



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

(The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band)

## It's time to renew your membership!

**Yes, it is time to pay your dues to join or renew your Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band membership, which will support the Band, Hawaiian culture, and music.**

Since its founding in 1979, the Friends has supported the Band by purchasing new uniforms, subsidizing Band concert tours, commissioning composers like **Matt Catingub** and **Aaron Mahi** to compose and arrange 'new' Hawaiian band arrangements, and producing Band CDs.

The Friends has also acted as trustees for artifacts such as Henry Berger's baton, original music manuscripts, and his cherished Order of Kapi'olani. These items will be on display at the Hamilton Library of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. (See article on page 2)

In addition, the Friends has been active in staging concerts, sponsoring Hawaiian music marching band competitions, and giving donated instruments to school bands through its Bring Back the Music program

Most importantly, the Friends has been advocates of the Band's existence as the only professional municipal band in the United States by publishing the Band's history in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' *Ka Wai Ola* to reminding the community of its legacy, testifying before the City Council on numerous occasions, and discussing Band concerns with the mayor, and other officials

Personal benefits of membership are: receive the Friends newsletter quarterly, get a 10% discount on Band merchandise, attend the 'ahu'aina, meet the Bandmaster and Band members, and have opportunities to attend various events.

**Please join the Friends to continue the work it is doing. If there is an \* next to your name on your address label on page 4, it indicates that you have not joined for more than a year. We want you back in our ohana. Please fill out the membership form on page 4 and mail it in at your earliest convenience. If you wish to attend the annual meeting and aha'aina the deadline is Saturday, February 15, 2014.**

## Friends' 35th Annual Meeting, 'Aha'aina on March 1, 2014

The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band will hold its 35th annual meeting and 'aha'aina on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the historic and beautiful Queen Emma Summer Palace.

The event will begin with a concert by the Royal Hawaiian Band at 5:00 p.m. followed by the 'aha'aina and membership meeting. The 'aha'aina will feature Hawaiian food and entertainment by professional Hawaiian musicians. In addition, the drinks and valet parking will be complimentary.

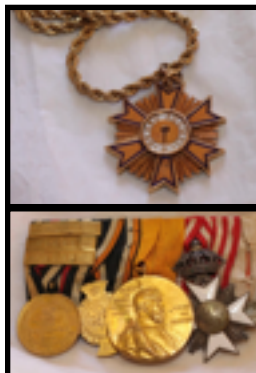
**Due to economics, the 'aha'aina will no longer be part of the membership dues. The cost will be \$20 per member and \$25 per guest in addition to the annual dues.**

**Please join the Friends in its annual celebration by indicating your attendance on the form on page 4 of this newsletter and mail it with your check by the deadline: February 15, 2014.**

Royal Hawaiian Band Exhibit at Hamilton Library  
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Henry Berger's Memorabilia



Medals awarded to H. Berger



Berger's journal



Exhibit at Hamilton Library



Video part of exhibit



### Royal Hawaiian Band's Artifacts and Memorabilia on Exhibit

Hamilton Library of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa presents an exhibition of Royal Hawaiian Band artifacts and memorabilia from January 13 - May 16, 2014 on the first floor elevator gallery. Library hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday noon - 10:00 p.m. Please call the library at 956-7204 for verification.

This exhibition features artifacts from the Monarchy Period to the present, historical photographs of the Band's history, and original music manuscripts. In addition his medals, **Henry Berger's** diaries, baton, original musical manuscript, and family photo albums are part of the exhibit.

Included in the exhibition is the continuous showing of a video of the Band's history from 1836 to the present, featuring archival footage of many performances. In addition, there are brochures of information for those wishing to do further research

The Hamilton Library curator of the exhibit is **Dr. Teri Stillman**. She was assisted by **David Bandy** and **Dr. Ricardo Trimillos**. Also contributing were **Clarke Bright** and **Dennis Nagamine**.



### President's Message

**Hauoli Makahiki Hou!** I hope all of you had a great Holiday Season, and let's hope that 2014 will be healthy and prosperous for all of us.

The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band has started the new year off with a very **exciting exhibition** at the Hamilton Library at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. This is a truly must see exhibition, a worthwhile excursion, and you won't want to miss it.

Mark your calendars... **March 1, 2014** will be our **Annual Meeting** at the Queen Emma Summer Palace. Come and enjoy the fellowship with our membership, and enjoy hearing the **Royal Hawaiian Band** and the great music of **Aaron Mahi**, **George Kuo** and **Martin Pahinui**. Also, you can look forward to the *ono* Hawaiian food that will be served for dinner.

The **Meki'a Kealaka'i memorial service** will take place at Diamond Head Cemetery on **March 31, 2014**. After a short grave site service to celebrate the life of this outstanding man and musician, a reception will be held at the mortuary. **Please call me at 222-7853 to let me know if you will be attending.**

**Are you proud of what your organization is doing? Tell your friends about us, invite them to these events, and sign them up to join the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band today! I look forward to seeing all of you soon.**

Aloha

*Toni Lee*



Meki'a Kealaka'i's  
Memorial Service

After 70 years, **Meki'a Kealaka'i's** grave will finally have a headstone. Kealakai'i, Royal Hawaiian bandmaster from 1930-1926, will be honored with a special memorial service at his gravesite at the Diamond Head Cemetery on Monday, **March 31, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

The Royal Hawaiian Band will perform during the service at the grave site and a reception will be held in the mortuary's hall immediately after the service.

