



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

June Newsletter 2015

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

On June 7, we will announce the total gifts and commitments given to Maika'i Hana Hou, our capital campaign. The Campaign Leadership Team will be making the announcement of our grand total, and (although we are all sworn to secrecy regarding the amount until the announcement is made!) I must say that I think we will all be very pleased!

One of the reasons we are waiting until June 7 to make the announcement is that commitments and gifts tend to trickle in for a couple of weeks after Commitment Sunday. Some people were not able to be in church that day; others weren't ready to make a commitment; and many of our snowbirds on the mainland are mailing their commitments to us.

Regardless of the amount that we raise, I am already considering Maika'i Hana Hou a great success because you, the people of Kōloa Union Church, have been praying for months, have rolled up your sleeves and helped in many capacities, and have given generously as you are able. Because of these things, we will be able to begin accomplishing some of our projects already this year.

On June 7, Dan Giovanni, our capital campaign chairperson, will share with everyone

what our general plans are for the coming three years, based upon the money and commitments that we will have raised by then. Later in the summer, we will provide more details of those plans.

I hope you can make it on June 7. If you are not there, rest assured that you will be getting a full report of the day regarding our capital campaign, as well as the people and events we will be honoring and celebrating: our graduates, Sunday school students and teachers, choir, and the 25th anniversary of my ordination into Christian ministry.

For those of you who plan to be there on June 7, please remember that we will be meeting at the parsonage (and not at the church!) at 10:30. Be sure to stay for our barbecue luncheon following our worship service! For those who are able, please park at the church and walk over, so that the elderly and those who have difficulty walking can park in the driveway and on the street.

Mahalo nui to everyone for your prayers for and commitment to Kōloa Union Church!

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Akana





Great news! Congratulations on your financial commitments to Koloa Union Church! After many months of being in the 'red,' as of March 31, 2015, we are once again in the 'black' showing a surplus of funds of a whopping \$85.85! Please note that does not include any profit/loss from our investment accounts as the 1st quarter reports had not yet arrived or had been posted. Now, having said that, as we head into our lean summer months, please do not forget your pledges/tithing even if you are traveling. We depend on these funds to pay our day-to-day running of the church and will not want to dip into our investment accounts to pay our bills.

Thank you, Becky Sakimae, Treasurer

ALOHA HOUR

June 07—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning
 June 14—Ramos Moe Baptiste
 June 21—Machin Kunimura Brierley
 June 28—Giovanni Osuga
 July 05—Odo Honjo Foley
 July 12—Asahi Rebb Ito
 July 19—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 July 26—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning

NEW MEMBERS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

It was a fun Sunday as so many of us wore RED! And Pentecost Sunday was extra special as we welcomed new members, Bill and Angela Dressel. Koloa Union is so pleased that they chose to join our *ohana*.



DEACONS ON DUTY

JUNE

Sheryl Ramos

Kei Osuga

JULY

Graceleanor Baird

Phyllis Kunimura

LAYREADERS

June 07—Kei Osuga
 June 14—Rosemary Smythe
 June 21—Edie Moe
 June 28—Kerry Mori
 July 05—Debbie Gunning
 July 12—Doug Duvauchelle
 July 19—Phyllis Kunimura
 July 26—Larry Chaffin

Our Prayers: Prayers of healing for Bob Hammerquist, Edward (Virginia's brother), A.J.Wang, Jean Odo, Jo Duvauchelle, Francisca Padua, Al Pugsley, Debbie Gunning, Tamiko Asahi, Ted Asahi, Dollie Brierley, Luke Rita and Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort for the families of Richard Anglemyer, Chris Baird, Bill Wilson, Rita North; prayers of peace and comfort for Miyeko Yamane, Al Moe, John Lustman; the Koloa Union Church *ohana* and all who are lifted in prayer.



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 7th

10:30 a.m. at the Parsonage

3281 WAIKOMO ROAD

We Have Much To Celebrate on this Special Day!

