



LAS VEGAS HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 2024
Kepakemapa (key-pa-key-ma-pa)
'Okakopa (oh-ka-ko-pa)



Maggie Perry
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Aloha LVHCC Members,

Hope you enjoy Volume 20 of our newsletter! In this issue we extended our usual deadline and are featuring highlights of the **2024 Ho'olaulea and pictures taking place on October 4-5!**

Other featured articles are as follows: One in particular is about **Rocky K. Jensen, Hawaiian Artist Memorandum**. It was a fascinating read and you can download the link to read the complete article. I created a photo collage of some of his works and pictures of him. Mahalo to our Historian Gail for sharing this information and also another one about **William Heath Davis, Jr. aka Kanaka Davis**. Pat has provided a great health article we can all aspire to!!

There is exciting news from our Secretary Doreen Vann to share below.

Welcoming new Corporate Members: **Hele Mai Production - Jarrett Calicdan/Brandon Lozano and also Daniel Sherer/Lance De Peralta of Kauzmo along with their messages.**

LVHCC would like to form a Keiki/Ōpio Group. Anyone Looking to create. Anyone wanting to **kokua** by joining a committee are welcome to contact LVHCC!

Added a Mahalo Page and also a 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Words/Phrase shared at our General Meetings.

Mahalo Nui to all the contributors in this newsletter!! "

E mālama pono!"

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LVHCC MEETINGS
Board: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month Virtual 7:00 PM
General Membership Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of Every Month In Person & Virtual 6:15 PM Pā'ina Potluck; 7:00 PM
Location: Kanaka Hekili MC Gym 5000 W. Oakey Blvd. D-21, Las Vegas
Next Meeting: November 19, 2024





MESSAGE FROM Kalani Heu, Pelekikena



Mahalo everyone for your continued efforts and support. Our 2024 Ho'olaule'a to Las Vegas for the first time in over 10 years!!! Excited for those who were able to attend considering all of the obstacles we faced putting on this event. We were able to come together as a hui and start anew with our 31st Ho'olaule'a and Pacific Island Festival since LVHCC was formed in 1989 36 years ago.

Las Vegas and especially downtown is a great platform for our future Ho'olaule'a celebrations!!!

We want to thank all of our guests who made it and to all of our vendors who stuck it out with us. We've learned and will continue to grow our Ho'olaule'a for next years celebration.

We want to shout out our valuable sponsors who made this event possible. Taverna Costera, Bounce Cruz, MC: Leppa Leps, First Friday Foundation, Zippy's Restaurant, Ranger Productions, and the City of Las Vegas and so many more!

Mahalo Nui to all who attended and for all of the community support!

LVHCC AWARDS RECOGNITION:

Rozita Lee

Hiro Kajiyama

Owen Wong

Liane Smith, Bishop Museum

Pat Filbert

Raymond Liu

Emory Nihipali

Anthony Bounce Cruz






**31st Annual Prince Kūhiō Ho'olaule'a
Pacific Island Festival SATURDAY, October 5,**

START TIME	END TIME	ACT Introduction	Contact Info
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	OPENING OF FESTIVAL	Emcee Kalepa Palepa DJ Goodvybe (Sunny) DJ Ikaika
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	WELCOME CEREMONY	Kalani Heu – President LVHCC
10:00 AM	10:45 AM	KA PA HULA O KE OLA NANI	Kanani Cadaos
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	NA PUA KEIKI HULA	Bridgette Ganigan
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	LVHCC	LVHCC PRESENTATION – KALANI HEU RECOGNITION AWARD RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GUEST IAN NISHII – KAWANANAKOA TRUST BISHOP MUSEUM LIANE SMITH DEE JAY MAILER – PRESIDENT JANET BULLARD – VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF MARKING



Las Vegas
Hawaiian Civic Club

		 Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club	
1:15 PM	1:50 PM	KAIO 'UKULELE	Lincoln Kaio
2:00 PM	2:40 PM	NA LEO O KA'LA	WILLIE SILIVA
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	OPEN KALEPA	AVAILABLE RAFFLE PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	KUTTURAN MARIANAS	CARLYNN KOMIYAMA
5:00 PM	5:45 PM	OPEN KALEPA	AVAILABLE RAFFLE PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT
6:00 PM	6:45 PM	ST1 REGGAE	Anthony Cruz
7:00 PM	7:45 PM	OPEN KALEPA	AVAILABLE RAFFLE PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT
8:00 PM	8:30 PM	MOKUA EWA	Junya
8:30 PM	9:00 PM		CLOSING CEREMONY HAWAII ALOHA – MELE ALL TO SING
			JESSE SOTO STAGE MANAGER FOR HO'OL- AULE'A ENTERTAINMENT STAGE COM- MITTEE CHAIR ANTHONY "BOUNCE" CRUZ LAS VEGAS HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB PRESIDENT KALANI HEU "Mahalo Nu Nui loa to everyone!"



***DON'T FORGET:
VOTING IS OUR
RIGHT,
PRIVILEGE AND
ALWAYS***

SHARING ALOHA!

Plaque from CeCe's son **Kamaehu Cullen as appreciation for sponsoring the football last year with an ad presented by Nicole Petri!!**



Exciting Announcement from *Doreen Hall Vann*



Reflection ~ After 20 years, I decided the time was right to finish up my college degree through an online campus. I have put it on hold, to see my children pursue their higher education goals. Now it's my TIME.

I am in my first semester of school and loving it. I reached out to our Associate Member of Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club, Grand Canyon University. Shawna Begay our University Development Counselor. The process for admission was simple and easy.

Being a Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club member you are qualified for a 10% discount off of your tuition. That means "Thousands of Dollars" in savings. **Check out our website on more educational partnerships we have for our members.** Mahalo GCU for my GCU Swag basket. Now let's hit those books. No excuses..

Go Grand Canyon University—see below for contact info.



