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1ST ANNUAL  
KAPOLEI  
PRINCE KŪHIŌ  
HO'OLAULE'A

You are invited to join us at the 1st Annual Kapolei Prince Kūhiō Ho'olaule'a. To celebrate the life and achievements of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole.

SATURDAY, MAR 9, 2013  
8AM - 3PM

- Imu Workshop Friday evening (Mar. 8) at the Prince Kūhiō Community Center (Hawai'i Maoli).
- Local entertainment.
- Food Booths.
- Vendor Booths.
- Hawaiian craft demonstrations (including makahiki games).
- On site health screenings for diabetes and high blood pressure will be available.
- Honolulu Community Policing will be there to do Keiki IDs.
- Open to the public 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Event Parking at Department of Hawaiian Home Land's parking lot.
- Vendor booths are still available!

This event is brought to you by:

'Ahahui Siwila Hawai'i O Kapolei  
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Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Kamehameha Schools  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs  
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For more information call 291-0842 or 861-1874 (9 AM to 6 PM)

CALENDAR

March 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Malama 'Āina - Pu'u O Kapolei
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hawaiian Homes Commissioners Meeting – Hale Pono'i
March 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.	Hawaii Homes Commissioners Community Meeting – Kapolei High School Cafeteria
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	MRA Board Meeting
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Prince Kuhio Parade
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	MRA Board Meeting
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to File Federal Tax
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Community Meeting Dinner Meeting



2013 Annual Community Meeting

Preceded by a wonderful dinner of rice, sweet & sour pork spareribs, spaghetti salad, toss salad and desert, Malu‘ōhai Residents Association’s Annual Meeting was held Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Hale Pono'i.

Return of proxies and attendance of members fulfilled the necessary requirements to establish a quorum. A quorum being present; the meeting was called to order by President, Homelani Schaedel. The order of business was conducted in accordance with the Agenda provided in the Annual Meeting Notice. After reports; with no nominations received by mail, nominations were open to the floor. Kawika Kane nominated Homelani Schaedel who accepted the nomination. With no other nominations; Homelani Schaedel’s nomination was approved with Joy Wilson administering the Oath of Office.

Following adjournment of the business portion of the meeting were Community Presentations:

. **Hawaiian Community Development Board (HCDB)** is a non-profit established in 2000 whose mission is to support and promote housing, community, and economic development projects that benefit families living on homestead lands throughout the state.

President and CEO Kali Watson’s presentation generated interest and lots of questions about the Photovoltaic development project on DHHL lands at Kalaeloa and its’ proposed Community Benefits Package. In the interest of time, President Homelani Schaedel suggested Mr. Watson hold another meeting to include a larger audience of all Kapolei homesteads to continue dialogue on his project and its’ Community Benefits Package.

. **Senator Mike Gabbard** represents District 20 – Kapolei, Makakilo, and portions of Ewa, Kalaeloa and Waipahu. He Chairs the Energy and Environment Committee and serves on the; Judiciary and Labor, Technology and the Arts, Transportation and International Affairs Committees. Senator Gabbard is a strong advocate of smart use and protecting our natural resources. He will be focusing on the Renewable Energy Tax Credit to make sure tax credit for PV doesn’t impact the States’ finances while not crippling the solar industry or making it too expensive for homes and business to install PV. He has always been an supporter of GMO labeling and will continue to do so this session. Senator Gabbard invites the community to attend his “Talk Story” sessions, or to call his office for assistance or information at 586-6830 or e-mail: [sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov)

. **Representative Sharon Har** represents District 42 – Kapolei and portions of Makakilo. She is the Vice Chair on the Judiciary Committee and also serves on the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee. In spite of the changes in House leadership, and committees; Representative Har said she remains dedicated and committed to serving the people of her district with the same energy and enthusiasm as she has since 2006. Some of the issues she will be focusing on this session are Tax Credits, Smart Growth, Watershed Initiatives, Elections Commission, and General Excise Tax. Representative Har invites the community to attend her “Talk Story” sessions, or to call her office for assistance or information at 586-8500 or e-mail at: [rehar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rehar@capitol.hawaii.gov)

. **Kapolei Community Development Corporation (KCDC)** is the non-profit organization established to serve, enhance and promote the betterment and welfare for all existing and future homestead communities in the Ewa/Kapolei Region. Its’ board is comprised of volunteers from each of the three (3) homesteads in Kapolei.

