Chinese Steamed Cake

5 eggs, room temperature
1 cup white sugar
1 Tbl. water
1 cup cake flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/4 cup confectioner's sugar

- 1. Arrange steamer or wire rack over simmering water.
- 2. Line a 9-inch square or 9-inch round pan with waxed paper.
- 3. Separate the eggs. Place the yolks in a large bowl with the sugar and water. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until the mixture has increased about 3x in volume (about 5 to 10 minutes).
- 4. Whisk together the flour and baking powder.
- 5. Gently fold the flour mixture into the yolk mixture.
- 6. Blend in the almond extract.
- 7. Beat the egg whites with an electric mixer to stiff, not dry, peaks. Fold the egg white mixture into the batter.
- 8. Pour the batter into prepared pan. Rap the pan on the counter to get rid of large air bubbles.
- 9. Place the pan into the steamer.
- 10. Steam for about 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- 11. Cool cake on a wire rack.
- 12. Dust with confectioner's sugar.