

# Wakinikona E-Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT NAMES PROGRAM CHAIRS AND NEEDS MORE

*The Wakinikona Hawaiian Club Seattle, Washington*

To round out our club officers for 2003, WHC President, Mike Sturrock was busy appointing and getting club approval for his chairpersons for the year.

Please thank these individuals for stepping forward to help lead a club activity and ask them how you can help on their committees.

- Program Committee: Priscilla Dahlin
- Membership Committee: Larry Kamahele
- Corresponding Secretary: Stan Dahlin
- Hawaiian Festival Committee: Jerry Sithar
- Summer Picnic Committee: Bessie Snively

Mike still needs a couple more volunteers to lead the Christmas Party Committee and the Grievance Committee. For anyone interested, please see Mike.

## Scholarship Candidates Sought

The Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association—Northwest Region has available 5 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each, to be awarded this year. Applicants should be of Hawaiian descent, who have demonstrated scholastic ability, community service, are of good character, and through his or her own endeavors, have the ability and commitment to help perpetuate the Hawaiian culture.

Applicants must be a Washington State resident and be eligible to be enrolled as a student in a post-high school educational program leading toward an accredited degree. To receive an application, please send a SASE to: Dr Michael Sturrock, 10618 SE 240th Street, Kent, WA 98031. Your completed application must be received by April 30, 2003.



Reminder  
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*The treasurer reminds all members that it's time to renew your membership for 2003 by paying your annual dues. It's \$36 a year. If you are a senior member, age 65 and over, the dues drops to \$12 annually.*

*Please send your payment, payable to:  
Wakinikona Hawaiian Club  
And mail it to our membership chairman at his address found on page 2 of this newsletter.*

### Correction

Sales price for the clubhouse is \$140,000 not \$150,000 as was reported last month.

### NEXT MEETING NOTICE

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 15, 2003  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM  
**WHERE:** SeaTac North Park Community Center, SeaTac

*Wakinikona  
Hawaiian Club  
Officers*

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For membership information, contact our Membership Chairman, Larry Kamahale, at 8701 Madrona Lane, Edmonds, WA 98026, or Tel: 425 776-9420.

## WA'A NEWS



In an email to all hui wa'a members, Wa'a Committee member Stan Dahlin urged all to start stretching and getting in shape for the coming season. The following dates are key to all returning or new wa'a members:

- **Sat, March 22, 9 AM—1 PM.** Beach clean-up, boat maintenance, business meeting & potluck. Will have race schedule, information on laulau dinner fundraiser. Need all paddlers to show up and kokua. Bring a dish so everyone will have some grinds.
- **Tue, April 8, 5:30 PM.** Start of twice weekly practices—Tue & Thur. Mark your calendars to make work or school adjustments to squeeze in this physical training time on the water so you'll be ready for the season.
- **Fri & Sat eve, Apr 18 & 19.** This is our main fund raiser so we'll be making laulau on Fri eve and then serving on Sat eve at the club's 40th birthday party. Need everyone to sell tickets to this event, plus kokua in making and serving dinner.
- **Sat, April 26, Portland.** First race of the season—Rusty Iron. Just over a month to get in shape.

Thanks to **Joyce, Koko, Barbara, Stan and Jerome** for supporting the winter canoe paddling. **Lionel** was there for awhile and now **Justin** is back (between surf trips). Congrats to **Barb & Jerome** who are leading in points for the master coed OC-2 PNW-ORCA winter racing season.



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## DIRECTIONS TO CLUB MEETING

From I-5, both N. or S. bound, take the exit to SeaTac Airport/Hwy 518, proceed to the very next exit off Hwy 518, which will be the SeaTac Airport/Hwy 99 exit.

Do not proceed to SeaTac Airport, but instead turn right as though going to Hwy 99, but stay in the left side lane when making exit off 518, you will come to a stop sign (the right lane loops back to 99 South and the airport).

At the stop sign, take a left onto 154<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue on 154<sup>th</sup> for about a half mile until you come to a traffic light.

Turn right at the traffic light onto 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Continue on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave for about 2 miles. The community center will be on your left side up on a hill and is well lit.



## GETTING WHC WIRED

Some club members have enjoyed receiving their monthly newsletters electronically through email for the last two issues. Club Secretary, **Rob Dahlin**, has worked countless hours to get this version tested and up and running for the benefit of any member who wants it in their email.

Besides helping to reduce the operating cost by lowering printing and postage costs, Rob stated the electronic version usually gets to the members faster, it's in color, and it has additional links and features that the paper version lacks.

If you prefer to receive your newsletter electronically, email Rob at [robertdahlin@yahoo.com](mailto:robertdahlin@yahoo.com) and ask to get on his distribution list. Once you're satisfied in getting the newsletter electronically, email him again to delete you from the paper version's mailing list.