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AANHPI VOICES IN THE DESERT

On **July 18, 2024** ASIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ACDC) hosted a diverse gathering of select representatives of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities to discuss the most pressing needs of the AANHPI community of Southern Nevada and Opportunities for Future Collaboration with the highest ranking Asian American women in the White House:

JULIE SU : Acting Secretary of Labor US Department of Labor

Hon. Su was appointed by President Biden to replace Labor Secretary Marty Walsh who left in March 2023 to assume the role of executive director for the National Hockey League Players' Association. Both of Ms. Su's parents were Chinese immigrants to the US.

NEERA TANDEN Director of the Domestic Policy Council. Senior Advisor to President Biden

NY Times 2023: *Ms. Tanden, who has been a fixture in Washington for more than two decades as an adviser to President Barack Obama and as the president of the Center for American Progress, will replace Susan Rice as Mr. Biden's top domestic policy adviser.* Neera Tanden drives the formulation and implementation the President's Domestic policies: economic mobility, racial equity to health care, immigration, affordable housing and education.

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE LEADERSHIP

Left to Right

US Rep. D-3 Suzie Lee

NV Assemblyman #8 Duy Nguyen

Hon. Julie SU Acting Secretary of Labor

White House DPC Neera Tanden

ACDC Host President Vida Lin

US Rep.D-4 Steven Horsford



VIP ROUNDTABLE PANEL Organized and hosted by ACDC, participants were welcomed to a fully authentic Thai, Filipino or Vietnamese bento plates. The meal included unlimited Boba coffee Drink! Over 50 participants mingled comfortably including staff members for US Rep Dina Titus, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Review Journal. Most excitement came from Jen Bamboa, ACDC Director of Community Development by having a Native Hawaiian community represented at the roundtable. No other Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander organization had responded to the call. I realized that the success of the Roundtable needed representation for its acronym AANHPI. There was HIGH expectation from the WH representatives that the Ninth Islanders would be present. I am glad we, LVHCC was present.

ROUNDTABLE TALKS

President Vida Lin warmly welcomed every participant but fully acknowledging that their presence was and will be impactful to the panel. Each face of diversity at the table may well represent 100+ members of their community. It is significant to think that there are 20 invited leaders who will be speaking for over 2000+ AANHPI community members. Impactful.

The discussion began with the VIP panel sharing their "story" being a part of the AANHPI class. Except for Rep. Suzie Lee, all were children of immigrant parents. Rep. Steven Horsford's mother was from Trinidad and a single mom. Having immigrant parents, exposed each and every one of them to racism, shunning with the experience of social inequality, navigating through cultural barriers and most of all fighting social isolation often imposed by their parents when they were young. As they shared their trials, they shared their successes. The successes were all based on being a child of an immigrant. It built courage; it built betterment in: multi-language, multi-culture, appreciation of a country that delivers opportunity; it built trust in a Country's promises.

The Roundtable continued to the community leaders at the table. Most of the leaders reiterated their experiences being children of immigrants which is where their communities' challenges continue to be: racism, social shunning, language barriers, housing discrimination, employment ceilings, low wage earning, access education. Although, the majority of the AA community are legal residents or citizens, there appears to be no distinction being made by the prominent communities at large, most especially with the current political rhetoric being made – *you look like an illegal immigrant!*

On behalf of LVHCC: With a brief narrative and bio, I explained to the Roundtable, I was fortunate as a Native Hawaiian, I did not have the surmounting challenges of the AA when I was growing up in Hawaii or in the transition of moving to the Continent. Hawaii at that time held a "destination" to the whole world. Everyone wanted to be Hawaiian. Racism was adjusted into "novelty". There was no immigration issue – Hawaiians had its own land. But the issues are different here today for Hawaiians in Southern Nevada:

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AANHPI VOICES IN THE DESERT: PART 2

Housing: Kupuna

We have quite a few kupuna who are a few steps away from being homeless. They have been living on the couches of relatives unable to afford housing. For the Kupuna due to small social security and no pensions unable to qualify for housing options: apartments, group home It becomes dire when relatives are forcing the kupuna to seek other housing because the financial and healthcare burden becomes overwhelming

Is there federal assistance for the kupuna or the 'Ohana supporting kupuna?

Healthcare for Kupuna: The large diaspora appeared 5 years ago and most recently with the Lahaina fires brought more to the Ninth Island. We know in our communities that our kupuna health and lives are in jeopardy. There are Federal dollars that can assist our kupuna who live across the continent but these dollars are geographically restrictive. Today more than 50% of Native Hawaiians have moved away from their homeland. There is consideration to address the geographic funding restriction and that the overseeing agency be allowed to include Native Hawaiians or Native Hawaiian Communities outside of the state of Hawai'i be allowable recipients of the funds. Rep. Suzie Lee and Rep Dina Titus (assistant) - both have approached me extremely interested in reviewing the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act and perhaps approach Senator Ed Case in a joint resolution to amend that NH outside of Hawaiian may become participants in the program.

Housing & Employment: For the Single Parents

They are also a few steps away from being homeless. 'Ohana support is limited due to housing space and additional adult and child expenses that would be brought into the home. These parents struggle with low paying jobs overwhelming child expenses. Their mental health is at risk for fear of losing their children to the "system".. Are there Federal Loans or programs that would support food and housing whereby the single parent would be able to seek job betterment programs?

AA relationships that Doreen had built and strengthened in DC were quick to ask of Doreen. I affirmed she was alive but "pa'ahana" like me. But, I assured the leaders that there will be more AANHPI participation by LVHCC in the future to come and that we LVHCC would like to embrace their communities into ours. Perhaps, the Ho'olaule'a may be a AANHPI community building moment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to represent LVHCC at a most opportune event.

'Owau no me ka ha'aha'a (I am humble)

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Aloha kāua!

As I mentioned at the last quarterly meeting in California, **Papa Ola Lōkahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board**, is embarking on a nationwide listening tour titled "He Alo a He Alo" to engage with Native Hawaiians living in Hawai'i and across the United States. The tour will visit every state, inviting participants to share their perspectives on what it means to be Hawaiian, how they have successfully maintained their cultural identity, and their challenges. This initiative aims to gather valuable insights and experiences to better understand and support Hawaiians in all communities throughout Hawai'i and the United States.

