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Calendar & Upcoming Events

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- 10 - Hui Lima Club Meeting & Kanikapila
- 11 - King Kamehameha Day
- 14 - Flag Day 🇺🇸
- 18 - Father's Day 🍷
- 21 - First Day of Summer 😎

Hui Lima Meeting Location

Club House of the Bonaventure
10949 Telegraph Road
Ventura, CA 93004

[Next Meeting: Saturday, June 10th, 11a-1p](#)

Aloha kākou! Our next Hui meeting is back to our normal schedule. This month, we are going to celebrate Father's Day, Lā Makuakāne! **President Darrin Ching** will be making BBQ Tri-tip, and the rest of us can bring accompanying sides or desserts.

After our potluck, we will have a kanikapila (jam session). Bring your ukulele, guitars, and any other musical instruments and let's enjoy ourselves! Singing and hula dancing are encouraged, so email your songs you would like to lead and/or share to **Mike Nakamura** (monakamura@aol.com).

Last month, we had a hula performance for the Bonaventure featuring Hālau Hula O Pualanina`auali`ioha. We hope you enjoyed it! As one of the performers, I can tell you we all truly had a great time! It's always a delight to see familiar faces in the audience. This is a message from our Kumu Hula, Rona Koe: *"It's so nice to be connected with the warm hearts of the Hui. Mahalo for having us, and we look forward to gathering again one day. Me ke aloha pumehana (warmest aloha)."*

King Kamehameha Day

June 11th is King Kamehameha Day, to honor King Kamehameha I, also known as Kamehameha The Great. On December 22, 1871, by royal decree, King Kamehameha V proclaimed this national holiday to honor and celebrate his grandfather. The theme for the 2023 celebrations is "E ala e nā kini o ka `āina!" meaning 'Arise all people of the land!'

Interestingly, the people originally wanted to commemorate the legacy of Kamehameha V (Lot Kapūaiwa) on his December 11th birthday, but his humble nature led him to redirect the honor to King Kamehameha I. He moved the holiday as far away as possible from his own birthday, hence the June 11th date. In 1872, the first Kamehameha Day holiday was celebrated.

King Kamehameha I is remembered as the great unifier of the Hawaiian Islands, and of course, the first king of all of the islands. Prior to his reign, there was a lot of turmoil and fighting among chiefs. Kamehameha trained with his uncle King Kalani`opu`u to be a warrior and proved himself well. It probably helped that Kamehameha stood over 7' tall! By 1810, he was King of all of the islands of Hawai`i. Kamehameha's acquisition of all the Hawaiian Islands was not without violence or bloodshed, but the islands finally did enjoy peace under his rule. His reign is considered significant not only because of the difficulty in unifying separate islands, but because it may have prevented the islands being conquered piecemeal by foreigners. He was figured to have been born in North Kohala between 1753 and 1761, some estimates say November 1758. He passed away in May 1819.

Today, there are four statues that commemorate King Kamehameha I. The original statue is in North Kohala near Kamehameha's birthplace at Kapa`au; the second one is across from `Iolani Palace; the third one was dedicated in 1969 and resides in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall where statues of historical figures from all 50 states are displayed. The fourth and final statue is in Hilo, which was King Kamehameha's first seat of government. It was dedicated in 1997 at Wailoa State Park.

Like many celebrations on the islands, King Kamehameha Day is filled with parades and festivities. There are floral parades, ho`olaule`a (celebration, festival), king's galas, pā`ū riders parade (women with long, beautiful skirts or dresses riding horseback), and more! There are also lei draping ceremonies, often 30'-40' long plumeria leis placed on the arms of the King Kamehameha statues. In Honolulu, dedicated volunteers of the Hawaiian Civic Society `Ahahui Ka`ahumanu begin stringing the fragrant plumeria lei in the morning until the 3 p.m. ceremony. The Honolulu Fire Department then assists in draping the lei over the 18' statue.

There are SO many more details on the history and legends of King Kamehameha I; it was difficult to capture it all here. But perhaps someday a volunteer from our Hui would like to feature him in a presentation and give a richer explanation of his legacy. 😊





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Foodland Turns 75! - The History of the Local Hawaiian Grocery Chain



Hawaiian grocery chain Foodland is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year! It's considered the largest locally owned grocery chain in Hawai'i, with 31 stores under the Foodland, Foodland Farms, and Sack N Save store names across four islands.

The founder of Foodland was actually an immigrant from Ireland, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan. After first arriving in Pennsylvania, he then enlisted in the Air Corps and was stationed at Hickam AFB Hawai'i in 1942 during the early days of WWII. He became a commissary buyer for the officer's mess hall. With his purchasing trips around the island, he met and befriended the Lau family in Kailua. Shoo She Pang "Mama" Lau, and her daughter, Joanna operated The Lanikai Store. Joanna was a McKinley HS graduate, and had enrolled at U of H, but then decided to leave university to help her mother with the store.

Eventually, Sully would go work at the store on his days off to help them out as well. After the war, the Lau family asked Sully to help run their business.

Sully was a keen businessman and helped reorganize the business of the Lanikai Store. With the Lau Family, he opened the first Foodland in 1948 at Market City in Honolulu. It was Joanna Lau who had suggested the store's name, "Foodland Super Market." Side note: Sully and Joanna would marry on Valentine's Day in 1958.

Although super markets had been around the islands since the late 1920s, Foodland was the first *modern* supermarket of Hawai'i. The chain quickly expanded around Kailua/O'ahu, and then from 1967 to 1971, it branched out to Kaua'i, Maui, and then Big Island.

For their 75th Anniversary, Foodland is celebrating with limited edition items in their stores. They're also collaborating with other big-name brands like Sun Noodle, Diamond Bakery, Lion Coffee, etc. as well as local artists for anniversary-exclusive products and merchandise. Foodland is also supporting six Hawaiian non-profit organizations: Hawai'i Rotary Youth Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawai'i, Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i, Lanakila Pacific Meals on Wheels, American Red Cross of Hawai'i, and the Hawai'i Food Bank. Hau'oli lā Makahiki - Happy Anniversary, Foodland! Mahalo for being a big part of the local community.

HAU'OLI LĀ HĀNAU

to our Iune birthdays:

Carolyn Tabor
Kay Nakamura
Ron Wong

Have a wonderful birthday and enjoy your celebrations!



A big

E Komo Mai -

Welcome to our newest member,

Lianne Frame!



We look forward to getting to know you and are so happy you joined us!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



To all the fathers and paternal figures in our lives, we wish you a fun day and thank you for everything you do and everything you are!

👍 Hau'oli lā Makuakāne! 👍

Hope to see you at our next meeting, Saturday, June 10th, 11a-1p!

Comments, Corrections, Questions, Suggestions? Feel free to reach out and let me know if you have suggestions for future newsletters, or corrections / comments on previous ones. Leah Kammeyer, LKammeyer@gmail.com, (805) 469-9230