

# DA KINE



## President's Message

Your Board of Directors met on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. After approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting, our Resident Manager, Marlene Almodova, brought us up to date on projects and activities at KEE. Details will follow my comments in this newsletter.

Treasurer Wendy Stafford summarized the status of the KEE Budget, and her report is also contained in this newsletter.

We currently have three standing committees. Bob Graham reported for the Grounds and Landscape Committee. I gave a summary of the activities of the Buildings and Infrastructure Committee. Bert Wilkinson represented the Communications Committee.

The committee reports that are summarized in this issue of DA KINE are encouraging. We are moving forward in dealing with issues related to our grounds and building maintenance.

I will conclude this month's message by repeating what I said to you in May of Last Year. It looks like our Board has its work cut out for us in 2024. We are committed to accomplishing our goals and we will keep you informed of our progress.

***Walt Weiss.....KEE Board President***

## Resident Manager's Report

Once again, we have a new Landscape Maintenance Company working at KEE. Aloha Aina has been replaced by Marcos Landscaping. See more on this in the Grounds/Landscape Committee Report.

We finished repairs to the sewer line in Building #7 and have begun repairs to units in Building #6. Repairs of this nature are going to be a common occurrence. More on this in the report from the Buildings and Infrastructure Committee.

I am very pleased with the performance of our Maintenance Crew. They have been re-painting the parking spaces and dealing with dry-rot (wood decay) repairs on buildings. We have also hired a new member of our team. He is in training to replace Bernardo when he decides to retire.

We just completed our monthly property inspection. I want to extend my thanks to all owners/residents for complying with our requests to clear all common entryways. We are now ready for our re-inspection by the Fire Marshal.

The roofing maintenance project is a bit behind schedule. Wet weather and an equipment failure caused a delay in the work. Our contractor is back on the job now.

We are moving forward with the issuance of new entrance FOB's. Our old system was at maximum capacity causing the need to use codes. Use of the codes compromised our gate security. The new system will provide direct access by scanning a FOB and remote access using a local phone number.

***...Marlene Almodova, Resident Manager***



**Treasurers Report**



Wendy Stafford reported on the status of the 2024 Budget through March 1, 2024.

The total Cash and Reserves of the Association total \$1,122,143.86.

We have negative budget variances in a few areas. These include insurance, electrical utilities, plumbing repairs, pest control, and security costs.

These variances are not unusual as cost increases in these areas are not always predictable. A good example is our Association Insurance which has increased significantly this year.

The good news is that savings in other areas of our budget offset much of the variances.

Overall, the current annual budget as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, is in good shape with the Association’s total Operating Expenses coming in at about 4.8 percent over budget.

**Wendy Swafford.....Treasurer**

**Committee Reports**

**Bob Graham – Grounds and Landscape Committee.** We are pleased with the performance of our new contractor, Marcos Landscaping. They take pride in their work. In the short time they have been on site, we see a marked improvement in the condition of our grounds. As an added bonus, it seems they can get a lot of work done with less use of noisy machinery. Have you noticed it is a bit quieter around here during the work week?

**Walt Weiss – Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.** Discussed the ongoing projects currently in progress. The roof maintenance will be completed shortly. This

work is necessary to extend the life of our shake roofs.

Walt addressed He the issue of entry codes for our newly installed gate access system. Our old system allowed access via an entry code. Unfortunately, codes were passed on to individuals who did not have business on property. Security was compromised and quality of life for residents was negatively impacted. People would park on site during events at the Turtle Bay Resort. They would also come on property to use the pools.

Gate codes will not be used with the new system. Secure options include direct access by scanning a FOB or remote access via local phone number.

Walt gave an update on the Sewer Line Replacement Project. He noted that the Bergman Engineering Firm is actively working on assessing the scope of work to be done. The first project team meeting will be held next Friday. In the meantime, emergency work continues as necessary.

**Bert Wilkinson – Communications Committee.** Bert noted that communication with owners must be improved given all the work activities planned and in progress. Our contact lists must be up-to-date to allow us to get out special notices and informational bulletins in a timely manner. If you are not getting our monthly newsletter, email Bert at [baw5671@comcast.net](mailto:baw5671@comcast.net).