Rob is also working on the WHC website which is scheduled to go live at the end of March. Hopefully, he'll be able to preview the site at the March 15 club meeting. He'll need help from club members to gather more information to make the site more interesting and to cover the club's history.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Mar 15	WHC Meeting/Potluck
Apr 18	Laulau dinner preparations
Apr 19	WHC Meeting & Laulau dinner
May 17	WHC Meeting/Potluck
May 24	Green Lake Wa'a Sprints

### TREASURERS PASS THE CHECKBOOK

With the change in the new year, long time club member and 3-year Treasurer, **Jack Julich**, ceremonially passed the checkbook (and club financial files) to incoming Treasurer, **Karen Yoneda**.

Mahalo to Jack for his many years of service and the ton of work he has done to get our club financial records and processes documented, updated, and followed by club members. Jack will still be around though he'll take it a bit slower as he enjoys his real "retirement."

Members can reach Karen through email at [klyoneda@hotmail.com](mailto:klyoneda@hotmail.com) or at 425 883-6848

## Survey of Mainland Native Hawaiian Households

We need your help by sending email addresses of mainland Hawaiian households so they can be approached to participate in a survey on education needs and attitudes toward life long education of Hawaiians.

You may recall last September and October, the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association was helping to identify families of native Hawaiian ancestry living in our community who would be willing to be part of a survey. This survey is so important to reach Hawaiian families living on the mainland that the deadline has been extended.

The researchers have taken on a new twist by not asking us to either convince or persuade potential survey takers. Rather, SMS Research, the third party research firm, would make the appeal to those that we identify. They will be able to better answer any questions our mainland families may have and they have more time to dedicate to making the appeal.

You can help by sending to SMS Research at: [info@SMShawaii.com](mailto:info@SMShawaii.com) with cc to [mduchate@willamette.edu](mailto:mduchate@willamette.edu) (alumni project leader) any email addresses for Hawaiian families living anywhere on the mainland.

We appreciate your kokua to help find our Hawaiian families and give them the opportunity to be surveyed about their educational needs for their ohana

## Membership

### New Members Accepted:

None

### Notice of Applications:

#### Second Notice

Deborah D. Dahlin

#### First Notice

None

## HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- Apr 5 **Hawaiian Western Round-Up**  
Rocking Horse Barn, Renton, WA  
4:30 to 9:30 PM  
Sponsor: Hula Halau O Lono  
\$5 Donation presale, \$7 at the barn  
door on April 5th
- Apr 19 **WHC Laulau Dinner**  
SeaTac North Park Cmty Ctr  
6:30 to 10 PM  
Sponsor: Hui Wa'a O Wakinikona  
Donation: \$10 Dinner  
\$5 laulau takeout

## KOKUA FOR THE LAULAU DINNER

We'll need your help with the laulau dinner on our club's birthday. Be sure to bring friends to the April 19th club meeting, buy dinner, help prepare laulau, and/or donate supplies or cash. Contact Joe Abad with your offers.



## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Applications for all Kamehameha Schools summer programs are now available on line at the URL below. Interested students (with the help of their parents) should submit applications as soon as possible.

<http://www.ksbe.edu/campus/summerprograms/>

### Calendar of Programs

#### March

Early March– Registration packet distribution for Explorations, Computer Camp, Performing Arts Academy, Career Exploration Academy, and Ho'olauna-Keauhou.

#### May

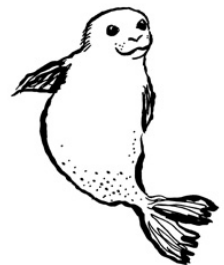
- 2 Registration closes for Ho'omaka'ika'i: Explorations, Computer Camp and Ho'olauna-Keauhou. Deadline for financial aid.
- 23 Registration closes for Performing Arts Academy and Career Exploration Academy.

#### June

- 8 Session A: Explorations and Computer Camp
- 15 Session B: Explorations, Computer Camp, and Ho'olauna-Keauhou
- 16 Performing Arts Academy and Career Exploration Academy begin
- 22 Session C: Explorations, Computer Camp, and Ho'olauna-Keauhou
- 29 Session D: Explorations, Computer Camp, and Ho'olauna-Keauhou

#### July

- 6 Session E: Explorations, Computer Camp, and Ho'olauna-Keauhou
- 13 Session F: Explorations, Computer Camp, and Ho'olauna-Keauhou
- 20 Session G: Explorations, Computer Camp, and Ho'olauna-Keauhou
- 25 Performing Arts Academy and Career Explorations Academy ends
- 26 Explorations and Computer Camp ends



# NA MEA KAHIKO HAWAI'I MALAKI 2003

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'Olelo No'eau: 'A 'ohe lokomaika'i i nele i ka pana'i.

(Saying) No kind deed ever lacked its reward.

