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Na Mo'olelo O Ka Wa Kahiko, "Stories of Old" – Ninth Annual Luau

Grand Junction – The Ho'olokahi Polynesian Club of Mesa State College will proudly present its ninth annual luau - Na Mo'olelo O Ka Wa Kahiko, "Stories of Old", on Saturday, April 25, in Brownson Arena in the Saunders Field House and Health Sciences Center. Doors open at 4:00 pm with dinner at 5:00 pm and the show beginning at 6:00 pm.

In ancient Hawaii, a luau (or 'aha 'aina as it was called in ancient times) was meant to celebrate the coming of age and welcoming visitors. Men, women and children were not allowed to eat at the same table and not allowed to share the same food. But as time went by, tradition changed and unity became important. Soon, everyone was allowed to enjoy and share the same meal served at a luau.

Today, a luau is used to celebrate everything, whether it's a birthday party, an anniversary or a house warming party. The Ho'olokahi Polynesian Club hosts its annual luau to promote diversity to the Grand Junction community and to help each other understand and accept all walks of life. Last year, more than 500 people attended.

The luau will feature Hawaiian delicacies as well as dances from the Polynesian islands.

Pre-sale tickets are available - \$14 for adults, \$11 for children 12 and under. There will be a limited number of tickets at the door on sale for \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. Tickets will go fast, so reserve a seat today by contacting the Ho'olokahi Polynesian Club at 970-248-1149 or hoolokahi_MSC@yahoo.com.

Tickets may also be purchased in the MavCard office in Elm Hall at North 12th Street and Elm Avenue.

The luau is part of the Mesa State Cultural Diversity Board's Unity Fest 2009 happening April 22nd through April 25th. Contact the Cultural Diversity Board executives at 248-1664.

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