

2018 Holoku Inauguration Ball at Mesa Country Club on January 27

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On Saturday, January 27 at 5 PM, the Annual Holoku Ball will be held at the Mesa Country Club, 660 West Fairway Drive, Mesa. Program starts promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The Holoku Ball is a yearly event and the Inauguration of new Board of Directors is every two years. This event also celebrates the ethnicities and cultures that make up Hawai'i's melting pot. Come and enjoy an evening of live music and entertainment, exceptional food, and silent auction that benefits the Lau Kanaka No Hawaii Hawaiian Civic Club of Arizona's scholarship fund.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

You can purchase tickets online at:

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3105470>

Get your tickets early because tickets will not be sold at the door!

There will be door prizes, as well as cash prizes awarded for Best Dressed: Women's Holoku, Hawaiian Men's attire, Coordinated Couple, Traditional Ethnic Outfit (Formal Traditional Wear Welcome). There will be special performances reflecting Hawai'i's melting pot.

The Holoku Ball was started by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole in Hawaii in 1918. Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole founded the Hawaiian Civic Club (of Honolulu). He gathered a hui of Hawaiian leaders together for a purpose: to organize a strong and cohesive group within the Hawaiian community. Such organization, he was convinced, would lead to Hawaiians' active involvement in decisions which would have a direct and lasting effect upon their lives. Little could the Prince have realized that such an inauspicious beginning would lead to the formation of dozens of Hawaiian civic clubs throughout Hawai'i and the mainland, with a collective membership of thousands.

Lau Kanaka No Hawaii Hawaiian Civic Club of Arizona was founded in 1981 by a handful of Hawaiians that landed in the Arizona desert, hungry for some Hawaiian food and Kanaka friendship. Twenty-five years later and still going strong, membership ranges around 275 families.

Lau Kanaka exists to perpetuate the rich cultures of Polynesia and spread Aloha Spirit throughout the Valley of the Sun. The club offers monthly meetings filled with food and fun, as well as luaus, raffles, parties, and other special events. Members also receive a first-rate monthly newsletter.

Lau Kanaka is responsible for the creation of the Arizona Aloha Festival, which has gone on to become the largest Polynesian cultural festival on the mainland.

Please, continue to visit Lau Kanaka's Facebook page for more information and updates: <https://www.facebook.com/LKNHAZ>.



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