## 'O LOKO WAKA

In the Keaukaha district of Hilo, on the Big Island of Hawai'i is a large **ka loko i'a** (fishing pond) called Loko Waka. This large **ka loko i'a**, approximately 60 acres in area, is located across the highway from James Kealoha Park (the area that used to be known as Sea Side Club in the 1930s and 1940s, and later as Four Mile Beach) and is easily seen, on the right hand side, as one drives east to Lelewi and Pua'u Maile from the business section of Hilo. The **ka loko i'a** is famous for its **'ama 'ama** (mullet), is now owned by the State of Hawai'i and is leased to private interest.

Loko Waka was also known as Loko Aka in earlier times. Both names referred to **na ka'ao** (legends) of two **na kupua mo'o wahine** (large lizard demigoddesses, who could assume the form of a beautiful or ugly woman.) who fought with the fire goddess, Pele, over a young man by the name of Puna-a aiâk oaâ'e, who was a surfer from Waimanalo area on the island of O'ahu. Both **na kupua** lost their fight with Pele and had to escape for their lives by diving into the pond.

As **ka ka 'ao** (the legend) went, the **kupua mo'o**, on seeing the handsome Puna-'ai-koa'e (Puna) surfing off the shores of Waimanalo, wanted him for her husband. Changing herself into a beautiful woman, she joined Puna surfing, where she turned on her womanly wiles to entice Puna to live with her in her cave. One look at her beauty was enough for Puna and he whole-heartedly consented. Of course, he did not realize that she was a **kupua**.

For a time the couple lived a life of bliss. Soon, however, Puna realizes that he was missing something in his life and that something was his surfing. He asked his companion if he could go surfing. She consents, but with the stipulation that he could not speak with anyone, while he was away from her presence. He agrees and soon he was on his way to participate in his favorite sport.

On his way to join the surfers, however, he encounters relatives of the **mo'o** woman, who warn him of what she is and of his danger in living with her. Returning to the cave, he made it a point to spy on her and soon confirms the fact that she is a **mo'o**. Through guile, Puna escapes the **mo'o** woman, flees to the Big Island of Hawaii and puts himself under the protection of Pele, the fire goddess.

Here **na ka 'ao** (the legends) start to change. In one **ka ka'ao** (legend), the **mo'o wahine** is Kiha-wahine, who follows Puna to the Big Island and gets into a battle with Pele. After a hard battle, Kiha-wahine loses and escapes the vengeance of Pele by diving into and hiding herself in waters of the Keaukaha **loko i'a**. Hence it was called Loko Aka or Shadow Pond.

In the **kekahi ka 'ao** (other legend), the **mo'o wahine** was Waka, a **kupua** worshipped by many **ali'i wahine Hawai'i** (Hawaiian chiefess) in ancient Hawai'i. **'O keia ka 'ao** (This legend) tells of Waka and Pele fighting for the attentions of Puna. Pele wins out and chases Waka down the mountainside to finish her off before Waka could reach the sanctuary of the sea. The chase was neck and neck with Pele slowly gaining on Waka. Waka was not sure she could make it to the sea when she saw this large pond. She dove into pond and saved herself. Some **na kupuna** (elders), many years ago, said that there was a cave that connected **ka loko** with the ocean. This is how Waka was able to escape Pele. **Na kupuna** called **i keia loko** (this pond) 'O Loko Waka (Waka's Pond) in commemoration of this escape of Waka from Pele.

Even to this day, many Hawaiians have a healthy respect for the little **na mo'o** (lizards; etc. geckos and skinks) that sun themselves on rocks and branches, or attach themselves to the outside of window screens or the walls of houses to feed on the insects attracted by the light. There is an old Hawaiian saying, **"Mai kolohe I ka mo'o lele I ka pali"**, (Do not bother lizards or you will fall off a cliff). Which is **na kupuna** way of saying not to bother the lizards or someday it will cause a madness that will make you leap off a cliff.

## 'O KULANAKAUHALE O HILO (HILO TOWN)

Did you know that the City of Hilo is one of the oldest towns in the United States. The other old towns in the United States are the very few that originated when some American Indians settled down to an agricultural way of life and survived the intrusion by white men.

Though archeologist are unsure of when Hilo became a cluster of **na hale** (homes) forming a **kulanakauhale** (settlement or town), most of them estimate that it may have been about a thousand years ago. Most of the information, leading to this conclusion, came from the many chants and legends that referred to Hilo as being a principal place, where people desire to live. Artifacts, except those made of stone, deteriorated in the lush tropical climate of Hilo and have not been available for archeological

study, thus the archeologist has had to depend on ancient chants.

