



# Na Makamaka O Ka Pana Ali'i O Hawai'i

(The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band)



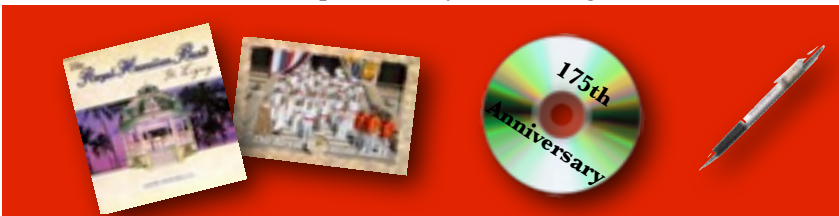
## The Friends Will Launch New Website

David Bandy, FRHB Board Member, has developed a new website for the Friends, which will officially be launched at 12:01 a.m. on, August 1, 2013. If you want to be one of the first to look at it, log on to [www.royalhawaiianband.com](http://www.royalhawaiianband.com).

The new design will feature a contemporary look with multiple drop-down menus for easy navigation. In addition, it will be linked to numerous social media sites such as Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/frhb.board> and YouTube <http://youtu.be/Eq-ZeZubjpQ> for global exposure.

A wealth of information regarding the past, current, and future projects/activities of the Friends will be available, as well as access to the new e-commerce store selling Royal Hawaiian Band recordings, memorabilia, and merchandise. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted.

For current members, a special section will be available by member access code only. It will include archived documents of the Friends dating back to 1980. In addition to the archived documents, this section of the website will periodically offer free gifts to members.



## New Items on Sale

New Friends' merchandise - postcards, pens, books on Band history, and soon to be released 175th anniversary CDs - will be sold at 'Iolani Palace Gift Shop, Royal Hawaiian Band concerts at Kapiolani Park, and on the internet ([www.royalhawaiianband.com](http://www.royalhawaiianband.com)).

Members of the FRHB will receive 10% discounts.



After finishing his master's thesis on Hawaiian music twenty-two years ago, David Bandy decided to pay his respects to Meki Kealaka'i, Royal Hawaiian Band Bandmaster from 1920-1926, at Diamond Head Cemetery. Although David was given a map by the cemetery's office, he had difficulty finding Kealaka'i's grave, because it had no headstone.

As a result, David brought this matter to the Friends' Board. By a unanimous decision, the Board decided to have a project to raise funds through donations from members and friends to purchase a fitting headstone and pay for mortuary services. The total cost will be about \$5,000.

**Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please write you check to the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band and designate it for Meki Kealaka'i's Memorial.**

**Address: Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band  
P.O. Box 1894  
Honolulu, HI 96805-1894**

Services will be held on March 31, 2014 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Kealaka'i's passing. All those who donate will be invited to attend this memorable occasion.

After all bills are paid, remaining funds will be used for music scholarships.

**For more information on Melia Kealaka'i, log on to [www.royalhawaiianband.com](http://www.royalhawaiianband.com).**

## Congratulations, Toni!



For being an outstanding supporter of *kanaka maoli*, Antoinette "Toni" Lee, President of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band, will be honored at the *Hawai'i Maoli's* dinner and fundraiser on **Saturday, August**

**24, 2013.** Toni is one of its founding members and past president of the organization

**The dinner will be held at the Ihilani Resort. Tickets are available at [www.hawaiimaoli.org](http://www.hawaiimaoli.org) or call Maile at (808) 394-0050.**

**34th Annual Meeting and Aha'aina a Great Success**

The Friends' 34th Annual Meeting and 'Aha'aina on Saturday, March 13, 2013 at the Queen Emma Summer Palace was one of the best in recent history.

It began with the Royal Hawaiian Band performing a concert of meaningful and entertaining music, particularly the debut of **"The Israel Kamakawiwo'ole Medley" arranged by Matt Catingub and commissioned by the Friends.** With the presence of Israel's widow, Marlene, the music took on an added significance.



After eating the 'ono' food provided by **Ohana's Catering**, members and their guests relaxed and enjoyed an impromptu hula by **Jean Serikawa** and other entertainment.



