

Welcome everyone to the Hui 'O Hawaii'i of Yuma's newsletter!

Pelekikena's Message.....

Aloha, Kakou!

Pehea 'oe? Hope that everyone is doing maika'i. Much has happened since our last newsletter and what excitement it caused for the Hui. The article in The Sun stirred a lot of interest in the Hui. At our last membership meeting we had at least six new faces. We hope that this means that our family is growing.

Mahalo to everyone that turned out to support the Hui in our first Relay for Life. We were well represented and everyone got into the "Aloha Spirit". Our chicken plate was a hit and we met our pledged goal and then some. My heart smiles when we work together for a common goal. (E ho'olaulima)

During our summer months the Hui would like to offer our club members some workshop in Hawaiiiana. Though we are far from our island roots passing on to our children the people that they come from. In each and everyone we carry the islands in our hearts and talents. Now it is time to share it with others.

We hope that this summer everyone gets to share some aloha with their families. MALAMA PONO...

A hui hou Iris Heick - Hui O Hawaii President

TIMETABLE

Much has happened with Hui 'O Hawaii since the last News Letter. The Club has been on a pretty fast pace and the fact that Brahdah Bill's computer went on the blink didn't help matters. So at any time during this newsletter you might think things are in the order they happened, that is not true. But we will try to cover the past events the Club has been through. So here we go, follow me and we will take a ride to Hui 'o Hawaii Land!

After a Great Christmas Concert at The Yuma Palms Shopping Center Hui 'O Hawaii was buzzing! The members of our club came together and gave the people of Yuma a Mele Kalikimaka that was the best Christmas concert the club has had. So a big Mahalo goes out to everyone in the performance and outside the performance you all did a wonderful job. So, right after that it was time for our 3rd Annual Scholarship Dinner Luau. Everyone was excited and looking forward to the best dinner and show ever. But wait! We were invited to perform for the Contractors Association at the prestigious Yuma Golf and County Club. This was an honor! We had a fun time there and we all left feeling a little like Hollywood Stars. Well, now it's time to get down to the grind. The Luau was three weeks away and there was lots to do. Everyone really came together and Hui 'O Hawaii put on the best Luau Dinner and Show ever. The list of thank you's is very long. Hui 'O Hawaii could not even come close to putting on a production like this if it were not for everyone's participation in the club. It is these times when everyone comes together to help in any way to allow the event to happen to the best of our capability. So, I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who gets involved with Hui O Hawaii and makes our club the best it can be! Of course we all know who the crazies are that are always putting the Oooohh in Hui O Hawaii. Right Auntie Cathy?!

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PHRASE OF THE DAY:

E hele kākou

MEANING:

"let's go!"

Learn Chinese in 5 Minutes

- * That's not right Sum Ting Wong
- * Are you harboring a fugitive?... Hu Yu Hai Ding
- * See me ASAP..... Kum Hia Nao
- * Stupid Man Dum Fut
- * Small Horse Tai Ni Po Ni
- * Did you go to the beach? Wai Yu So Tan
- * I bumped into a coffee table ... Ai Bang Mai Ni
- * I think you need a face lift Chin Tu Fat
- * It's very dark in here..... Wao So Dim
- * I thought you were on a diet? ...Wai Yu Mun Ching?
- * This is a tow away zone No Pah King
- * Our meeting is scheduled for next week Wai Yu Kum Nao?
- * Staying out of sig..... Lei Ying Lo
- * He's cleaning his automobile ... Wa Shing Ka
- * Your body odor is offensive Yu Stin Ki Pu



Do the Hula

Aloha.....

Long time no see!!!! We have ha couple of small kine performances these past months.

We do have something next month. Headed to the Welburn Gourd Farm in Fallbrook, CA for a day trip on June 12th (4 hours each way). Gonna check out the gourds and get some so everyone can clean out their own ipu for dancing. The gourd cleaning is gonna be June 19th as part of our Hawaiian Cultural Workshop.

Practice Schedule is erratic at best right now. As soon as anything definite starts happening I'll let everyone know. I know we have some new people, so now would be a good time to teach the songs we already know.

If any of the club members are interested in dancing, please call me at 581-4458 or email me at hawainmom@aol.com.

