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March Brain Teaser

What type of music do Leprechauns listen to?

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this message, we are finalizing our contract with Warrior Construction for the Waste Line Project.

We plan to have the finance package out for owner approval by the end of this month. With an executed contract we can establish a work schedule and get this job done!

Thank you all for your patience and understanding over the past year. We are going to need your continued support as we begin work.

Going forward, our top priorities are to keep you informed, answer your questions, preserve quality of life in the community, and provide as much prior notice of work as possible. We will meet these goals with your assistance and cooperation.

We are also close to a contract with Warrior Construction for the installation of new mailbox units. The boxes will be manufactured in Carson California and shipped over to us. They will fit into our existing Kiosks, saving us a lot of money in not having to rebuild the structures.

I am back on island for periods during March and April. As I have promised, I will be holding informal, drop-in chat sessions. The dates and times will be sent out to provide reasonable advance notice.



Looking back at this time last year, we had just established a finance committee. I want to recognize the ongoing excellence of work Mary Widiner and Wendy Stafford do on project funding and general budget management.

Finally, our Resident Manager, Marlene Almadova completes her 13th year of service to the KEE community on March 4th. Please take the time to wish her well the next time you see her!

Bert Wilkinson.....Board President

RESIDENT MANAGER'S REPORT



We have so much work to report for February. For those of you not on island, we had very stormy weather with island-wide flooding,

Our property was affected by a combination of high winds and lots of moisture. This led to several roof and structure leaks that required repair.

Our roofing contractor will be making repairs on the roof surfaces that they are responsible for.

In one case water leaked into a upstairs side window. It was owner installed as part of a loft add-on that was not permitted. The window was not properly sealed.



This is an example of the reason why work must be approved and completed by a licensed contractor. A temporary patch job is in place. Owner responsible for repairs and damage.



The Lalo pool pump was ready to fail. Making a lot of noise. Bernardo was able to rebuild the pump from spare parts that he had saved from a previous replacement. Is there anything this guy cannot do?



Over on the Eleku side, pool tiles were pushed up due to tree roots under the deck. Team Key removed the tiles and roots then replaced the tiles. Looks like new!

We are cleaning up and re-painting the electrical system vaults to make them more visible for safety reasons.



We also completed several irrigation system repairs as well as repairs to areas of dry rot on our buildings and stairwells.



Finally, Tory's Roofing is refurbishing the roofs of our mailbox kiosks. We want these structures to remain in good condition for the upcoming installation of our new mailbox units.

Mahalo for your support.
Marlene Almadova.....Resident Manager

FRIENDLY REMINDER

VOTE

Please respond with your vote on the financing plan for our Waste Line Project. You will receive a mailing with details and instructions in March.

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Hawaiian Leprechauns?**



Well....here comes St. Patrick's Day. It is a day when we can all become Irish. Images of shamrocks and leprechauns are everywhere.

The upcoming holiday made us think about an article we wrote several years ago. Are Irish Leprechaun and Hawaiian Menehune cousins?

Did some Leprechaun's get tired of the cold winters, constant rain and the wild Atlantic winds of the west coast of Ireland?

They are smart and skilled, so they made boats, set sail and made it halfway around the world to settle in Hawaii.

Upon arriving, they adapted to the new environment. They retreated into the woods. When the first Hawaiians (from Polynesia) arrived, they stayed away from them. Probably because they remembered how the Irish would try to catch them to get three wishes granted....and their pots of gold!

The leprechauns were industrious. They did not build but they made shoes. When they arrived in Hawaii, there was no one to make shoes for, so they adapted.

They built fishponds ('cause they took a liking to fish). It is also said that they built ditches, breakwaters and even structures overnight!



In the warm humid climate of Hawaii, they had no need for their thick beards or their wool pants and heavy coats. There was no wool anyway. They did not need their broad-brimmed top hats and there was no metal for the buckle on the hat. Over time, they

became more like pacific islanders, though they remained small in stature.

If this is so, Menehune retained one trait that is inherited from their Leprechaun cousins. They are pranksters. Although they are seldom seen, it is said that they roam the islands carrying out tricks on people.

So, are Menehune and Leprechaun related? Given the similarities between them, it is an idea that is worth some merit. Perhaps there are Leprechauns all over the world who have left Ireland and adapted to life in their new locales.



The English and Scots have Brownies. They are small, helpful creatures that appear during the night and perform household tasks.



In Germany, there are Gnomes. They look like old men with beards and pointy hats. Like leprechauns and menehunes, they are hard-working.



There are similar creatures in Norway (Trolls), Sweden (Tomte), Mexico (Chaneques) and Asia (Tengu and Yeren). All are small, reclusive and mischievous; just like leprechauns and menehunes.

But let's not forget, it is the Irish that give us the legend of Leprechauns along with Saint Patrick's Day. Let's remember that as we enjoy Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th. Celebrate Safely.

March Events on Oahu
(A Month Filled with Parades)

 **HONOLULU Festival**

30th Annual Honolulu Festival
Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 13-15
(Most Events Saturday/Sunday)
Free Admission – Various Locations Near Honolulu City Center

Honoring the Cultures of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. Music and Dance, food, vendors and a Grand Parade. Too much to describe here. Click the picture above for a complete listing of all the events.

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Waikiki
Tuesday, March 17th – 12 Noon
Kalākaua & Saratoga Avenue through Waikiki to the Honolulu Zoo.

Bagpipers, Irish dancers, decorated vehicles and lots of green! Families line the streets, and Waikiki pubs host post-parade celebrations.

 **Vintage Collectibles & Hawaiiana Show**
MARCH OCTOBER NOVEMBER HONOLULU

Spring Wiki Wiki One Day Vintage Collectibles & Hawaiiana Show
Sunday, March 22nd – 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.

National Vietnam Veteran's Day Parade



Saturday, March 28th – 5:30 PM
Kalākaua & Saratoga Avenue thru Waikiki to the Honolulu Zoo.

3000 marchers, 12 bands and over 30 vehicles turn out to honor our Vietnam Era Veterans.

Prince Kuhio Holiday Parade & Celebration

Saturday March 28th 5–8 PM Kapolei



This is one of only four State of Hawai'i Legacy Parades. It will begin at 5pm at Kapolei Hale, proceed along Kapolei Parkway, and end at Ka Makana Ali'i. 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. **Note: This Year Prince Kuhio Holiday is celebrated on Thursday, March 26th.**



FOR SALE OR WANTED

Nothing to List for March

Need an ad posted? Contact Vickie Dela Cruz at vickieldc@yahoo.com



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#93	for	\$1,100,000	FEE SIMPLE*
#128	for	\$1,524,000	FEE SIMPLE**
#139	for	\$1,998,000	FEE SIMPLE
#140	for	\$1,199,800	FEE SIMPLE

*Sale pending ** Sold ***By Owner



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FOR MARCH

**KYLE DUNCAN - DAVID HAAS
MARK HAMILTON**

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

Brain Teaser Answer

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Leprechauns listen to?*

SHAM - ROCK



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**Upcoming Board Meeting Dates for 2026-27
(All meetings at 9am at the Pavilion)**

April 25th – July 25th – October 31st

2027 Annual Meeting – Not Set