Several important guests enjoyed the evening. Left to right: **Melanie Martin**, City Council Chair **Ernest Martin**, **Toni Lee**, **Marlene Kamakawiwo'ole**, **Lynelle Bright**, Bandmaster **Clarke Bright**, **Cheryl Hamamoto**, and City Councilman **Breene Hamamoto**.



**Klyde Kaimana, Scotty Furushima, Gary Aiko** and the **Royal Hawaiian Band** entertained during the reception prior to the Friends' annual meeting. During the 'aha'aina, a Hawaiian trio consisting of **Aaron Mahi, George Kuo** and **Matin Pahinui** performed and accompanied guest artists.



**Moana Sanders, Fred Lau,** and **Wayne Oshima** enjoy socializing at the bar.



**Mandy Bowers, Ka'ala Carmack,** and **Robert Nelson** enjoy the 'aha'aina.

**Mahalo nui loa** to **Jean Serikawa** for chairing the annual meeting and 'aha'aina. Assisting her was her committee: **Ethel Iwasaki, Jay Junker, Charles Kapua, Toni Lee, Robert Nakamura, Wayne Oshima, Ricardo Trimillos,** and **Bill Souza.**

Also, may thanks to **Mary Bowers** (flowers), **Michael Kapua** (stage decorating), and **Jennifer Gomes** of **Ohana's Catering** (*ono kaukau*).

*President's Message*

*Aloha mai kakou:*



Largely due to this the Friends' involvement with the Band, community and Hawaiian music, I feel very fortunate to be the President of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band

In recent years, we commissioned pieces of Hawaiian music for the Band, participated in major Honolulu parades, campaigned for instruments (Bring Back the Music), and sponsored band competitions.

On March 31, 2014, the Friends will place the headstone on **Mekia Kealaka'i's** grave site on the 70th anniversary of his death. We will have a service, and donors will be invited. **Please kokua with a donation to help fund this project..**

On August 1, 2013, the Friends' new website will be launched.. **Mahalo to David Bandy**, board member, who spent many hours of research and computer work to make this site a reality. Please read the article on page 1 and log in. It will be very informative and "top of the line" technology.

The debut this fall of the Band's new CD of its 175th Anniversary Concert is another project to look forward to. **Many thanks to Princess Abigail Kawanakoa** for making this recording financially possible.

Besides the CD, the Friends have new merchandise to sell..books on the Band's history, pens, and postcards.

We invite you to please continue to support the Friends, and encourage your family and friends to be part of our *ohana*. Full time students of any age may join for \$10 a year.

Stay well and continue have a wonderful summer.

*Aloha pumehana,*  
*Antoinette 'Toni' Lee*





After an exciting concert at Iolani Palace on April 26, 2013, Band members pose with former Bandmaster **Michael Nakasone**, guest conductor **Colonel John R. Bourgeois**, and present Bandmaster **Clarke Bright**.

## BAND HAPPENINGS

### Band Returns From Vacation

The Royal Hawaiian Band returns from vacation to perform for the Na Hula Festival at the renovated Kapiolani Park Bandstand on Sunday, **August 4, 2013**. Check out its August schedule...

8/04 Sun. 10:00-10:45 am  
**Parks and Rec. Na Hula Festival**  
Kapiolani Band Stand

4:00- 4:45 pm  
**Waialua Bandstand**

8/09 Fri. 10:30-11:30 am  
**Nagasaki Peace Bell Ceremony**  
Nagasaki Bombing Memorial

8/10 Sat. 12:00-12:45 pm  
**Mililani Town Center**

8/11 Sun. 2:00- 2:45 pm  
**Kahala Mall**

8/14 Wed. 1:30- 2:15 pm  
**Waikiki Community Center**

8/17 Sat. 9:00 am  
**Wahiawa Pineapple Parade**  
(CA Ave.- Ka'ala Elem. to Cane St.)

12:00-12:45 pm  
**Mililani Town Center**  
(back to school event)

8/18 Sun. 2:00- 2:45 pm  
**Pearlridge Center – Uptown**

8/23 Fri. 12:00- 1:00 pm  
**'Iolani Palace**

8/25 Sun. 10:00-10:45 am  
**I Love Liliha**  
(corner of Liliha and Kuakini Sts.)