The conversation will take about two hours. We are seeking Native Hawaiian adults (18 years of age and older) to share their mana'o. To mahalo participants, they will receive a makana for their time and effort.

We hope that you or your club might be interested in being the point-of-contact for your community to help identify the date & time, locations to hold meetings (no more than 10-12 people) and will cover if there is a cost, give suggestion for food (we will purchase) and help distribute the flyers (we will make). There is a small POC fee that will provide you or the club.

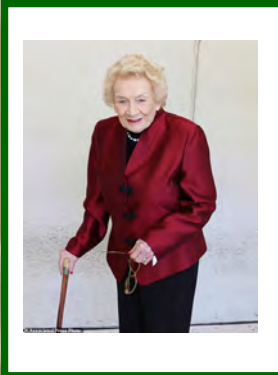


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FROM DOREEN HALL VANN



Aloha Mai Kakou,

LVHCC is proud to release our fifth scholarship through our education initiative. Presenting the Abigail Kawanānakoā Kupuna Kako'o Through the working collaboration with the Kawanānakoā Foundation on O'ahu, they will be graciously funding this scholarship. At this time LVHCC will be awarding 3 recipients of \$1,000 each for 2024-2026. The application was uploaded to our LVHCC website. Please check for eligibility and requirements. **Open Date is September 15, Close date is November 15, 2024 and Award date is December 15, 2024.**

LVHCC is honored and excited to continuously work with organizations from Hawai'i, and to expand the resources and assistance to our people in Las Vegas. The work can be tiresome, but it is so self gratifying to be able to support our Kanaka 'Oiwī here in Las Vegas and to have foundations like Kawanānakoā to assist our people on the continent and at home.

A brief history of Princess Abigail Kawanānakoā:

Throughout her life, Princess Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawanānakoā was a personal supporter of the preservation of Native Hawaiian language, culture, and arts. She believed in the importance of the ali'i, or Hawaiian nobility, in preserving Hawaiian culture and traditions.

In an interview with Honolulu Magazine in 2017, she stated, "We have a rich history, a rich culture, and a rich people. It's up to us to keep that alive, and it's up to us to instill it in our young people." She went on to say that the ali'i have a responsibility to help preserve Hawaiian culture and promote Hawaiian values.

Her philanthropy continues to this day.

Her Legacy — Her Royal Highness Princess Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawanānakoā (abigailkawanānakoā.org)

WEBSITE LINK: <https://www.lasvegashawaiiancivicclub.net/abigail-kawanānakoakupuna-kakoo-scholarship>

Mahalo for all of your support of LVHCC.

Doreen Hall Vann

Education Komike Chair

The Three Souls of Rocky Ka‘iouiokahihikolo‘Ehu Jensen: A Gentle Remembrance By Noelle M.K.Y. Kahanu

The summer of 1995 was an eventful one for the Hawaiian Community in San Diego as well as most of Southern California. The voyaging canoe Hōkūle‘a traveled to the west coast starting from San Francisco, to Los Angeles, then to San Diego. Several cultural events were scheduled around this event including a major art exhibit at the Museum of Man featuring Hawaiian artist Rocky Jensen and his Hale Naua III Kānaka Maoli group of artists.

I was involved with helping to curate the art exhibit, working with the museum, Rocky, his wife Lucia and daughter Natalie. I was saddened to learn recently of his passing and was reminded of the summer of 1995 and getting to know this talented, wonderful Hawaiian family.

Ka Ola for their July issue memorialized Rocky in a wonderful article, that does justice to his memory. [Here is the link to this article as it is much better than anything that I could have written:](#)

[The Three Souls of Rocky Ka‘iouiokahihikolo‘Ehu Jensen: A Gentle Remembrance - Ka Wai Ola](#)

<https://kawaiola.news/kaiaulu/hehoomanao/the-three-souls-of-rocky-kaouiokahihikoloehu-jensen-a-gentle-remembrance/>

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SEE



MORE PICTURES ON PAGE THAT FOLLOWS

PICTORIAL OF RENOWNED ARTIST Rocky Ka'iuoliokahihikolo'Ehu Jensen





**Patrick
Filbert
Hope
Pelekikena
'Elua**

Aloha kākou!

In Volume 19 of our last newsletter, I wrote about stress and genetics having effects on how you age. I also noted that learning about various health and wellness aspects could occur at our 4th Annual "Spring into Wellness" Health Expo that was—I emphasize was—to have occurred on 8 June. LVHCC had to postpone the event the day before (AUWE!!!) because of changes that occurred with the County permitting process that were not well publicized resulting in the potential for a substantial fine. Rather than add stress to the Club, **LVHCC opted to move the Health Expo to the wintertime, so we are developing a new theme with more details to follow**, and talking with the County to ensure timelines and new paperwork is completed correctly.

Now that that's out of the way...like fish? Ahi, Aku, 'Opelu, salmon, sardines, limu, flax seed? Ok, flax seed isn't a fish but it is high in Omega-3 fatty acids that are good for you; especially Kane. Why? Because the most common form of cancer in Kane in the Native Hawaiian ethnic group is prostate cancer. Native Hawaiian Kane are more likely to have an aggressive form of this cancer and that means setting up defenses. Genetics again: 20% of prostate cancer cases are genetic with most occurring in Kane over 65 years old.

But there's good news, yes, you guessed it, a healthy lifestyle may make a difference in not just fighting this cancer but preventing it; even if there is a genetic risk factor. So back to fish (and flax). Omega-3 fatty acids can lower chemicals and enzymes in Kane that cause cancer cell growth in the body. Natural chemicals called polyphenols occur in plants and fruits work to suppress prostate cancer cells so drinking green tea and eating red or purple grapes can slow, suppress, and even kill cancer cells. Fruits like tomatoes (yes, tomatoes are a fruit) can act like an antioxidant to protect cells from turning cancerous.