The first Polynesian immigrants to the islands found the soft black beach sands of this large bay and the safe smooth waters of the estuaries of the **Wailuku** and **Wailoa** rivers, that flowed into the bay, ideal for landing and or mooring their small and large canoes. Also, the area almost never wanted for rain, which together with the easily tilled soil of Hilo. produced all the good things to eat in abundance. Hilo became famous for it's **kalo** (taro), both wet-land and dry-land.

The people of ancient Hilo were said to be fond of eating cooked **lua'au**, the young taro tops. Often the frequent Hilo rain storms made it impossible to obtain fish from either the rivers or the sea and the people had to be satisfied with **lua'au**.

In the early days of **ke kulanakauhale o Hilo**, there were actually two **na kulanakaulana** (towns) that were part of what is now Hilo. One was on the peninsula, located on the east side of the mouth of the **Wailoa** River and extending into what is known as Hilo Bay. This **ke kulanakaulana** was called Waiakea and the other clustered around the banks of the mouth of the **Wailuku** River, the area known today as **Pu'u'eo** and **Kaipalaoa**.

The area between the two **na kulanakaulana** was a swampy region in ancient times, ideal for the growing of wet-land **kalo**. The trail that led from **Waiakea** to **Hilo** proper was often immersed and impassible during rainy periods, A person had to take a detour trail, far inland, along the edge of the swamp. Even this detour, however, was often lost in the heavy rains and a traveler had to pick his own way. This part of the trail was called "**kino 'ole**" (without body) since there was no permanent way. Today, **Kino'ole** Avenue extends along part of this old trail into **ke Kulanakaulana o Hilo**.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, the Wailama Canal was inserted to connect the mouth of the '**Alenaio** Stream with the **Wailoa** River. The swampy area between the two towns was then drained to facilitate the building of a railroad, which needed a firm foundation, along the shore. The built-up land, recovered from the old swamp, was sold for small homesites and little shops to plantation contract laborers who had completed their contracts. Together, these events made the town continuous. It also began the erosion of Hilo's beautiful black sand beach.

The tsunamis of 1946 and 1960 destroyed most of the buildings, built on the built-up swamp lands, and today, most of this land has been turned into a shoreline park. The beneficiary of this movement has been Hilo's beautiful black sand beach which is slowly returning.

In the nineteenth and early twentieth century, the deeper channel of the Wailuku River, off **Kaipalaoa**, offered better mooring for the larger sailing ships and steamers. This gave Hilo economic domination over **Waiakea** which she soon adsorbed as a suburb. Another reason that the early Hawaiians were drawn to Hilo was its' excellent surfing. From **Pu'u'eo** to **Waiakea**, in Hilo Bay, there were at least eight different surf breakers that we know of today. In ancient times Hilo was noted in chants and legends as a premier surfing area. Kamehameha the First often came to surf at **Kaipalaoa**, which was said to be his favorite surfing area. The surf **Kaipalaoa** is located off the mouth of the **Wailuku** River. **Kaipalaoa** is at the foot of what is now Waianuenue Street. As late as the nineteen forties, there were many **na kupuna** (grandfolks), who remembered the days when the "surf was up" and the black sand of Hilo beach was "red" with people. People who were there, with their surf boards, taking the day off, for a day of surfing. The people, who lived in the up-lands, would hear the shouting, of the people, on the beach, pack their lunch and ride or hike down to the beach, with their surf boards, to participate in the festivities.

In the early nineteen twenties, a breakwater was erected on the reef outside of Hilo Bay, to both protect Hilo's business buildings from the ravages of high waves, generated by stormy seas, and to develop a deep sea port to accommodate the larger shipping vessels arriving in Hilo. However, this breakwater also destroyed all the famous surf breakers of Hilo Bay. Today, great surfing in Hilo is just a memory.

It is thought that Hilo was named, by the first Polynesian immigrants to Hawai'i, for the famous Polynesian navigator of that name. The word "Hilo" also refers to the first night of the new moon, in the Hawaiian lunar calendar. Other meanings of the word "hilo" includes to twist or to braid. The word also describes a faint streak of light.

**Ke kulanakauhale o Hilo** (Hilo Town) is divided into three sections. One section called **Hilo-Hanakahi**, named for Hanakahi, a famous ancient chief, extended from **Waiakea** inland toward **Ke-au-kaha**. The black sand section, in turn, was called **Hilo-one** (Sand Hilo). The third section, **Hilo-pali-ku** (Hilo of the up-right cliffs) is located across the **Wailuku** River.

## 'O PALAHEMO O KA'U

At Ka Lae (South Point) in the district of Kaa'u on the Big Island of Hawai'i, there is a deep cave with a deep pool, called Palahemo, with interesting properties.

The pool is a mixture of salt water and fresh water. The salt water lies in a layer under the fresh water. Any disturbance, such throwing a heavy object into the pool would reverse the layers of water. The layer of salt water would rise to the top while the fresh water would slip to the bottom.

Chants and songs of old Hawai'i tell of its fame.