articles – just e-mail her at [sistahsue@comcast.net](mailto:sistahsue@comcast.net) or call her at 303-470-3276. Upcoming activities are listed on the next page.

Join us in making 2010 a great year for Pi'ilani!

Malama pono  
Lynette K. Asperin, Pelekina

### *Pi'ilani Calendar:*

- 1. General Meeting: Sat., Feb. 13, at D-Note 4 to 7pm**
- 2. Mainland Council: Sat., Feb. 20, Las Vegas**
- 3. Board Meeting: Feb. 23 at 5:30pm**
- 4. OHA Conversation: Tues., Feb. 23, 6 pm to 9 pm at 6190 E. Quincy Ave., Englewood, CO**
- 5. Noho Hewa: Sun., March 14 at 1 pm at American Lung Ass., Ste 100, 5600 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Greenwood Village 80111**
- 6. Board Meeting: Thurs., March 18 at 6:30pm at 2000 S. Colorado Blvd., Tower 2, Suite 450, Denver CO**
- 7. General Meetings: April 17 or 18 June 26 – Picnic Oct. – TBA Dec. 11 or 12**
- 8. Board Meetings: Generally the third Thursday of every month**
- 9. Mainland Council: June 5 – DC Aug. 28 – Denver Nov. 9 – Hawai'i**
- 10. Convention: Nov. 7 to 14**

### **General Meeting & Kani Ka Pila – Saturday, February 13**

Join us for our first gathering of 2010 from 4 to 7 pm at D-Note at 7519 Grandview Ave, Arvada 80002! We'll introduce the new officers and board members and share some of the upcoming events and activities we have planned for the year. We'll hold a raffle for our scholarship fund. Scholarship applications will be available. Then we will kani ka pila, so be sure to bring your instruments. Food is available for purchase at D-Notes.

So, bring your family and friends. We look forward to seeing all of you on February 13<sup>th</sup>!

### **Mainland Council Meeting – Saturday, February 20**

Pi'ilani Hawaiian Civic Club of Colorado is just one of 58 Hawaiian Civic Clubs under the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AOHCC). There are 45 Civic Clubs in the State of Hawaii with 13 Civic Clubs comprising the Mainland Council. The AOHCC's objectives (as well as Pi'ilani's) are to take an active interest in the civic, economic, health and social welfare of our community; to support programs of benefit to the people of Hawaiian ancestry; to provide a forum for full discussion of all matters of public interest; to honor, fulfill, protect, preserve and cherish all sources, customs, rights and records of the Native Hawaiian ancient traditions, na `oli a me na mele, cemetery areas and the historic sites of Native Hawaiians.

The Mainland Council meets 4 times a year. The next meeting is Saturday, February 20 in Las Vegas Nevada, preceded by a health seminar on Friday evening. Tony and Sue Kahalekulu will be attending to represent Pi'ilani.

### **OHA Conversation – Tuesday, February 23**

Pi'ilani Hawaiian Civic Club of Colorado will host a conversation with Clyde Namu'o, CEO and Aulani Apolina, Lead Advocate, of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) on Tuesday, February 23, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church, located at 6190 E. Quincy Ave., Englewood CO 80111. Refreshments will be served at 6 pm and the conversation will begin at 6:30 pm. There will be a table for keiki activities. The Board will meet prior to the seminar - at 5:30pm.

### **Noho Hewa – Sunday, March 14**

The film **Noho Hewa** will be shown at 1:00pm on Sunday, March 14 at the offices of the American Lung Association, located at 5600 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 100, Greenwood Village 80111. The film looks at the illegitimacy of the U.S. presence in Hawaii and the methodical removal of Hawaiians from their homeland. Call Johanna at 303-917-5484 if you need help with directions.

**Club Activities:**

**Christmas Party**

**The Board**

**ECHO**

**Christmas Party**

The annual Christmas party was held Saturday, Dec. 6 at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. The food was 'ono, the conversations great and before the afternoon was over, the musicians got out their instruments and played music for us. A general membership meeting preceded the festivities.

Revised bylaws had been submitted to the membership at the October meeting and these were passed by a vote of the membership in December. Briefly, the bylaws were amended to make it easier to fill vacancies on the Board and to change the dues structure.

New members were also elected for the Board. Maile Inagaki had resigned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – the Board had previously asked her to stay on an additional year so all the officers would be elected at one time – and Board member Puahau Aki was appointed to complete her term. Lynette Rogers and Nadine Apo had solicited new members for the Board, as some terms had expired and John Coehlo had previously resigned from the Board. Jeff Kopina and Merv Tano were reelected to two year terms. Tamie Gyure and Justin Kulesza were newly elected to serve on the Board.

