

Your Monthly Brain Teaser:

Why stand on your left foot as the New Year counts down?

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DAKINE



President's Message



Aloha all and Happy New Year.

I want to start with a message of the highest importance. Within weeks you will be asked to vote to approve the financing plan for our Waste Line Project.

You will receive an email with all the details, and you will be able to record your vote by yes or no and your signature when responding to the email. Other options to vote will be offered but we encourage your use of the email method.



Please make it a priority to vote on this issue. Financing the work requires approval by 51 percent of owners. We have a contract ready to sign. We need your approval to do so.

We are busy preparing for our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday January 24, 2026, at 10:00am. Please arrive by 9:30am to register. **You will find the Zoom link info on page 4 of this newsletter.**

You will be receiving proxy ballots in the mail soon. Please complete and return these in the self-addressed and stamped envelope. **Do so even if you plan to attend the meeting.**

We must have at least 50% of owners (represented by proxy or in person) to conduct business. Otherwise, the meeting must be rescheduled. Our Association does not need this added expense.

If you need another proxy ballot, please contact Hawaiiiana. Owners living on site can see the Resident Manager.

Our agenda will include a report from our Resident Manager, Treasurer and standing committees.

The report from the Infrastructure Committee will include an update on our Waste Line, Electrical and Mailbox Projects.

The report from the finance committee will provide details on financing for all those projects.

We will also hold an election to fill open positions on the Board. There are three (3) board seats to fill this year.

Rick Rocheleau has stated that he will run for re-election to an additional term as allowed by our Bylaws. Lisa Lai and Ete Savini will not seek re-election. We thank them for their service to the community.

We enter this new year (2026) with some ambitious goals.

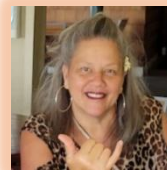
We are determined to take control of our major projects. We want to do planned rather than emergency work.

We are committed to making progress in restoring our reserve fund. We want to have money when needed for future maintenance.

Thank you in advance for your continued support..

...Bert Wilkinson, KEE Board President

Resident Manager's Report:



I will start my message with a big year-end thanks to you all. Your support keeps me going.

I am honored to be your Resident Manager, and I truly care for this community.



I also want to recognize our maintenance staff. I call them "Team Key". Bernardo Cacal is the lead with members Max Salvadore, Manolito Sumait and Alberto Guzman.

I am confident that Team KEE will continue to provide the excellent and cost-effective work needed to maintain our community.

I will be giving a detailed report of the work and accomplishments of the past year at our annual meeting. Here is a summary of activities completed in December.

We had a sewer line failure in Building 13 and a sewer line backup in Building 7.



The emergency work in Building 13 also required replacement of a portion of the common water supply line. Work was extensive. We hope work will be completed by the first week of January.



We had to remove several Olive trees near Building 13 to eliminate tree root problems. We are scheduling more tree removals on the street side of Building 1 for the same issues.

The emergency work in building 7 will be on the outside portion of the waste line. The interior work will be scheduled in the future.

We fixed a broken heater in the pool on the Eleku side of the property.

We continue to repair leaky irrigation pipes; patch cracked concrete and paint and maintain as we identify areas needing attention.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou My best wishes to you for a happy and prosperous 2026

....Marlene Almadova, Resident Manager

****DIS 'N 'DAT.....Looking Back**

In the Spirit of Auld Lang Syne we decided to reminisce by looking back at past *Dis 'N 'Dat* articles written at the New Year. We are glad we did and would like to share what we found.



In 2018 we talked about New Year Resolutions. Seems over 40% of Americans start the new year off vowing to eat better, exercise more and get their finances in shape.



Unfortunately, only about 10% of us can fully achieve our goal.



In 2019 and 2021 we wrote about fireworks and food.

The Chinese have had fireworks since the 7th Century and used them to scare off evil spirits. Judging by what happens on Oahu on New Years Eve there are no evil spirits around on the island for quite a while!

Portuguese love bean soup. Filipinos eat pancit. Koreans eat duk kuk (rice cake soup). Chinese make dumplings. Mexicans enjoy tamales and Japanese pound Mochi into an edible New Year's decoration called Kagami. Of course, in Hawaii its often all about Sashimi.



