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## AHA HUI O NA MAKA'I HAUOLA The Association of the Police

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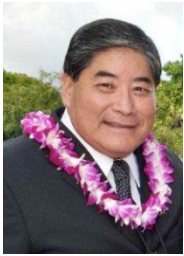
Director Clarence DeCaires

Director Keith Lima

Director Reggie Manoa

Director Gervin Miyamoto

Director-Phil Sunada



**MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT**

Aloha Aha Hui Members,

My fondest Aloha as I say A Hui Hou, as the outgoing President of the "Aha Hui O Na Maka'i Hauola". As you all know our 76-year-old organization was founded by HPD Police Chief Dan Liu. Since its inception, many leaders of this organization have enhanced the camaraderie of our members and we will continue to move forward-Imua!!!

Thank you to the incoming President Chester Hughes for your steadfast leadership and friendship during my time in office. Also, thanks to his wife, Cynthia Hughes, for stepping forward in 2021 to replace Charlie Duncan as the Editor of the Aha Hui O Na Maka'i Hauola Newsletter. The passing of Sgt. Stan Cook in 2022 left us without access to the Aha Hui website. In its place, the Board worked on developing a new website through Jeff Nakama of Jet Designs and HPDKupuna.org is up and running and reaching HPD Retirees wherever they reside.

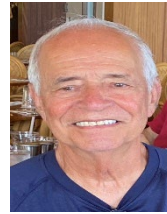
I would like to say Mahalo Nui to Secretary Alice Ome and Treasurer Hope Ah Loo for their continued guidance so critical to our organization. Also, thanks to outgoing VP Henry Ah Loo who will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and to Phil Sunada, Keith Lima, Reggie Manoa, Clarence DeCaires and Parliamentarian Bryant Carvalho who have agreed to stay on as Directors. Special shout out to Aha Hui Historian Joe Aveiro and Alice for their dedication in sharing photos and stories from various Club and HPD events.

I would also like to recognize Hui Ana Chairman Keith Perry, Eddie Ross, Clyde Vierra and others who have taken charge of the Annual Hui Ana Event held every August.

Thank you ALL for your continued unselfishness in supporting our organization.

A Hui Hou,

Gervin Miyamoto  
Past President Aha Hui O Na Maka'i Hauola (2021-2024)



**MESSAGE FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT**

I want to thank everyone for your trust in me as I take on the leadership role as your new president. It will take all of us working together to move the Association forward in meeting its goals. I cannot thank Alice and Hope enough for their dedication to the Association and remaining on the Executive Board as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. To Gervin and Henry who are stepping down as President and Vice President, but will still remain on the board, mahalo for your dedication and diligence in ensuring the Association flourishes and its members are happy and enjoying the comradeship at our quarterly meetings. I also want to extend kudos to: Bryant Cravalho, Clarence DeCaires, Keith Lima, Reggie Manoa and Phil Sunada for their willingness to continue on as board members. Last but certainly not least, mahalo to Joe Aveiro our Club Historian who is a wealth of information and stories of our HPD ohana.

As mentioned at our meeting on February 22, 2024, I will work on returning the Association status with the Federal Government as a (501) (C) (3) non-profit organization and further explore in implementing a program on reaching out to all retirees of the police department (whether an Association member or not) who are home bound and/or just need assistance in coping in their present status in life. I will work on putting together a proposal and funding for the program. The Association finances are solvent but, donations are always appreciated.

I am looking for anyone who is willing to serve as a Recording Secretary to assist Alice in her position as Secretary. Responsibilities would entail attending the Executive Board meetings (1-2 hours) (once-a-month at the most, every other month at the least) to record the discussion and decision making of the Executive Board, verbatim minutes are not necessary. If transportation is needed, it can be provided by one of the executive board members. If you are interested, please reach out to me at

(call/text) 808-225-0117 or email at [chetezra@hotmail.com](mailto:chetezra@hotmail.com).

If you have any suggestions, comments, complaints (what type events you would like, how to increase our membership, etc.) regarding the Association, please feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address listed above. Your input is appreciated and would be helpful in moving the Association in the right direction.

Chester E, Hughes  
President Aha Hui O Maka'i Hauola

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 at Ph. 808-258-4868. Also, don't forget to update your contact info (address, phone #, email address).



