



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our new Board of Directors is formed, and we are getting organized.

In a recent special meeting, your Board discussed options

for the repair of our aging sewer system. We looked over bids from contractors and considered a proposal from a construction management firm. This will be the biggest work project ever undertaken by our Association.

We have decided to retain the services of Bergeman Group. This construction management firm is headquartered in Honolulu with offices in Los Angeles and Denver. They manage projects throughout the State of Hawaii as well as the Western United States.

They will evaluate the scope of work to be done and help us with the hiring of a contractor to complete the work. They will consult with us if problems arise and ensure that we get the quality work we will be paying for. Their fees are reasonable. We believe the services provided will save our Association money in the end.

Our goal is to develop a work schedule and then provide as much notice as possible to allow owners to prepare.

The sewer line work is disruptive and costly. With good communication, we can help to minimize those problems.

We will continue to keep you updated on this project. We ask for your support as we move forward.

I am confident our new Board will be up to the challenges we face. Vini Freitas is a former Board member. He knows the property. He will be an asset to the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

Lisa Lai is a full-time resident who is committed to the welfare of the KEE Community. She will guide the work of the Landscape and Grounds Group.

Rick Rocheleau and Ete Savini continue their service. Both are experienced and knowledgeable Board members.

Bert Wilkinson will handle the Secretary duties including the DA KINE newsletter and our website. He will also create and distribute bulletins to keep you informed on important issues.

Wendy Stafford will monitor our budget and finances. She is perfect for this job. We are fortunate to have her as our Treasurer as we enter this upcoming project.

Finally, our Resident Manager, Marlene Almadova completes her 11<sup>th</sup> year of service to the KEE community on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Wish her well the next time you see her!

Walt Weiss.....Board President

#### RESIDENT MANAGER'S REPORT



I must start off this month by welcoming Max Salvador back to work. He was off during the month of February for a planned medical treatment.

In February we completed our semi-annual coconut palm trimming. Mahalo to all owners and residents who

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cooperated by moving their vehicles. This allows room for the work to be done and avoids damage to cars from falling tree fragments.

Bernardo is busy repainting some of the parking stalls. He also had to deal with a broken pump on the Lalo pool. He also he completed a repair on our company truck saving us the expense of sending it out to a mechanic.

At this time of year, I am dedicating time to the update of our Association Records. This includes our listing of owners and residents emergency contact phone numbers and email addresses.

It is very important that I have this information on file. I need to be able to get in touch with you in an emergency.

If you are not a resident, you should provide me with the phone number and email address of a current "on-island" contact who can step up in your absence. If you vacation rent, I must have the contact information of your required on-island agent.

Finally, warmer weather is coming and there will be the need for owners to replace wall unit air conditioners. The construction guidelines specify that flush mount units be installed.

Please contact me prior to installing or replacing a wall air unit to ensure that the unit complies with our guidelines.

Mahalo for your support.

Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager

#### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

#### Flush Mount Air Conditioners Required

As noted in the Resident Manager's Report, Flush Mount Air Conditioners are required at KEE (for several reasons). They do not project outside the walls to provide better exterior appearance for our community.

Condensation does not drip onto walls, the roof or down on the lanais of lower units. This condensation has caused damage that the owner of the air conditioning unit must pay for. Listed below are examples of the two types of units. See our resident manager for more information on where to look for flush mount units.

#### **Approved**



#### Not approved



#### \*\*DIS 'N 'DAT THE MAGNIFICENT WAIMEA VALLEY



Waimea Valley is a truly remarkable place. We visit there often to view the botanical gardens, cultural exhibits and, of course, Waimea Falls.

We are dedicating this issue of Dis 'N Dat to provide a summary of the history and attractions of this location.

#### **History of the Valley**

Native Hawaiians recognized the special place that is Waimea Valley. The earliest known site on the property dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It was a temple built to honor the Hawaiian god of agriculture.

Waimea was always an area that was reserved for high-ranking Kahuna (Priests) and their families.

Supporting the Kahuna was a small group of farmers, fisherman and hunters that lived and worked in the Valley. They formed a traditional ahupua'a or land division which stretched from the uka (mountains) to the kai (seaside).

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Each region of the ahupua'a provided specific resources needed for the residents of the entire community to survive.

