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## GOVERNANCE

## EA

To restore pono and ea, Native Hawaiians will achieve self-governance, after which the assets of OHA will be transferred to the new governing entity.



The Senate Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing committees on Feb. 13 passed Senate Bill 2783, proposed by Gov. Neil Abercrombie to settle the state's longstanding debt to OHA. Abercrombie, pictured, testified in favor of the bill at a Feb. 6 hearing. - Photo: Alice Silbanuz

## Trustees buoyed by support for Kaka'ako land deal

By Garrett Kamemoto

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees say they are energized by the support they've received in 16 community meetings on a proposal by Gov. Neil Abercrombie to resolve longstanding claims for past-due revenue.

Two state Senate committees in February voted in favor of the proposal that would transfer to OHA 10 parcels of land in Kaka'ako Makai valued at an estimated \$200 million.

As of press time, a hearing before two more Senate committees had been scheduled for Feb. 27. Earlier, two House committees put off a decision on a companion bill, saying they would consider the Senate version of the bill once it is formally approved by Senators.

The settlement proposal calls for transferring the parcels to OHA to resolve claims for back rent for use of Public Land Trust lands from state airports, housing and hospitals from Nov. 7, 1978, to June 30, 2012. The proposal would only affect claims against the state during that period and for rent owed to OHA from airports, housing and hospitals.

Language in the settlement agreement to be signed by the Governor and OHA specifically says

it will not affect any other claims. (See box.)

Over the first two-and-a-half weeks of February, Trustees and staff from OHA traveled to various communities around the state to share updates about the proposal and discuss the findings of its research into the parcels involved.

OHA Vice Chairman Peter Apo said he left the meetings feeling "very optimistic" and "energized."

"We have pretty widespread support from the Hawaiian community," he said. "They have been asking some very tough questions," he added, noting there are still many with concerns.

Chairperson Colette Machado said she is encouraged that many in the community are coming together over the proposal.

"There's a bridging that's occurring," said Machado, who added that a similar settlement proposal in 2008 had led to contentious community meetings.

"I think at times Native Hawaiians in leadership get together and we leave still upset, still bitter and still angry," she said. But this time around, she said, the tone is very different. People have been able to set aside disagreements in order to lend support to the proposal.

"When you can leave honorably and still have

### DRAFT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT LANGUAGE

"This Agreement does not address, is not intended to address, and shall have no effect upon claims, disputes and controversies which may exist, relating to Hawaiian sovereignty, the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom including any alleged claims to crown, government or submerged lands, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, or claims against the United States."

respect for each other's position, I find that wonderful," Machado said.

Many of those attending the meetings have expressed some concerns but have also lent their support for the proposed settlement, saying it is something they must consider to benefit future generations.

Trustees say the proposed settlement is important because the land would help OHA generate more revenue in order to boost programs for Native Hawaiians. Among other programs, OHA supports gap funding for 17 Hawaiian-focused charter schools, provide \$3 million a year to the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to pay off the debt service on a bond used to build infrastructure on homestead lands, and provide scholarships to Native Hawaiians.

Trustees have also noted that there is much development slated for the Kaka'ako area, and the value of the lands included in the package could double or triple in the next few years.

Machado says the Trustees have a vision of turning an area into a Hawaiian place. She told the community that Trustees are considering moving OHA's headquarters into the area and using it to house other Hawaiian organizations to create a one-stop service center for Native Hawaiians.

During one community meeting, she pointed to the parcel of land where Fisherman's Wharf is located and challenged people to envision the possibilities for the land. She said it was easy to see the potential for restaurants and shops in the area.

"We have a vision that this should be a place that celebrates Hawai'i, celebrates our traditions in a Hawaiian way," said Apo.

"I'm always looking for something meaningful that will have a lasting impact for generations to follow," said Machado.

OHA's presentation to the community as well as the results of its investigation into the parcels of land can be found at [www.oha.org/kakaako](http://www.oha.org/kakaako). The web site is continually being updated with the latest information. ■

# OHA Grantee Profile: Ke Ola Mamo

## Hawaiian men's health initiative gets boost



Many early photographs, like this one, show that Hawaiians were indeed tall and lean. - Photo: Courtesy of Bishop Museum

By Karin Stanton

A grant from Office of Hawaiian Affairs could help save health and lives.

Ke Ola Mamo, a nonprofit organization that promotes the health and well-being of the Native Hawaiian community, has been awarded a \$25,000 Kauhale grant.

The funds will bolster the No Ke Ola Pono o Nā Kāne – *For the Health of Men* program through a partnership between the American Cancer Society and Ke Ola Mamo, one of five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems created under the federal Native Hawaiian Health Care Act of 1988.

The program, No Ke Ola Pono o Nā Kāne, aims to find out how best to deliver preventative health services to Native Hawaiian men and encourage the kāne (men) to schedule regular checkups.

“This grant establishes a brand new partnership,” said Claire Hughes, project Co-Director and Ke Ola Mamo board member. “The OHA grant provides the link between the American Cancer Society and Ke Ola Mamo and makes this partnership possible.”

The Kāne Initiative will facilitate educational discussion sessions, or kūkākūkā, at community

meetings, Hughes said.

“We are looking forward to reaching out on a personal level to discuss health concerns and information with Native Hawaiian men,” she said. “The initial thrust will be to discuss what their health concerns and their preferences are in preventative health services.”

The long-term goal is to ensure Native Hawaiian men receive the regular checkups, early diagnosis and treatment needed to extend their health and lives.

“Native Hawaiian kāne have higher rates of chronic health conditions, like illness of the heart, diabetes and some cancers,” Hughes said. “They have higher incidence rates that result in higher death rates. The life span of a Native Hawaiian man is about 12 years shorter than other groups.”

This 12-year gap has persisted for the last 30 years and is not closing, Hughes said, making partnerships like No Ke Ola Pono o Nā Kāne essential to address such health concerns. This program addresses the kāne who may not have all the information and health services that they need to recognize and take action on the early signs of a health challenge.

“Across the board, men in America show a reluctance about getting to the doctor,” she said. “However, Hawaiian kāne in particular have a greater need for regular checkups because of their higher risk for developing health challenges.”

In our small-group meetings, Native Hawaiian men were asked what they needed to lead a healthy life. Answers ranged from quality family time and outdoor recreation, such as fishing, and a job that offers health insurance, as well as a desire for access to traditional Hawaiian healing practices.

“We want Hawaiian kāne to take full advantage of any preventative service they want and need,” she said. “We’re looking forward to learning from our Hawaiian kāne. Then the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems can address the desired health services in a more effective manner.”

“I want Hawaiian kāne to look forward to long, healthy and productive lives, like those our ancestors lived,” Hughes said. “Their families deserve to have their kāne around for a long, long time.”

Joelene Lono, Ke Ola Mamo Executive

Director, said the grant is critical in advancing the project, and she thanked OHA for its “commitment and support of our efforts to identify and address the barriers to Native Hawaiian kāne who seek health care.”

Ke Ola Mamo’s mission is to empower, educate and promote the health and well-being of the Native Hawaiian community through a system of culturally appropriate services on O’ahu.

Ke Ola Mamo provides primary care, mental health services, workshops in health lifestyles, outreach and enrollment, access to traditional healing, and other programs aimed at improving the health status of Native Hawaiians.

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization, which supports the work of the government, dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

ACS is the only voluntary health agency in Hawai‘i to form a committee of Native Hawaiian health professionals, cancer survivors and others who work in Hawaiian communities to address the significant health disparities found in this population. ■

*Karin Stanton, a former Reporter/Editor at West Hawai‘i Today, works for The Associated Press and Hawai‘i 24/7.*

### KŪKĀKŪKĀ SESSIONS

**WHO:** All Native Hawaiian men 18 and older

**WHEN:** Registration is ongoing and sessions are held on an on-demand basis with a group of about 15 men per session

**WHERE:** Locations determined by demand on O’ahu until summer, when Neighbor Island programs will begin

**COST:** Free

**INFORMATION:** Ke Ola Mamo, (808) 848-8000



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## ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

## HO'OKAHUA WAIWAI

To have choices and a sustainable future, Native Hawaiians will progress toward greater economic self-sufficiency.



Photo: Stockbyte

By Mary Alice Milham

## Mālama indeed

**M**ālama kekahi i kekahi, “take care of each other,” is a lesson Jerem Nohea Kaawaloa learned early in life.

Raised in the Puna district, on the eastern side of Hawai‘i Island, he knew firsthand what it was like to live in an area chronically underserved by doctors.

That’s why, when he completed his medical degree in 2004 at the John A Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa, Dr. Kaawaloa decided to begin his practice in Hilo, where he could mālama the people most in need.

“For the longest time now we’ve had a shortage of physicians of all specialties, says Kaawaloa, a recent OHA Mālama Loan recipient. “I guess I saw medicine as one way to fill a need in my community.”

The opportunity to serve the Native Hawaiian community, along with the community at large, also influenced his decision to establish his practice in Hilo and “do what I can to improve the access to quality medical care.”

Growing up in Kalapana, Kaawaloa was unaware of the health issues facing Native Hawaiians. The people he remembers were healthy, perhaps a result of living a more traditional lifestyle of fishing, hunting and farming.

During his medical training, the disparities

in Native Hawaiian health within the general population – including heart disease, diabetes and cancer – became very real.

Of the many medically underserved populations in the state, Hawai‘i Island residents are among the hardest hit. A recent survey estimates 32 percent of Hawai‘i Island physicians will discontinue service within the next five years.

“It’s pretty bad,” says Kaawaloa. “We get numerous phone calls every day from patients looking for (primary-care) physicians.”

For patients needing specialists, the shortages can be costly, too, oftentimes necessitating travel to O‘ahu.

Although Kaawaloa was ahead of the curve recognizing the need for more doctors in rural areas, he still faced the challenges of establishing his own medical practice. For up and coming doctors, that entails finding the financial means to open an office, often while paying off student loan debt that averages \$150,000.

Kaawaloa was fortunate to get scholarships to help with the cost of his education. Unfortunately, there’s no such thing as a scholarship that pays the rent on an office or the expense of filling it with furniture and medical equipment.

Helping Kaawaloa fill the unmet need was a Mālama Loan, which in June 2009 allowed him to open his own primary-care practice in Hilo.

The loan from OHA provided the capital he needed to lease office space, pay himself and his employees, and tide him over during the months it takes for new doctors to get their credentials, and thus be paid, by insurance companies.

He found the Mālama Loan process “a breeze” compared with his subsequent experience getting a car loan and a mortgage, and says the

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–Dr. Jerem Nohea Kaawaloa,  
OHA Mālama Loan recipient

turnaround time was surprisingly quick.

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“It was pretty important part of getting my practice started,” he says. “It was a big deal.”

According to a 2010 Hawai‘i Physician Workforce Assessment by the University of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i Island has the greatest need for more physicians. It faces a 38 percent shortfall. Statewide the shortfall is 22 percent, with 500 fewer physicians than are necessary for Hawai‘i’s population.

In 2010, the UH medical school graduated a record number of Native Hawaiian physicians – 12 out of a class of 58. But with an anticipated 134 physicians retiring each year, the statewide shortage is expected to worsen, potentially rising in the next decade to a 40 percent shortage in all disciplines.

While Kaawaloa says there are ongoing efforts to resolve the problem – by the medical school, Legislature and state Sen. Josh Green – the lack of specialists and other medical resources tend to deter primary-care doctors from rural areas.

There’s also the lack of local people attending medical school. If more Hawai‘i students would pursue medicine, he believes the shortage would be alleviated.

Kaawaloa’s old lesson, Mālama kekahi i kekahi, is one to share. ■

*Mary Alice Kaiulani Milham, a Portland, Oregon-based freelance journalist, is a former newspaper reporter and columnist from California’s Central Coast.*

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## REQUEST FOR SOLICITATIONS FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013 OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Resource Management – Transitional Assistance Program (TAP) for solicitation of competitive purchase of services from qualified applicants pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 10-17 and its administrative rules to provide the following service activities for State FY 2013:

Grant Number	Service Activity Titles	Grant Amount*
OHA 13-01	Transitional Housing Services for Native Hawaiians Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	\$250,000
OHA 13-02	Employment Core Services for Low-Income Native Hawaiians Monday, March 12, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	\$500,000
OHA 13-03	Obesity and Physical Health Improvements in Native Hawaiians Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	\$800,000
OHA 13-04	Improving Middle School Testing Scores of Native Hawaiians Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	\$250,000
OHA 13-05	Understanding History & Perpetuating Hawaiian Culture Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	\$400,000
OHA 13-06	Native Hawaiians Achieving Pae 'Āina Sustainability Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	\$200,000
OHA 13-07	'Ahahui Event Grants Friday, March 23, 2012 from 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012 from 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.	\$200,000

*\*All funding amounts subject to availability. Source(s) of funding are subject to change. TAP reserves the right to reallocate funding amounts within or between solicitations based on the best interests of the State and/or actual proposal applications received.*

OHA will conduct the above orientation sessions at its office located at 711 Kapi'olani Blvd, Suite 500, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813. All prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the appropriate session(s).