**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 -	303-544-9520
Recording Secretary -	Lisa Kelekolio -	720-373-2095
Corresponding Secretary -	Cynthia Kahakui -	303-882-9174
Treasurer -	Sue Kahalekulu -	303-470-3276

**Directors**

Jennifer Casani - 303-773-3378	Tamie Gyure -	303-773-3699
Tony Kahalekulu -303-470-3276	Jeff Kopina -	720-732-9903
Justin Kulesza - 303-346-3444	Merv Tano -	303-733-0481

**ECHO**

In November, Sue and Tony Kahalekulu hosted a meeting of the Board with representatives of ECHO. Thanks for Merv Tano for setting this meeting up. ECHO is a partnership of Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, also in Massachusetts, the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, the Inupiat Heritage Center in Barrow, Alaska, the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians These partners have set up a web page - <http://www.ECHospace.org>- which has tools for teaching and learning through culture and for saving and sharing community stories. The purpose of our meeting with ECHO was to share information and discuss how Pi'ilani could use these resources in our educational efforts. Note that Bishop Museum also has a web page for bringing Hawaiian culture to life - <http://www.hawaii.alive.org>

**Community:**

**US Census**

**Community Calendar**

## **US Census 2010**

During the month of February and March 2010, the U.S. Census will be conducted. The 2010 census is an opportunity for the Native Hawaiian voices to be heard, to let others know who we are, where we are and what the needs are of all our people. Participation will help shape the future of our community. Census data helps to plan for health care facilities, nursing homes, clinics and other health services; identifying facilities/locations for people with disabilities, children or the elderly; forecasting future transportation needs, including public transportation, roads and other infrastructure; attracting new businesses to the state; forecasting future housing needs for all segments of the population; drawing school district boundaries; drawing state and local legislative districts; reapportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives; and so much more.

The census impacts directly how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state and local governments for services that affect our local communities.

**According to Census 2000, 401,162 Native Hawaiians were identified. However, Hawai'i reported Native Hawaiians had the lowest response rate of 60% in the State of Hawaii, similar with the undercount of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders across the nation in Census 2000. So support Census 2010! Information on Census 2010 can be found at: <http://www.2010.census.gov>.**

## **Community Calendar**

**Feb. 7 – Lu'ua by Halau Hula o na Mauna Pohaku** – For more information, go to <http://www.wix.com/maunapohaku/luau>

**July 24 & 25 - Dragon Boat Festival** - <http://www.cdbf.org>

**Sept. 17 to 19 – Ho'ike Concert & Aloha Festival**, sponsored by Halau Hula o na Mauna Pohaku – [www.maunapohaku.org](http://www.maunapohaku.org)

**Sept. 18 – Football Game** - University of Hawai'i and University of Colorado

**Oct. 12 -17 – Indigenous Film Festival in Denver** – <http://www.iiirm.org>

Editor's Note: The plan is to include Hawai'i related activities in the community calendar. You might ask what Hawai'i-related is and that is a good question. For now, the editor reserves the right to decide.

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## **Membership**

It's that time of year again, time to renew your club memberships, and if you haven't joined yet, now's the time!! Some of you may ask, why join? Here are a few excellent reasons in no particular order:

1. Fellowship. To gather and be welcomed among Native Hawaiians and "Hawaiians at heart" is a powerful thing, very rejuvenating. Lifetime friendships are made.
2. Activities: In the past few years, we've clearly demonstrated our commitment to our members by providing fun, educational and culturally stimulating activities for all such as our Ukulele Classes, 'Olelo Classes, and fun Pot Lucks!
3. Advocacy: We have also demonstrated our commitment and ability to be staunch advocates for our members by apprising and educating our community on Native Hawaiian issues such as the Akaka Bill and providing scholarships to college bound students. Our civic club is proud to be able to create opportunities for our members to learn, to gather, to reconnect and share.

So the question shouldn't be why would you want to join? The question should be why wouldn't you?!

**Club dues are \$30 for individuals, \$35 for families, \$20 for Students and Out of State, and Free for members 70 years of age and older who have paid one full year of membership.** You can find a downloadable membership form from our website at [www.piilani.org](http://www.piilani.org) or ask a member of the Board.

Get involved! We also have openings for club committees such as Membership, Grants, Scholarships, 'Ohana Retreat, etc.; so, when filling out your membership form, select which committee you'd like to serve on and our committee chair will contact you!

## **Scholarship**

**Pi'ilani will be awarding a \$500 scholarship in May 2010.** The scholarship is open to Pi'ilani members who are working on an undergraduate degree. Applications are due March 31, 2010. If interested, please check the web page for the application and requirements or ask one of your Board members to send you the information.

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