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Blessings of this Holiday Season!

DECEMBER CALENDAR...

- 3 Ko'olaupoko Anniversary/Scholarship Banquet (see article below)
- 11 **HCCH Christmas Party** (*see article below*)
- 11 Ali'i Sunday – King Kamehameha V – 8:15am Kawaiahao
- 18 Ali'i Sunday - Bernice Pauahi Bishop – 8:15am Kawaiahao
- 19 Founder Day – Kamehameha Schools
- 25 Merry Christmas!

JANUARY 2006

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 7 **Choir Barbecue Rehearsal**-at Naone residence in Kailua, 605 Alihi Place, Phone: 261-2952.
- 14 **Tentative** New Board Transition/Planning meeting. TBA



HCCH

Christmas Party-DECEMBER 11TH, 2005

98-1652 Kiawe Street (Above Newton Driving Range)

Aiea, Hawaii 96701, Phone: 488-2051 from 10:30am - ???

Home of: Leatrice M. Kauahi, Dorothy and John Williams

Special Instructions: wear some "red" on your body; games; and singing will be part of the day; bring a stuffed animal for the children of family court.

COST: \$10.00 Per Member/Associate and Guest; children under 10 FREE!

BYOB (Bring your own bottle)

mimosa will be served along with juice, water, soft drinks, coffee

MENU: Steak, Chicken, Ham, Salads, Rice, Deserts

RSVP: Call: Dorothy or John Williams, Phone: 488-2051. Please provide names of those attending or number of people.

CONVENTION NEWS:

Mahalo to all of the delegates and alternates for serving at the AHCC convention. Kudos to the HCCH Choir who placed second in the Aha Mele competition. Expense receipts should be submitted as soon as possible for reimbursements. There are still some outstanding uniform shirts to be finalized.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Louise Gerboc** and **Tomi Chong** recipients of the Oahu Council's Helen C. Kane Award presented to the most outstanding HCC members.

2006 Convention will be hosted here in Honolulu and **2007** will be hosted in **ALASKA! More details to follow.**

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS will be conducted by **Lucia Davis and Roberta Oneha** at the Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 11 at **Leatrice Kauahi's** home. "Nominations will be accepted that day "from the floor" for all Board and Director positions. Installation ceremonies will be scheduled in January 2006, TBA.

"ALOHA AND MAHALO" to the outgoing Board and Directors for volunteering your service for the benefit of all HCCH members. Anita Naone, President; Leatrice Kauahi, Vice President; Maylene Enoka, Recording Secretary; Maxine Shea, Corresponding Secretary; Jesse EE Lono, Treasurer; Momi Khan, Past President; and our Board of Directors Clement Enoka; Momi Jones, Ulu Parker, Tina Haight, and Louise Gerboc. MAHALO AGAIN FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

NAKE'U BAKE SALES TOPS!!!!

The Club's November Baked Sale Fundraiser at Nake'u Awai's Christmas Faire was a smashing success. While we are still receiving monetary donations, a more detailed article will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter. **BIG MAHALO to Momi Jones, Katherine Farm, Susan Malterre-Htun and Maxeen Shea** who held down the fort all day at the Ko'olau Ballrooms. **Special Mahalo to Pat Brandt, Ulu Parker and Marshal Bolson** who was able to share some time with us selling baked goods during the day. **The BIGGEST MAHALO to Mary Smith**, in true form as always, who donated a significant amount of baked goods (again) to support our sale. **The Club made a profit of \$1,631.00 to date for our general fund.**
Aloha, Momi Jones

HOLOKU BALL 2006

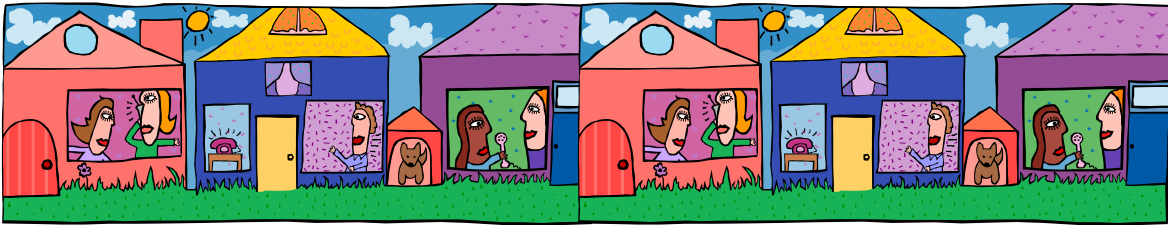
If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the Holoku Ball to please contact me at reynoldf@oha.org – I will have more information for the January newsletter. Mahalo!

CURRENT ISSUE: Save Waimea Valley at the North Shore of Oahu!