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**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: [Hughesc015@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Hughesc015@hawaii.rr.com).**

### DEACON'S CORNER



This year 2024, the year of the Wood Dragon for our Chinese brothers and sisters or those claiming to be Chinese, is the beginning of a new calendar year in various ways. We make and set new goals. Here's another goal to opening ourselves to recognizing Our God and Savior.

### TREASURER'S REPORT



January 2024 financial summary showed a checking account beginning balance of \$6,672.51, with income from dues of \$90.00 and reimbursements and payments of \$228.88 (\$50.00 T. Sherman and \$178.88 G. Miyamoto for Bd. Meeting and Website) leaving an ending balance of \$ 6,533.63, and a balance of \$2,709.68 in the savings account.

February 2024 financial report showed a checking account beginning balance of \$6,533.63 with income of \$285.00 from dues, \$870.00 for February luncheon, donation of \$15.00 (R. Higa, P. Apo) and Misc. \$20.00. Payment of \$900.00 to AAHII.Org for February luncheon and \$104.70 to Clock & Trophy Shop, leaving an ending balance of \$6,718.93 and a balance of \$2,709.68 in the savings account.

**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

In scripture, we hear or read that the blind call out to Jesus because they do recognize Him as the Son of God, but the Pharisees and the scribes who can physically see Jesus, chose not to recognize Him as such. So many people today have trouble seeing God. Perhaps we are overcome with worries and doubts of how the New Year will go or even if we will be here for the next year. Perhaps we are tempted by the world's temptations, the list can go on and on.

Our question we need to ask of ourselves is, do I see God in others or in myself when dealing with friends or family? We need friends and family to remind us of who we are, and perhaps more importantly, **whose** we are. For we are children of God, and by His grace and goodness in true love, we are His by the suffering, death on the cross and resurrection of His son, Our Lord Jesus the Christ.

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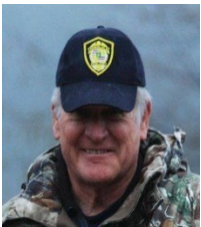


## **ALOHA ROLL CALL TO OHANA MEMBERS**

It is a sad occasion when someone who is so dear and so close to our hearts has passed on in this life. 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 Major Leslie Moon passed away November 8, 2023



Retired Detective CID Gary Winterbottom passed away October 2023.



Retired Patrolman Earl Nobriga passed away December 2023.



Retired Deputy Chief Harold Kawasaki passed away December 31, 2023.



Retired Sgt. D4 Greg Lopez passed away January 22, 2024.



Retired Major Gordon Lee passed away January 24, 2024.



Former HPD Officer and Helicopter Pilot Richard Lawrence passed away on October 15, 2023.



Paul Akeo passed away on February 25, 2024.

### **\*\*CORRECTION\*\***

It was mistakenly reported in the January/February 2024 Newsletter that Gordon Moore passed away a few years ago. We are happy to report that he is alive and kicking! Apologies to Gordon!

### **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).

### **TEST PARCELS**

Each security check point at the airport has a set of brown paper wrapped test parcels of different sizes which are occasionally used to monitor the alertness of the check point staffs. An unknown agent will place one of these parcels on the x-ray belt and scrutinize whether it's discovered by the checkpoint staff.

One day some idiot came along and without being noticed took a parcel and somehow got it through the security check point unnoticed. When this eeeeeegit took it he/she left the test parcels in a planter in the

Central Concourse restaurant. A passenger saw and reported the suspicious parcel to the restaurant staff, who reported it to security, who reported it to the police.

The restaurant staff must have thought highly of their manager because they took the suspicious parcel from the planter and placed it right outside his office door while awaiting disposition by the cops. The entire back section of the restaurant was blocked off with chairs and tables while the manager diligently worked in his office.

As soon as I arrived and saw the writing on the test parcel, I immediately recognized it for what it was.

I wish I had a video when I returned the test parcel to the check-point supervisor. The look on her face was soooooooooo funny!

### **AHA HUI O NA MAKA'I MAY LUNCHEON**



Save the Date **May 9, 2024 Thursday, 11:30am!**  
We have reservations at Natsunoya Teahouse and are aware there was a recent fire on their premises. We are awaiting official word from them regarding their reopening, until then we will assume we will be able to have our luncheon there. Once we hear from them, we will let you all know if the venue changes.

