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# AHA HUI O NA MAKA'I HAUOLA

## The Association of the Police

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**MESSAGE FROM VICE  
PRESIDENT HENRY AH LOO**

Aloha Aha Hui Members,  
Happy New Year!

A lot has transpired since our last membership luncheon in October.

1. Our Christmas Luncheon which was scheduled for Thursday, December 21st, 2023 was canceled due to poor/dismal response from our members.
2. Our Board's Elections were held from November to December 17th, 2023. This year's elections were held under special circumstances because the previous two attempts, one in 2019 and one in 2021 were met with insufficient response and participation that the Boards at those times continued to serve in their capacity with several changes to both Boards' composition;
  - a. Board member Jeffrey Yamashita, on leave due to illness, eventually passed away.
  - b. Board members Charles Duncan, Joe Aveiro and Clarence DeCaires voluntarily stepped down for personal reasons.
  - c. Needing to fill vacancies on the Boards (and with no recorded previous candidates from 2019 and 2021) the Boards approved to install 1) Reginald Manoa 2) Phillip Sunada, 3) Keith Lima and Bryant Carvalho.
  - d. Current Board echoing the need to hold elections to bring new leadership, energy and vision to the organization.

The Board held the last meeting of 2023 on Monday, December 18th. Up for discussion were:

1. The results of Board's Election.
2. Aha hui O Na Maka'i Hauola in 2024 and beyond.
  - a. The purpose/value now and in the future.
  - b. The continued decline of membership and participation

c. Continued existence or dissolution.

After much discussion it was decided that all matters of business pertaining to Aha Hui O Na Maka'i Hauola shall be tabled until February 2024 when the Board will elect its new officers and formally assume the governing role for the organization.

Our first membership luncheon of 2024 will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the National Guard Hall. Cost is \$30/person and deadline for headcount and payment is February 14, 2024. Any questions by the members regarding the organization's status will be addressed at this time.

Mahalo,  
Henry Ah Loo, Outgoing Vice President



**If you have something you would like to share (a memory, joke, quiz, photos, recipe, etc.) or have suggestions on what you would like to see featured, please feel free to reach out to the Newsletter**

**staff at: or to Aha Hui President Gervin Miyamoto:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**



No financial activities were recorded in November or December 2023.

**REMINDER:** Don't forget to pay your annual dues! Send to Hope Ah Loo at P.O. Box 822339 Pearl City, HI 96782. Make checks payable to Aha Hui O Na Maka'i Hauola. Dues are \$15 per year. If your dues are not current and you are unsure of the amount of dues that are payable, contact Hope. Also, don't forget to update your contact info (address, phone #, email address).



**MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
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NEWSLETTER**

## DEACON'S CORNER



In our world today with all that's happening why can't we just get along for peace and unity? How many times do I wish and hope for an honest, unrequested, "I'm sorry."

Just think what would the world be like if individuals, church leaders, and nations owned up to their harmful behaviors and truly mean what they say?

If there were a true change of heart in motivation and behavior, would there be as many lawsuits, survivor-victims who continue to suffer, or wars between nations? So, how many times have we watched press conferences where insincere, empty apologies were offered? Like "I'm sorry you are upset." "I meant no harm." "Mistakes are made." This list is endless and brings much frustration and anger to an already hurtful situation.

So often we hear "have faith" but this is an overused word and meant to justify wrongful behavior. Faith should be a soulful, spiritual relationship with the faith believers so as to increase a deepening awareness of the Divine One and religious followers.

The question before us does faith change with a change of heart? Can an institution, church, nation truly undergo conversion without the individuals in leadership changing their outlook? Can there be individual change without the risk of loss of leadership, prestige, control, power, and money?

Our Lord continually points out all those are ego traps that we are wrestling with today in the same places: churches, institutions, nations and governments. Some things never change, and we need to remember the wisdom of Jesus as we navigate the journey ahead filled with material traps.

## ALOHA ROLL CALL TO OHANA MEMBERS

It is a sad occasion when someone who is so dear and so close to our hearts has passed on in this life.

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In celebration of their life for those who have recently been called back to our father's grace, our condolences and prayers go out to their families. In loving memory, the following have been recently added to the honor roll:



Retired Lt. Harry Kaohano, Sr. passed away November 21, 2023.