Handouts will be provided, will outline the application requirements of each solicitation, and will include the following: administrative requirements, service specifications, proposal applications, budget instructions, and other reference

material. Prior to application submittal, it is imperative that the applicants closely review all information and follow detailed instructions provided.

All applicants shall submit an original proposal and four copies to OHA on or before **4:00 p.m. HST, Monday, April 23, 2012 (except 'Ahahui with May 1, 2012 deadline)** to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 711 Kapi'olani Blvd, Suite 500, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813. Any proposals received after the deadline, but with a postmark date of April 23, 2012 (**except 'Ahahui with May 1, 2012 deadline**) or prior shall be considered timely received. Proposal forms, specifications and special provisions can be obtained:

At the OHA website at [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org); or By emailing [grantsinfo@oha.org](mailto:grantsinfo@oha.org); or By phone at (808) 594-1986.

Proposals postmarked after April 23, 2012, (**except 'Ahahui with May 1, 2012 deadline**) or hand delivered after 4:00 p.m. H.S.T. on April 23, 2012 (**except 'Ahahui with May 1, 2012 deadline**), shall be considered late and rejected. There are no exceptions to this requirement. Proposals delivered by facsimile transmission or e-mail will not be accepted. One original and four copies of the proposal are required.

If this solicitation was downloaded from the website, each applicant must provide contact information to the Sole Point of Contact for this solicitation to be notified of any changes. OHA shall not be responsible for any missing addenda, attachments or other information regarding the solicitation if a proposal is submitted from an incomplete solicitation.

The deadline for submission of written questions is 4:00 p.m. H.S.T. on Monday, April 9, 2012. OHA will address all written questions with a written response by Monday, April 16, 2012. Written questions may be submitted to OHA by facsimile or e-mail. However, all applicants who submit written questions by facsimile or e-mail bears the full and exclusive responsibility for assuring the complete, correctly formatted, and timely transmission of their questions.

OHA reserves the right to amend the terms of this solicitation, to issue addenda, or to withdraw this solicitation at any time.

All applicants will be notified in writing regarding OHA's decision on his/her proposal(s) in mid- to late June 2012. State funded contracts are expected to be in effect from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013.

Any questions or inquiries regarding each specific solicitation should be directed to the Sole Point of Contact listed in Section 2 of each individual solicitation, by mail, or e-mail or by telephone.

Thank you for your interest in applying and for working with us to provide quality services.

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## OHA Salary Commission submits report

The 2012 OHA Salary Commission is recommending salaries for the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs remain unchanged for at least the next two years. The commission met three times in February to review Trustees' salaries.

The commission's report to the state Legislature recommends the Trustees' salaries stay the same through June 30, 2014. In the fiscal year starting July 1, 2014, Trustees' pay would be determined by a formula based on the lesser of the Honolulu Consumer Price Index or the average annual salary increase given to the staff of OHA. Trustees would not have to take a pay cut under the formula.

Currently, Trustees earn \$55,440 a year, while the board Chairperson earns \$63,204. They received a 3.5 percent pay increase on July 1, 2011, as recommended by the 2008 Salary Commission.

According to state law, the salary schedule will go into effect unless rejected by the Legislature by concurrent resolution of both houses prior to the end of the current legislative session.

The entire salary commission report is available online at [bit.ly/wMyEDe](http://bit.ly/wMyEDe).

## \$10,000 prize for nonprofit business plan competition

Nonprofit organizations planning to start new ventures that will benefit society could win prizes of up to \$10,000 in the Hogan/American Savings Bank Nonprofit Business Plan Competition at Chaminade University.

The most compelling business plan will be awarded 80 hours of consulting services from Olomana Loomis ISC. First prize is \$10,000, second place is \$6,000, third place is \$4,000, fourth place is \$2,000 and

\$1,000 for all remaining finalists.

The deadline to submit business plans is March 6. For details, call Ann Lujan Kishi at (808) 739-4673 or visit [chaminade.edu/hogan/hogan-7.php](http://chaminade.edu/hogan/hogan-7.php). Winners will be announced April 18.

## Waikiki to host Indigenous Education Conference

The 10th annual Ku'i Ka Lono – Indigenous Education Conference provides a unique venue to share best practices in indigenous education with native students and educators from around the world.

Held March 8 and 9 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa, the first day will feature student, teacher and community presentations with cultural performances in the evening. The second day includes site visits to several public charter schools and service-learning projects. The public is invited to attend.

Ku'i Ka Lono is sponsored by Na Lei Na'auao – Native Hawaiian Charter School Alliance comprised of 12 independent Hawaiian-focused charter schools. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kamehameha Schools and Hawai'i Public Charter School Network are supporters.

Registration deadline is March 5. For conference details, contact Ka'iulani Pahi'ō at (808) 887-1117 or email [NLN@kalo.org](mailto:NLN@kalo.org).

## Finance academy to host open house

The AKAMAI Finance Academy welcomes the public to an open house from 5 to 8 p.m. March 24 to share information about the program, admission requirements and application deadlines.

Current high school juniors and seniors intending to enroll at any

## OHA IN THE COMMUNITY



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE ADDRESSING DISPARITIES

A newly established Criminal Justice Task Force is continuing the momentum of a 2010 OHA study that found that Native Hawaiians were subject to disparate treatment at all levels in the state's criminal justice system. Created by state law in 2011 — through an OHA-proposed bill — the nine-member task force will formulate policies and procedures to eliminate the disproportionate representation of Hawaiians in the state's criminal justice system and submit its recommendations to the 2013 Legislature. Members pictured at a Feb. 7 meeting at OHA's Honolulu office are, from left: Paul Perrone, Research and Statistics Chief, state Department of the Attorney General; Cheryl Marlow, Adult Client Services Branch Administrator, state Judiciary; Jack Tonaki, state Public Defender; Chair Michael Broderick, President and CEO of YMCA of Honolulu; 1st Circuit Judge Richard Perkins; Joe Booker, Public Safety Department Deputy Director; RaeDeen Karasuda, Kamehameha Schools Senior Research Associate; Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, OHA Research Director; and facilitator Jeff Kent, OHA Public Policy Advocate. Not pictured is Tricia Nakamatsu, City & County of Honolulu Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. — *Photo: Lisa Asato*



### NEVADA WELCOMES HAWAIIAN COLLECTION

Nevada libraries in Henderson are featuring a Hawaiian Heritage Collection that's being described as the largest on the West Coast. The collection, made possible through a grant from the Library of Congress, houses more than 1,300 items, including CDs, DVDs and lithographs. The January opening of Henderson District Library's Hawaiian Heritage Collection attracted a large audience from near and far, including OHA Chairperson Colette Machado, who participated in a panel discussion on Native Hawaiian Self-Determination and Hawaiians Abroad. While there, she also congratulated Green Valley Library Manager Stephen Platt, who was largely responsible for securing the grant. The book *'Onipa'a*, which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, was a gift among many from Hawai'i organizations. A Las Vegas radio interview on the collection can be heard online at [bit.ly/yCAGhH](http://bit.ly/yCAGhH). — *Courtesy photo: Lynette Cruz*



OHA Maui Trustee Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey with the island's Community Outreach Coordinators Thelma Shimaaka and Roy Newton at the agency's new Kahului office on Lono Avenue. — *Courtesy photo: Wilmont Kamaunu Kahaialii*

## OHA's new Maui Office opens its doors

By Harold Nedd

**O**HA's new office on Maui officially opened to the voices of two musicians from a Hawaiian contemporary band and an estimated crowd of 50 people.

Trustee Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey hosted the office celebration Wednesday, Feb. 15, on the fourth floor of the Kahului Building at 33 Lono Ave., where beneficiaries are being promised better access to services offered by OHA.

She also identified the two musicians — Kawika Regidor and Damien Paiva — as being part of Kahulu's Band, of which she is a member.

The office moved from the Kahului industrial area, where it was located for the past two years in an environment considered less than ideal for the more than 30 inquiries fielded by staff on a typical day.

The move was praised as providing OHA beneficiaries on Maui with a more central location for a wide range of services such as loans and scholarship information for Native Hawaiians.

The office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ■

#### E KOMO MAI

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# Young artists inspire a healthy optimism



Robynne Guillermo of Honolulu dances hula to keep healthy. — Photo: Joe Lewis

By Joe Kūhiō Lewis  
OHA Youth Coordinator

Living the massive underground corridors of Hawai'i's state Capitol, colorful posters expressing the voices of our youth reign in a unified theme of healthy living. From eating blueberries and bananas, to dancing hula, Hawai'i youth share with us the importance of healthy lifestyle choices.

As a single working father of two young children, making healthy choices is important. However, at times, real-world demands can win out and healthy choices can take a back seat. It's more convenient after a long day at work and traffic to grab a quick dinner at the drive through at McDonald's, Jack in the Box or KFC.

But we must consider the outcomes of our decisions. The power of improving the way we live lies within all of us. We really have the opportunity to shape our future and figures.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 19 percent of Native Hawaiian youth are obese. That's roughly two in 10 keiki.

As one of our strategic priorities, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is committed to ensuring that our lāhui has the resources necessary to

make positive choices.

Hawaiians were in good health at the time of western contact. They lived active lives, eating what would now be called "organic" foods.

We can return to their positive example by making informed decisions for our next generation. Here are a few simple ways we can promote healthy living:

>> Be physically active every day. You can do this by watching less TV and doing chores, like cleaning your room.

>> Parents, buy your keiki fruits and vegetables to take to school for snack rather than chips.

>> Eat whole grains rather than processed foods like white bread and rice.

>> Limit sugar from candy, soda and juice as well as fat from fried foods and pastries.

>> Plant a garden. My keiki enjoy watering our papaya tree and watching it grow.

These things may be easier said than done. Believe me, I know. But this makua, for one, will be taking to heart the gentle reminders from our youth to get moving, eat healthy and have fun doing it. Their crayon-colored healthy-living posters served as a reminder that for all of us, the decisions we make today will influence generations to come. ■

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## CULTURE

## MO'OMIEHEU

To strengthen identity, Native Hawaiians will preserve, practice and perpetuate their culture.

# Aloha Lāna'i



Tending the pineapple fields at Palāwai in south central Lāna'i, 1926. - Photo used with permission of Castle & Cooke Inc.

By Naomi Sodetani

**F**ar off the beaten track, the quiet, secluded island of Lāna'i remains a mystery to most tourists – and even to most Hawai'i residents.

During its heyday as the world's largest pineapple plantation, it was dubbed the "Pineapple Isle." Since the last pineapple harvest in 1992, Lāna'i has been rebranded as a luxury-resort destination.

Beyond these slim facts tethered to its changing economic fortunes, few know of Lāna'i's deeper identity grounded in nearly a millenium of Hawaiian residency. Or know that its name, literally translated as "day of conquest," derives from ancient lore rejoicing the day that the chief Kaululā'au vanquished the evil ghosts from the island, allowing people to live here in peace.

Steeped in an abundance of such stories, Lāna'i awaits rediscovery. "For many, many years Lāna'i has been out of sight, out of mind – the underserved community," said noted cultural historian Kepā Maly, Executive Director of the Lāna'i Culture and Heritage Center. But that equation must change, he said, for the sake of the island's cultural survival.

On March 25 the center will host the Aloha Lāna'i Benefit and Concert at Mamiya Theatre on O'ahu, seeking to create broader awareness

of Lāna'i's history and to generate greater support for the museum's efforts to preserve the unique natural, cultural and historical legacy of the island.

The "pā'ina with a purpose" brings a festive sharing of island-made arts and crafts, 'ono pūpū, stellar entertainment and a chance to score such silent auction offerings as a handcrafted koa/ebony 'ukulele or a sumptuous stay at the Four Seasons Lodge at Kō'ele or its sister resort, Mānele Bay – all for a good cause. Proceeds will support ongoing programs of the Lāna'i CHC, and help kick off its endowment drive necessary to help sustain operations into the future.

Located in the heart of Lāna'i City, the community-based nonprofit serves as a veritable repository of the island's collective memory. The little museum has a big mission: to preserve, interpret and celebrate Lāna'i's natural history, Hawaiian traditions, diverse heritage and cultures, and ranching and plantation-era histories.

As one visitor from afar noted in the guest log, the space is "small but very impressive," brimming with immense substance and depth belying its size. The museum's collections showcase artifacts of Hawaiian origin collected through archaeological investigations or found by plantation employees over the years while working the fields with plow and hoe.

Objects enriching other museums and pri-

vate collections were brought home to Lāna'i. Historical plantation-era documents and family memorabilia are still constantly being donated by local residents who express grateful relief: "Oh, we've been waiting so long for there to be someplace where we could bring these things, where they will be safe."

The museum was born of Lāna'i's tumultuous transition from pineapple plantation to five-star resort development expressly to safeguard the island's past.