#### **MENU**

- White Rice
- Oriental Salad
- Hibachi Chicken
- Agedashi Tofu
- Shrimp & Vegetable Tempura
- Teriyaki Beef
- Noodles
- Potato Salad
- Fresh Fruits

Cost is \$35 per person and final headcount and payment to Hope Ah Loo by April 25, 2024.

### **FUN FACTS**



The Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin. Her birthday is March 9, 1959, when she was first displayed at the New York Toy Fair.



The Earl of Sandwich, John Montagu, who lived in the 1700s, reportedly invented the sandwich so he wouldn't have to leave his gambling table to eat.



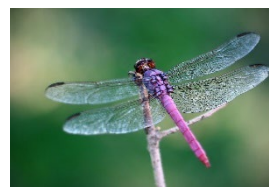
It's impossible to hum while holding your nose (just try it!).



Polar bears have black skin. And actually, their fur isn't white—it's see-through, so it appears white as it reflects light.



African lions catch about 20% of the prey they chase. Dragonflies catch 95%





**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

**HPD FEMALE SOFTBALL TEAM  
(The Naturals)  
1986**

**COACHES**

**D. Tandal**  
(Pitcher)

**V. RANGE**

**V. KAHAANUI**

**E. KAOPUA**

**Alice Ome**  
(catcher)

**M. Kanamu**  
1<sup>st</sup> Base

**J. Range**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Base

**K. C. Santiago**  
(Left Field)

**A. Choy**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Base)

**D. Anderson**  
(Short Stop)  
**B. Silva**

**K. Sison Campbell**  
(Substitute)

**M. McCauley**  
(Right Field)

**C. Adams**  
(Substitute)

**REUNION 12-17-2023  
ELKS CLUB  
INVITED GUESTS.**

**S. BALLARD**

**K. LUM**

**S. DOLAN**

**J. N. BEPPU**

**N. Hee**  
(Center Field)

**B. SILVA**

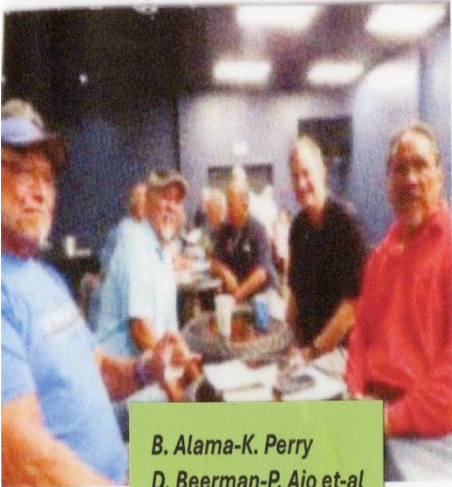
**M. YU**

**M. K. ORTIZ**

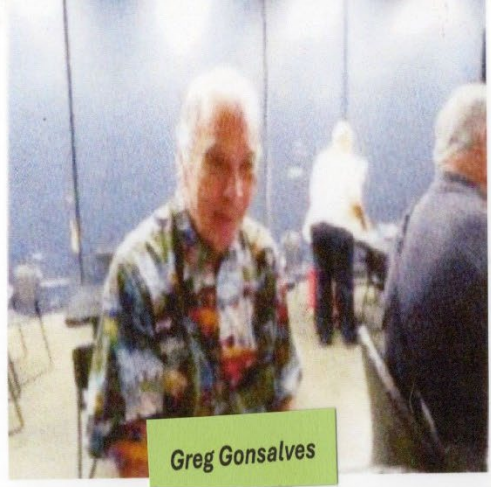
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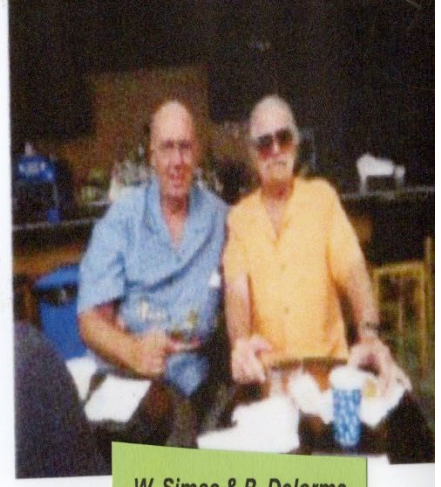
**FEBRUARY 22, 2024 LUNCHEON**