Join Us at the parsonage at 10:30 a.m. for

Our Worship Service, which will Include:

Special Guest Musician

The Children of our 2 Keiki Coops

The Celebration of Kahu Alan Akana's 25th Anniversary of
Ordination into Christian Ministry.

The Recognition of our Sunday School Students & Teachers

The Honoring of our High School Graduates

A Successful Capital Campaign!!!

A Barbecue Lunch Will Follow!

Christianity after Religion

Join Us for Our Summer Book Group

This Summer! Kahu Akana has chosen Diana Butler Bass' most recent book, *Christianity after Religion*, as the book for the summer book group during July and August, which will meet on Wednesday nights (July 8-August 26) at the parsonage. Please sign up with Kahu if you are interested in attending. Books are available at the church.

KAHU'S WATERCOLORS ARE ON SALE!!!

On Celebration Sunday, June 7,

Kahu Akana's original watercolors and prints

will be available for purchase at 25% off the regular price

and Kahu will donate an additional 25% to

Maika'I Hana Hou!!!

MAIKA'I HANA HOU — May 17, 2015 Special Event

Thank you to all our fabulous *Special Events Committee Members!* Our May 17 special event was a huge success and folks are still talking about what a success it was! A gigantic “thank you” to those who planned and prepared the fabulous meal: Taylor and Van Sakimae, Troy Paik, Rodney Baptiste, Bonnie Kakinami, JoAnne Machin! We were so fortunate to have Kauai entertainer Haunani and her group play beautiful Hawaiian music and dance for us. Did you notice that Doug and Jeanette were so moved by the music, they got up and danced, too! And, we must not forget our fabulous event Directors, Mo and Lynn Mori, for keeping it all together at the Parsonage before, during and after the event: much mahalo! Please do not forget to thank Missy Foley, Judyth Foley (& great signs) & Lynn Mori for the beyond-beautiful tropical decorations at the entrance, on the tables and tents! Josie Parongao, Jean Odo, Anita Lustman kept our keiki so busy with fun games. A big shout out of special thanks to Sheri Fu, Nanette Brierley, Yone Honjo, Francisca Padua, Kaylee Alapai for working so hard as hostesses and bussing the tables! How about those fantastic door prizes! Many thanks to Kahu Alan, Bonnie Kakinami, Rosemary Smythe, Pat Chaffin, Penny Osuga and all those who worked tirelessly to not only solicit prizes, but keep the organizing and drawing so seamless! What would we do without the Duvauchelle Ohana? Our set-up and clean-up crew led by Rodney Baptiste were Uncle Diki Sugawa & Logan Baptiste who were joined by Sheryl Ramos, JoRae Baptiste, Doug Du-

vauchelle, Vernon Parongao, who stayed until the end to clean up and take the tables benches and tents down. We are certain we have forgotten someone here because virtually everyone in attendance chipped in to help with the event, thank you all so very much. We cannot end this report without thanking all who donated so generously to our fabulous door prizes: Kahu Alan Akana and Christian Rizo (numbered and framed print), Wade Yamamoto (wine), Lawai Beach Resort (2 nights), Bette McLeod (2 separate weeks at The Point at Poipu), Mark Ruiz (\$100 in Tortilla Republic gift cards), Van Sakimae (Poipu Athletic Club one month membership and \$40 Hapa’s gift certificate), Virginia Dunas (massage certificate), Missy Foley (tropical flowers), Ron Ota (three tropical flower arrangements), Kei & Penny Osuga (\$100 Keoki’s gift card), Rosemary Smythe (Grand Hyatt Kauai 2 night stay and pool pass) and we must not forget Larry Hanson (Moana Hotel diamond deluxe ocean front 3 night stay and our grand prize 2 night stay at the Sheraton Waikiki worth \$8,000) — congratulations, Tiffany!!! We are most thankful for the Capital Campaign Commitments that all of you made and are looking forward to our next **Special Event on Sunday, June 7, 2015**, when we announce the total amount of those commitments!

