

Wai`oli Hui`ia Church Newsletter

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Talk Story

by Duncan Forgey

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM WAI`OLI HUI`IA CHURCH

February 14th competes with Mother's Day as the busiest day of the year for restaurants. What could be more valued than expressing one's love for those important people in our lives. Despite its unique history, Valentine's Day has become one of the most wholesome of all our Holidays.

The origin of Valentine's Day comes from the Festival of Lupercalia in the Third Century of the Roman Empire. On the 15th of February, Romans gathered to celebrate carnal love. Its transition to the more modern day of loving others came because of Saint Valentine. He was a Catholic priest spreading the word of Christ and advocating the institution of Christian marriages. In the third century, he became embroiled in a dispute with Roman Emperor Claudius II. The Emperor, opposed to Christian weddings and marriage, felt it threatened the battles he waged. He argued that young soldiers' concentration was hampered by the institution of marriage. Saint Valentine was martyred by Claudius II but through subsequent centuries February 14th took his name. By the 14th Century, Valentine's Day had spread through Europe due partially to the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer.

Our more contemporary Valentine's Day has merged love of all with strictly romantic love. With the assistance of Hallmark Cards and others it is now known world-wide.

The Bible is chocked full of references about love of self, love of others, love of God and love of Jesus.

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

"Let all that you do, be done with love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Today's Valentine's Day has evolved into a day of beautiful flowers, fine meals, memories, celebrations and, of course, chocolate candy. The phrase for Happy Valentine's Day in Hawai'i is *Hau`oli la Aloha*. In the Hawaiian language, *Aloha* is defined as love, devotion, and compassion. More importantly, *Aloha* is considered the "Breath of Life", making it one of the most important words in the language. *Aloha* is represented by a beautiful Hawaiian lei. The lei's circle of flowers represents an infinite and unbroken adoration and is always given to others in an act of love. This circle of flowers shows strength blended delicately with the nature of love.

Year after year, travelers have shown the North Shore of Kaua'i to be the fourth most romantic place in the world. We always fill up with visitors to celebrate Valentine's Day. The celebration has been embraced by Hawaiians and it fits nicely into the culture of *Aloha*.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." Corinthians 13:4-5

MISSION HALL RENOVATION CLOSE TO COMPLETION!



The devastating April 2018 flood exposed the severe conditions that had been facing us with the floor and supporting structure of our Mission Hall. Plans were needed for underlying reinforced support and for ventilation to the closed crawl space. Thanks to an architect and final approval by the county Planning Department and Historical Commission, renovations to our beloved Mission Hall began. The bottom of the closets, the stage structure and the flooring had to be removed so repairs could be made to the support structure. Plywood

and a moisture barrier were then installed on top of the support structure. Vents in the floor of two closets and a circulating motor in the closed crawl space will now allow air flow for the wood floor system. Beautiful new tongue and groove wood flooring material of similar width as before is now installed on top of the moisture barrier. Once the thresholds of the exterior doors are raised to accommodate the new floors, all doors repaired, closets put back in place and the finishing touch of a much needed fresh coat of paint are completed, Wai`oli Hui`ia Mission Hall will now have a safe, durable wood floor that will be enjoyed for many decades by the North Shore community of Kaua`i. Amen!!!

WAI`OLI `OHANA COMINGS AND GOINGS

Mahalo to Jadriz and David Dickinson from up state New York who are willing to share their talents with us in the choir while they are here through March. We are thankful to you!



A fond farewell, once again, to Dee and Jim Moyers from Lubbock, Texas who have been loyal friends to Wai`oli Hui`ia for many years. It is always a pleasure to see the two of you. Our prayers are with you for a safe and healthy return next year. A hui ho (until next time)!!



Happy Birthday to energetic Betty Alderman Brainerd who just turned 93. Our women would love to know your secret!! And aloha to long time Wai`oli Hui`ia friend Jerry Ann Kester. These lovely ladies are from Deerwood, Minnesota.

A warm welcome to our faithful family Barbara and Jerry Simpson of Kansas City, Missouri. They have been spending 5 months out of the year with us since 1984! We are so happy to have you with us again this year!



WAI`OLI `OHANA BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 01 - Annie Hashimoto
Susan McLaughlin
- Feb 05 - Robert DeGiornova
Sherman Maka
- Feb 10 - Judy Oliver
Robin Savage Thompson
Bobo Maka
- Feb 15 - Makana Spencer
- Feb 19 - Shelby Ann Yokotake
- Feb 24 - Shirley Alexander
- Feb 26 - Bob Eckert
- Feb 27 - Jenna Spencer Garcia
- Feb 28 - Kiet Chandler
Christian Marston



FIRST EVER WOMEN OF WAI`OLI LUNCHEON



What a great time we had Christmas caroling on the North Shore Shuttle with delightful tourists on our way to lunch, answering 'get to know you' questions with lots of giggles while enjoying delicious entrees. Can't wait until the next one. Stay tuned with our church bulletin and newsletter!

LOVE STORIES FROM WAI`OLI `OHANA



Cas Schawbe ...