**If you would like to attend, please call Toni Lee at (808)222-7853.**

Please continue to send your donations to the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band, P.O. Box 1894; Honolulu, HI 96805-1894, and indicate on your check that the donation is for the Kealaka'i Memorial Fund. Mahalo!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 13- May 16, 2014  
Band Exhibit at Hamilton  
Library, UH Manoa. See article  
above for hours or call the  
library at (808)956-7204.**

**March 1, 2014  
FRHB Annual Meeting &  
'Aha'aina  
Queen Emma Summer Palace  
5:00 pm**

**March 22, 2014  
Prince Kuhio Floral Parade  
10:00 am**

**March 31, 2014  
Meki'a Kealaka'i Memorial  
Service at Diamond Head  
Cemetery 10:00 a.m.**

**For the Band's concert schedule,  
see its calendar on page 3 of this  
newsletter or on line  
[www.royalhawaiianband.com](http://www.royalhawaiianband.com).**

### *Mahalo*

This newsletter would not have been possible without the help of the following:

David Bandy  
Clarke Bright  
Susan Ishida  
Toni Lee  
Ryan Ng

Thank you for caring and sharing. Aloha.  
Ethel Iwasaki (editor)



Band members sport their new uniforms before they debuted them at the Aloha Festivals Floral Parade on September 22, 2013. The uniform's fabric and style was professionally designed by **Mamo Howell**.



Members of three *halau*, who are winners of the 3rd annual World Invitational Hula Festival Japan in Chigasaki, danced at the Band concert on December 13, 2013 at 'Iolani Palace to honor the late **Risako Sagara**, one of the festival's organizers.

**175th Anniversary CD**

The 175th Anniversary of the Royal Hawaiian Band CD will feature music by the Band and several guest artists.

The Band is still in the process of securing rights from the artists and the City. After the legalities are in place, Band members will finish the artwork and layout so that the CD can be pressed for distribution.



**Construction Woes**

Due to the repair and construction of the parking lot, Band concerts will not be held at the Kapi'olani Bandstand until further notice.

Concerts on Sundays will alternate between the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and Kahala Mall.

The Band will return to the bandstand either in June or July, 2014. Progress on the construction will be announced periodically.

**Calendar of RHB Public Concerts**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 2, 12:00 pm</b> Royal Grove, Royal Hawaiian Center	<b>Friday, Feb. 14, 12:00 pm</b> 'Iolani Palace
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 5, 11:00 am</b> Ala Moana Center Stage	<b>Sunday, Feb. 16, 2:00 pm</b> Kahala Mall
<b>Thursday, Feb. 6, 1:00 pm</b> Royal Grove, Royal Hawaiian Center	<b>Thursday, Feb 20, 1:00 pm</b> Royal Grove, Royal Hawaiian Center
<b>Friday, Feb. 7, 12:00 pm</b> 'Iolani Palace featuring students from Maryknoll Grade School & Nola Nahulu	<b>Saturday, Feb. 22, 12:00 pm</b> Pearlridge Center – Uptown
<b>Sunday, Feb. 9, 1:00 pm</b> Royal Grove, Royal Hawaiian Center	<b>Sunday, Feb. 23, 1:00 pm</b> Royal Grove, Royal Hawaiian Center

*Bandmaster's Message*



Aloha Friends,

May I wish you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope the season was restful and filled with great memories.

November was highlighted by our commemorative concerts to honor **King David Kalākaua** at Kalākaua Park, 'Iolani Palace, and the Royal Guard Review. It was an honor and privilege to pay respects to a king who did so much for our people.

The Christmas season found us very busy with additional concerts and many parades. Whether we were at Wai'anae, Haleiwa, Mililani, Kaimuki, Hawai'i Kai, Kapolei or Honolulu, it was truly a joy to serve the city at so many different locations. The Honolulu City Lights and Kapolei City Lights were amazing. A big *mahalo* to the community organizations who financially supported the parades.

We recently played a concert at Maunalani Nursing and Rehab. One of the patients present was **Henry Yoshino**, who was a woodwind specialist with 40 plus years of dedicated service to the Royal Hawaiian Band. We were so honored to have him conduct the final number. Concerts like this make us realize how important we are to the city and people of Hawai'i, as we continue to witness the healing and revitalizing power of music.

We look forward to concerts at the Palace to remind us of the overthrow of **Queen Lili'uokalani**. On January 17, 2014, the Band honored the queen and **Martin Luther King Jr. Palani Vaughn** was the guest artist.

For more information, feel free to visit our website [www.rhb-music.com](http://www.rhb-music.com).

It is an honor to partner with the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band in musical service to our community. We look forward and appreciate your continued support. The future continues to look Bright!

A Hui Hou,

*Clarke*

**Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band Membership and Annual Meeting/‘Aha’aina Form**

Contact information			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Title - Mr.,Mrs., etc.
Mailing Address	City	State or Country	Zip Code
E-Mail Would you like your newsletter e-mailed? Yes ___ No ___	Telephone		

Membership (✓ one)	Type of Membership (✓ one)
Renewal ___      New Member ___	Member \$30 ___      Sponsor \$100 ___
	Patron \$500 ___      Benefactor \$1000 + ___

Annual Meeting & ‘Aha’aina		
I would like to attend the event. Yes ___ No ___		
If you are attending, please complete columns 2 and/ or 3.	Member - \$20 per no. ___ x \$20 = \$ ___	Guest - \$25 per no. ___ x \$25 = \$ ___

Please write your check with the amount in the yellow box on the right to the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band and mail to:

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

Dues \$ _____
Annual Mtg.\$ _____
<b>TOTAL \$ _____</b>

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