In 1985, billionaire David Murdock bought Dole Foods' parent company, Castle & Cooke Inc., which owns 98 percent of the island. A cooperative agreement between the Lāna'i Archaeological Committee, Hui Mālama Pono o Lāna'i, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Lanaians for Sensible Growth, Department of Land and Natu-

## ALOHA LĀNA'I BENEFIT AND CONCERT

**WHEN:** March 25, 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mamiya Theatre, Saint Louis School

**COST:** \$25 presale, \$30 at door

**TICKETS AND INFORMATION:** lanaichc.org



Albert Halape Morita, foreground, and Mikala Enfield, far background, share the island's history with guests at the Lānaʻi Culture and Heritage Center. — *Courtesy photos*

ral Resources, and Castle & Cooke in 1987 sought to address community concerns for the care of the treasured cultural and natural resources of Lānaʻi.

Efforts to establish a community heritage center stalled for years. Then in 2006 Maly,

raised on Lānaʻi, returned home to help. Maly has worked for the past 30 years throughout the state on research and cultural resource-management programs, and also brought extensive experience in developing community partnerships in resource stewardship. In

2007, the center obtained its nonprofit status and opened its doors to the public.

Today the museum exists as “the fruit of many people’s vision, many people working over the past two decades seeking to help a community retain its sense of self,” Maly said. “Change happens, but that doesn’t mean our cultural identity has to be erased.”

Hawaiians have lived on the island of Lānaʻi for nearly 1,000 years. Archaeological evidence indicates that more than 6,000 people once lived sustainably here, prior to western contact. Ancient Hawaiian villages, ceremonial features, dryland agricultural fields, fishponds and a wide range of cultural sites still grace the shoreline of Lānaʻi. In the uplands, places like Kōʻele and Kihamāniania were also locations of significant traditional settlements and agricultural endeavors of the island’s original inhabitants.

Their descendants embody that vibrant heritage. Some people misperceive “that there are no Hawaiians left on Lānaʻi today, when, in fact, 600 people of Hawaiian ancestry still live here out of a total population of 2,800 or so residents,” Maly affirmed. “A strong core

of Hawaiian families have been here from the beginning.”

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has provided almost \$1 million to date to support development of the museum’s new facility and its programs. OHA grants helped to create educational and job-training opportunities for island youth, and to conduct oral-history documentation, field stewardship site-restoration work and cultural research, enabling the museum to care for resources within, and beyond, its walls.

The Lānaʻi CHC is completing a traditional cultural properties study of the ahupuaʻa of Kaʻā. This OHA-funded project included a workshop that brought Lānaʻi students together with Hawaiian kūpuna and cultural practitioners, archaeologists and historians in a process of rediscovering cultural sites in Kaʻā. “The whole island is a living history museum,” Maly said. “But it’s hands on, it’s not a replica, it’s not under glass, this is a living environment.”

The human experience and the moʻolelo

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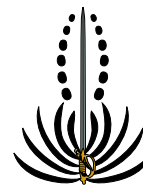
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# Making a move to mainstream kōnane



John Kaohelaui'i hopes that the ancient Hawaiian game of kōnane can make a comeback. He makes and sells kōnane sets on [hawaiiancheckers.com](#) and at several O'ahu and Kaua'i retail locations. — Photo: Diana Leone

By Diana Leone

Kaua'i entrepreneur John Kaohelaui'i hopes to help revive the popularity of the ancient Hawaiian game of kōnane by making and selling portable game boards and promoting them through workshops and tournaments.

"I call it the greatest game never played," Kaohelaui'i says of the game sometimes called Hawaiian checkers. Though it dates back to at least the 1400s, like many other aspects of traditional Hawaiian culture, it became almost unknown between the arrival of missionary influences and the Hawaiian Renaissance of the 1970s.

For Kaohelaui'i, the deceptively simple game in which players use black and white 'ili'ili (stones or marbles) on a papamū (stone) or wooden game board has life lessons to teach its players. He speculates that the game could have had a connection to ancient Hawaiians' mathematical concepts used in voyaging and astronomy.

Whereas the winner of western checkers is the person who ends up with more of his or her opponent's game pieces, in kōnane the objective is to leave your opponent with no possible moves. Or, as Kaohelaui'i puts it, "Last move win."

The importance of that is brought home by the fact that Hawaiians are believed to have gambled on the outcome of the game with very high stakes, up to and including one's life, he says.

Kaohelaui'i likes that the game was played by both wāhine and kāne, maka'āinana and ali'i. Kamehameha the Great was known to be a masterful player, as was

Princess Ka'ililauokekoa of Kaua'i.

"It teaches patience, critical thinking and strategic planning," Kaohelaui'i says. "It's the game of life."

Kaohelaui'i was 8 years old when he first played kōnane with his father on O'ahu.

His enthusiasm for the game was stoked by its inclusion in Kamehameha Schools' Explorations program. For a little while, he and his friends would play kōnane frequently, he recalls. Then it drifted into the background.

But he kept the game board that his father gave him, and over the years, he'd go through phases of playing again, when he could find other players. When he drove a tour bus, he'd often play with a fellow driver during stops when they were waiting for their passengers.

Kaohelaui'i sells kōnane games on his web site, [hawaiiancheckers.com](#). They're also sold on O'ahu at the Bishop Museum's Shop Pacifica, Native Books/Nā Mea Hawai'i and the Waimea Valley gift shop; and on Kaua'i at the Kaua'i Museum, his Sole Mates shoe store and his daughter's Work It Out fitness gear store.

He'll be teaching the game in workshops offered at Kaua'i Community College's Office of Continuing Education and Training April 12, 13 and 14, with a kōnane tournament to follow. The \$16 cost of the workshop comes with a \$16 gift certificate, good for the purchase of a kōnane game. Contact Kaohelaui'i at [info@hawaiiancheckers.com](#). ■

*Diana Leone, a veteran journalist, runs the freelance writing and editing business Leone Creative Communication, on Kaua'i.*

## North Kona District

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IS HEREBY GIVEN that three historic properties (SIHP # 50-10-37-4689, -7610 and -7630) containing unmarked human skeletal remains were identified by Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. in the course of an archaeological inventory survey related to the proposed residential development on land surrounding the Kona Country Club Mountain Golf Course, within portions of Keauhou 1st and 2nd, North Kona District, Island of Hawai'i.

The human remains were found on Kona Country Club, Inc. (KCCI) property, *mauka* of Ali'i Drive, in or near a potential residential development (TMK: [3] 7-8-010; portion of 030, 042, 051, 081, 082, 100 and 101. The project proponent is KCCI [contact: Ms. Fumiyo Okuda 78-7000 Ali'i Drive, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 - Tel. (808) 324-2724].

Background research indicates that during the *Mahele* these lands were part of the large award (LCA 7715) to Lot Kapuāiwa [Lot Kamehameha]. No *kuleana* (commoner Land Commission Awards) are known in the vicinity of the burial sites, however, there is an LCA (7487) in the far northern section of the survey area attributed to Keamohuli.

Following the procedures of Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS)

Chapter 6E-43, and Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-300, the remains are believed to be over 50 years old and most likely Native Hawaiian. The project proponent would prefer to preserve in place the human remains; however, the decision to preserve in place or relocate these previously identified human remains shall be made by the Hawai'i Island Burial Council and SHPD in consultation with any identified lineal and/or cultural descendants, per the requirements of HAR Chapter 13-300-33. The remains' proper treatment shall occur in accordance with HAR Chapter 13-300-38.

SHPD is requesting persons having any knowledge of the identity or history of these human skeletal remains to immediately contact Dr. Pua Aiu at SHPD, located at 601 Kamokila Blvd., Rm. 555 Kapolei, HI 96707 [TEL: (808) 692-8015 / FAX: (808) 692-8020] to present information regarding appropriate treatment of the unmarked human remains. All interested parties should respond within thirty days of this notice and provide information to SHPD adequately demonstrating lineal descent from these specific burials or cultural descent from ancestors buried in the vicinity of this project. ■

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## HEALTH

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Blessed Mother Marianne Cope's grave and monument in Kalaupapa. - KWO archives

## Mother Marianne's saintly life

### Her canonization is set for Oct. 21

By Cheryl Corbiell

In 1883, King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi'olani sponsored a letter sent to 50 religious communities throughout the United States requesting nursing help for Hawai'i's people with Hansen's disease, which disproportionately affected Native Hawaiians.

Members of the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York, agreed to come to Hawai'i. The nuns' leader was Mother Marianne Cope, who became known worldwide for her leadership, nursing skills and compassion.

The nuns rode trains across the continent and in San Francisco boarded a steamer to Honolulu. Mother Marianne Cope planned to return to Syracuse within a few months once the other nuns were settled in Honolulu, but the journey to Hawai'i became a 35-year odyssey.

More than 127 years later, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Blessed Mother Marianne Cope of Moloka'i a saint on Dec. 19, 2011. She will

be canonized Oct. 21 along with six other new saints.

"It is amazing to have two saints, Cope and Damien, with ties to Kalaupapa on this little island of Moloka'i in the vast Pacific Ocean," said Sister Jesse Kai. "December was a memorable month because the newly constructed Saint Damien of Moloka'i Church was officially dedicated on Dec. 16, and a few days later we received confirmation about Mother Marianne Cope." Blessed Father Damien became a saint in 2009.

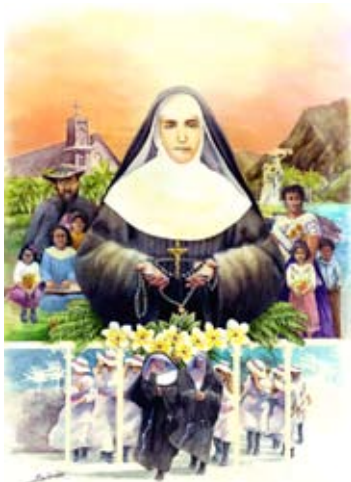
Cope arrived in Hawai'i in the fall of 1883, and the sisters cared for the Hansen's disease patients at the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on O'ahu. Conditions in the hospital were deplorable because it was built for 100 patients but housed more than 200 patients. Cope and her fellow Sisters brought medical care and compassion to the patients.

"Mother Marianne was courageous to journey halfway around the world to a place she knew nothing about," Kai said. "Women did not have a lot of rights then, although nuns had more

freedom than married women. Women did not normally hold important positions. Also there was an undercurrent of mistrust for Catholics in the Islands because it was a relatively new religion in Hawai'i. However, Mother Marianne forged ahead and her efficiency, leadership and good work was respected."

In 1884 Cope founded Maui's first general hospital, Malulani Hospital at a time when medical care was almost nonexistent in Hawai'i. The following year she founded Kapi'olani Home on O'ahu for healthy female children of Hansen's disease patients. In 1886, the Sisters took care of Father Damien when he was a patient at Kaka'ako Hospital during his advancing stages of leprosy, which is what the disease was called then. Damien appealed to the Sisters to replace him when he died.

In November 1888, Mother Marianne moved the first contingent of Sisters to Kalaupapa, Moloka'i, to provide nursing care to more than 1,000 people with leprosy. Immediately, Cope opened the C.R. Bishop Home for homeless women and girls with Hansen's disease. Next, Cope organized people to grow fruits and vegetables to supplement meager supplies sent from O'ahu. As well, the nuns cared for Father Damien until he died in 1889 and assumed his responsibilities. Adding to her responsibilities, Mother Marianne was asked by the Department of Health



Blessed Mother Marianne Cope is surrounded by many significant images, including Father Damien, at left, and next to him, two Japanese girls whom Cope adopted, and Queen Kapi'olani, at right, in a painting by Moloka'i artist Philip Sabado. Sabado can be reached at (808) 573-4993.

to become the administrator of the Boys Home at Kalawao. She immediately undertook renovating the dilapidated building. After construction was completed, the building was renamed the Baldwin Home. Cope was a teacher, nurse, gardener, seamstress, disciplinarian, administrator and patient advocate during her three decades in Kalaupapa.

The sheer cliffs of Kalawao were Cope's adopted home for the remainder of her life. She died in Kalaupapa on Aug. 9, 1918, at the age of 80.

"Blessed Mother Marianne had a spirit of aloha for Hansen's disease patients when she answered the King's call to come to Moloka'i, and she was determined to provide a pleasant life as possible for the exiled people of Kalaupapa," said Sister Davilyn Ah Chick. "Remarkable people live remarkable lives."

Cheryl Corbiell is an Instructor at the University of Hawai'i Maui College-Moloka'i and a reading tutor at Kaunakakai Elementary School.

### Former Kalaupapa Sister nears 100 years old

Sister Richard Marie Toal, who was affectionately dubbed "The Fishing Nun" for her fondness for the sport while working at a Kalaupapa hospital, inched one year closer to 100 on Feb. 22.



Toal, a New Jersey native who worked as a nurse at

Kalaupapa for four decades until she had a stroke in 2005, lives in a convent on the St. Francis School campus in Mānoa. Fellow Sisters of St. Francis and visiting loved ones helped her celebrate her birthday with pizza and cake. Toal is either 96 or 97, it's uncertain which, but seeing her talking and smiling and having breakfast the next morning in the dining area, she appears at least a decade younger.

In the hall off the dining area, a hanging frame displays two publications showcasing Toal's fishing prowess. One is a *Hawai'i Fishing News* cover story and the other is a *National Geographic* photo showing her dressed in white habit and headdress, a pole in hand and fishing with the lush Kalaupapa landscape as a backdrop. Although she was a fine fisherman, fish didn't appeal to her. She often shared her catch with the folks back at the hospital or with the cats.