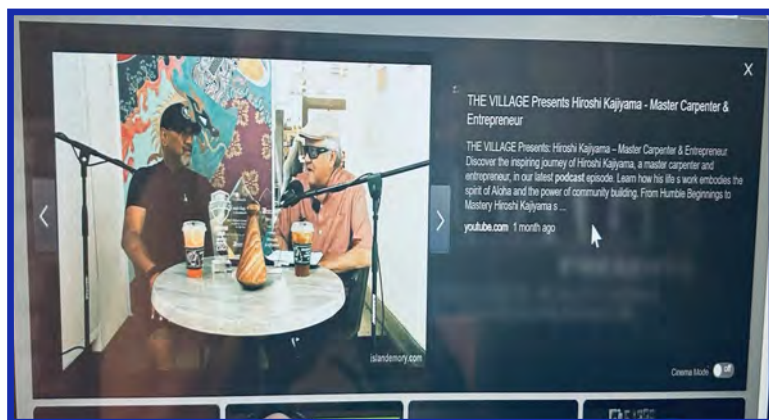
'Ōlena (turmeric) and soy (tofu, edamame, and soymilk) can help deactivate genes linked to cancer growth. Same same the minerals selenium and zinc found in fish, limu, soy, beans, and nuts (limit nuts as they are also high in Omega 6 acids were aren't so good) and help repair damaged DNA which prevents genetic mutations that may lead to cancer. If you can't get enough of these each day, taking a multi-vitamin can help. Things to limit, or knock out completely: dairy products (cow's milk, cheese, ice cream and butter). Unsweetened coconut milk is a good alternative to cow's milk as it doesn't cause you to gain weight like oat, almond, or soy milks and both hydrates and is Ono!

Exercise helps regulate hormones in Kane that reduces the risk of prostate cancer while strengthening the immune system. This helps the immune system detect and destroy cancer cells. Circling back to stress reduction, managing stress is important to decrease the hormone cortisol which decreases testosterone. Lowering testosterone can cause weight gain, an increase of body fat which encourages cancer growth, insulin resistance, and inflammation of the prostate gland which all contribute to risk factors of prostate cancer. Following a healthy diet, getting exercise, managing stress, and yes, getting enough sleep are all connected to metabolism and the ability to lose body fat.

Kane should also get regular blood prostate screenings starting at age 55 as age 55-69 is when Kane are most likely to get prostate cancer. This blood test measures a protein called prostate-specific antigen in your blood. However, Kane may need to start these screening between age 40-54 if they have a father or brother who has had prostate cancer. Prioritize your health for your quality of life and for you 'Ohana; reducing your stress and their stress keeps everyone healthier!

Island Emory & Hiro Kajiyama

Check out Island Emory & Hiro Kajiyama on Emory informative podcast which can be found on Youtube. Emory provides other notable people's interviews. Hiro is our valued member who gives so much to the Hawaiian community and others. Both Island Emory & Hiro are appreciated for all they do!!



The Little Grass Shack Celebrates 25 Years on KUMV 91.5: A Legacy of Aloha on the Mainland*Las Vegas, NV* – This year marks a remarkable milestone for *The Little Grass Shack*, a beloved radio show that has been spreading the spirit of Aloha to listeners across the mainland for an incredible 25 years. Broadcasting on KUMV 91.5, *The Little Grass Shack* is not just another radio show as it holds the distinguished title of being the first and only show in the 49 mainland states to have the longest-running program dedicated to sharing the Aloha Spirit. **August 17th is a particularly special date, as it marks the birthday of *The Little Grass Shack*. This year, the show proudly celebrates 25 years of bringing the warmth and culture of the islands to the mainland.** Hosted by the passionate and dedicated Island Emory, *The Little Grass Shack* has been a volunteer effort for a quarter of a century, with all time and energy devoted to serving the community. This commitment has made the show a treasured staple for the Las Vegas community and listeners far and wide, bringing a piece of home to those who miss the islands. The show offers a unique blend of traditional, country, classic contemporary, rhythm and blues, and reggae music from the South Pacific and beyond. What started as a volunteer project has grown into a significant cultural touchstone, bridging the distance between Hawaii and the mainland with every broadcast. Throughout the years, *The Little Grass Shack* has remained true to its mission: to **share Aloha with the world through music, fostering a sense of community and connection that transcends geographical boundaries.****

As the show celebrates its 25th anniversary, listeners are invited to join in the celebration of this extraordinary achievement. Island Emory continues to lead with heart, ensuring that each episode resonates with the warmth and love that is the hallmark of Aloha. In a world that often feels divided, *The Little Grass Shack* stands as a beacon of unity, reminding us all that no matter where we are, the spirit of Aloha is always within reach. *Tune in to* The Little Grass Shack *every Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on KUMV 91.5, and be part of the legacy that is* The Little Grass Shack* – 25 years strong and still going, sharing the Aloha spirit across the mainland, all dedicated to our community. Enjoy the best of Island music every week. **Emory Nihipali**

**REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SITES
COMMITTEE BY GAIL WRIGHT**



**Gail Wright
Ho‘opa‘a
Mo‘olelo
(Historian)**

This report is about Kanaka Davis, pioneer of the City of San Diego, California. It is presented here by permission of the author. The Original Founder of Downtown San Diego by Dr. Gil “Kilipaka” Ontai .

As we celebrate this year’s 2024 HICCSC Ho‘olaule‘a Festival, we bring together Southern California’s largest gathering of Hawaiians, kama‘aina, and Hawaiians-at-heart. It is a time where we rekindle our aloha with each other and strengthen our perseverance to malama our roots and cultural pride. We are a unique culture with an astonishing history of giving and forgiving. We are pioneers and adventurers, humble but diplomatic, and we navigate the waters with skill and keen observations. To our opio and mo‘opuna, we hope to instill this heritage. We look to role models that bring pride and inspiration to our youth and families. Sometimes a role model is in our history but overlooked by the dim of our busy lives. “Kanaka Davis” or sometimes “Kanaka Bill”, as he was often called instead of his full haole name William Heath Davis, Jr., is a story that I would like to share.