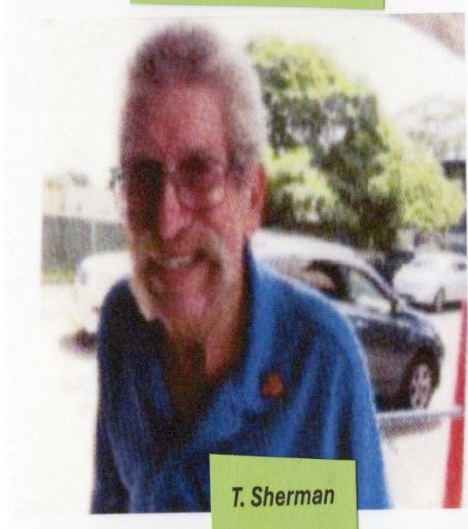
B. Alama-K. Perry  
D. Beerman-P. Aio et-al



Greg Gonsalves



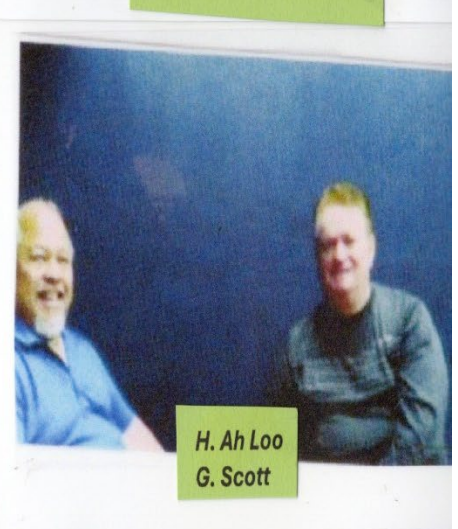
W. Simao & R. Delorme



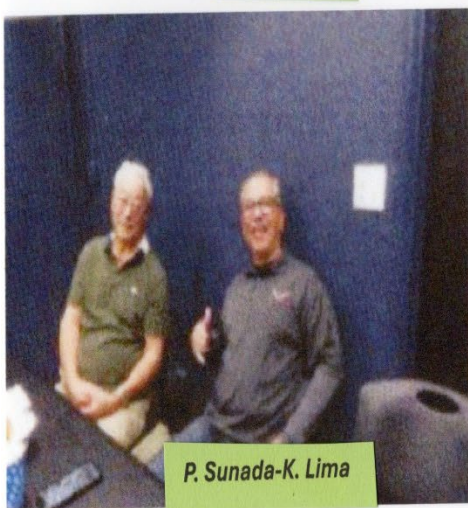
T. Sherman



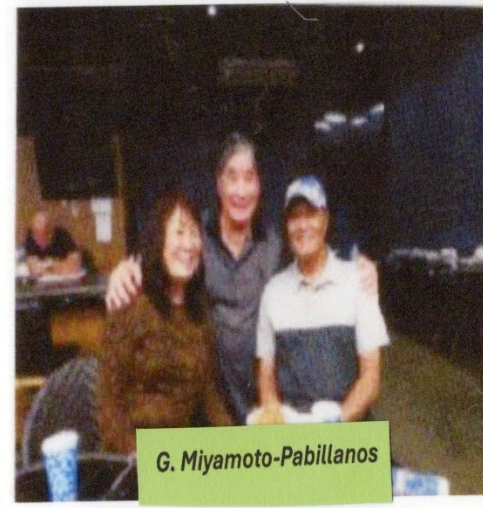
Laura Chong-C. Gaylord



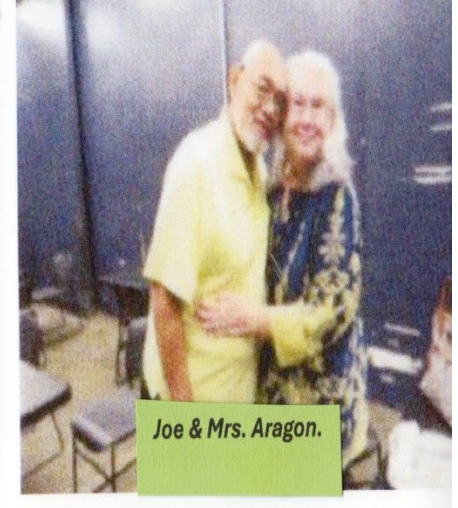
H. Ah Loo  
G. Scott



P. Sunada-K. Lima



G. Miyamoto-Pabillanos



Joe & Mrs. Aragon.

\*\*correction top photo P. Apo and not P. Aio



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