2:00-3:00 pm  
**Kapi'olani Park Bandstand**

8/30 Fri. 12:00-1:00 pm  
**'Iolani Palace**

### Band's New CD on Sale Soon

The Band's new CD of its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert will be on the market soon.

Editing was recently completed, and mastering is being done at a well-respected mastering lab in Los Angeles. After post-production and duplication, the CD will be ready to hit the market in the fall of 2013.

The CD will be available at the 'Iolani Palace Gift Shop, Kapiolani Park band concerts, and the e-commerce store on the Friends' new website.

### Newly Appointed and Hired



**DeShannon Higa**, one of Hawai'i's best jazz trumpeter and member of the Band, has been appointed as staff

arranger, an in-house position left vacant by the retirement of **Dale Senaga**.

After rigid auditions, new bandsmen were hired by the City. They are two French hornists, **George Warnock** and **Nick Lobahov-Rotovskyy**; and trombonist, **Jason Byerlotzer**

### New Band Uniforms

The City will be providing new uniforms for the Band, which will be designed by **Mamo Howell** and produced by **Pomare, Inc.**

The musicians will debut their new looks at the Aloha Festivals Floral Parade on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

## Bandmaster's Message



Aloha Friends:

We continue to marvel at the amazing opportunity we have to serve the city through one of the last remaining links to Hawai'i's monarchy – the Royal Hawaiian Band. Whether we are performing in a concert or marching in a parade, we are proud to know that our service is appreciated by supporters of all ages.

The concert at the recent annual meeting was one of my most memorable performances. Thanks to the FRIENDS, we were able to debut a newly commissioned piece by **Matt Catingub**, a medley of tunes made famous by **Israel Kamakawiwo'ole**. This arrangement is special, especially with the presence of **Israel's wife, Marlene**. Her emotional appreciation for the medley will live within me forever.

We have recently been privileged to have several prominent band directors guest conduct the Band. **Colonel John R. Bourgeois**, former bandmaster of the United States Marine Band – the President's own – shared his conducting expertise at 'Iolani Palace. Other guest conductors have been **Dr. Jeff Boeckman**, Director of Bands of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and **Dave Blon**, Associate Director of Bands also at the University. It is indeed an honor to partner with them in service to the community.

Please feel free to continue to visit our website – [www.rhb-music.com](http://www.rhb-music.com) - for more information.

It is an honor to partner with the **Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band** in musical service to our community. We look forward to your continued support.

I also wish to sincerely thank the City Administration and Council for their financial and moral support.

The future continues to look Bright!

*A hui hou,*  
*Clarke*



The 2012 Aloha Festivals Floral Parade's First Place Award was presented to the Sacred Hearts Academy Band for best performance of Hawaiian music. The competition was sponsored by the Friends, and the award was donated by Kamehameha Schools. Left to right: band director **Keith Higaki**; drum major **Rachel Rapoza**, chairman and Friends' board member **David Bandy**, and head of school **Betty White**.

This band competition will be held on September 28, 2013. Forms and Hawaiian music will be available on the Friends' website ...

[www.royalhawaiianband.com](http://www.royalhawaiianband.com).



"All in the Family" Board member **John Hassler** and his family marched with the Friends' banner and rode in the decorated convertible in the King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade on June 9, 2013. From left to right: **Keiko Hassler** (sister), **John, Mitchell Hassler** (son), and **Izumi Watt** (niece).

### Volunteers Needed for Parades

Annually, the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band participates in Honolulu's major parades with a decorated vehicle as a way to support the sponsoring organizations, get involved in community events, and to bring awareness of the existence of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band.

The parades are Prince **Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Floral Parade in March**, **King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade in June**, and the **Aloha Festivals Floral Parade in September**.

Volunteers are needed to decorate the vehicle, drive the convertible during the parade, wave to parade goers, and march with the Friends' banner.

If you would like to participate, contact any board member or e-mail [contact@royalhawaiianband.com](mailto:contact@royalhawaiianband.com)

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