As for how Toal feels about the upcoming canonization of Blessed Mother Marianne, who also worked at Kalaupapa in service of Hansen's disease patients, Sister Rose Loraine Matsuzaki said Toal "is very, very happy about that."

— Lisa Asato



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## LĀNA'I

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linked with the island's wahi pana, or legendary places, are as fragile as memories, however. Many Lāna'i residents have told Maly that they had passed by these storied landscapes all their lives, unaware of their significance. "The land changes, our elders pass away and new generations lose touch with their heritage and the hard work of their elders," Maly said.

*Voices of Lāna'i*, video excerpts from recorded histories with more than 40 island kūpuna gathered since 2006, will debut at the benefit. In these conversations, the elders reflect on their experiences living and working on Lāna'i, providing vivid, personal glimpses into earlier eras. A number of kūpuna interviewed have since passed.

To keep its work moving forward,

the museum must now enlarge its base of support. "Lāna'i has a very small pool, only 3,000 residents, so we need to figure out a way to keep our doors open," Maly said. "Is it urgent? Yes. Because if we don't do it, we're going to lose it all – and then we dishonor our kūpuna who gave us the lives we have."

The museum's quest to fulfill its kuleana has inspired an outpouring of aloha from all those participating in the *Aloha Lāna'i* event. Emceed by Lāna'i's own Makani Tabura, KUMU-FM radio host, the concert will feature the musical artistry of Kūpaoa and Ke 'Ala Aumoe, Nā Palapalai and Waipuna, and performances by Hālau Ka Pa Hula o Kauanoe o Wa'ahila, Hālau Hi'akainamakalehua, Hālau o Nā Pua Kukui, Kumu Hula from Lāna'i and many others.

Kama'āina businesses that have stepped forward to help bring the event to O'ahu include: Atlas Insur-

ance Agency, Bank of Hawai'i, Farmers Hawai'i, First Insurance Co. of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawaiian Telcom, Island Insurance Cos., Lāna'i Grand Adventures, Maui Electric Co., Young Brothers and Hawaiian Tug and Barge.

"We feel so blessed that all these people have come to us saying, 'We love what you're doing, we love Lāna'i and we're going to help you do this,'" Maly said. "So this will be a celebration for all those who have been touched by Lāna'i, whether they have visited once, picked pineapple or were raised here. And if you know nothing about Lāna'i, please come, have fun. Let us show you what is special about our island." ■

*Naomi Sodetani is a freelance writer, documentary producer and former Publications Editor of Ka Wai Ola o OHA.*



Lāna'i's Pu'upepe Islet, with platform identified as the tomb of Pehe, called "Sweetheart Rock." – Courtesy photo

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# BATTILING OBESITY

By Harold Nedd

Photo: Digital Vision

**A**fter more than two decades of carrying extra weight, Geri Kaleponi is running out of options to solve her most vexing problem: shedding at least 30 unwanted pounds.

The 52-year-old Pālolo Valley resident, whose taste buds are delightfully shocked by the grilled-cheese sandwiches with Spam that she eats regularly for breakfast, has tried walking 30 minutes a day, cutting back on plates of home-cooked pulled pork as well as eating smaller mounds of rice and portions of macaroni salads.

None of these moves has helped the medical assistant drop the pounds she needs to lose to reduce her risk of weight-related health problems, such as high cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes.

Now she is readying to play one of her remaining cards: a weight-management program called Kūlana Hawai'i that is tied to an initiative at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to help significantly reduce the obesity rate among Native Hawaiians.

The weight-management program is one of two efforts that OHA is devoting a combined \$1 million to as part of a wider strategy to help Native Hawaiians become more aware of the adverse health consequences of obesity and adopt healthier habits.

"I believe that this new program will help me more than anything else that I've tried," said Kaleponi, who is turning to the Kūlana Hawai'i program to help her lose 30 pounds per year. "I will be assigned a personal trainer, a nutritionist and a health psychologist who could help me figure out why I eat the way I do."

Kaleponi is one of an estimated 1,400 Native Hawaiians who, over the next two years, stand to benefit from the program's ability to help people fight the uphill battle to maintain a healthy weight. OHA is pumping \$500,000 into the effort.

"The Kūlana Hawai'i program is about helping

people live longer through modest weight-loss goals," said Aukahi Austin, Executive Director of I Ola Lāhui, which secured the OHA grant that helps fund the program. "We expect to be able to make losing weight matter enough to the 700 people a year we will accommodate, that they will want to keep losing 5 to 10 pounds annually and not put it back on."

Another key partner in OHA's battle against obesity is the Partnerships to Improve Lifestyle Interventions (PILI) 'Ohana Program, which has set its sights on helping between 600 and 700 Native Hawaiians over a two-year period.

With a \$500,000 grant from OHA, the program is taking a community-based approach to halting and reversing the weight-gain trend in the Native Hawaiian community, said Keawe Kaholokula, Chairman of the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the University of Hawai'i's John A. Burns School of Medicine.

"Being overweight is not part of our culture," said Kaholokula, who played a key role in securing the OHA grant for the program. "But obesity is a big concern for our population and we are working closely with organizations that want to make a positive difference."

The two programs get underway at a time when OHA has done research that shows obesity as one of the greatest threats to the health of Native Hawaiians.

OHA's research also pegs the obesity rate among Native Hawaiians at 49.3 percent, which is more than double the statewide rate.

In response, OHA is preparing to launch a statewide initiative that calls for reducing the Native Hawaiian obesity rate to 35 percent by 2018.

That would mean reducing by 24,655 the number of Native Hawaiians who are obese or overweight.

Already, obesity-related medical expenses in Hawai'i are estimated at \$329 million annually, according to the latest available figures from 2009 provided by the state Department of Health. To make matters worse, people

who are obese have a \$1,429 higher medical cost per year than their counterparts with normal weight, according to the state Department of Health.

With 75 percent of Native Hawaiians at risk of being obese or overweight, health-care costs in the state could soar as more Native Hawaiians develop weight-related problems such as diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer.

Even with so much at stake, the obesity problem among Native Hawaiians is not a health threat that can be eliminated overnight, said Kealoha Fox, a researcher at OHA who is helping lead the organization's initiative to reduce obesity among Native Hawaiians.

"This initiative will require OHA to overcome such challenges as the affordability and convenience of high-calorie foods," Fox said. "We are also aware that many Native Hawaiians may not have the time to be physically active or eat healthy foods because of long work hours, time spent commuting or responsibilities they are juggling."

The good news is that efforts to encourage Native Hawaiians to adopt healthier behaviors coincide with heightened awareness about the need to eat healthier and exercise regularly, Fox said.

"In fact, our research shows that people are changing their eating habits due to health concerns," she said. "They are looking for ways to satisfy fitness urges. They are also looking for food that can help them stay healthier and prevent illnesses. And maintaining health and reducing the risk of disease is at the forefront of many people's minds as they age."

This heightened sense of health consciousness provides OHA with an opportunity to engage all segments of the community and all levels of government in coordinated efforts to help reduce the obesity rate in the Native Hawaiian community, Fox said.

Those efforts are expected to be enhanced by such community partners as Kūlana Hawai'i, which is tar-

geting physicians who refer their patients to the program. It has also earned key support from Hawaiian Medical Service Association, a major provider of health care coverage in the state, is promoting the program among its employees.

"We want people to come in here and feel like they are understood," said Austin. "We want them to feel like we really get it – like they are making them the changes."

To achieve that, the program is encouraging health professionals to help patients reach weight-loss goals. A health coach and certified fitness instructor will spend a year to help them avoid gaining weight.

For people who drink one soda a week, cutting back on one week might mean he or she is cutting back on walking to the mailbox, or reducing two sodas a day to one the block.

"We're taking the steps," Austin said. "What we've found are ineffective strategies that can't be sustained. Instead, we practice in a community. We practice in a community relevant to Native Hawaiians."

At the same time, the program is in direct response to community environment are working to help Native Hawaiians who are often facing more financial challenges than eating right.



Spearheading the two obesity programs are, from left, Department of Native Hawaiian Health Chairman Keawe Kaholokula, Ke Ola Mamo Administrator Donna Palakiko and I Ola Lāhui Executive Director Aukahi Austin. Geri Kaleponi, who is helping to manage the Kūlana Hawai‘i program is also a participant. — Photo: John De Mello

to make changes in their diet and healthy lifestyle choices.

“It’s great anytime you can help people make better choices,” said Kekauoha, a member of the Hawaiian Homestead communities of Papakōlea, Kewalo and Kalāwahine. “But what I’m really excited about is that this is not a stand-alone project. It builds skills and capacity in communities that want to address the obesity problem.”

Donna Palakiko, the Administrator for Ke Ola Mamo, which is another community partner for the PILI ‘Ohana program, said word has started to spread about the weight-loss training. She will have a visible behind-the-scenes hand in weight-control efforts at the North Hawai‘i Medical Group Native Hawaiian Health Clinic.

“Communities on the Neighbor Islands have heard about the program and want to join,” Palakiko said. “They have seen the positive impact we’ve had in communities on O‘ahu.”

For her part, Geri Kaleponi expects the Kūlana Hawai‘i program to help her become more aware of how all the calories and fat are adding up from the processed food she buys.

“When you get up at 4 a.m. every day, everything has to do with convenience,” Kaleponi said. “I have just been too busy to exercise, eat properly and get enough rest. But I really feel like the weight-loss goal that I have set for myself is doable with this program.” ■

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

**Kūlana Hawai‘i** • (808) 525-6255

Weight-management program involving a health psychologist, nutritionist and certified fitness instructor designed to help up to 1,400 Native Hawaiians on O‘ahu counter health risks associated with obesity.

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#### THE NUMBERS TELL THE STORY

**\$1 MILLION**

Amount OHA is investing in Kūlana Hawai‘i and PILI ‘Ohana over the next two years to tackle obesity

**2,100**

Combined total of Native Hawaiians who stand to benefit from direct services through the grants

**49.3%**

Obesity rate of Native Hawaiians statewide in 2009

**22.9%**

Obesity rate statewide in 2009

**35%**

OHA’s target obesity rate for Native Hawaiians, by 2018

**24,655**

Reduction in number of obese or overweight Native Hawaiians needed to achieve the 35 percent target rate

**\$329 MILLION**

Obesity-related medical expenses in Hawai‘i in 2009

**\$1,429**

Increase in annual medical costs for an obese person compared to a person of healthy weight

Sources: OHA Research Line of Business, State Health Department

# E ala! E alu! E kuilima! – Up! Together! Join hands!



By Claire Ku'uleilani Hughes,  
Dr. PH., R.D.

The daily lives of our Hawaiian ancestors were filled with physical work. Without the power of modern machinery, hard physical work was required in planting, growing, harvesting and storing of food. Fishing, cooking, traveling, building, as well as making implements and fabrics required human power or exercise.

The cleaning and tending of acres and

acres of both 'uala and lo'i kalo was difficult, back-breaking labor. Digging, building and maintaining miles of irrigating waterways, vital to all human and farming endeavors, required many hours of toil. Strong backs, muscles and balance were required for work and chores associated with daily living, like: making tapa for clothing, blankets and sails; weaving lauhala mats; building canoes; as well as carrying bundles around or up to 'ohana who lived in mauka areas.

Our ancestors walked everywhere, carrying whatever they needed to transport. They paddled canoes across the ocean or swam across waterways when moving from place to place or island to island. Just imagine, our 20-minute drive from Kailua to Honolulu was a 30-mile walk that included a treacherous climb up the nearly perpendicular Nu'uanu Pali. All the

hard physical work by our ancestors produced remarkably strong bodies. And, the traditional Hawaiian diet supported their activities. Our ancestors were described as lean, muscular, athletic and capable of hard work, way beyond fatigue.

Traditionally, ruling chiefs retained a powerful officer, the kālaimoku, who guided and counseled on administrative matters related to the maka'āinana. One responsibility of the kālaimoku was to keep all men fit, healthy and ready to serve. He was also well versed in warfare, thus, he kept the village men fit and ready to assist their ali'i in time of war. If he determined that the maka'āinana were becoming stout and clumsy, the kālaimoku recommended increasing vigorous activities to burn off any accumulating body fat. The kālaimoku also held the ali'i and mō'i to the same high fitness standards. He could advise the ali'i to eat appropriate foods and to exercise. As a most drastic measure, he would recommend that the king move to an area where food was less available to support a dietary change.

Food choices and exercise have changed tremendously since our ancestors' time. And,

Hawaiians have changed from being in a constant state of warrior-readiness, to Hawai'i's least physically fit and least healthy population. Most jobs today are highly sedentary, and with little need to use physical effort in any daily activity, we have become soft, heavy and sickly.

The situation is not hopeless. We retain the ability to think, learn and act. We can access the "Hawaiian-warrior courage" in our genes. We can start with small lifestyle changes, then increase the time and effort we put into improving our health. For example, just changing to drinking water instead of cola drinks or sweetened beverages has helped several Hawaiians lose 7 or 8 pounds within a month. Coupling the beverage change with walking during the workday has yielded 12- to 15-pound losses in a month. Let's take the challenge! Take a supportive companion with you and have fun. It will make a difference.

