

HILO/WAIAKEA
reporter Cynthia Chow

The Hilo/Waiakea Chapter has found a new home at Waiakea High School cafeteria on Wednesday nights.

Members are enjoying their new classes this quarter with Andy and Joyce Iwashita leading the students in the Cha Cha. Mel and Cynthia Chow instruct the second and third classes of Foxtrot and Salsa. For the first time there are some men without partners on class night.

The chapter has welcomed seven new members this quarter and have begun practices for their Anniversary Ball routine. Come out and join us at our 20th Anniversary Ball on May 23, 2009, at the University of Hawaii Hilo campus.

KAILUA
reporter Leslie Wynoff



Happy New Year to all fellow Ballroom Dance Enthusiasts!

Congratulations are in order for the Kailua Chapter's long time standing instructors, Peggy Hill and George Carlson, advancing to 'Rotating Instructors'.

They were also instrumental in teaching the Merengue Dance Routine performed at the 49th Anniversary Ball last August. Mahalo to the following dance participants for their time and dedication: Peggy Hill & George Carlson, Barbara Eberhart & Tomas Del Amo, Yvonne & Michael Haxton, Judy & Kevin Brannigan, Valeri Byam & John Hagen, and Nancy & David Vieira.

Also, Kailua Chapter enjoyed a large turnout in December for a Chapter Social at Zia's Restaurant in Kaneohe. Great food, fun and fellowship were had by all!

KAIMUKI
reporter Marge Boyer



The Kaimuki Chapter had very successful third and fourth quarters. Karen and John Kotake were the instructors for the Monday night American Style dances for the third quarter and did a super job teaching students of all levels. John and Karen also enthusiastically choreographed a "Zombie Mambo" group dance for the Halloween Party, and a "Christmas Peabody" for the Christmas Party. The dancers who participate in the formations have a great time getting to know each other while learning new steps and performance skills. These dances resulted in monetary awards, which went toward the purchase of two fans for the Kilauea Recreation Center. The Kotakes generously donated the remainder cost of the fans. Gratefully, the Chapter thanks them. Their spirited leadership and love of dance is encouraging to the students and makes dancing fun.

Fourth quarter rotating instructors are Susan Matsumoto and Mel Camat. They are happily guiding students to become proficient dancers of Cha-Cha, Foxtrot, and Salsa. Susan and Mel are successfully instructing our large class which includes dancers of different levels of skill and ability. They do this with wit, smile, and good humor.

Paul Lee and Janey Wong instruct the Tuesday night International Style dancers. Paul and Janey share their vast knowledge of international dance and have led the groups in Quickstep, Samba, Tango, and Jive. They are devoted to dancing and to their students. These committed teachers exhibit patience for the new students; yet they introduce challenging patterns for the more experienced dancers.

A practice session is held on Thursday evenings where students come together in a more relaxed setting to improve their dancing skills. As the saying goes, "Practice makes perfect".

The Kaimuki Chapter has a combined attendance of about eighty attendees of many ages. Some are old-timers- some are newcomers. All are welcome to share the great experience of ballroom dance.

