

November 15, 2011

Aloha mai kākou,

As many of you who have visited, volunteered or read our newsletters this year know, 2011 has been an extraordinary year of restoration and rebirth for Hōkūle‘a. The Polynesian Voyaging Society has been humbled and honored to have our volunteers donate more than 12,000 hours of work – so far – rebuilding and renewing Hōkūle‘a in the most extensive dry dock of her lifetime.

When Hōkūle‘a reenters the water in early 2012, she will be two feet wider; 1,000 pounds lighter; and her front mast will be two feet taller. All of the wood rot from 36 years of voyaging has been removed. After sailing the equivalent of six times around the earth, Hōkūle‘a’s hulls – designed by PVS founder and mentor Herb Kawainui Kane – will be the only original elements of her configuration. She will be stronger, lighter, more stable and safer, as a requirement for her planned 2012 statewide sail and her three-year Worldwide Voyage (WWV), slated to begin in 2013.

None of these actions or plans would be possible without the support of our members, volunteers, donors, staff, crew and leadership. Numerous generations and types of supporters – from school children to kūpuna – have inspired and reminded us during our dry dock to remain true to our voyaging values and to our kuleana to our canoe, our home and each other.

The rebuilt Hōkūle‘a, while the same iconic canoe, will be a gift from one generation to the next, with the capability to sail for at least another 36 years. Hōkūle‘a is a living part of our genealogy. The 2011 dry dock may have far exceeded our estimates for time and money required, but the generous response of our extended community has also exceeded our expectations and leaves us grateful and hopeful for the next generation’s ability to continue Hōkūle‘a’s legacy.

We invite you to continue on our journey with us as a 2012 member of our non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization via a tax-deductible donation. As before, we will provide you with a membership decal, and – based on the level of your contribution – you may also receive a 2012, dark blue, cotton, short-sleeved T-shirt printed with an original drawing by a WWV crewmember from Kaua‘i, Keala Kai. We also offer the option of gift memberships to share during the holiday season.

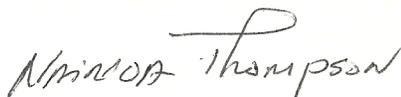
Mahalo for your participation in, and support for, our preparations toward our WWV challenge of:
“Becoming a catalyst for positive change in Hawai‘i by constantly learning from and nurturing relationships worldwide that share the values of, and responsibility for, caring for Island Earth, her oceans and children, while honoring our heritage and perpetuating our culture.”



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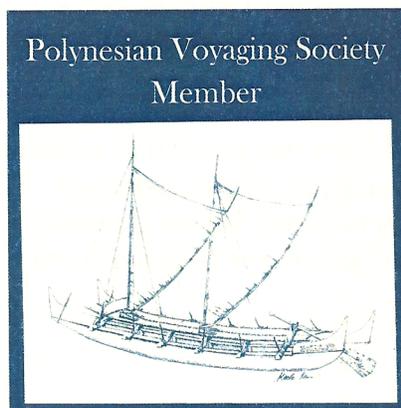
With you as a virtual or real crew member aboard the restored Hōkūle‘a, PVS will be able to continue to honor our teachers and mentors, while embracing the responsibility of passing on Hōkūle‘a and her heritage and values to new generations.

Me ke ha‘aha‘a,



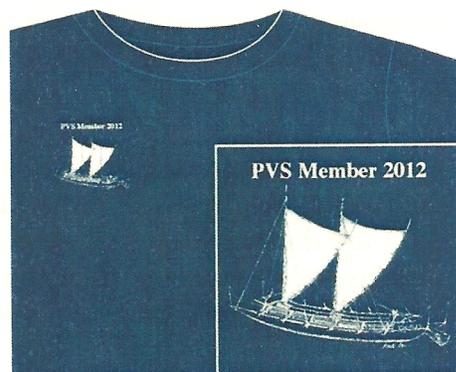
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If you are interested, please use the **Membership Application** on the back of the Ho‘oilō 2011 Newsletter, and feel free to contact us by phone at (808) 842-1101 or by e-mail at pvshawaii@hawaiiantel.net. All contact information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with third parties for any marketing purposes.



For any **membership donation**, you will receive a 2012 PVS Membership decal. (Decal, left)

For **\$50 or more**, you will also receive a dark blue, 2012 PVS Membership T-shirt, featuring an original drawing by crewmember Keala Kai. (Front and back images, right)



Gift memberships are also available, with all of the same options. If ordering a Gift Membership, please include the full name, mailing address and e-mail address of the recipient in your request. We will send the tax-deductible receipt to you for your 2011 records, and the membership information and gifts to your recipient.

If you wish to make **multiple donations**, for yourself and others, please make copies of the Membership Application for each membership/donation, submit them together, and provide a single, total payment via check or credit card.

Please let us know if you would prefer to be an e-member, and we will only provide notices, letters and newsletters via e-mail. This option would help our environment and PVS's ability to apply our financial resources more directly toward our purposes of voyaging, education and environmental protection and perpetuation.

On-line donations may also be made, using the secure Google Checkout, by visiting our website at <http://pvs.hawaii.org>.