Today, most of us cannot hold a candle to our ancestors' physical conditioning and stamina. We can, however, recapture a large portion of their physical and spiritual well-being. We have to just do it! ■

## KANA'IOLOWALU

The Native Hawaiian Roll Commission  
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### Community Informational Meeting

Friday, March 16, 2012

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DHHL – Kapolei Offices – Hale Pono`i  
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- 1 How old are you?**  
Less than 40 years (0 points)  
40—49 years (1 point)  
50—59 years (2 points)  
60 years or older (3 points)
- 2 Are you a man or a woman?**  
Man (1 point) Woman (0 points)
- 3 If you are a woman, have you ever been diagnosed with gestational diabetes?**  
Yes (1 point) No (0 points)
- 4 Do you have a mother, father, sister, or brother with diabetes?**  
Yes (1 point) No (0 points)
- 5 Have you ever been diagnosed with high blood pressure?**  
Yes (1 point) No (0 points)
- 6 Are you physically active?**  
Yes (0 points) No (1 point)
- 7 What is your weight status?**  
(see chart at right)

Write your score in the box.

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Add up your score.

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Height	Weight (lbs.)		
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4' 11"	124-147	148-197	198+
5' 0"	128-152	153-203	204+
5' 1"	132-157	158-210	211+
5' 2"	136-163	164-217	218+
5' 3"	141-168	169-224	225+
5' 4"	145-173	174-231	232+
5' 5"	150-179	180-239	240+
5' 6"	155-185	186-246	247+
5' 7"	159-190	191-254	255+
5' 8"	164-196	197-261	262+
5' 9"	169-202	203-269	270+
5' 10"	174-208	209-277	278+
5' 11"	179-214	215-285	286+
6' 0"	184-220	221-293	294+
6' 1"	189-226	227-301	302+
6' 2"	194-232	233-310	311+
6' 3"	200-239	240-318	319+
6' 4"	205-245	246-327	328+

(1 Point)	(2 Points)	(3 Points)
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Adapted from Bang et al, Ann Intern Med 151:775-783, 2009.  
Original algorithm was validated without gestational diabetes as part of the model.

### If you scored 5 or higher:

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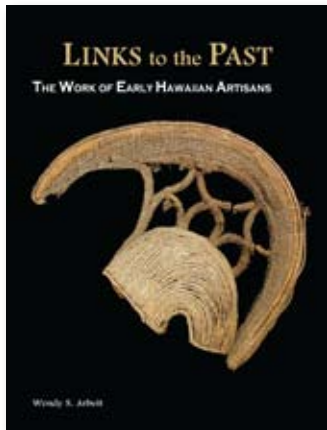
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*Links to the Past:  
The Work of Early  
Hawaiian Artisans*

By Wendy S. Arbeit

366 pages

University of Hawai'i Press

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**BOOK READING AND SIGNING**

Hear more from the author at Native Books/Nā Mea Hawai'i at Ward Warehouse on Sunday, March 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Native Books will also have Hawaiian cultural practitioners doing hands-on activities that day from noon to 4 p.m.

# The beauty is in the details

By Francine Murray

**H**awaiian artisans and collectors alike have a rich new reference book to add to their libraries, *Links to the Past* by Wendy S. Arbeit. What seemed a lovely coffee-table book at first glance is so much more than just visually entertaining, it's a glimpse of Hawaiian history told through useful everyday items.

Offering a plethora of artifacts, this compilation of well over 1,000 drawings depicting the detailed patterns on pieces from the 18th and 19th century, like gourds, woven items, feather work, implements, kites and string figures.

Although limited to a small section, the author included string figures because the nearly lost art was an important part of the Hawaiian culture. String work and string figures were a part of the learning process with some oral histories and chants taught with the use of string.

Arbeit explains how the earliest collected pieces were made of local materials. Rich with culture they reflected the hierarchy and religion of the time. Western influence, metals and other imported materials quickly changed the future of Hawaiian objects. Traditional wooden daggers and bone fishhooks were replaced with iron ones.

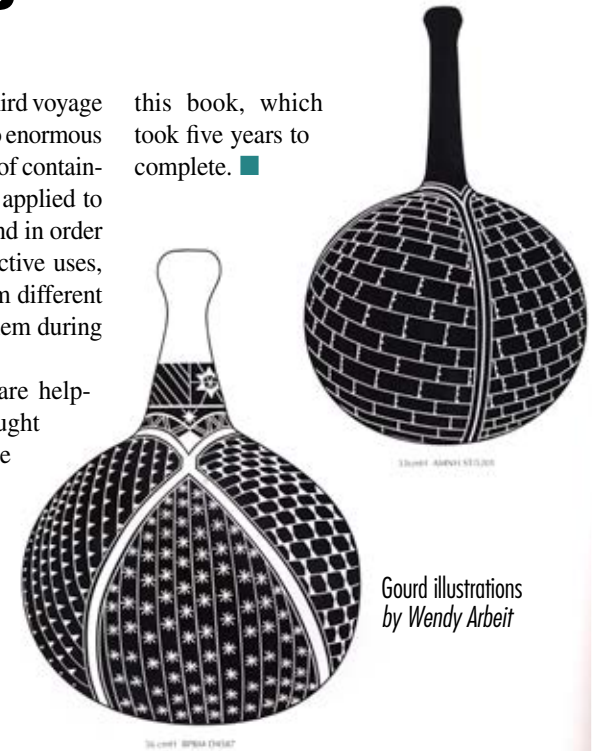
Each section of the book begins with a link to the past, quotes from historians and others who witnessed firsthand these and similar items being used by the Hawaiian community. For example, a quote from Capt. James Cook, cited from *The Voyages of Captain James Cook*, says, "They stain their gourd-shells prettily with undulated lines, triangles, and other figures of a black colour. ... and they seem to possess the art of varnishing; for some of these stained gourd-shells are covered with a kind of lacker."

And, Cmdr. James King of Cook's third voyage noted, "The gourds, which grow to so enormous a size that some of them are capable of containing from ten to twelve gallons, are applied to all manner of domestic purposes; and in order to fit them the better to their respective uses, they have the ingenuity to give them different forms, by tying bandages around them during their growth."

The centuries-old perspectives are helpful as they bring to light the thought involved in creating some of the items, and although utilitarian, the beauty in the detail was artful and skilled.

Museum abbreviations accompanying illustrations inform the reader where each piece is located. Pieces from more than 75 museums were included in

this book, which took five years to complete. ■



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# Let's save ourselves



By Kapulani Antonio

I woke up this morning with a bad feeling in my na'au. It's the 17th of January, 2012. More than a century ago, our kingdom was overthrown. I wondered, as a lāhui, what have we done since then? We've survived. We've become more educated about our history. We've made stronger connections to our culture. We've become more vocal in asserting and defending our rights. As a result, our pride as Hawaiians has soared. Maika'i nō, but we are still not flourishing. We are still the most represented in prisons, still the least educated, still dying of diabetes, still affected by drug addiction and domestic violence. What will it take to remedy these problems? Some say the answer is independence. If we can call the shots politically, all our troubles will be over.

I used to be an enthusiastic advocate for independence. I recognized that the injustice done to our Queen and people needed to be made right. With nationhood, we'd call the shots. We'd be in charge, but how would we defend ourselves from invading countries? What would our government structure be? How would we sustain ourselves economically? The list of questions was long, but in those early days of the sovereignty movement, my like-minded activist friends and I managed to find answers that were satisfying. We'd follow our dream.

As sovereignty became a more familiar concept, Hawaiians became empowered. We had a vision. We gathered at 'Iolani Palace in '93 for the 100th-year

observance of the overthrow. I will never forget how united we were by the words of Haunani-Kay Trask. How proud we stood filling the palace grounds to capacity. How purposeful we felt holding our signs of resistance. How cultural we seemed, in our chants and protocol. How territorial our men were when two Caucasian instigators marched by displaying their American flag. How elated we were when passersby honked their horns in support. There we were, thousands of po'e kānaka, moved to heal our broken nation. On that perfect day, we were one.

As time went on, we fractured. Independence became too scary an option for some. The nation-within-a-nation model was more palatable to most. Infighting, bickering, mistrust and other forms of ugliness added to our plight.

Today, some push for the Akaka bill while others push just as hard for independence. All this pushing but still no movement. I'm tired of waiting for independence, for Akaka, for the next Kamehameha, for the movement to get going again.

Let's not wait. We have the power to do for ourselves now. Let's teach our kids that education is vital because we need Hawaiians leading every field and every profession. Let's learn to be self-sufficient again by growing whatever we can, on even the smallest patch of dirt. Let's mālama the ocean and work on increasing our fish population. Let's start a political party; create a huge voting bloc.

Because we kū'ē the current system, we've been trying to instigate change from the margins of society, refusing to be a part of it. Why not be a part and make change from the inside? E nā Hawai'i, we can run Hawai'i now if we wanted to. We spend so much time resisting the idea that we were taken over by America, but while

we're in it why not use the political system to our advantage? And, if nationhood really is something we are serious about achieving then each and every one of us should be making moves to get us there. We need to value education, get healthy, stay out of jail and take care of our homeland. In doing so, we strengthen ourselves and the lāhui.

We are not helpless victims. Let's turn our beloved flag right-side up again, because although our nation may still be in distress, no one is coming to save us. The time has come for us to save ourselves. ■

*Kapulani Antonio, a longtime educator in Hawaiian Studies, teaches Hawaiian history at Kamehameha Schools-Maui. The views expressed in this Community Forum are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.*

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# Malaki

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Hawai‘i’s world-famous volcanoes are the focus of this special exhibit, featuring rarely seen historic paintings, photographs, written accounts, volcanic specimens, curiosities, oddities and film footage of Kīlauea eruptions dating back to the 1930s. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$3 children, \$21 family. Lyman House Museum, Hilo, Hawai‘i Island. (808) 935-5021 or lymanmuseum.org.

## ALI‘I SUNDAY

Sun., March 11 and 25, 9 a.m.

Kawaiaha‘o Church celebrates Hawaiian ali‘i who were of particular importance to the church with a special Sunday service held in their honor, complete with procession by Hawaiian Civic Clubs and the royal societies. Services March 11 are for Queen Ka‘ahumanu, whose birthday is March 17; March 25 is dedicated to Prince Jonah Kūhiō, born March 26. Free. Kawaiaha‘o Church, Honolulu. (808) 469-3000 or kawaiahao.org.

## HEIVA I HONOLULU

Thurs.-Sat., March  
15-17, 10 a.m.-noon

Showcasing some of the best Tahitian dancers and groups, this annual three-day competition celebrates its 10th anniversary with special guests and events that help to preserve, promote and share the cultures, arts and crafts of the islands of French Polynesia. \$10, \$15. Waikīkī Shell, Honolulu. (808) 732-7342 or tahitinuiinternational.com.

## KAMEHAMEHA III CELEBRATION

Fri.-Sun., March 16-18

Annual festival commemorates the Keauhou-born King Lani Kaiukeaouli with numerous activities, including a Puana Ke Iki lecture by Dr. David Keanu Sai, 5:30 p.m. March 16; Keauhou Canoe Club’s Ku‘uipo HIPA Series Race, March 17 at Keauhou Bay; Kamehameha III “Lani Kaiukeaouli” Birthday Celebration Concert, 5-10 p.m. March 17; and inaugural Sam Choy’s Keauhou Poke Contest, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 18, \$3. Most activities are free. Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa, Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i Island. keaouhoursort.com.

## SOLO SESSIONS: JERRY SANTOS

Fri., March 23, 7:30 p.m.

Hawaiian music icon Jerry Santos, best known for his work in Olomana, performs and shares stories about his legacy of song. \$25, \$45 VIP. McCoy Studio Theater, Maui Arts & Cultural Center. (808) 242-2787 or mauiarts.org.

## HAPPY DAY AT HULIHE‘E

Sat., March 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

A traditional Hawaiian blessing kicks off this spring fundraiser, which includes arts and crafts booths, a bake sale, fresh flower lei, prize drawings and live cultural entertainment. Hosted by palace caretakers the Daughters of Hawai‘i and the Calabash Cousins. Free. Hulihe‘e Palace, Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i Island. (808) 329-1877 or daughtersofhawaii.org.

## HA‘IKŪ HO‘OLAULE‘A & FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sat., March 31, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Ha‘ikū’s largest celebration and fundraiser of the year honors the area’s rich cultural past and present with live entertainment, historical displays, kūpuna talks, lei and floral design contest, “Made on Maui” arts and crafts, food booths, farmers’ market and plant sale, silent auction, bake sale and plenty of games for the keiki. Free. Ha‘ikū Community Center, Maui. (808) 283-3222.

## INAUGURAL TAHITIAN COMPETITION & MULTI- CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Sat., March 31, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
April 1, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Two fun-filled days of music, dance and food from Hawai‘i, Tahiti, Samoa, Japan, the Philippines and more. Held as a means to share arts, cuisine, history and traditions and establish Kona as a major multicultural center. Free. Old Airport Beach Park, Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i Island. (808) 652-1775 or temanarose.com.