Retired Major William Gullede, III passed away December 1, 2023.



Gordon Moore left HPD due to injury, passed away 4 years ago.

### Frederick Robello Obituary

Frederick Robello (b. 1937, d. 2023) died in Fresno, California on September 11, 2023. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. Visitation: 10:30am - 12:00pm, Friday, December 15 at Oahu Cemetery Chapel. Burial: 10:00am at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.



Retired Lt. Fred Robello passed away September 11, 2023.



Retired Corporal D2 Troy Richards passed away November 30, 2023.



Retired Sgt. Patrol Patti Asamura passed away on December 10, 2023.



Retired Radio Dispatcher Marietta Keala Vincens passed away on October 25, 2023.



Retired Lt. Nelson Lum D5 passed away on October 24, 2023.

### **KOLOHE KORNER**



These stories are light hearted and not meant to make fun of anyone. We all need more joy and laughter in our lives in this day and age. If you have stories you would like to share, please contact Phil at [unclepapaya@aol.com](mailto:unclepapaya@aol.com).

### **THE GREAT JACK IN THE BOX ROBBERY**

Our helicopter assignment was taking us to the North Shore by way of Central Oahu one nice sunny day, when we were dispatched to a robbery that just happened at the Waimanalo Jack In The Box.

Responding units had the suspect contained in the haole koa thicket behind JITB. Two Air Force Police Officers (AFPO) had the makai area well patrolled ensuring the suspect remained in the thicket.

When we arrived over JITB, ground units reported that the suspect was still in the thicket and was not responding to their calls to come out. I fumbled to get the heat detecting Flur turned on as the pilot LeRoy circled the two-acre thicket. I used the PA system, warning the suspect he could not escape the helicopter and to come out.

We circled enough times that the suspect realized escaping was hopeless and he decided to give up as we hovered between the old Bellows military Nike sites and the thicket when the suspect suddenly appeared walking toward the swamp drop off.

The two AFPO's saw the suspect at the same time as me and they sprinted on the dirt road on their side of the swamp. When the first AFPO arrived at the point closest to the suspect he took one huge leap off the road and completely disappeared under the swamp. The AFPO must have thought it was a grassy area. He was sure surprised when he sank beneath the green algae growing on top of the swamp water. The second AFPO nearly made the same mistake as he skidded to a sudden stop at the edge of the road. The first AFPO reappeared with algae and wet weeds all over his head.

The suspect also saw the AFPO disappear beneath the swamp water and busted out laughing at the sight of the AFPO covered with swamp growth as he resurfaced. HPD units located the still laughing suspect and led him away. And yes, from my vantage point, watching the AFPO disappear under the swamp water was indeed disrespectful but very funny!

### **AHA HUI O NA MAKA'I FEBRUARY LUNCHEON-2/22/2024**

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## RETIREES OF INTEREST

There are so many interesting stories to share of those who worked at HPD. I thought it would be nice to hear/read about those you may or may not know about. If you have a "person of interest" you would like to see featured, please feel free to contact the newsletter staff at [Hughesc015@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Hughesc015@hawaii.rr.com). courtesy of Joe Aveiro

### **PATROLMAN FARIA HELPS KEEP WAIKIKI 'PEACEFUL'** By Wes Young

***Waikiki, the romantic Pacific spot that draws visitors from world-wide places isn't the same place it was when kings and warriors skimmed over its famous surf on Koa wood boards, but it's still the renowned Waikiki.***

***In place of the grass huts that lined Waikiki beach in those days are hundreds of substantial homes, apartment buildings and hotels. Replacing Hawaii's kings warriors and their court attendees are thousands of tourists a sizeable community of Waikikians and scores of daily and nightly visitors.***

***THE MODERN DAY task of keeping the famous resort peaceful, similar to the days when royalty came for relaxation as today's visitors do, falls on the Honolulu Police Department.***

***One of the modern day defenders of law and order along that famous strip is Motor Patrolman Chris Faria, who for the past six years has cruised up and down, across and over, Waikiki's streets and byways. In that time "Chris" has come in contact with most any type of situation, many of which were undreamed of by the old Hawaiians.***

***His most frequent calls come from persons who are being disturbed by "noisy" neighbors because even now as in other days, Waikiki is the place where people like to have parties and good times. Following close on his list of complaints is "There's a prowler around my house."***