As more and more Hawaiian families move to California to start a new life, it should be recognized that this migration started more than a hundred years ago. During the early years of the Kingdom, countless young Hawaiians left the Islands on board whaling or trading ships to California and other parts of the Pacific Rim. One such ambitious and curious young man was William Heath Davis, Jr., the hapa haole son of Captain William Heath Davis, sandalwood trader, and advisor to Kamehameha I and the great, grandson of Kalaniho‘oulumokuikikai and Chiefess Kalanikupaulakea of the Mahi chiefly lines. Family mo‘olelo mentions that Kalanikupaulakea’s first spouse was Nahili, Kamehameha’s warrior chief who died of smallpox just as he prepared to sail for Kaua‘i to convince Mo‘i Kaumuaali‘i to peacefully give up his kingdom.

Chiefess Kalanikupaulakea, was also a descendant of the Kukaniloko O‘ahu high chiefs. So, by tradition, Kanaka Bill was indeed infused with the powerful mana inherited from his Hawaiian and haole ancestors. He was born to venture into unknown lands, to seek his own fortunes, take great risks, and to become a Hawaiian leader himself in a new land far away from the home of his o‘iwi.

His story is a quiet story but one that is important because of the growing population of Hawaiians living in California, which has the largest population of Kanaka Maoli outside of Hawai‘i. His story is one that will soon be celebrated in San Diego with a magnificent monument to honor his achievements in California and to give him the recognition that he deserves as one of California’s historic pioneers and visionary. As the nation honors the cultural and historic contributions of Asian Pacific Islanders during National API Heritage Month, Kanaka Bill, this native son of Hawai‘i, will be celebrated and honored in public forums and acknowledged in California public history books.

Kanaka Bill’s story is an inspiration for our youth and families migrating to or already living on Moku Honu. At seventeen, he guided John Sutter up the Sacramento River to establish a settlement, which today is Sacramento, the Capitol of California. Sutter had no clue how to navigate the Sacramento River. In his early twenties he quickly learned his trading and business skills to become a successful businessman, supercargo trader, merchant, and rancher. He learned to speak fluent Spanish, alongside his English and his native Hawaiian, earning him the respect from his Mexican business partners, friends, and wife’s family members. Back in Hawai‘i, he maintained a thriving business with his brother, Robert Davis, who managed the shipping of horses and cattle to Hawaii, very likely contributing to the Mexican influence on the growth of our paniolo traditions. Striking it rich over night with the discovery of gold in 1849, Kanaka Davis, the supercargo trader, become one of the wealthiest men in California.

Marrying Maria Estudilla, daughter of a prominent Alta California rancho family, expanded his influence in California social and political forums. He soon became a prominent civic leader and builder in San Francisco, Alameda, and San Diego Counties, having served as city councilman and builder of the first public and Catholic schools in San Francisco. The city of San Francisco honors him with a street named after him. He was even asked to run for California governor, which he turned down.

With his wealth, he formed a Mexican-American partnership to build a new town on the waterfront of downtown San Diego. Today, that vision is a modern city of high-rise buildings of offices and residential housing and thriving international businesses. In the middle of his city plan is his Pantoja Park, where his monument will be installed. Kanaka Bill’s migration to Moku Honu over a hundred years ago, is a testament to our People’s ability to adapt, to overcome, to succeed, and to excel. His story is one of adapting to different cultures and sharing aloha with others, while learning how to be clever and skillful in working with challenging forces of a rough era. Our ali‘i were skilled kōnane players, the art of maximizing every move to remain on the board. Kanaka Bill played kōnane and mastered diplomacy, racism, and many risks to leave a remarkable legacy of historic achievements.

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REPORT OF THE WILLIAM HEATH DAVIS
by Gail Wright



Gail Wright
Ho‘opa‘a
Mo‘olelo
(Historian)

As the Kanaka Davis Trust Group and its partners the ‘Ahahui Kiwila o Hawai‘i of San Diego and Kaha I Ka Panoa Kaleponi Hawaiian Civic Clubs prepare for the unveiling ceremony of the Kanaka Davis Monument, we invite all our friends and supporters to this historic event. We are especially eager to find direct descendants of William Heath Davis, Jr., living in Hawai‘i or on Moku Honu and ask our readers to send me any information that will help us reach out to his descendants.

More information about William Heath Davis is available at the Gaslamp Museum in the Davis-Horton House, website: <https://gaslampfoundation.org/william-heath-davis/>. This house was built by William Heath Davis in 1850 and is the oldest standing building in downtown San Diego.

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Dr. Ontai was born and raised on O‘ahu and comes from a large kama‘aina ohana living in Hawai‘i and Moku Honu. He currently resides in San Diego and is active in the Hawaiian/Pacific Islander communities and in San Diego civic affairs. He is a philanthropist and dean of DeVry University, San Diego campus.



KSAA Intermountain Region Aloha Friday Event June 21, 2024



Gail Wright
Ho'opa'a
Mo'olelo
(Historian)

Aloha All,

Kamehameha School Alumni Assoc. (KSAA), Intermountain Region, hosted an Aloha Friday event at Sierra Gold. There are many Kamehameha alumni living here in Las Vegas. KSAA's goal is to connect with all and grow the alumni association here. They want to promote and foster the spirit of unity (Iokahi) among the Kamehameha 'Ohana. The KSAA had been inactive for some time, and they feel now it the time to build back the association. Between 25 and 30 people attended this event, held on Friday June 21st. It was my pleasure to attend as a representative of the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club. An excellent selection of pupu's was provided by Sierra Gold, as you can see by the photo below.

KSAA officers would like the LVHCC members to inform alumni that they know living here in Las Vegas about the Association. They are also looking for future leaders to serve on the Executive Board. Another one of their goals is to partner with other Hawaiian groups/associations here working toward a common goal and purpose, including the LVHCC.