## HTY’S MAY DAY IS LEI DAY!

Saturdays, March 31-May 5,  
4:30 p.m.; opens Friday,  
March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Filled with song, dance and audience participation, this Honolulu Theatre for Youth play celebrates one of Hawai‘i’s most wonderfully popular traditions, exploring Native Hawaiian practices and how they relate to today’s May Day celebrations. \$10, \$15 and \$20; free for keiki 2 and younger. Tenney Theatre, Honolulu. (808) 839-9885 or htyweb.org. ■



Heiva I Honolulu returns this month for three days of competition at Waikīkī Shell. For an idea of what to expect on stage, take a look these past competitors. FROM TOP: Former Heiva I Honolulu Overall Solo Tane champion Keawe Macarthur from the group Maohi Nui. — *Courtesy photo: Mike Bambi*; The vahine of former Ahupurotu champions Tiare Heipua of Ishikawa, Japan, adorning beautiful Tahitian-print purotu dress and hau band and florettes, gracefully perform the popular Tahitian song “Fetia o Te Po — Star of the Sky.” — *Courtesy photo*; The Aparima group from Kāne ohe, Hawai‘i, tells the story with their hands in its performance of the more traditional songs of the Tuamotu islands. — *Courtesy photo: Mike Bambi*





# A Prince for all ages

**T**he Office of Hawaiian Affairs is a proud sponsor of celebrations in March reaching across the Islands and the continental United States honoring Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻōle.

Known as Ke Aliʻi Makaʻāinana, or The People's Prince, Kūhiō was well known for his efforts to preserve and strengthen the Hawaiian people. He became a prince at the young age of 13 and served in King Kalākaua's cabinet. Following the 1893 overthrow of the monarchy, Prince Kūhiō was urged by supporters to run for Congress and won his bid to be Hawaiʻi's delegate to Congress in a landslide victory. He served Hawaiʻi in Congress for 19 years, spearheading the passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Founding the first Hawaiian Civic Club is also a part of his rich legacy.

Soulee Stroud, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, said the majority of the March celebrations take place on Oʻahu, but also occur statewide on Hawaiʻi Island, Maui and Kauaʻi, with limited activities planned for the U.S. continent likely to be held in the summer. The monthlong celebration, he said, is the seminal event of the year for the civic clubs.

"It's a moment or an opportunity to honor and celebrate not only his birth but his lifetime achievements

as the founder of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and his achievements as a great statesman," Stroud said. The highlight for Stroud is the Wai-kīkī parade, which he called a "truly Hawaiian parade," where "Hawaiian organizations come together all with one thought and purpose and that again is to celebrate this great man."

On Oʻahu, Civic Club members will be collecting signatures at the parade and hoʻolauleʻa for a petition to the U.S. Postal Service for a stamp honoring Prince Kūhiō.

During the month of his birth, join in some – or all – of the numerous statewide festivities commemorating Prince Kūhiō's dedication to serving his people. Here are the events planned for Kauaʻi and Oʻahu. For Kauaʻi events, more information is available at [princekuhio.net](http://princekuhio.net), unless otherwise noted.

## KAUAʻI

### INTER-PACIFIC SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS OPENING CEREMONIES

*Sun., March 11, 5 p.m.*

Launching the Kūhiō celebrations on Kauaʻi are the opening ceremonies for the Pacific International Free Diving and Spearfishing Championships, which gathers teams from the U.S., Australia,

Tahiti and more to compete for a spot in the global competition held later in the year. Held over several days, the competition features women's and men's contests and an awards banquet. Free. Grand Hyatt Kauaʻi Resort and Spa, Poʻipū. [princekuhio.net/InterPacKauai.html](http://princekuhio.net/InterPacKauai.html).

### PRINCE KŪHIŌ RODEO

*Sun., March 18, 10 a.m.*

See Kauaʻi's female paniolo compete in a number of traditional rodeo events, including barrel racing and team roping. Free. CJM Stables, Poʻipū. (808) 240-6369.

### WISDOM OF KŪPUNA

*Sun., March 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Listen and learn from kūpuna about how ʻōlelo noʻeau, Hawaiian proverbs, apply to modern-day times. Free. Kauaʻi's National Tropical Botanical Garden, Lāwaʻi. (808) 742-2433.

### MAKING PAʻAKAI

*Mon., March 19, 9:30 a.m.*

Take part in the ancient art of Hawaiian salt making led by Auntie Janet Kahelekomo and her ʻohana. Free. Salt Pond Park, Hanapēpē. (808) 240-6369.

### A ROYAL DINNER AT PLANTATION GARDENS

*Tues., March 20, 5:30 p.m.*

Come dressed in your best

Hawaiian-style clothing and partake in a meal fit for a king with a royal multicourse dinner of traditional island delicacies. Plantation Gardens Restaurant, 2252 Poʻipū Road, Kōloa. (808) 742-2216.

### TALK STORY SESSION

*Wed., March 21, 10 a.m.*

Share tales about Kauaʻi's South Shore culture, flora and history with some of the Garden Isle's most knowledgeable residents. Free. Marriott's Waiʻohai Beach Club, Kōloa. (808) 742-4400.

### PRINCE KŪHIŌ LŪʻAU

*Thurs., March 22, 5:30 p.m.*

A scrumptious lūʻau opens with ʻoli and mele of the ʻohe ihu hano (nose flute) by Sandra Quinsaat and Paul Kakai Kapu. Grand Hyatt Kauaʻi Resort & Spa. (808) 240-6456.

### EVENING OF HAWAIIAN ENTERTAINMENT

*Fri. & Sat., March 23 & 24, 6 p.m.*

On Friday only, come early for the 1:30 p.m. opening protocol in the hotel's main lobby followed by cultural demonstrations and hands-on learning sessions starting at 2 p.m., including weaving, stone carving, kapa making, kalo working and ʻukulele lessons (call to register for ʻukulele lessons). Evening entertainment begins at 6 and features Hawaiian guitarist, singer and legendary hula dancer Leilani Rivera Bond, torch lighting and a performance by Nā Kāne o Keonelo. Saturday features Bond and Haunani Kauai, torch lighting and a keiki hula show. Free. Grand Hyatt Kauaʻi Resort & Spa. (808) 240-6369.

### PRINCE KŪHIŌ/PAL HAWAII STATE AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Fri. & Sat., March 23 & 24, 6 p.m.; Sun., March 25, noon.*  
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Boxers from around the state vie for the title belt. \$5 advance, \$8 at the door. Kauaʻi War Memo-

rial Convention Hall, Līhuʻe. (808) 652-6999.

### PRINCE KŪHIŌ LONG-DISTANCE CANOE RACE

*Sat., March 24, 8 a.m.*

Women, men and mixed teams take to the Pacific in this annual competition held by the Garden Island Canoe Racing Association. An awards ceremony will be held at Niumalu Park pavilion at 12:30 p.m. Free. Kalapakī Beach. (808) 651-2996.

### AN EVENING WITH LEDWARD KAʻAPANA AND MIKE KAʻAWA

*Sat., March 24, 8 p.m.*

Hear the musical stylings of award-winning slack key guitarists considered masters of Hawaiian music. Free. Seating is first come, first served. Seaview Terrace, Grand Hyatt Kauaʻi Resort & Spa. (808) 240-6369.

### CRAFT FAIR & CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS

*Sun., March 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*

Learn Native Hawaiian cultural and art practices, from Hawaiian weapons to making kūpeʻe (bracelets), through hands-on teaching sessions and enjoy other outstanding crafts and art on display at a cultural craft fair. Free. Grand Hyatt Kauaʻi Resort & Spa. (808) 240-6369.

### PRINCE KŪHIŌ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*Mon., March 26, 6-8 p.m.*

Say "Hauʻoli lā Hānau" to the prince with the duo of Leilani Rivera Bond and Haunani Kauai, followed by a torch-lighting ceremony and traditional hula show. Free. Seaview Terrace, Grand Hyatt Kauaʻi Resort & Spa. (808) 240-6369.

### ANAHOLA PRINCE KŪHIŌ DAY CELEBRATION

*Sat., March 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.*

Ka Hale Pono honors the lead-

# Spreading ocean awareness

By Nara Cardenas

**K**aho'okahi Kanuha remembers learning about the ocean as a child "going fishing with my tūtū wahine, diving with my dad and uncles and cousins."

"I started paddling when I was 8 years old for Kai 'Ōpua Canoe Club in Kona, which my family has been a part of since the 1930s. The teachings of my dad, uncles, older cousins and grandma are what guide me in my ocean-going practices, inspires me to teach the keiki about the kai," says Kanuha, who incorporates that knowledge into her role as the Kumu Alaka'i at Pūnana Leo o Kawaiāha'o.

The school's curriculum in part aims to "plant a seed in the keiki, so they can look back on their memories and know how to care for the ocean, so that the resources it provides us are never lost," she says.

It's fitting, then, that the Hawaiian-immersion school's annual fundraiser, E Mālama I Ke Kai, is all about the ocean.

E Mālama I Ke Kai happens Saturday, March 17 at Queen's surf beach and is free and open to the public. Traditional Hawaiian crafts, ocean activities and exhibits and demonstrations featuring Nā Kama Kai, Hi'ilei Kawelo, Bonnie

Kahape'a, Umi Kai and many more.

Activity highlights include:

>> Heihei Wa'a from Maunalua Bay to Kaimana starts at 9:30 a.m. and is open to OC1/OC2, V1, Surfski, Paddleboard and SUP. Entry fee is \$25 if you preregister online at emikk.org, or \$30 on the day of the race. All race entrants will receive a hat, T-shirt and 'ono Hawaiian lunch, and be eligible for prizes and giveaways. Lunch will be served at Queen's surf beach following the race.

>> Free Ocean Clinic, sponsored in part by OHA, features traditional kai activities for the whole family, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Queen's surf beach. Registration at nakama kai@hotmail.com.

Also ahead, in a year of transition for Pūnana Leo o Kawaiāha'o, the school will be moving to a new site in Mānoa. To raise funds for the move, the parents of the current class are hosting an 'Aha 'Āina to celebrate 16 years. 'Aha 'Āina takes place Saturday, March 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Waikīkī Aquarium, with Hawaiian food, and entertainment by Manu Boyd, among others. Individual tickets are \$65. Lei Līpoa donations of \$1,000 include VIP seating for eight. For information, visit emikk.org. ■



Kealoha'āina Wong, 3, gives a ho'okupu to a kupuna at a limu cleanup. INSET: Keiki enjoying a ride in Maunalua Bay - Courtesy photos: Lisa Leilani Ka'anoi



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### E MĀLAMA I KE KAI 14TH ANNUAL OCEAN AWARENESS FESTIVAL

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 17  
**WHERE:** Queen's surf beach  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**INFORMATION:** emikk.org



# A Maui ho‘olaule‘a with a twist of wa‘a



‘Anela Benson, Executive Director of Hui O Wa‘a Kaulua, and Timmy Gilliom, kapena, or captain, and vessel builder, stand beneath the manu of the double-hulled 62-foot-long Mo‘okiha O Pi‘ilani, Maui’s first and only transoceanic voyaging canoe, which is preparing to launch soon from Mala Wharf in Lahaina. — Photo: Kekoa Enomoto

By Kekoa Enomoto

**L**AHAINA, MAUI — Buoyed by an upcoming fundraiser and a new club executive director, Maui’s first transoceanic voyaging canoe is readying to sail in the worldwide voyage of the iconic Hōkūle‘a voyaging canoe starting in 2013.

The nearly complete 62-foot Mo‘okiha

O Pi‘ilani boasts huge double hulls that flare as spit shiny as a factory-new aircraft. “The big railings are on, the deck is finished. The stove and radio box are running already, as well as the solar panel,” said Captain and builder Timmy Gilliom, who is the brother of recording stars Amy Hānai‘ali‘i and Eric Gilliom.

“We’ve done a lot of work in the last three months,” Timmy Gilliom said as proudly as

a new father.

Hui O Wa‘a Kaulua will host a “Wa‘alaule‘a” fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 25 at Kamehameha ‘Iki Park in Lahaina. Admission is free and donations are welcome, with proceeds paying for canoe necessities.

Gilliom’s wish list includes three jibs, or triangular sails; an outboard engine and fuel tank; anchors and lines; lifejackets and harnesses; foul-weather gear; plus funds to modify the vessel’s trailer. The Wa‘alaule‘a event will feature entertainment, half-hour sailing canoe tours, food presentations and craft workshops.

New hui Executive Director ‘Anela Benson said an event highlight will be mo‘olelo, or storytelling, by kūpuna starting at 6 p.m., with a stargazing session from 7 to 8 p.m.

The day’s proceedings will be a showcase of Native Hawaiian culture,” she said, including “the rich history of Lahaina, not only in regard to voyaging but also Hawaiian antiquities.”

Benson, 29, is an intermediate school teacher and stargazing instructor with 11 years experience sailing on the Hōkūle‘a on interisland and Pacific ocean-going voyages. In July, she moved from O‘ahu to Maui to train with the Maui crew for the worldwide voyage.

