



# DAKINE

## President's Message

### 2023 Annual Meeting

November was another busy month as you will see in our Resident Managers report. We are preparing for our Annual Meeting, currently scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 10:00am at the Pavilion.

We know that it is always hard to get the required quorum for the annual meeting. We will not have enough owners in attendance to achieve a quorum. Given this, we need you to mail in the Proxy that you will receive in the mail. Mail in your Proxy ***even if you plan to attend***. We must have 50% of owners (made up of attendees and signed proxies) to conduct the annual meeting. If not we will have to reschedule and that is costly to our Association.

Please note there are board member positions that will be up for election at the Annual Meeting, so if you are interested in getting involved, this could be your time! Anyone wishing to run for the board should submit a short resume to the board secretary Bert Wilkinson to have their name placed on the ballots. Nominations may also be made at the meeting, but these will be write-in candidates on the ballots.

### House Rules Revision

Your Board has been working on a revision of our House Rules. Last revision was in 2016. This was a good year to take on this task as we were able to write in language that helps owners registering their units for Short Term Rental purposes. You should have all received a copy of the draft and I want to thank the many owners that responded to the Board with comments and suggestions. Copies of the 2022 revised House Rules will soon be available for download on our Web Page. We will have

printed copies available at the Annual Meeting.

### Short Term (Transient) Rentals

Short term rentals are back and will only increase given that KEE is one of the few places on the North Shore where transient vacation units can operate. This is great for the economy, and it's nice to see people enjoying our property.

My message to owners and their rental agents is to follow all State Laws and Local ordinances in operating their rental units at KEE.

All owners must fully prepare their guests for arrival. Too many guests arrive without the ability to get through the gate. Some cannot get into the rental unit. A few do not even have their rental unit number. They think they just check-in with the Resident Manager as if we are some sort of a resort.

Guests also need to know the key House Rules. This includes use of the Common Areas, Quiet Time Hours, and Trash Disposal Rules. You would be surprised to see what your rental guests leave behind!!

As we reach the end of 2022, I want to thank Resident Manager Marlene Almadova and our crew (Bernardo and Florante) for all the maintenance done this year; to our Island Green landscaping workers; and, to Bert Wilkinson and Vickie Dela Cruz for their work getting out the monthly newsletter! Have a safe and happy holiday season and I will see you all in 2023!

***Walter Wiess..... KEE Board President***



## Resident Manager's Report:

### What A November

We had one of the busiest Novembers that I can remember. Your staff accomplished a lot this month. Let me summarize the work that was completed.



AAA Fire Equipment completed our annual fire inspection to ensure all fire safety equipment was in working order.

Your maintenance staff completed repairs on walkway cracks throughout the property. Work on this will be an ongoing project!



Faulty water valves were replaced in several units and 44 gate valves were upgraded to ball valves in the common area water system.

Pool equipment repairs were made, and we used parts we had on hand rather than having to order them from the mainland.



Lighting poles and bases were repainted. This was a nice little extra that our staff was able to complete.



Coconut tree trimming was completed. During the process, we found a tree with a hollow treetop that was at risk of breaking off at the crown. This tree was removed.

We had repairs done to the phone system at the Eleku gate. There was so much static on the line it was impossible to communicate.

### Major Projects

Central Pacific Specialty Contractors will begin repair work on the Trash Enclosures on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be our last major project of the year. Notices will be posted and those who have bikes stored in those areas must have them moved by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

We are already looking forward to our next major project for 2023. Yes, its true. We are finally going to replace our old mail box units. It is time for this to be done and I am looking forward to the install of the new units.



### Support for STR Registration

During this entire month, we have been trying to support our owners who rent out their units. As you know, the City and County of Honolulu is using a private entity, Harmari STR, to process registration applications for Short Term Rentals.



We have handled dozens of these requests and hope that your registration process has been successful.



As we end 2022, I want to thank you all for your support, for your caring and cooperation. From me to you,

**Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou.**

**Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager**

### **Tis the Season to be Careful**



Holidays are supposed to be a joyous time – but scammers can replace the joy of the season with the

headaches of fraud. With more online shopping expected this year, the scammers will be out in force so take care. Once again, we have included an attachment (page 6) to help your take precautions to protect your bank accounts during the holidays. We hope you find this information beneficia

**\*\*DIS 'N 'DAT – A Few Christmas Traditions, Hawaiian Style.**

Those of us who grew up on the mainland shared the same Christmas Traditions. Songs like “*The Twelve Days of Christmas*” and stories like “*T’was The Night Before Christmas*” were always a part of the holiday season celebration.

These Christmas traditions have been adopted by those in Hawaii. But what I find refreshing is the way that traditional songs and stories have been adapted and have become local.

One of these is the Christmas Luau Song with the lyrics that begin with “*T’was the night before Christmas*”. I love this song.