**Friendly Reminders**



Please do not give out our Resident Manager’s Personal Phone number to Vacation Rental Guests.

The only number that should be provided is **808-293-9974**. This number is answered 24/7



and our Resident Manager will pick up that line during normal business hours.



Please follow the House Rules when walking your pets on site. Pets must be on a leash. You must pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.

Please do not leave food out for stray or wild animals. Unfortunately, the gifts of food do not reach their intended recipients.



Rodents are attracted to the free meals. They then take up residence in our palm trees. They damage the trees, and your Association must pay for costly pest control services. Year-to-date we have spent nearly \$4,000 on Pest Control.

**\*\*DIS 'N 'DAT – May Day is Lei Day**



Hawaii Residents know that May 1<sup>st</sup> (May Day) is also Lei Day. It is a day of celebration that includes Lei Making and music. In Hawaii it is also officially recognized as a holiday.

We decided to investigate the history of this special day and were surprised at what we found.

It seems the origins of the Lei Day idea arose in the early 1920's. Tourists arriving in Honolulu were met with lei sellers who lined the piers and sidewalks outside of hotels.

Don Blanding, a local poet, and columnist for the Hawaii Star Advertiser, felt that there should be a day set aside to praise the beauty of the flower lei.

He discussed his feelings with a co-worker, Grace Tower Warren. She felt Lei Day

should be observed on May Day (May 1<sup>st</sup>) and together, they popularized the phrase, "May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii Nei."

The idea took off and quickly spread through the islands. Festivals, events and lei-making contests sprang up on each May Day. Ruth and Leonard "Red" Hawk wrote a song that is still sung today.

The first celebration of note occurred in 1927 at the Bank of Hawaii in Honolulu. In 1928 it moved to Kapi'olani park and in 1929 Lei Day was declared a Statewide Holiday in Hawaii.

You will find information on the May Day Lei Day celebration in our "What's Happening" section. Click the link below to see a short video featuring a Lei Day event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csB1-5uBaVI>

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## MAY 2024 EVENTS ON OAHU

### 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Lei Day Celebration Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 5:00pm Queen Kapi'olani Park in Waikīkī.



Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is Lei Day in Hawaii. Enjoy a full day of flowers, music, lei making craft and food. The celebration will feature a lei contest showcasing some of the most exquisitely crafted lei in a variety of colors and methods. Click on the floral image for full details.

### Lei Day At Waimea Valley Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> All Day – Free Admission (If You Wear a Lei to the event).



Music, Garden Tours, Lei Making Displays and Contests. Click the Pic for more info.



### 50<sup>th</sup> State Fair May 24<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup> Aloha Stadium Lower Halawa Lot

The 50<sup>th</sup> State Fair is back!

Click on the picture for more detailed information and a schedule of the hours and days that the fair is open.

### Memorial Day on Oahu 2024



Monday, May 27th culminates the three-day Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. Take the time to remember the Men and Women who served and sacrificed to defend our country.

In Honolulu there are three events that are traditional on Memorial Day.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 8:30am at the National

memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Hawaii Memorial Day Parade in Honolulu. Marching, military bands, scouts, military units, and veterans march from Fort DeRussey, Waikiki, down Kalakaua Avenue, then Monsarrat Avenue to the Waikiki Shell. The parade starts at 5 p.m. with a memorial ceremony and is followed by an evening concert afterward.

The Shinnyo Lantern Floating will Commence at 6:30pm at Ala Moana Beach. Remember past loved ones and veterans by floating a lantern in their honor.

Click on the flag image above for complete information on these events.

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK IS May 5TH THROUGH MAY 11TH.



Hurricane season in Hawaii begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> so now is the time to get prepared. Click on the important message icon to access the NOAA

Hurricane Preparedness Website for tips on assessing your risk and developing a plan should a Hurricane Strike our area.



Click on the funnel cloud image to go directly to the Ready Gov page for details on how to build an emergency kit for any disaster.





*Don't Forget These Important Dates*

*Mother's Day Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>*



**HAU'OLI LA HANAU**  
For May 2024



**ANNE HARLEN-FORTUCCI – PAULETTE MCCOY – CECELIA QURESHI  
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