The uplands provided plants and herbs for medicines and trees for making canoes (wa'a) and homes (hale). The middle areas were farmed for banana, taro, sweet potato, breadfruit, and coconut. The coastal region provided fish, shellfish, seaweed, and salt.

The last Priest to occupy Waimea Valley was the Kahuna Nui of King Kamehameha in 1819. Upon his death, he passed the land on to his granddaughter Pa'alua. She held on to the land until 1884 when she was forced to lease it out.

The land then went through various transitions. In the early 1900's Waimea was used for ranching and farming. The U.S. Military occupied the Valley during WWII.

In the 60's and 70's Waimea became a tourist attraction with stagecoach rides that featured actors playing cowboys and Indians. Guided tours were offered and there were cliff-diver shows at Waimea Falls.

In 2003 Waimea came under the control of a non-profit company that pledged to develop and care for the land, culture and heritage of the valley.

#### **Waimea Valley Today**

Today, the mission of the Valley is to "Preserve and perpetuate the human, cultural and natural resources of Waimea for generations through education and stewardship". The Waimea Valley really offers something for everyone.

#### **Botanical Gardens**



There are 52 themed gardens home to over 5000 documented types of tropical and subtropical plants.

These include native Hawaiian plants and globally endangered species. Trees and plants are well marked with signage for those who favor a self-guided tour.

#### **Cultural Heritage Site**



As you walk the valley, you can visit several restored sites. There is a traditional Hawaiian living site (kauhale) with re-constructed examples of the

structures that would make up the community.

There are examples of shrines dedicated to the Hawaiian gods of agriculture and fishing.

You can view agricultural terraces and even the burial site of a very high-ranking and well-respected person.

Again, all the sites are well marked with signs that provide you with historical information.

#### Waimea Falls

This is a very sacred site. It is located at the back of the valley at the end of a very well-maintained walkway. The rains over the Ko'olau Mountains flow into



the Kamananui stream and are the source of the waters that flow over the falls. On a fullmoon night every month, you can take a night walk and view the moon rising over the falls.

#### **Events**

Throughout the year you will find some great events sponsored by Waimea Valley. These include concerts and festivals on selected holidays. Click the following link and select the Events Tab for more information.

https://www.waimeavalley.net/cultural-sites



#### March Events on Oahu

#### Waimea Valley

One of our favorite local places to visit. You can hike the well-maintained paths to visit Cultural Sites and World-Class Botanical Gardens. Finish up with a swim in the pool and sit on the rocks at the base of beautiful Waimea Falls.

It is a great family outing. Wednesdays are always Keki Days where kids under 12 have fee admission. Thursdays are for Kama'Āina offering all local residents free admission.

Please take the time to read this month's edition of Dis n' Dat featuring the history and legacy of this historic site.



28<sup>th</sup> Annual Honolulu Festival Saturday/Sunday March 8-10 Free Admission – Various Locations Near Honolulu City Center

Dedicated to honoring the Cultures of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim, this event has it all. Music and Dance performances, food, vendors and a Grand Parade. Too much to describe here. Click the link above for a complete listing of all the events.



Prince Kuhio Holiday Parade and Celebration Saturday March 16th 5:00 – 8:00 PM Kapolei

This is one of only four State of Hawai'l Legacy Parades.

Sponsored by the The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs to honor the life of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole. Arrive early to get your spot to watch over 100+parade participants. Click the image for full details.



18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Wiki Wiki One Day Vintage Collectibles & Hawaiiana Show Sunday, March 17th<sup>th</sup> – Blaisdell Center 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM Admission \$5

90 plus vendors of Hawaiian Vintage and Collectibles. The show features a huge selection of pre-statehood and antique Hawaiiana for sale. Click the image above for more information.



#### **REAL ESTATE**

No Listings or Sales to Report

\* Sale pending \*\* Sold \*\*\*By Owner

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY Sunday, March 17th



### HAPPY EASTER Sunday, March 31st





## HAU'OLI LA HANAU



## FOR MARCH

## KYLE DUNCAN - DAVID HAAS MARK HAMILTON - LORI MILLER

Let us recognize your birthday in DA KINE. Email your name to vickieldc@yahoo.com - Subject: DA Kine Birthday. Mahalo



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