

Kai 'Ula Pono'i Texas Hawaiian Civic Club
San Antonio, Texas 78250
February 11, 2011

E welina Kakou,

I would like to thank Denny Colbert, Delegate and Scott Gehring for representing Texas at the 2010 Convention held in Kona, Hawaii.

Pelekikena Melissa Haa Moniz

Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi Charman Aiwohi

Hope Pelekikena 'Elua Joseph Kailipaka

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We are striving to make this a very productive year. We are hoping that we will overcome the challenges brought upon us because of living so far apart.

We will be meeting with Taunu'u Ve'e, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Island Affairs Manager of APIAHF very soon. Fortunately for us, Tau's brother, Laupule Afalava lives in San Antonio. We are planning a potluck at which Tau will speak to the community about the APIAHF conference on Community Advocacy & Training on Cancer & Health (CATCH) - Module 1: Cancer 101 which is slated for April 14 & 15th, 2011 in Houston. We are also working towards gathering those who live in the Dallas/Houston area, so as they may meet with Tau prior to the scheduled convention.

We will be supporting the 15th Annual Aloha Fiestaval that will be held on April 09, 2011. This is a yearly event held in San Antonio which is sponsored by Hula Halau Ohana Elikapeka.

We will be supporting the Second Mana I Ka Hula Traditional Chant and Hula Competition that will be held in Houston, Texas on July 30, 2011. Kumu Hula Frank Keli'i Chang, is sponsoring this event.

This year we would like to move forward with a Hui brochure and a website. We have set up a yahoo group account in efforts to organize our Hui and have AHCC, Mainland Council and Hui information readily available on line.

Our Hui is sponsoring Hui Pu Laka O Moku O Keawe, Kings Landing, Keaukaha, Hawaii. They are seeking to be officially chartered at the 2011 Convention. They will be meeting with Hawaii Council in Waimea, Hawaii on March 20, 2011 with Application for Charter and a draft of their Constitution and Bylaws. I would like to speak to the Mainland Council on behalf of Hui Pu Laka O Moku O Keawe and explain why we are sponsoring this Hui, who I believe will be an asset to the Civic Clubs.

My kuleana is to "bring that which is Hawaiian" to our people residing on the mainland.

I malama the kukui of na kupuna. It is my kuleana to pass it on to the next generation and the generations to come, shining brightly.

'O wau no meka ha'aha'a,

Melissa Leinaala Haa Moniz, Pelekikena