

RESUME'

Louise Kekahilinani O Pauahi Wade Alina

BACKGROUND

I was born and raised in Heeia, Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, raised by my grand aunt, Louisa Kekahili Adams Jones, who owned a little grocery store in Heeia Kea, called the Heeia Kea Store. My sister and I worked in the store all of our young life. Our routine was school, work, home each day, closing the store to return home in Heeia.

EDUCATION

I am a proud graduate of Castle High School, Class of 1961. I attended Brigham Young University for a year, and then enrolled into Honolulu Business College where I graduated with a degree as a Junior Accountant in 1963.

Lost my husband, William Henry Aliina last year 2023, we have 3 beautiful girls, Lehuanani, Puamana and Honiala, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

ART

active selling artist with Pali Painters in Kailua, Arts of Paradise Gallery at International Market Place, Lahaina Gallery on Maui, and Windward Artist Gallery at Windward Mall in Kaneohe. My daughter and I bought out Windward Artist Gallery and renamed it Gallery Haiku. I was a member of Windward Artist Guild for over 10 years and served as Editor of the News Bulletin and a member of the Honolulu Artist Guild.

SPORTS

I was a very active tennis player in the Honolulu Tennis Association, Oahu Tennis Association and the USTA tennis association for over 30 years. I captained many of our teams to the Senior Level, taking the Senior team to Palm desert to compete, winning the title for the Honolulu Women's Division.

As I was approaching the senior age I found myself being called to my hula upbringing. Tennis had a new generation of young and very strong players and it was time to retire and age gracefully if possible. I then joined the Kaneohe Senior Center and a whole new exciting life began.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In 2013, I was asked to join the Ahahui Kaahumanu, Chapter 1, Honolulu by my hula sister and now starts my new exciting life journey. I held the position as Vice-President under Pelekikena Pauline Namuo, which I have learned the immense gravity of leadership and commitment to guide and lead this wonderful Society of Hawaiian Women. Currently I represent our Ahahui Kaahumanu as Commissioner for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, for my part it is getting the Grounds set up with tents, chairs, flowers for stringing leis and anything else we might need for this new year celebration.

In 2013, I joined the Kaneohe Senior Center, taking hula to refresh myself and found a way to learn more about my Hawaiian Culture. I was asked to join the hula group of Na Kupuna O Koolau. We volunteer twice a week putting on 45 minutes to one hour programs for many care homes in Honolulu and the Windward area. I am a director on the board of Na Kupuna O Koolau and the auditor. As a group we have done programs for the City and County Mayors programs and the May Day Lei Queen Celebration.

As a member of Na Kupuna O Koolau, I have entered competitions and received several awards:

2013 Wahine Soloist for the Kalakaua Kupuna, 1<sup>st</sup> place

2013 Wahine Soloist for the Kona Kupuna Competition, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

2014 Wahine Soloist for the Kona Kupuna Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> place

2014 Lei Queen for the City and County of Honolulu

Currently, I am a Judge for the Lei Queen Event for the City and County of Honolulu.

I have been active as a member of the Nahiku Community Association on East Maui for more than 10 years, acting as Secretary for the Association. Our mission is to build a Community Center in Nahiku on the school grounds that were given by my ancestor, David Kahookele. It is an ongoing project.

#### EMPLOYMENT

I became a Realtor-Associate in 1986 and still very active doing sales and property management.

I believe in honesty, reliability, fairness. Commitment and lots of common sense.

Mahalo Nui,

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