Another of my favorites is the “*Night Before Christmas*” poem in Pidgin. It never fails to make me smile.

So, for this Christmas edition of DA KINE, I would like to share a couple of YouTube videos with you. Please note, you may have to watch a short video advertisement first.



Click on this image to hear two versions of the Christmas Luau Song.

Click on Santa for the Pidgin version of the “*Night Before Christmas*” Poem.





### KEE Couple Win Big in California At Pickleball Championships



The 2022 National Pickleball Championships at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Southern CA. welcomed 2,291 players in total including both Pros and amateurs, 4,158 total matches, 102 USA Pickleball

certified referees, and 176 brackets. The event also hosted 5,522 Pickleball fans at the peak of Championship Sunday, the LARGEST-ever Pickleball attendance. KEE was represented by owners Don & Judy Cole, who also championed getting one of our tennis courts set up for Pickleball. They brought home the GOLD medal in Mixed Doubles 70+ 3.0. Don also got a SILVER medal for Men's Doubles 70+ : 3.0!

Rumor has it, Judy and Don will be available for autographs and Pickleball Tips upon their return home. Congrats....and on to the World Championships in 2023!

### December Events on Oahu

#### **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Honolulu City Lights**

Saturday, December 3, 2022. 5:30 pm  
Honolulu Hale, Honolulu



This annual event is back for 2022. Honolulu City Lights kicks off the Christmas Season with a Tree Lighting and decorations display at Honolulu Hale followed by an Electric Light parade.

After this event, the Christmas Tree and Holiday Decorations will be viewable in the Honolulu Hale Courtyard until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

For more information on this event, please click on the image above.

### 81st Pearl Harbor Commemoration “Everlasting Legacy”



December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
Pearl Harbor National Memorial  
(Some Ceremonies Livestreamed)

Activities Honoring the 81st anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be held at several locations in the Pearl Harbor national Memorial on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. For the first time in several years, all ceremonies are open to the public. The Commemoration and the USS Utah Ceremony will be livestreamed online.

For complete information visit the Pacific Historic Parks website by clicking on the image of the USS Arizona Memorial.



**New Year's Eve Fireworks**



Looking to end 2022 with a **Bang!** Well, a fireworks show is set for Honolulu.

The fireworks will be set off from a barge located off Waikiki Beach. There may be other shows, but they have not been announced. The *Go Visit Hawaii* webpage is trying to keep up with all the information on these events. Access their site by clicking on the fireworks image above.

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## ***How To Avoid Holiday Scams***

- 1. PHISHING EMAILS** – Phishing, or emails with fake links designed to get your personal information, often ramps up at the end of the year. Fake delivery confirmations are an annual favorite. Popular ones include the personalized letter from Santa to your child, solicitations from unknown third parties that offer gift cards or discounts in exchange for taking a survey, and fake renewal requests for things like insurance coverage.
- 2. FAKE CHARITIES**– Unfortunately, fake charities often pop up during the holidays to take advantage of people’s generosity. Social media has become a popular method of attack for these scammers. Please support your favorite organizations but thoroughly vet any new charities that ask for your money. Legitimate charities will be happy to answer your questions.
- 3. PHONE SCAMS** – More people are home over the holidays, so phone scammers step up their efforts accordingly. In general, you should not give your personal information over the phone in any call that you did not initiate.
- 4. E-CARDS** – Holiday e-cards are increasingly popular, but they can contain viruses. Verify them separately with the sender before opening.
- 5. BOGUS WEBSITES** – Online-shopping bargains may be unusually good for a reason. Scammers may create slick websites offering merchandise at cut-rate prices without any intent of delivering – or worse, as a front to steal and misuse your account information. Before you order from a website, verify both that the company is legitimate and that you have not been directed to a spoof of their website. Do not use external links; enter the correct company URL in your browser. Look for "https" in the header – the "s" reflects a secure web page.
- 6. TAKE CARE W/MOBILE USE** – Ordering on your telephone may be convenient, but if you are using a public, unsecured wireless connection, you are increasing the risk that your information may be intercepted and stolen. Type in the correct URL in the browser. If you are connecting through retailer apps, verify that the app is valid.
- 7. GIFT CARDS** – You can buy major retailers’ gift cards almost anywhere – even at gas stations – but check them carefully. If the activation codes are exposed, scammers may have already copied and used the information, leaving you with a worthless card.
- 8. CHANGE PASSWORDS** – What could be more fun than sitting in front of a roaring fire with hot apple cider and changing all of your passwords? There are plenty of things that are more fun, but not many that are more useful.
- 9. USE CREDIT OVER DEBIT** – A credit card will not protect you from scams, but they can limit the damage. Your liability for defective/undelivered items or fraudulent use of your card is \$50, and many credit companies will waive that. Debit cards are linked to your bank account, so it is easy for thieves to drain your account without your knowledge.



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