The Oahu Council is actively involved in keeping Waimea Valley in its natural state. On December 7, 2005 the City Council will be deciding the fate of some parcels of land in the valley. If anyone is interest in supporting the council and hearing the testimony, it starts at 2pm in the City Council Chambers.



Resource & Support for Permanency Families



Permanency Support Groups open to all
biological, Foster, Kinship, and Guardianship Parents

*Bring your questions and concerns! We'd love to hear from you.
Come and learn about resources that are available for your family.*

Date: Friday, December 2nd, 2005

Time: 5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Halawa District Park

(See map on back)

Guest Speaker: Bill Goble

Topic: Attachment Issues

❖ **Dinner will be served**

❖ **Childcare will be provided for children ages 3-12 only**
(space is limited - you must call to register for childcare)

Please RSVP at 521-9531, ext. 240 by

Wednesday, November 30th

(leave name, contact number and ages of children needing care)

*This event is made available to you as a collaborative effort by the Department of Human Services,
Foster Family Programs and Child and Family Service*

THE KOKUA 'OHANA PROJECT

HIGHLIGHTING THE GOOD WORKS FOR FOSTER KEIKI IN THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY

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A SOCIAL WORKER STRIVING TO MAKE CHANGE

Ever wondered about the people who work in the Child Welfare System? Who are they, and where do they come from? Ally Choy is an energetic person who sees the foster care system up close every day. She is a child welfare worker in Kapolei



and says, "It's easier to raise a child than change a man."

Ally is a mother of three and grandmother of two. She considers

receiving her degree in business from Leeward Community College one of her personal accomplishments. Having a supportive and loving family has always played a big role in every success she has attained. When you meet Choy, you quickly feel her compassion towards the less fortunate and a passion to help the community. Her enthusiasm is contagious, and it shows in the progress that she has made in gathering a community of churches in Nanakuli and Waiānae to come together to discuss the issue of foster care in their community. "The challenge we face today is picking up the pieces of identifying our past, our culture, our rightful heritage and mixing it with society today," says Ally. She even admits that through her personal experiences and observations that the past and our pride can hold us back from accomplishing what we can become. "Identify who you are, who your family is, and above all, have forgiveness and love," Ally shares. "Education comes after this has been accomplished. And without forgiveness and love, we will never be able to move on. Love covers a multitude of sins," she adds to encourage Hawaiians to further themselves.

Ally Choy is a wonderful example of a community member with the heart and drive that truly invests in our children and families. Lives are changed because of Ally's hard work and desire to make a difference. Mahalo to you!

BRINGING THE FACES OF FOSTER CARE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Did you know that a Heart Gallery is taking shape for Hawaii? Professional photographers, volunteers and business sponsors are joining together with DHS to find homes for children in foster care.

Photographs of foster/ adopt children bring out the spirit and individuality that is often invisible in the small photos that accompany a child's file when they enter into foster care. Professional photographers that volunteer their time and resources, take insightful and even humorous portraits which are displayed in museums and art galleries to raise awareness. Results of implementing a Heart Gallery have led to a nationwide doubling of the rate of adoption and foster care.



Foster and adopted youth who want to be photographed can contact their social worker for more information. One portrait will be given to the child and one will be used at a Heart Gallery Hawaii exhibit. To volunteer your services or to make a financial donation; please contact Heart Gallery Director, David Louis at (808) 523-1983

ARK OF SAFETY CHURCH TAKES A STAND ON FOSTER CARE

Ark of Safety Christian Fellowship Church has been the hub of community outreach in Waiānae for years. After attending Kokua Ohana's, "It Takes An 'Ohana" event at Kamehameha Schools, Pastor Jadeen Meyers and church member Sharlette Poe felt they were being called to bring this project into their church. Shar, whose mother was a foster parent and Jadeen, who recently adopted a little girl, have partnered with Kokua 'Ohana and the Department of Human Services to find healthy and loving homes for foster children in the Waiānae coast community. "There are many children in our very own community who need love, and most of all, a family that opens their hearts to them whole heartedly and will teach them that they were designed to be here on earth for a purpose," Meyers explains.

Their ministry is taking a holistic approach to serve foster keiki, foster families and at risk biological families. They want everyone involved in the child's life to benefit from what Ark of Safety can offer. "Since the goal in foster care is to reunite the child back with their parents, we want to include the biological family in healing through other ministries our church offers" shares Meyers. Ark of Safety has a youth group, a 12 step recovery group and marriage classes that all families are encouraged to join.

Ark of Safety is just one church that is stepping up to help our children, families and community. The values of sustaining and strengthening our community are clearly reflected in the Hui 'Ohana Ministry. The upcoming year of 2006 is looking promising for our families and our communities to rejuvenate our Hawaiian culture, Hawaiian values and our Hawaiian community's health. Mahalo to Pastor Jadeen and Sharlette for the loving work they do in Waiānae!



Above: The Meyer 'Ohana