**Darlene Kehaulani Butts has** been a resident in the Washington, D.C. area since 1989; currently residing in Stafford, VA.   Kehau is a Founding Member of Ke Ali`i Maka`ainana Hawaiian Civic Club; chartered 9 November 2004.   Born in Honolulu, HI, Kehau has 3 adult children, Dr. Bryon Butts, a physician in Manhattan, NY;  Shani Butts, attorney and Assistant Dean at Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; and Desiree Butts, Regional Director for National University, Quantico, VA.  Her 6 grandchildren; Keaunui age 19, Noelani age 18, Kapi`okalailani age 7, Kalai`aina age 6 and Naneaikupa`amekapono age 2 keep her fully engaged as “Tutu Momma”.  Kehau serves as the CEO of Makakoa Enterprises, Inc, Pelekikena of the Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Pelekikena of Ke Ali`i Maka`ainana Hawaiian Civic Club of Washington, D.C., Board of Governor, Hawai`i State Society of Washington, D.C., and Board of  Governor, Halau Nohona Hawai`i.

Kehau has led the successful Kamehameha Lei Draping Ceremony for more than 20 years.  Additionally, her work at the annual U.S. Library of Congress National Book Festival has secured a prime reputation for delivering the Aloha Spirit each year!  I am proud of the leadership and membership of the Mainland Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and in particular, Ke Ali`i Maka`ainana Hawaiian Civic Club.  Recall the old adage of “It takes a village…”  Goodness!  In the work of civic and cultural advocacy…..it takes many villages across communities, state lines, regional landscapes and oceans.  We bring together the minds, hearts and hands of Hawai`i focused `ohana to celebrate our culture, history, and each other no matter where we live.  I thank you for your continuing support of Prince Kuhio’s directive, the Mainland Council’s vision and each club’s commitment to every member.