Benson says prospective donors may kōkua in various ways. The hui offers weekly rides on the 42-foot, 37-year-old Mo‘olele (leaping lizard) double-hulled sailing canoe in exchange for a contribution, taking a swim test and mini training to learn safety measures and names of vessel parts.

Gilliom noted it was well worth the 14 years he took to fashion the Mo‘okiha because the vessel turned out “real good and real fast.”

“She’s very awesome,” he said, declining to specify a launch date for the vessel. “Once we get the bugs out, Maui County will be proud to have her. It’s also Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i’s too. And we’ll have her in the water soon, so come down and come training, too. This canoe is for the education of all the kids,” he added, “to give them something ... so they can remember where they came from.” ■

*Kekoa Enomoto is a retired copy editor and Staff Writer with The Maui News and former Honolulu Star-Bulletin.*

## WA‘ALAULE‘A

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 25

**WHERE:** Kamehameha ‘Iki Park, 525 Front St. in Lahaina

**ADMISSION:** Free, donations welcome

**HOW TO SUPPORT:** Checks may be sent to Hui O Wa‘a Kaulua, 525 Front St., Lahaina, HI 96761

**INFORMATION:** (808) 389-1777, [aklb1382@yahoo.com](mailto:aklb1382@yahoo.com), Hui o Wa‘a Kaulua on Facebook

## Youths heading to World Sprints

**I**n other canoe-related happenings, a double feature of wa‘a-inspired films will highlight a fundraiser to benefit Maui youths who will oli, or chant, at the opening ceremonies of the Va‘a World Sprints later this year.

The fundraiser will start at 5 p.m. April 11 at the King Kamehameha Golf Club at the top of 2500 Honoapi‘ilani Highway in Waikapū.

Cost is \$50 and includes a buffet dinner, with proceeds defraying travel costs for 28 Maui youths chosen to represent Hawai‘i in the opening ceremonies at the International Va‘a Federation’s World Sprints, set for Aug. 11 to 15 in Calgary, Canada. (See [ivfv.org](http://ivfv.org).)

The fundraiser will screen the 31-minute *I Just Love to Paddle* documentary on Nappy Napoleon’s one-person outrigger trip from Hawai‘i to Kaua‘i, and the 81-minute *Family of the Wa‘a*, about six-person outrigger voyages linking the 1,523-mile Hawaiian archipelago.

For tickets, call Robyn Cavitt at (808) 298-3307 or email [robyn@kiheicanoeclub.com](mailto:robyn@kiheicanoeclub.com).

The youths, representing Kihei, Lae ‘Ula, Nāpili and Wailea canoe clubs, also will hold a cultural exchange while staying with youths of the Tsuu T‘ina Indian nation, according to spokeswoman ‘Anela Gutierrez. —Kekoa Enomoto

## BRIEFS

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college or university on O'ahu are encouraged to attend with their families. The academy's mission is to provide students graduating from a Hawai'i college or university the skills and experience required to compete for careers in finance and business-related industries.

Thirty students are accepted each year and there is no cost to participate. For information, email staff@akamaifinanceacademy.com or call Richard Medeiros at (808) 255-7858. Information is also available online at akamaifoundation.org. RSVP by March 22.

I Ulu I Ke Kumu awards  
set for March 24

Keaulana



Chun



Judd



Paglinawans

The University of Hawai'i Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge will honor five prominent Hawaiian leaders for extraordinary commitment and excellence in Native Hawaiian education at a ceremony and awards dinner March 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kamakākūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies.

This year the school will recognize Dr. Michael Chun, who will retire in June as Headmaster of Kamehameha Schools-Kapālama after 23 years; Dr. Nanette Moss-

man Judd, who mentored more than 250 Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Island students as Director of 'Imi Ho'ōla, which helps disadvantaged graduate students pursue their dreams of becoming a physician; Kimo Alama Keaulana, a kumu hula, composer, recording artist and living resource for Hawaiian music; and Lynette and Richard Paglinawan, for their service and training to the Hawaiian community in the areas of health and well-being for more than 40 years.

Proceeds will support the Hawai'inuiākea Scholarship Fund to help perpetuate the education of students interested in the pursuit of Hawaiian Studies.

Tables for eight and individual seats are available: a Platinum Scholarship Table is \$1,200, a standard table is \$480 and individual seats are \$60. To buy a seat or table, contact Hawai'inuiākea at (808) 956-0980 or hshk@hawaii.edu.

'Ō'Ō Awards to honor  
Hughes, Cockett

The Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce will honor Dr. Claire Hughes and Brig. Gen. Irwin Cockett with prestigious 'Ō'Ō Awards, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on April 19.

The benefit evening begins at 5:30 with a silent auction followed by a Hawaiian-themed dinner at 7. The award is given to Native Hawaiians who have contributed to the betterment of Hawaiians, their communities and their professions.

Dr. Claire Ku'uileilani Hughes was the first Native Hawaiian registered dietitian and Chief of Nutrition for the state Department of Health. Named a Living Treasure of Hawai'i in 2011 by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, Hughes continues to educate the community on Native Hawaiian culture, values and traditions through a monthly column in this

publication.

Irwin Kalauonona Cockett Jr. is a retired Army and National Guard Brigadier General remembered for his heroism during the Korean and Vietnam wars. A recipient of the David Malo Award, he was Director of the Hawai'i State Office of Veterans Services and Chair of the Pacific American Foundation board.

Proceeds from the event support the chamber's college-scholarship, business-mentoring and student-internship programs. For reservations, contact Dana Hauanio at 2012OoRSVP@gmail.com or (808) 956-2498.

Ko'olaupoko scavenger  
hunt seeks teams

Four-person teams will compete for a \$1,000 grand prize in a scavenger hunt of famous places from Kualoa to Maunaloa in Windward O'ahu.

Deadline to register is March 9. The competition, themed *Legendary Places of Ko'olaupoko*, takes place March 17 and starts at Windward Mall, where teams will be loaned a GPS device and receive clues.

A grand prize will be awarded to each of two categories, high school and community groups, whose teams can have up to four people. High school teams must also have an adult driver. Entry fee for community groups is \$250, and \$500 for high school teams. Sponsorships may be available.

To qualify for the grand prize drawing, teams must visit at least four wahi pana in a four-hour period. All drivers will receive a gas card and all participants will receive lunch upon return to the mall.

Forms are available at Windward Mall, Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club's office at 46-005 Kawa St., Suite 104, near Windward Mall, or on the club's Facebook page. For information, email event chair Kimo Apiki at koolaupokoscavengerhunt@gmail.com. ■

CENTRAL PACIFIC BANK CONTINUES NATIVE  
TREE-PLANTING CAMPAIGN

Central Pacific Bank donated 5,331 Native Hawaiian trees and plants to the commercial plant nursery Hui Kū Maoli Ola and its nonprofit educational arm, Papahana Kuaola. Bank employees and customers planted the donated foliage, including sandalwood and koa, Feb. 18 at Papahana Kuaola in Kāne'ohe, where they were joined by Alex, CPB's canine mascot, seen sitting in front. The planting is part of the bank's campaign to encourage customers to switch to e-statements. Since 2010, CPB has donated almost 14,000 Native Hawaiian trees and plants to help with reforestation efforts, said David Hudson, CPB Executive Vice President, Community Banking Manager. Matt Schirman of Hui Kū Maoli Ola, said: "We are very pleased with this partnership with Central Pacific Bank and couldn't be happier with their donation. Native Hawaiian plants have been under attack for more than 200 years because of the destruction of their natural habitat and our efforts are to save some native plants from the brink of extinction."

— Courtesy photo: Central Pacific Bank

## STATE SENATE HONORS HEALTH ADVOCATE



The Hawai'i Senate on Feb. 21 recognized Melvin "Kauiila" Clark, center, for his outstanding contributions as a community leader, artist and certified traditional Hawaiian practitioner. Nationally, Kauiila is a voice for Hawai'i on the National Association of Community Health Centers' Board of Directors. He is the first Native Hawaiian and first consumer of community health center service to serve as the board's Chair, according to AlohaCare, a nonprofit health plan founded in 1994 by Hawai'i's Community Health Centers. In Hawai'i, Kauiila is a respected advocate for health and wellness, growing the role of community health centers and participation by consumers in health-services governance and policymaking, AlohaCare said. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center for 21 years. — Courtesy photo: Hawai'i Senate

## PRINCE

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ership, stewardship and vision of Prince Kūhiō with a community celebration filled with cultural activities, information booths, crafts, inflatables, food and entertainment by local musicians and hula hālau, including an appearance by Kainani Kahaunaale. Also being honored are the late Aunty LaFrance Keahikuni Kapaka-Arboleda and other exceptional contributors in the Anahola community. Free. Anahola Beach Park. khpono@gmail.com.

### O'AHU

#### HOLOKŪ BALL

Sat., March 3, 5-10 p.m.

On O'ahu, the Prince Kūhiō Festival kicks off with an evening of sumptuous cuisine, entertainment and Hawaiian elegance. Hosted by members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu to raise scholarship funds for Hawaiian students and to honor people and businesses for their contributions to the Hawaiian culture. \$150. Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Waikīkī. hccholonolulu.org.

#### PUALEILANI FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Sat., March 10, noon-6 p.m.

Discover the historical and cultural significance of traditional Hawaiian arts, from lauhala weaving to taro pounding and 'oli at this celebration of Hawaiian fine arts, folk arts and performing arts. Free. Royal Hawaiian Center, Waikīkī. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

#### KE AHE LAU MAKANI HAWAIIAN CHORAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sat., March 17, 2:30 p.m.

Learn to sing Hawaiian choral music from choral master Nola Nahulu. Free. Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu. kawaiola-mail@hawaii.rr.com.

#### PRINCE KŪHIŌ CHORAL CONCERT

Sat., March 17, 7 p.m.

Experience the beauty of Hawaiian a capella music and learn about historical places and prominent persons in Hawaiian history in an evening devoted to culture and music. Hawai'i Youth Opera Chorus, University of Hawai'i-Mānoa Hawaiian Ensemble and more perform under the direction of Nola Nahulu. Free. Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu. nnahulu@hawaii.edu.

#### PRINCE KŪHIŌ PARADE

Sat., March 24, 10 a.m.-noon

Starting from the corner of Saratoga Road and Kalākaua Avenue and ending at Kapi'olani Park, this parade winds through the heart of Waikīkī, where OHA and other participating marchers will stop to present ho'okupu at the Prince's statue. Free. mkhan@hawaiiantel.net.

#### HO'OLAULE'A AND HŌ'IKE'IKE

Sat., March 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where the parade ends, more fun begins: Native Hawaiian arts and crafts, exhibits by various Native Hawaiian organizations and businesses, 'ono food and entertainment by Hawaiian musicians and award-winning hālau. Free. Kapi'olani Park, Waikīkī. ululani2006@hawaiiantel.net.

#### LEI DRAPING AND MAUNA'ALA SERVICE

Mon., March 26, 7:30 a.m.

Kūhiō Day holiday celebrations begin with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club's lei-draping ceremony at the Prince Kūhiō statue at Kūhiō Beach in Waikīkī, followed by a service at Mauna'ala royal mausoleum in Nu'uuanu, where the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, home- stead associations, royal societies and others will join in remembering Kūhiō's life and impact on the Native Hawaiian community. Free. mkhan@hawaiiantel.net. ■

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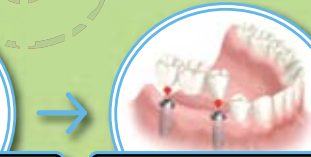
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## Traveling photo exhibit

*Trustee's note: This month's column is written by Valerie Monson, Coordinator of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa.*

*"Over 1,000 people attended the exhibit during December 2011. Every day, descendants came and told us their relationships with the people of Kalaupapa and their stories. Some were in tears seeing people they knew who had passed away, but were happy that their story is being told and will be remembered. Everyone left with a sense of pride for the people of Kalaupapa."*

—Dennis Taniguchi, Executive Director, East Hawai'i Cultural Council

The beacon of light guiding Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is summed up by this singular calling: "E Ho'ohanohano a E Ho'omau ... To Honor and To Perpetuate." Since 2003, the 'Ohana – a gathering wave of Kalaupapa residents, family members and friends of the community – has worked to support the people of Kalaupapa and reach out to descendants.

This mission comes alive in words and images that are part of a traveling photo exhibit organized



Outside his Kalaupapa home, Kenso Seki, left, gives a haircut to Johnny Cambra with Herbert Hayase watching. This 1986 photo is part of the exhibit that opens at Windward Community College on March 2. — Courtesy photo: Wayne Levin

and sponsored by the 'Ohana. The show opened December in Hilo and debuts at Windward Community College on March 2 before moving to various venues on O'ahu. The exhibit is being sponsored by grants from OHA, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the Atherton Family Foundation, Pacific Historic Parks and IDEA.

Many of the pictures have been taken by Wayne Levin, one of Hawai'i's most acclaimed photographers. Wayne began photographing the people of Kalaupapa in 1984 – and has recorded an important era in the history of Kalaupapa, capturing

images of residents in their homes, at work or at their favorite places.