14 years ago I bought a one way ticket to Kaua'i, sight unseen, to fly helicopters. The island's 1st female helicopter pilot; I ran out of money on my stage 1 Instrument license. I then started Akamai Juice with the last \$500 in my bank account. My juice bar at Tahiti Nui in Hanalei is now 80% locally supported: **I am grateful for the love and support our North Shore community has expressed.** Valentine's Day will always say E Kolo Mai. Mahalo Ke Akua, Mahalo Kaua'i, Mahalo Hanalei. Aloha nui loa ka kou.



Gayla Spencer...

How I met my Baby Boy Maka-naokalani better known as Makana. Most everyone knows that my `ohana means the world to me and the word **LOVE would best explain my family.** It was Valentine's Day 1987 and things were looking great! My day went well, dinner was great, and now I just wanted to relax. My plans were interrupted, I started to get irregular pains that slowly but surely became REAL painful. Gregg took me to Wilcox and we were Blessed with our first child, Hamilton Makanaokalani Ahlo Spencer on the 15th. **Makana is my forever Valentine!**



John Armour...

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT:

In November of 1965 I was released from a hospital in Providence, RI after surgery to repair a back injury. A friend provided a ride to get a libation; and as I sat on an inflated tire tube, into the establishment walked cheerleaders from RI College following a football game. Immediately after seeing Judy I asked my friend to introduce us. Shortly thereafter Judy and I were engaged and were married in August of 1966. I always called Judy 'my bride' during our fifty + wonderful years of marriage. I'm currently waiting for the Hawai'i DMV to produce the **vanity plates that read: JLOVEJ**



Mildrene Swan...

Frank said, "It was love at first sight"? when I tripped and fell across his lap with my head face down at a local club in Gloucester, Massachusetts. That was 37 years ago and we just celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary. Still blessed to be together. **Love is: When life gets tough and friends and `ohana are there to help, not expecting anything in return.**



Robin Clemens...

One of my husband's qualities that I **love**, is to make the best of the crazy theme parties that I have come up with in the past 35 years. This photo is from our "roaring 20's party".



Larry Oliver...

Judy and I have been married for 43 1/2 years. We met at my medical school fraternity party in August 1975. I had been having a recurring dream about meeting a girl with long blond hair. After asking her out for a month, she finally said yes and we had our first formal date on my birthday, October 25th. We were together every day thereafter and at Thanksgiving, went to our homes for the holiday and announced our engagement. We married almost a year to the day after we initially met, on August 28, 1976. **The Lord indeed works in mysterious ways, thankfully.**



Bob and Sarah Chrisman...

God's goodness has shined brightly in our lives! In year 2000, in our 50's, we both lost our spouses and trod through the darkness of depression for a year. Then God directed a mutual friend to set us up on a blind date. Initially, we rejected the idea but finally conceded that "it couldn't hurt"? We met and "BAM" there was a spark - subtle, but real & interesting. We exclusively dated for about 8 years to make sure this was God's plan - got engaged for 3 more - moved to Kaua'i and were married at the little green Wai'oli Hui'ia Church. We are the happiest, most content and loving couple because we believe God chose to put us together and "give us life" again. **For us, every day is Valentine's Day and we pray to bring hope to others. We are eternally thankful for His love in our lives.**



***Sunday Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.**

***First Sunday of every month - Communion Sunday**

***Sunday Worship Service ukulele/instrumental and choir rehearsal - 8:30 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary.**
Visitors are always welcome to join us. Just bring your lovely voices and instrument of choice.

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ONLINE**

Grow Your Giving: Did you know you can grow your gifts to Wai`oli Hui`ia Church by donating online? It's easy, fast and secure! We can accept your donation through our mobile card-reader on most Sundays after the church service, or visit our website: 'www.hanaleichurch.org' to donate online. To request a recurring donation to help support our ministries throughout the year, contact our church treasurer, Susan Ferrell, through our Church Office 808.826.6253. Mahalo!

*Lord please
hear my
prayer*

For...Gayla Spencer, Frank Harman, Beth Sims, Haunani Pacheco, Mal Dohrman, Bob Chrisman, Jan Drammer's daughter, 4 year old Kawehi`o`lani Weldon, Chippy Morishige, Samantha Fischer, Barbara Hollenbeck and all others with medical issues ... family of Jacob Maka, family of Mary Alice Heddleston, family of Sam Mahuiki, Jr., family of Bill Clifford, family of Don Rohrer ... Wai`oli Hui`ia Church's Pastoral Search Committee ... Our Sunday School students and teachers ... Our church `ohana still recovering from the flood and all other victims of natural disasters.

Team Worship Service Angels

DATE	CHURCH CLEANING	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS/USHERS	COMMUNION/FLOWERS
Feb 02	Naomi & Val Yokotake	Duncan Forgey	Sarah Chrisman & Madelynn Forgey	Naomi Yokotake & Janey Kanter
Feb 09	Pam & Mal Dohrman	Janey Kanter	Rodney & Laurie Damery	Haunani Pacheco
Feb 16	John Armour	Mal Dohrman	John Armour & Robin Clemens	Marau Beck
Feb 23	Naomi & Val Yokotake	Keola Yokotake	John Armour & Ward Thompson	Wendy Elsasser