KSAA is excited to announce that Amber Kailani, Hawaii campus c/o '06 has volunteered to be the Association's Liaison with the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club. Mahalo Amber!

All enjoyed the camaraderie, food, drink, and raffle. Congratulations to those who won the raffle items with Bert (KSK c/o '67) & Lana Cordeiro winning the 50/50 cash raffle!

KSAA s can be followed on the social media accounts to stay informed of future events and volunteer opportunities:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KSAAIMR>

Instagram: ksaa_intermountain_region

LinkedIn: KSAA- Intermountain Region

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association - Intermountain Region (KSAA-IMR) Board:

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Noted linguist and author David Crystal, PhD had this to say about language: *“A language is a treasure trove of human knowledge and experience. When a language dies, we lose a piece of our collective heritage.”*

I believe he is correct. What’s more, I think to truly understand a people and their culture, you must learn their language. You don’t have to become fluent but the more you study, the more you will learn their values and way of seeing the world. For example, Germans prefers to combine existing words to describe new things instead of inventing a new, shorter word. That’s why they have words like “hand schuh” or “hand-shoe” and not “glove”. Or, Kraftfahrzeug-Haftpflichtversicherung” (liability insurance for cars). I was dumbfounded when learning Russian that there is no “slang” and they don’t (or should I say “do not”) allow contractions. Language defines how we make sense of the world.

And right now, the world is dominated by a handful of languages, like English, French, Mandarin, and Russian. Aviation requires the use of English, while medicine relies heavily on Latin. But there are hundreds of less common languages and as some of them dwindle and die, so does their culture. This is happening at a troubling rate with indigenous languages where the number of people is already limited and societal pressures require people to speak the prevailing language. It may already just be a small number of elders who remember. Soon it may be none. As a child, I lived briefly in Alaska where the Haida people made amazing art, especially “totem” poles. Now, it is estimated that there are only 24 people left in the world who are fluent in Haida.

So, when my business partner, Lance, suggested that I join and support the LVHCC to understand more about the culture he grew-up in, I knew I wanted to learn more Hawaiian than just aloha, mahalo and ‘ohana. In the past, I’ve used several different techniques to learn a language. Obviously, the first one is universal, we learn by hearing our family speaking, but as we grow, many of us learn another language by taking classes in school (2 years of German). Computers brought us new ways, like “Rosetta Stone” which introduced me to Russian and now “Duolingo” where I am trying to learn Hawaiian. Each one has it’s pluses and minuses. Obviously, I can’t reset my brain and go back and learn like a baby by hearing Hawaiian from my parents. Even if they were still alive, they were immigrant children of European descent. And I don’t have enough spare time to enroll in a university class, although I would probably enjoy learning in a group setting where I could hear and practice pronunciations. So instead I took my wife’s suggestion and started Duolingo. Debbie has been studying Spanish daily. Our granddaughter is growing-up in a bilingual household and we wanted to support that. She’s got a streak of over 800 days while I’m at just 100.

The biggest difference I’ve noticed between Duolingo and Rosetta Stone is that RS is 100% immersion in the target language. There is no showing you a phrase in English and then telling you that in Hawaiian you would say “No hea kou tūtū kāne?” Instead, they might start by teaching you the word for grandfather by showing a series of pictures and then build-up to concepts like “being from” some place.

In Duolingo, they teach vocabulary, about ten words at a time, and then help you make sentences using those words. Some of these seem forced but some, like E inu kāua pia!, seem very practical to me.

The other thing that’s different between the programs is the communal nature of Duolingo. You have “friends” in the program, generally people you know in real life, but others too. You can encourage your friends and celebrate their progress and milestones, just as they can do for you. It’s easier to remain motivated when you’re playing games like this. You don’t want to let your friends down. So, if you’re using Duolingo to learn a language (whether it’s Hawaiian or any other language), go ahead and add me as a friend. My name in the app is “9th-isle-Daniel”.

I’d assume that most LVHCC club members are already fluent or at least decades more immersed in the language than I am, but with our focus on spreading culture through books in local libraries, I’d also recommend encouraging more people to learn and preserve the language. It would be a terrible thing if Hawaiian went the way that Haida has gone, their people absorbed, nothing but totem poles to mark their passing. **‘Anakala Daniel**

Thoughts on
learning
the
language.

Shared by:
Daniel Sherer
of Kauzmo
LLC



MANY HAPPY BIRTHDAY RETURNS
LVHCC MEMBERS!!!

July:

Gail Wright
Gregory Ahuna
Debra Chock
Charlene Gove
Jerri Santos
Hiro Kajiyama
Stan Glander
Charlene Makaiwi
Candise Tracy
Rick Recania
Kehau Chrisman

August:

Johanna Amorin
Marquise Vann
Ellen Nakamura
Stacen Makaiwi
Victoria Johnson
Rita Kam
Art Kam
Aiden Zepeda

September:

Stephen Carvajal
Thomas Cebula
Bradley Kinoshita
Gil Kveen
Raymond Liu
Nicole Petri
Tiarre Tenorio-Norwood
Karla Tracy

October:

Pat Filbert
Howard Amorin
Pa'ahana Bissen
Kevin Bryce
Talulah Sky
Tatum Maeha
Oni Onekea
Randal Okamura
Kayla Tani
Ed Crisostomo

NEW MEMBERS:

Kupuna:
Sue Chun
Mike Dang
Makua: Paul Schuler

REMINDER:

See Jacquie Lawson
E-cards sent to members
from LVHCC Officers with
birthday greetings or to
welcome new members
(check junk mail if not
in your in-box).

Appreciate replies and
updates.



Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Book Donations

Aloha Mai Kakou (July 20 update) LVHCC was proud to donate 82 Hawaiian and Pacific Islander books to Alexander Library through North Las Vegas Library District. LV North Las Vegas Library District is one of our community partners for our ongoing Literacy Initiative. This program allows the community to check out books from Hawaii and all of Polynesia right here in Las Vegas.