Blessings,

Sharon McCoubrey and Becky Sakimae
Co-chairs

AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Aunty Niele, our reporter for this column. Niele is the Hawaiian word for "nosy." If you have any news to share in this column, please contact Aunty Ni'ele at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

We have two children's groups using our Moore Hall on weekday mornings! *Koloa Keiki Co-op* and *Growing Gardens Co-op*. Isn't that wonderful? The daily sounds of children singing, doing the A-B-Cs, laughing is encouraging & refreshing. **Sharon McCoubrey's** daughters, **Shana Dee and Joy** were home for a visit—happy times!! Our **Kahu** will be the next *President of the Kauai Association of the UCC!* **JoAnne** was



our 1st inspirational speaker as we kicked off our "capital campaign!" She was awesome! I went to Las Vegas for my 50th (!!!) class reunion. Had fun eating, visiting with

classmates from near and far, riding the "High Roller" ferris wheel—largest in the world at 550' high, Tony award-winning show and dinner at Guy Fieri's, fabulous buffet at the Pullman Grill, etc. Enjoyed



our visit with associate members, **Phil/Susan Ruputz. Mike & Fran Johnshoy** had a wonderful visit from son & dtr-in-

law, **Mike & Mary**, all the way from Virginia! Thank you to our talented, **Missy Foley**, for our weekly flowers. Please sign up for monthly birthday treats for our Sunday School children. And we also need

teachers. **Karen Johnson's** sister, **Lynn**, and friend, **Susan**, were here for a visit. I enjoyed meeting them. We enjoyed having **Betty Bell** in church with us. Also wonderful having friends, **Jerry & Dorothy Brooks** visiting from Oregon! Congratulations to **Qyla Parongao** who graduated as



an RN!!! I don't mind getting sick if **Qyla** will care for me!!! The **Waterhouse ohana** was in



town for a memorial service. On the "up" side, they were in town for our "capital campaign celebration Sunday" which means

they joined us for a catered lunch at the parsonage. Koloa Union is ever so grateful to the Waterhouse family. Thanks to **Jo-Rae** for our cool, new name tags! **Kahu's**

good friend, **Diana Butler Bass** was in town speaking AND she also preached for



us on *Mother's Day!* A group of church members went to hear to her speak. Thank you, **Uncle Diki & Rodney**, for a fab



Mother's Day lunch! Delicious! Enjoyed this year's *Humane Society Fund Raiser* dinner at the beautiful Poipu Sheraton. This year's theme: "*Paws for Celebration.*" The food and entertainment were

awesome! While all this is going on, **Lee and Carol Bowen** traveled to



Japan! See Mt. Fuji in the background? Those



two really get around, huh? Enjoyed the **Koloa**

School May Day festivities! They always do such a fabulous job and it is always heartwarming to see all the children dressed in Hawaiian attire and performing.





Check this out: they DO look like sisters, huh? **Jo Duvauchelle's** sisters are visiting: **Maimi** from Ohio and **Jeanie** from Oahu. Always wonderful being sur-

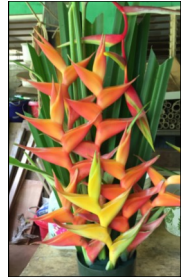
rounded by family. **Caleb Ito** graduated from preschool!!! And so did our **Miss Trestany!** Congratulations! They are growing up too quickly.



So when I was in San Francisco in April, I saw this van parked on the street and my first thought was: "Oh my goodness, **Uncle Diki** has moved to the Bay Area!!!" The van has the same dent as **Uncle Diki's**, too!!!



A few pictures from our **Maika'i Hana Hou** special event at the parsonage on May 17! What a day that was!



Speaking of our "children" growing up, **Stacey Sueoka** just graduated with a PhD in *Optic Engineering* from the *University of Arizona*!!!! High fives and congratulations!!! Was so nice meeting **Judyth Foley's** daughter, **Tara**, and her wife, **Christina!**



We are blessed!
Check out the rainbow!





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SUNDAY EVENTS

10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
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