Aloha

Auntie Cathy AhYo

(cont'd from "Timetable")

After the Luau the Hui hosted a Genealogy workshop. It was held at Post Auditorium, which was available last minute thanks to Liane Martinez. The Genealogy workshop was given by Irma O'Toole. She was great! And helped everyone get a little closer to their ancestors. Mahalo again to Irma O'Toole for sharing some of her genealogy knowledge. Please come back again. Next, The Hui was ready to be lead by our Team Captain, Lynsey Okamura, in the Annual American Cancer Societies "Relay For Life", to be held at the Desert Sun Stadium. Lynsey's team set their fundraising goal at \$1000, being the first time that Team Captain Lynsey Okamura and her Hui O Hawaii Club participated in this great event. A little scaptical at first, wondering if they were going to reach their goal, Lynsey's Team rose to the occasion and was able to raise \$1800 in total pledges and sales from the great teriyaki plates being sold. The Hui would like to thank Lynsey and all the Hui members, especially Brad Hoops and Ikika Okamura for proudly representing the Hui at the Drag Queen Contest. Brad was our beautiful queen escorted by King Ikika to the stage. They did an outstanding job. Big mahalo also goes out to Brian Van Winkle for doing a great job with the BBQ. So, the Hui's first "Relay for Life" was a big success. We hope we see you all their again next year, right Lynsey?! We also had a representative from the Yuma Sun newspaper come and interview Team Captain Lynsey Okamura and Club President Iris Heick. The feature came out in the paper the following week and was really nice to see our club in the paper promoting the Hui's community service. Next the Hui put on a beautiful performance for all the ohana at Emerald Springs Home. It was a short program but it got everyone in the aloha spirit. After that the Hui was invited to Sun Vista Resort to show the Aloha spirit to "The Good Neighbors" who are a group in Yuma thst welcome people to Yuma, They really enjoy our aloha. Mahalo to all our dancers and performers. You always do a great job!

The Road to Hawaii

A man was walking along the beach and found a bottle. He looked around and didn't see anyone so he opened it.

A genie appeared and thanked the man for letting him out. The genie said, "For your kindness I will grant you one wish, but only one."

The man thought for a minute and said, "I have always wanted to go to Hawaii but have never been able to because I'm afraid of flying and ships make me claustrophobic and ill. So I wish for a road to be built from here to Hawaii."

The genie thought for a few minutes and said, "No, I don't think I can do that. Just think of all the work involved with the pilings needed to hold up the highway and how deep they would have to be to reach the bottom of the ocean. Think of all the pavement that would be needed. No, that is just too much to ask."

The man thought for a minute and then told the genie, "There is one other thing that I have always wanted. I would like to be able to understand women. What makes them laugh and cry, why are they temperamental, why are they so difficult to get along with? Basically, what makes them tick?"

The genie considered for a few minutes and said, "So, do you want two lanes or four?"



La Hanau

BIRTHDAYS

<u>MAY</u>	3	BreeAnna Tollestrup
	9	Kekai Aulds
	12	Joyce Namahoe
	23	John Schofield
	30	Sita Leyva
	30	Cathy AhYo

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MUSICIAN'S NOTE



Surf, oohs, oohs, surf! Opihi man grab your bag and run! Hawaiian Sup'a Man! The Club is looking for someone to help with the sound PA System. Please contact me if you are interested in setting up, taking down and running the sound.

For more music info email Brahdah Bill at musicanytime@gmail.com. Mahalo.

Uncle Bill Heick



Calendar of Events

June 12 Go to Gourd Farm in CA
June 19 Gourd Cleaning
June 26 Cultural Workshop Day at Yuma Civic Center

General Membership Meetings 1-5 PM



Hui 'O Hawai'i of Yuma was organized in 2006 as a non-profit, social club for Hawaiians and all others interested in Hawaii. The Hui seeks to continually promote the Hawaiian culture and provide social activities in the "Spirit of Aloha" (Spirit of Love).



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LUAU REPORT

For those who were not able to make it to our Scholarship Fundraiser Luau this year....you gotta come next year!! The food was AWESOME and the entertainment...what can I say! The dancers & musicians did a great job and everyone enjoyed themselves.

*We were able to bring in about \$5500, and are giving out 4 Post Hgh School scholarships, and 1 Youth Scholarship. Mahalo to everyone who helped in any way for this event. Looking forward to next year's luau
February 26, 2011
Yuma Civic Center
See yu there!!*

2010 Hui 'O Hawaii Of Yuma Scholarship Fundraiser Luau Recipients

*George Yanez -Attending - University of Arizona/College of Medicine
Karen Peralta - Attending - University of Arizona
Rosa I Baez - Attending - ASU at Polytechnic
Samantha Chambless - Attending University of Arizona Honors College*

Remembering Uncle Ed!

The Hui lost someone very special in April. Uncle Ed Namahoe passed away suddenly from a heart attack, and the Hui gathered around Auntie Joyce to help her and her family get thru a very rough time. We were blessed to have been asked to plan his funeral service, and I can honestly say we had fun! It was truly a celebration of Ed's life!

Aloha, Uncle...you are always in our hearts and we will miss you very much!



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