President Shirley Swinney briefly explained the requirements and process which KCDC undertook to secure lands in Kapolei from DHHL for the direct benefit of area homesteads. Ho‘omaka (Commercial Project) consists of 4.9 acres at the corner of Kualaka‘i and Kapolei Parkway for development to help build and support the Heritage Center (Community Center Project) consisting of 22,650 sq. ft.

President Swinney introduced Dovie Borgess, a lessee in Malu‘ōhai and volunteer of the Focus Group who went through three (3) months of planning for the revised Heritage Center Design. Ms. Borgess felt participants input was valued and how the process helped participants stay on task from concept to completion of the design.

For information on KCDC please visit their website at <http://www.kapoleicdc.org/>

Opening Day at the Legislature

At the gracious invitation of Senator Mike Gabbard, Homelani Schaedel on behalf of Malu’ōhai Residents’ Association attended Opening Day Ceremonies on January 16, 2013.

Longtime entertainer Danny Kaleikini offered the invocation with a sprinkling of mele’s in his unique style and distinctive voice. The Gleeman Plus of Honolulu did a beautifully melodious rendition of the National Anthem followed by a moving Hawai’i Pono’i. The Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Hawai’i Supreme court administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

Senate President, Donna Mercado Kim’s message touched every aspect of government, urging her colleagues to work together. Her childhood beginnings and inspiration from Aunty Maiki Aiu whom she said “instilled in me the traditional Hawaiian core values of aloha, lokahi (harmony), kuleana (responsibility) and ha’a ha’a (humility). Through hula she taught me discipline, respect, hard work, and grace. These values are the foundation of our kupuna that has been handed down from generation to generation”... and is reflective of her leadership style.

Lone Republican and Senate Minority Leader, Sam Sloan was equally inspiring with his opening remark...“Thank God, this body will once again have daily prayer, because if ever there was a time elected officials should call on a higher authority for guidance, it is now”, he went on to say... "We, the People." That is the beginning of both the United States and Hawaii Constitutions and we need to remind ourselves, as elected officials, of the significance of these words. These are serious times requiring our best abilities and swift action”.

DHHL – Leadership Meeting

On Thursday, January 31, 2013 Homelani Schaedel attended a DHHL Leadership meeting. Chair designate Jobie Masagatani and DHHL staff presented a briefing on the Nelson Case and DHHL’s Budget.

The Hawaii State Constitution states that “The legislature shall make sufficient sums available for the following purposes: (1) development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots; (2) home, agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans, (3) rehabilitation projects to include, but not limited to, educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are thereby improved; (4) the administration and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian Home Lands; in furtherance of (1), (2), (3), and (4) herein, by appropriating the in the manner provided by law”.

On October 19, 2007 plaintiffs Richard Neslon III, Kaliko Chun, James Akiona, Sr., et. Al. filed a lawsuit against the State and the Hawaiian Home Commission (HHC) claiming that the State violated its constitutional duty to sufficiently fund the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

On May 9, 2012 the Hawaii Supreme Court affirmed that it could determine what is “sufficient sums” for DHHL’s administrative and operating expenses to carry out the purpose of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. This part of the case is still ongoing and still needs to be judicially determined. However, the Supreme Court also determined that sufficient sums for the following purposes: (1) lots, (2) loans, and (3) programs are political in nature and could not be judicially determined.

Based on advice from HHC attorneys in this case, the HHC and Director of DHHL has a fiduciary responsibility to ask for the amounts the Commission considers “sufficient” to accomplish the four purposes outlined in the constitution. While DHHL can ask for sufficient sums, it is still up to the legislature to appropriate these resources.

The DHHL Budget is included in the Governor’s Executive Budget which is prepared by the Department of Budget and Finance. On December 17, 2012 the Governor submitted the Executive Budget to the legislature that included a request of \$ 14.68 million for DHHL which is three (3) times higher than the largest appropriation the department has ever received.

DHHL’s Budget Request – This is the amount the HHC and DHHL considers is required to operate sufficiently:

Fiscal Year	(1) Lot Development	(2) Loans	(3) Rehabilitation Projects	(4) Admin/Operations	TOTAL
2014	71.58 M	72.91 M	12.58 M	43.03 M	200.1 M
2015	95.72 M	107.16 M	12.58 M	75.1 M	290.56 M

The Legislature must determine how much to allocate to DHHL. Chair designate Masagatani has testified before the House Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to explain the impact of the Nelson Case and the budget request. The final decision will be made before the legislature adjourns in May.