Through grants, stipends and donations books are then donated to become part of the library system in Las Vegas. Check out some of the books awaiting your reading.

Me Ke Aloha, Doreen (Hall) Vann, Literacy Chair





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Aloha LVHCC Members,

Sharing updated information from my website with flyers & educational information. I also included my flyers for locals relocating to the 9th Island.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Mālama pono (Take good care), Melinda Casem

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Vegas Vista Academy Grand Opening & Ribbon on Cutting Ceremony on August 1, 2024

Mahalo Nui Loa for our Members Mike Dang, Gail Wright, and Pa'ahana Bissen for volunteering to represent the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club, at the Vegas Vista Academy Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Vegas Vista Academy recently became an active Associate Member of LVHCC and we are excited for the collaboration and with this new school joining the larger education community in Las Vegas. Dr. Feinstein, the Academy's Executive Director, who runs the school was a teacher on O'ahu for many years before relocating to Las Vegas. There is ALWAYS a connection to our island home of Hawai'i. Please find information below for your review:

Vegas Vista Academy

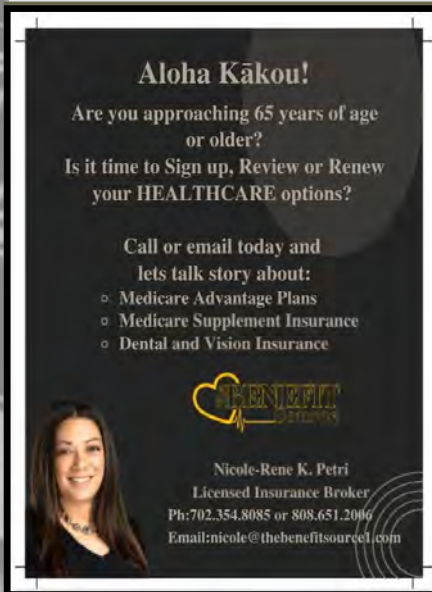
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Navigating Medicare: A Guide to Your Healthcare Options by Nicole Petri




Aloha Kākou!

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Aloha kākou!!

Medicare is a federal health insurance program designed primarily for individuals aged 65 and older, as well as certain younger people with disabilities. Understanding the various parts of Medicare can be overwhelming, but knowing the basics is crucial for making informed healthcare decisions. Medicare is divided into four main parts: Part A (hospital insurance), Part B (medical insurance), Part C (Medicare Advantage), and Part D (prescription drug coverage). Each part offers different benefits, costs, and eligibility requirements, making it essential for beneficiaries to assess their healthcare needs and options.

When navigating Medicare, it's important to understand the enrollment periods. Initial Enrollment begins three months before you turn 65 and lasts for seven months. During this time, you can sign up for Parts A and B, with options to add Part D or enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan. Additionally, there are Special Enrollment Periods (SEPs) that may apply if you have other qualifying insurance. It's vital to mark your calendar for these dates, as missing them can lead to penalties or gaps in coverage.

Once you're enrolled, the next step is to review your coverage annually. Medicare plans can change, and your healthcare needs might evolve over time. Utilizing resources like the Medicare.gov website or consulting with a Medicare broker can provide clarity on your options. It's also wise to compare plans during the Open Enrollment Period (October 15 to December 7) to ensure you have the best coverage at the most affordable rates. By staying informed and proactive, you can effectively navigate the complexities of Medicare and secure the healthcare you need.

If you need assistance with your HEALTHCARE and you are approaching 65 years of age or older, I would be happy to assist you with any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me at 702.354.8085 or email nicole@thebenefitsource1.com.

Mahalo, Nicole-Rene Ku'uleinani Petri

LAS VEGAS HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB 2025 FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club 2025 Founder's Scholarship Program

Now Open! Start here

<https://www.lasvegashawaiiancivicclub.net/founders-scholarship/> for
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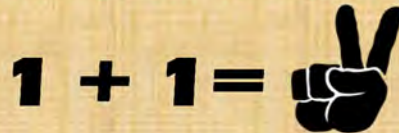
Through our annual scholarship programs, we promote academic
achievements & success as we offer scholarships thru our organization.

**NOTE: There's a new procedure to apply, students fill out a
general application using the below link, then are linked with
scholarships they can apply for**

Open: 14 October 2024

Deadline: 31 January 2025

LVHCC is offering 2 Scholarships of \$750 each



Supplemental Questions Below – Apply Now!!

1. Are you Native Hawaiian (this is not a limiting item; anyone can apply)?
2. Is your parent/guardian a member of the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club? If so, what is their name?
3. Essay - The legacy of LVHCC is attributed to all its founders, leaders and members who maintain its motto *Kulia E Loa'a Ka Na'auao* "Strive to Obtain Wisdom." In no more than **750 words*** tell us about yourself and your goal to "Strive to Obtain Wisdom"
4. Please explain why you financially need this scholarship
5. Please upload your resume
6. Please upload your most current transcript (unofficial)
7. Please upload two letters of recommendation: one from a coach, one any source other than a peer or relative

** Essay should be in narrative form, largely based on your own opinion, experiences, history and aspirations; use of AI to help you write your essay will cause your resume to ranked lower during judging*





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We both aspire to the Aloha Spirit, which is why we founded Kauzmo (pronounced Cause-Mo) to use our life experiences to serve others.

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MEMBERSHIP PROFILES BY JARRETT CALICDAN & BRANDON LOZANO



Hele Mai Productions is the founders of the A Hui Hou Festival and Kanaka Cruise based in Pahrump, NV and has their eyes set to bring the community together by bringing and sharing aloha to their community whether it be hosting events or aiding in hosting events.