Finally, in 2022 we looked at some Hawaiian quotes that seem to pop up at this time of year.

For Inspiration

Kulia i ka nu'u – (Strive to reach the highest.)

A Personal Resolution

`A`ohe lokomaika`i i nele i ke pâna`i – (No kind deed has ever lacked its reward.)

And...Our Very Favorite

"Merry Fitness and Happy New Rear"
(No Hawaiian Translation Available)



We wish the best for 2026. And once again we remind you to avoid celebrating Quitters Day on January 10th.



This is the day most people give up on their New Year's resolution.

A Few Friendly Reminders For 2026

Condo Insurance Required



All Units at Kuilima Estates East are required to carry a Condo Insurance (HO-6)

Policy. It is crucial for protecting your investment. The Association's master policy covers common areas not your personal property, furnishings or personal liability to your guests.

If you do not have HO-6 insurance, the Association will open a policy covering your unit and will bill you for that coverage.

Phone Number for Rental Guests

Please do not give our Resident Manager's personal phone number to your rental guests. Their main contact should be your on-island agent.

You can provide them with our general phone number that is answered on a 24-hour basis.



That number is 808-293-9974

FOR SALE OR WANTED

No Items To List



Need an ad posted? Contact Vickie Dela Cruz at

vickieldc@yahoo.com

REAL ESTATE

#64 for \$1,800,000 FEE SIMPLE

*Sale pending ** Sold ***By Owner

**JANUARY EVENTS ON OAHU
Whale Watching Season Begins**



Every year we remind you that Whale Watching season begins in January.

Humpback whales begin their 3,000-mile

migration from summer feeding grounds in the Gulf of Alaska, to the waters around the Hawaiian Islands.

In late December through March, you can view whales surfacing along the North Shore coastline.

NORTH SHORE SURFING

This is the time of the year that the best surfers on the planet compete on our North Shore beaches. Here is what is coming up this month.



***The Eddie Big Wave Invitational
Waimea Bay (Now thru March 13, 2026)***



The holding period for the 2025-26 Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational (Eddie) runs through March 13th of this year.

It was a no-go last year so there are high hopes for some qualifying wave conditions in 2026.

***Da Hui Backdoor Shootout
Jan 4th thru Jan 16th, 2026
Ehukai Beach Park--(Pipeline)***

A great independent event to replace the Vans Triple Crown. It is an invitation-only event so the competition will be top-notch. It should never be forgotten that this event is held in honor of the memory of Duke Kahanamoku.



Lexus Pipe Challenger
January 29 – February 9
Ehukai Beach Park – Pipeline

This WSL Championship Tour Event offers spectators the chance to see the best on the big and challenging swell that often occurs at Pipeline in late January.

For more information on all these surfing events, click on the surfer image.

2026 Sony Open Golf Tournament
Jan 12th–18th
Waialea Country Club

For us golfers. This PGA Tour event attracts some of the biggest names in professional golfing. For more info click on the golfer above.



Martin Luther King Parade & Festival
Monday January 19th 9 - 11am



The parade forms at Magic Island at 7:30 am and moves out at 9 am. The route is on Kalakaua Avenue through Waikiki to the Festival Site at the bandstand at Kapiolani Park.

Zoom Link for Annual Meeting



Here is the Zoom Link information for the annual meeting. We hope to see you online if you cannot attend in person.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85217769616?pwd=niZkclgCXiHOeHYMCDOLeJHIFdKwj.1>
Meeting ID: 852 1776 9616
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Passcode: 398183

Join instructions
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Brain Teaser Answer: Why stand on your left foot as the New Year Counts down?

Answer: So, you can start the new year on the right foot!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM TEAM KEE
Manolito-Marlene-Bernardo-Max & Alberto

HAU' OLI LA HANAU



Marlene Almadova - Bernardo Cacal
Dan Cole - Maria Heh - Carol Kennedy
Sue Savill Lucas - Fe Delos Santos Ete
Savini - Art Tsukamoto
Louise Yomans

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





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Director	Ete Savini

New Board Email: kuilimaeastboard@outlook.com

(Please allow us volunteers some reasonable time to Respond)

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