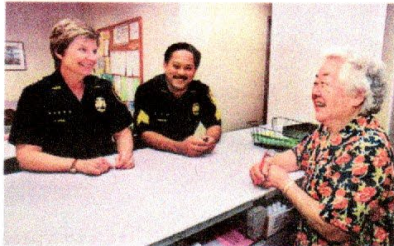
***ON THE LATER Officer Faria has this to say: They come at all hours. Some report a man on the roof under the house, or maybe someone scratching on the window screen. Some are authentic and some are not. A man on the roof investigation may prove to be a branch or an aerial. Someone under the house is usually a dog and a scratch on the window or bedroom wall is quite often just***

***NOT ALL OFFICER Faria's calls turn out to be so easily solved or his complaints so easily remedied and, in addition to the nightly and exceptional calls he has the duty of "patrolling, the beat", which means checking the beach for suspicious person, being on the lookout for burglars, keeping tab on speeding motorists and checking all the many business houses along the streets.***

***His and his fellow Waikiki patrolmen's job is to keep Waikiki peaceful, a place where visitors and residents can relax-a place where old Hawaii's spirit and hospitality will prevail.***



Thursday, April 6, 2000



By Dennis Oda, Star-Bulletin  
Asst. Chief Barbara Wong, the highest ranking female police officer, reminisces with Sgt. Clyde Yamashiro and Edna Jones, a senior clerk typist, who, years back, had phoned Wong to inform her she was being hired.

## The Law calls HPD's top woman

**The assistant chief will  
retire on June 20, then  
attend law school at UH**

By Jaymes K. Song  
Star-Bulletin

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The highest-ranking female officer in the history of the Honolulu Police Department has decided to call it quits to attend law school in the fall.

After 28 years with HPD, Assistant police chief Barbara Wong will retire June 20 to attend the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law.

Wong, who is also one of the highest-ranking policewomen in the nation, never dreamed of becoming a police officer, not to mention an assistant chief.

After returning from school on the mainland, she applied to McDonald's, Leonard's Bakery and the HPD -- and the police department was the only one that called.

"I didn't plan to be any particular rank," said the veteran. "I always felt, if I did the best job I could, everything will fall in place. And it pretty much did.

"I enjoyed it, and I gave it my heart and soul."

The 46-year-old mother of three decided to switch careers to try something different. She also wanted to pursue a career she aspired to before joining the department.

Wong informed Police Chief Lee Donohue of her decision on Tuesday, a decision she said was very difficult because HPD has become her "second family."

Donohue yesterday spoke highly of Wong, whom he referred to as a "pioneer."

"She was able to, by merit, work her way up to the ranks of 'AC,'" Donohue said. "For women, when she started in the '70s, it was a tough time when they weren't accepted as police officers. She showed the female can do the job and do it very well."

Wong joined HPD in 1972 and spent almost three years as a dispatcher before she and Mary Beck became the first female Honolulu officers on Jan. 16, 1975.

Prior to 1975, there were only "policewomen" on staff. Policewomen went through the same training as their male colleagues, but handled only juvenile cases. The officer position was opened to women after policewoman Lucile Abreu won a federal discrimination suit.

Wong was received with mixed emotions by her fellow officers.

"Initially, the vast majority were neutral and it was wait and see," she said. "They wanted to see if I would show up at fights or drive away. Or if I would carry my share of the load.

"A small minority didn't want you there at all, and a small minority was happy."

In her years with the department, she has held almost every rank. She was promoted to assistant chief in February 1997 and currently serves as head of the administrative bureau.

"Assistant Chief Wong is one of the finest of Honolulu's finest" said Mayor Jeremy Harris. "She is a talented, bright and a superb executive who worked her way through the department. She excelled in every job she held, from the tough front line assignment to demanding staff jobs."

Wong has served in several divisions including: patrol, tactical operations (now known as the Specialized Services), criminal investigations, communications, human resources and traffic.

"I always feel you have to prove yourself -- prove your worth," she said.

Her strong work ethic and dedication was a foundation of her success, a quality she says she adopted from her mother.

"It was a challenge to become the first two women officers on patrol," she said. "It was challenging and exciting. That's what I wanted to do." She says her challenge now is going back to school with students half her age.