Confirmation Hearing

In MRA’s last newsletter publication; a Letter of Support for Chair designate Jobie Masagatani approved by the board was provided for community review and feedback. One community member’s concerns were addressed satisfactorily.

On February 6, 2013, Homelani Schaedel attended the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs Confirmation Hearing for Chair designate Jobie Masagatani. The hearing was moved to the auditorium to accommodate the large crowd.

Governor Abercrombie was the first to testify in support. After his testimony, Committee Chair Brickwood Galuteria informed the public that due to the overwhelming number of testimonies and in the interest of time, he asked if testifiers would affirm their position by “standing on their testimony” when he read their name. After reading several pages of names, he stopped to inform the public his office received an overwhelming number of testimonies in support. He then invited those in opposition to come forward to present their testimony, of which there were twelve (12) present, followed by testimonies from several supporters. Ms. Masagatani provided her comments , followed by questions from committee members with the committee voting in favor of the confirmation.

It was later reported, over 800 letters of testimony from individuals, various state and city agencies, organizations, homestead associations, and businesses; and almost as many signatures on petitions from homesteads on the outer islands were submitted in support of the confirmation.

The full Senate floor vote to confirm Jobie Masagatani as Chair of the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is scheduled for Friday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Hawaiian Homes Commissioners Meetings

During the year six (6) meetings are held at Hale Pono’i and six (6) are held on the outer islands.

President Homelani Schaedel finds attending these meetings are an important part of serving our community. Over time she has gain a greater understanding of the decision making process by the commission on important issues, i.e. land and water use, energy projects, homestead organization commercial and community projects, funding and grants, etc.

HHC agendas are usually received 5 calendar days before each meeting. Unfortunately, requests for submittals by department staff on agenda items are often received less than 2 days before the meeting or not at all. With critical issues, this process limits the time and opportunity for review, research and consultation with our board to determine a position of support or opposition, and to prepare testimony. When this happens, President Schaedel may confer with community members for feedback, refer to past or present practice of the HHC and DHHL staff, identify impact and effect, if and how approval of an agenda item would serve in the best interest of the trust and all beneficiaries. Through this process, she determines if she will present her herself and testimony to the commission as an individual or on behalf of MRA.

When beneficiary consultation is absent and transparency is limited, many critical issues may go unnoticed if not for those who are maka’ala (watchful). President Schaedel is aware of her kuleana to our community; is respectful and grateful for your confidence and support as she continues to serve our community.

Hawaiian Homes Commission – Community Meeting

The Hawaiian Homes Commission will hold their annual community meeting at Kapolei High School cafeteria on **Monday, March 18, 2013, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

We encourage you to come meet and speak with the commissioners, department staff, and other homesteaders as we share our ho’okipa and aloha. KCDC (Kapolei Community Development Corporation) Malu’ōhai, Kaupe’a and Kanehili invites the community for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Chair designate Jobie Masagatani along with DHHL staff will provide commission and department updates. KCDC and Kapolei homestead associations will be sharing information on their projects and communities. **We look forward to seeing you!**

Prince Kuhio Parade



The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs will once again host the annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana’ole Pi’ikoi Commemorative Parade in Waikiki on ***Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.***

E hele mai kakou! Come join us as we march with DHHL and other Hawaiian homestead associations to honor our benefactor and his legacy which he began over 100 years ago.

KCDC is coordinating Malu’ōhai, Kaupe’a and Kanehili participation and will be sponsoring bus transportation, lunch and a drink.

DHHL has offered seats on their trolley for keiki and kupuna, and will make their T-shirts available for us to purchase.

Malu’ōhai will be passing out candy with information on Prince Kuhio and why we celebrate his legacy. Volunteers are needed to help decorate the trolley with pre-assembled decorations when we arrive in Waikiki and to carry island banners with the names of homestead associations statewide.

Parade rules require participants to wear covered shoes, please...no sandals or slippers. Attire for the parade are dark colored walking shorts and the DHHL t-shirts which will be provided to Malu’ōhai participants at no cost. Wearing a hat is optional.

**The bus will meet us at Owakalena and Koanimakani Streets on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. and will depart promptly at 7:15 a.m. to pick up other participants in Kaupe’a and Kanehili.**

Please call Homelani Schaedel at 520-2267 to reserve your bus seat, lunch/drink, and to provide your t-shirt size before **March 20, 2013.**