Jarrett Calicdan: Born on the Big Island of Hawai'i Jarrett Calicdan spent his childhood growing up in Papaikou before moving to the 9th Island, Las Vegas where he graduated school. Jarrett also spent some years living in the Bay Area of California prior to his current home of Pahrump. No matter where he has gone, he has always held Hawai'i close to his heart whether it would be in the form of attending cultural events, networking in the community and even creating a Hawai'i based clothing brand Native Notions a few years ago. In 2023 after living in Pahrump for a couple of years, he realized the community of locals was larger than expected. Without any prior experience of connecting, he had a sporadic idea to connect with the local community and decided to bring an island culture-based event to Pahrump and **Hele Mai Productions** was born alongside the **1st Annual A Hui Hou Festival**. Despite numerous factors against him including dates available, time, and budget, the 1st Annual A Hui Hou Festival was an incredible success. Leading up to and during the event, Jarrett formed a bond with Branz Lozano who filled in the emcee role for the inaugural event. After the incredible success of the event, Jarrett immediately secured a date for the 2024 event. Realizing his goal of reconnecting with his home was becoming more a reality and becoming too big for just him, he immediately looked at Branz and asked him to officially be his partner in **Hele Mai Productions**. Jarrett and Branz quickly realized their visions and goals were identical and shared the same passion to not only connect with their community but also so share the culture with anyone wanting to participate and learn about it. Not only did Jarrett and Branz get to work planning the sequel to the first **A Hui Hou Festival** but after continuing to bond and share memories of early days on the islands, attending motorcycle runs and events, they decided to bring an event of its kind to the Las Vegas and Pahrump area, the **Kanaka Cruise** was born, another event where locals and anyone wanting to come cruise their motorcycles, cars or trucks with them from Las Vegas to Pahrump and have a good time are welcomed. Both men share the same goal with Hele Mai Productions and with the help of their ohana, friends, and community they plan to continue to raise the bar with events.

Brandon Lozano aka "Branz": Branz grew up in Waianae, Hawaii. From a very young age the life of the party just came natural to him. A graduate of the illustrious Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus, he found performing very natural to him. After graduating from Kamehameha, he spent time at Paradise Cove Luau and working in the night light industry. He spent some time around the local radio stations and the various music festivals around the state and west coast of the US. In 2019, he and his family made the long journey from home to Las Vegas. Being who he is, he hit the ground running and right away started working in the visitor industry in Las Vegas: First at the world-Famous Wynn Hotel and Casino then later moving downtown to The D Las Vegas. As was the case with everyone across the nation the Covid-19 pandemic shut everything down and he decided to try a new venture: The Transportation industry. He helped another braddah from the Islands start a trucking company and together they turned it into a great success - "not bad for a couple local boys from the middle of the ocean" they used to say. In 2022, he left Las Vegas and moved "over the hump" to Pahrump. Right away it was clear he was where he needed to be. After hosting several events around town, including hosting the 2023 Pahrump Fall Festival and emceeing the productions was born.



MAHALO AND OLELO INFORMATION

Memorial Plaque for Donated Canoe & Kapa Cloth.

Plaque design under development focused on a framed, parchment printed plaque for long-term preservation. Plaque is to be completed so it can be exhibited with the canoe and Kapa cloth at this year's **La Makahiki Exhibit at the Museum of Natural History Nov 24-Jan 25.**

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**In Memory of his Wife Kazuyo Karan (1973-2023)
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'Olelo Hawai'i Words/Phrase:

Doreen provided at past Board Meeting:

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UPCOMING EVENTS, PART 1

OCTOBER 26:



This coming Saturday (26 Oct) is a "spooky" HoloHolo Market at Ferguson's Downtown (see flyer for more details). These are terrific events and LVHCC will be having a Membership Drive/information table (and play Konane with folks at the event) and we'd love to have our members volunteer with us. We will be setting up our table beginning just after 10am.

- Nov 5 Election Day (reschedule due to Convention)**
 - Nov 5 BOD Meeting, 7-8:30pm, virtual (rescheduled due to Convention)**
 - Nov 9 Helemai Productions A Hui hou Festival, 11am-7pm, Pahrump**
 - Nov 10-17 64th Annual AHCC Convention, 'Alohilani Resort, O'ahu**
 - Nov 11 Veteran's Day**
 - Nov 19 Final 2024 GMM, 7-8:30pm (Hybrid), TBD – Elections**
 - Nov 28 Thanksgiving**
 - Nov 29 Black Friday**
 - Dec. 14**
- See more next page!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS PART 2

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Mahalo Hawaii Pacific University LV for inviting Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club to be a guest presenter of their Welcome Ceremony. Hawai'i Pacific University Doctor of Occupational Therapy - Las Vegas offers Online Programs. We are excited to be Community partners and providing a platform for higher education. Secretary: Doreen Vann shared her ALOHA of our people and our culture through our practices, values and Mission.



MEMORY/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024 HO'OLAULE'A



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VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT
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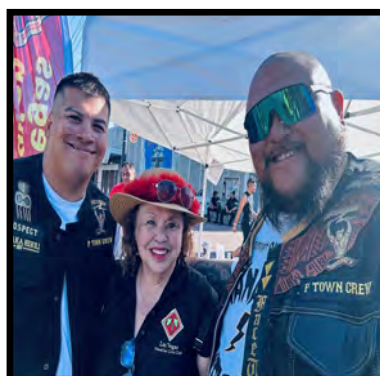
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SHAY WALTER AND
MC PALEPA PETAIA AKA LEPPA LEPS**



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LVHCC MEMBER & CORPORATE
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**CHYSON TELLES-PETRI;
DEE JAY FROM
BISHOP MUSEUM;
STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS &
DAN SHERER, LVHCC
MEMBER**



**FROM HELE MAI
PRODUCTIONS :
(LVHCC MEMBERS):
JARRETT CALICDAN AND
BRANDON LOZANO**



**NICOLE PETRI,
LVHCC 1ST VP AND
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR**

MORE MEMORY/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024 HO'OLAULE'A



**PICTURED: SHAWNA L. BEGAY-COWDELL, MFA, PHD
FROM GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY
WITH HER VOLUNTEERS**



**LIANE SMITH AND JANET
BULLARD OF BISHOP
MUSEUM**

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