Wong said the best part was the people she met and worked with. And she is pleased that more women are looking into police work as a career.

Women comprise 11 percent of HPD. "I liked helping people. It gave me a really good sense of satisfaction when I was able to assist people, reassure people, make people feel more comfortable," Wong said.

One of her fondest memories was trekking in the mud and bushes to search for a lost child, who was eventually found.

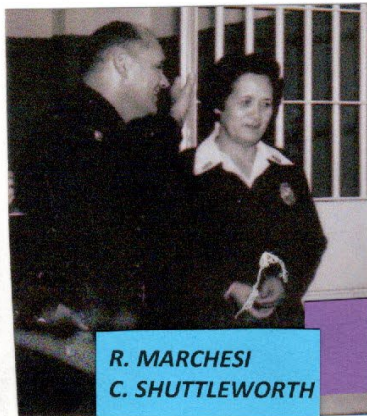
Wong is one of six assistant chiefs in the department. When she leaves, Maj. Susan Dowsett of Narcotics/Vice and Maj. Karen Kaniho of training will become HPD's highest ranking women.



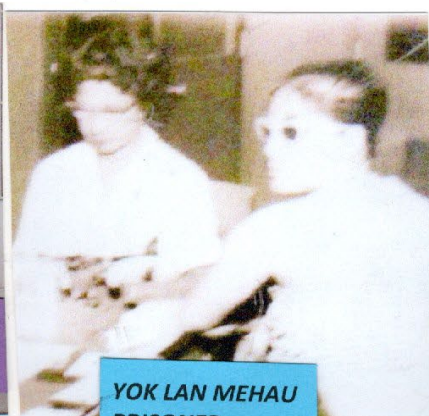
**HPD'S PEOPLE OF INTEREST**

**-THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MADE UP OF MANY TYPE OF EMPLOYEES-THE CIVILIANS WHO WORK IN THE RECORDS DIVISION. AS CLERKS IN FINANCE.AS DISPATCHERS THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION. AS MECHANICS IN THE GARAGE.AS CLERKS IN THE SUPPROOM. AS EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS. AS SECRETARIES. AND OTHERS.ONE GROUP WHO QUALIFY AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WERE THE MATRONS. FROM CIRCA 1961 UP UNTIL RECENTLY THEY PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT JOB AT THE RECEIVING DESK. MAINLY THEIR RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO CARE FOR FEMALE PRISONERS. EVENTUALLY THAT GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WERE PHASED OUT BECAUSE OF THE INFLUX OF FEMALE POLICE OFFICERS ENTERING POLICE SERVICE. LISTED BELOW ARE THOSE LADIES WHO I REMEMBER. I BELIEVE I MANAGED TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THEM.**

**JOSEPH AVEIRO  
ASST CHIEF RETIRED 12-96**



**R. MARCHESI  
C. SHUTTLEWORTH**



**YOK LAN MEHAU  
PRISONER**



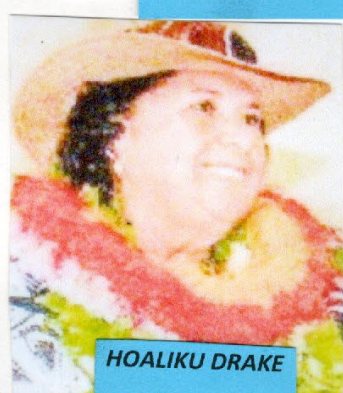
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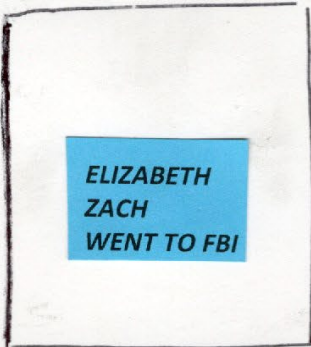
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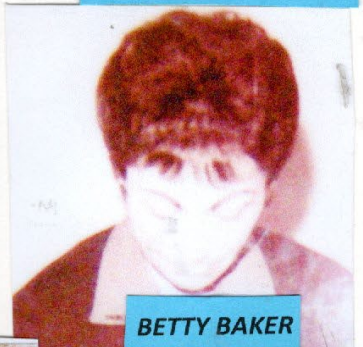
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**BETTY BAKER**



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