The photographs are accompanied by quotations of the residents and their family members, which give gallery viewers a deeper understanding of the people. The late Bernard Punikai'a, whose vision led to the establishment of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, always felt that people's words needed to accompany their photographs.

"When you look at the photographs, you see how a person looks," Bernard observed when participating in another exhibit in 1998. "When you read their quotations, you see the heart of the person and then it becomes complete."

The exhibit also includes historical images and quotes that reflect Kalaupapa and her people more than 100 years ago.

Wayne's photographs also document the evolution of the 'Ohana. His photographs of families together and descendants honoring their Kalaupapa ancestors give the exhibit a triumphant ending, showing how the residents of Kalaupapa have, in the words of descendant Mercy Hutchison Bacon, become "the pride of a nation."

Because of the different sizes of the venues on O'ahu that will host the exhibit, the number of photographs on display will vary from gallery to the next, so each exhibit will be the same, yet unique.

The exhibit moves to the Maui Arts and Cultural Center this summer. The 'Ohana is hoping to schedule showings on all the islands in the next year.

In addition, a complementary historical exhibit is being created by the 'Ohana that focuses on the relationship between the people of Kalaupapa and the Royal Family. This exhibit will be displayed at 'Iolani Palace from March to December.

Panel discussions featuring family members and other presentations will be held in conjunction with the exhibit.

The schedule so far:

>> March 2-April 1, 'Iolani Gallery, Windward Community College; March 9, 4-7 p.m. artists' reception (closed March 26-30 for spring break, but open March 31 for Palikū Arts Festival)

>> April 9-30, Kapolei Hale

>> May 16 to June 6, Honolulu Hale

>> March to December, 'Iolani Palace – exact dates TBA

>> Aug. 19 to Sept. 30, Maui Arts & Cultural Center

Family discussions and other presentations will appear on the 'Ohana web site once finalized – [kalaupapaohana.org](http://kalaupapaohana.org). For more information, email [info@kalaupapaohana.org](mailto:info@kalaupapaohana.org) or call 'Ohana Coordinator Valerie Monson at (808) 573-2746. ■



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## Kaka'ako ceded land settlement benefits all people of Hawai'i

I'm back again with a more informed perspective about the Kaka'ako ceded land settlement proposed by Governor Abercrombie. As of this writing OHA is continuing its due diligence and meetings for community input, and the proposal is being vetted by the state Legislature, which has to approve the settlement agreement.

The effort to settle the back rent debt owed to OHA is now in its 34th year, fourth governor and 17th legislative session. Agreement has been elusive to say the least. The good news is that we have a governor who is sincere and passionate about wanting to bring closure to this long-standing issue, put it behind us and move forward in building a better Hawai'i. Both sides are working cooperatively in seeking a fair settlement.

The state is not in a position to pay cash, which would be our preference. Instead the governor offers 10 parcels of land in the Kaka'ako Makai area (next to Kewalo Basin), which both parties agree hovers in value at \$200 million. But unlike the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Kamehameha Schools and other Hawaiian institutions, which are land trusts, OHA is a money trust. Our charge is to manage the revenue stream that flows to us by virtue of OHA's 20 percent share of revenues derived from certain state lands known as ceded lands. The cash is deposited into OHA's investment portfolio that earns a return on the investment. This money then goes directly into the Hawaiian economy as programs and services that empower Hawaiians and increase their capacity to build better families and better communities. Accepting a land settlement instead of cash presents some challenges in order to convert the land to a revenue stream. OHA now becomes a landowner who has to don the hat of a developer in order to convert the land to liquid assets.

This settlement should be embraced as a significant investment opportunity in the

Hawaiian economy. Consider that OHA money flows to every corner of the state. Our \$12.5 million in program grants last year alone was channeled to communities on every island. Much of it translated directly into enhancing family incomes by creating jobs and supporting a statewide network of health, education, recreational and financial services. Our \$90 million in bond financing over 30 years assists DHHL to build residential communities on every island, which then translates into hundreds of jobs – not just for Hawaiians but for every person and every business that is connected

to building homes. OHA's annual \$42 million operating budget also translates into hundreds of jobs, not limited to OHA employees but spread to our network of subcontractors, suppliers, consultants and so forth. Over the years OHA has allocated \$9.5 million in support of the 17 Hawaiian-focused charter schools, which has literally allowed them to keep their doors open. Our First Hawaiian Bank Mālama Loan program has put money in people's pockets that then flow into the marketplace. The list of programs, services and the portals through which OHA's resources flows out to every corner of the state is exhaustive.

OHA is relevant to the growth of the Hawaiian economy in profound ways. In meeting our obligations to our beneficiaries many of the benefits flow through them to making Hawai'i a better place for everyone. We hope legislators and the general public will view the Kaka'ako ceded land settlement as more than simply paying off a debt, and recognize that it's a profound opportunity for OHA to grow its capacity to impact the Hawaiian economy in ways that help everyone. Hawai'i Loa Kū Like Kākou – *All Hawai'i Stand Together.* ■

*To comment on this or any other issue of concern, feel free to contact me on twitter @PeterApo, Facebook/Peter Apo or PeterAOHA@gmail.com.*



Peter Apo

Vice Chair,  
Trustee, O'ahu

## Refreshing changes: Welcoming Maui Trustee 'Hulu' Lindsey and OHA CEO Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe

**A**no'ai kakou ... This year has started off with several refreshing changes.

### NEW MAUI TRUSTEE

First, OHA welcomed new Maui Trustee Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey, who was appointed by Gov. Neil Abercrombie. Trustee Lindsey will serve on an interim basis until November when a special election will be held to fill the remaining two years of Trustee Mossman's term. Trustee Lindsey brings a burst of new energy to the board with her knowledge, experience and willingness to give her all for our beneficiaries.

### NEW OHA CEO

Congratulations to Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe on his appointment by the Board of Trustees as the new Chief Executive Officer of OHA. I have long admired his exemplary work over the past few years as OHA's Research Director and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of the position.

I am delighted that Dr. Crabbe's lifetime of dedication and advocacy for Native Hawaiians is finally being recognized so appropriately. It is a comfort for me to know that our people have a true advocate within OHA. I am sincerely hoping that our staff members and Trustees will allow Dr. Crabbe to bring his own style of leadership to OHA, which may differ from previous administrations.

I look forward to working closely with both Trustee Hulu Lindsey and Dr. Crabbe this year to build a bright and sustainable future for all Native Hawaiians.

### APPOINTED BAE VICE CHAIR

I am pleased to report that I have been appointed Vice Chair of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE), one of the two subject-matter committees under the Board of Trustees. I will now be working closely with BAE Chair Trustee John Waihe'e IV on all federal and state legislation, ongoing programs in

health, housing, education, land and the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund.

### LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

I will also continue to serve as one of two "Legislative Liaisons" appointed by Trustee Waihe'e for the 2012 legislative session. This is a crucial year for OHA as we intensely lobby the House and Senate for the passage of legislation to finally resolve the claims relating to OHA's portion of income from the Public Land Trust between Nov. 7, 1978, and June 30, 2012 (House Bill 2521 and Senate

Bill 2783). I look forward to putting my many years of lobbying experience and strong relationships with legislators to good use.

### EMBRACE TRANSPARENCY

After several years and countless requests to the administration to televise OHA meetings, in a way similar to what the Honolulu City Council or the state Legislature are doing, OHA has finally taken a step in the right direction.

OHA is now broadcasting live board meetings from Honolulu to Kaua'i. Beneficiaries on Kaua'i should check OHA's meeting notices or call 241-3390 to confirm whether there will be a live video conference broadcast to the Lihu'e State Office Building.

It is my hope that this will encourage the administration to broadcast live OHA meetings to the other Neighbor Islands. Broadcasting all of our meetings will not only make Trustees more accessible to beneficiaries, but it will also allow beneficiaries to see how our board conducts its business. What a refreshing change that would be.

Aloha Ke Akua. ■

*Interested in Hawaiian issues and OHA? Please visit my web site at [www.rowenaakana.org](http://www.rowenaakana.org) for more information or email me at [rowena@oha.org](mailto:rowena@oha.org).*



Rowena Akana

Trustee, At-large

## From Kōloa to Wakinekona "Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana" still inspires

**E**o ē nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino. On March 26, 1871, Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Pi'ikoi, third and youngest son, was born to Her Royal Highness Princess Mary Kinoiki Kekaulike and High Chief David Kahalepouli Pi'ikoi in a fishing village known as Kū'alu, in the district of Kōloa. As a member of the royal family he was brought up in the court of his uncle King Kalākaua and at age 13 became a prince by royal proclamation. He studied in Hawai'i, California and England.

His first bid at elective office was successful and he served as Hawai'i's delegate to Congress from 1903 to 1922. In Congress, Kūhiō achieved advancement for: the Kalaupapa leper settlement; county government in Hawai'i; Pearl Harbor development and military installation improvements; congressional visitations to Hawai'i in 1907, 1909, 1915 and 1919; harbors funding for improvements at Honolulu, Hilo, Kahului and Nāwiliwili; a 1910 Hawaiian Homestead Act amending the Organic Act to open public lands to homesteading. Following that, Kūhiō advocated for special homesteading lands for Hawaiians only. Following that, Kūhiō advocated for special homesteading lands for Hawaiians only. In 1916, enabling the Department of the Interior to take over a large area of the Kīlauea volcano for development as a national park, Kūhiō was called the "Father of Hawai'i National Park." Kūhiō further advocated for the Rehabilitation Act, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, a battle that was not won until 1921. Kūhiō served on the Hawaiian Homes Commission set up to implement the Rehabilitation Act. On Feb. 11, 1919, Delegate Kalaniana'ole introduced a bill in Congress asking that

Hawai'i be admitted to the United States.

Prince Kūhiō established the Order of Kamehameha officiating in 1904 at the first observance of Kamehameha Day; organized The Chiefs of Hawai'i and the Hawaiian Civic Club. Today, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs consists of 58 Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai'i, in Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, Washington state, Tennessee and Texas and Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana in Washington, D.C.

Prince Kūhiō died of heart disease at Pua Leilani in Waikīkī, Jan. 7, 1922, at the age of 50. On the gold and silver shield that marks his casket are inscribed



Haunani Apoliona, MSW

Trustee, At-large



The birth site of Prince Kūhiō in Kōloa, Kaua'i, was made into a park in 1928. - Photo: Trustee Apoliona

the words "Ke Alii Makaainana," which means "A Prince of the People." And he rests for all seasons at Mauna'ala in Nu'uaniu. His birthplace in Kōloa, Kaua'i, was made into a park in 1928 and a statue placed there on a simple rock pedestal with a plaque engraved in bronze reads, "Ke Alii Makaainana."

'A'ole mākou e poina i kāu hana maika'i. E ola kou inoa ka 'elele i Wakinekona, ke ali'i lokomaika'i, Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana, e mau ka ho'omana'ole, e Kalaniana'ole. 39/48 ■



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## Queen Lili'uokalani Trust fulfills mandate to responsibly grow and manage trust lands

*Trustee's note: This month's column is written by LeeAnn E.P. Crabbe, Vice President of the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust.*

In 1909, Hawai'i's beloved Mō'i Wahine Lili'uokalani created a special trust dedicated to the welfare of orphaned and destitute children of Hawai'i. More than 100 years later, we continue to be inspired by the Queen's foresight, vision and values that serve as the foundation of our work.

The sacred duty of the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust is to manage the Queen's lands to serve and provide for her beneficiaries. Core trust assets include approximately 6,200 acres of Hawai'i real estate, the vast majority of which are located on Hawai'i Island. Ninety-two percent is agriculture/conservation land, with the remainder zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use. Hawai'i Island holdings include the 3,400-acre ahupua'a of Keahuolū in North Kona.

The Trust is sustained and nurtured by careful and increasingly complex management conducted by a dedicated and competent corps of trustees, administrators, staff and collaborative partners. This careful management of the Trust enables our Children's Centers to address and meet the needs of our Hawaiian children and families through a service strategy that is collaborative, holistic and culturally based. The Trust charges no fees for services to beneficiary children and their families.

To sustain and expand these services, the Trust is pursuing new projects to utilize its assets in order to ensure continued financial stability. Currently, more than two thirds of our annual rental income is generated by Trust lands in Waikīkī. Prudent endowment management requires us to reduce risk by seeking income sources away from Waikīkī. Trust lands at Keahuolū provide the only source of significant future income for expanding our charitable programs.

It is for this reason that we have closely followed and actively engaged

in discussions over development and water sustainability issues on Hawai'i Island.

In recent months, the National Park Service has proposed that the State Commission on Water Resource Management designate the Keauhou Aquifer System as a Water Management Area. The park service says this is necessary to protect the Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historic Park from future proposed development in Kona.

The Queen Lili'uokalani Trust respects the work being done by the National Park Service throughout the State of Hawai'i. These national parks are important cultural treasures, not just to the Hawaiian community, but for the entire state.

But we do not believe there is a need to designate the Keauhou Aquifer System as a Water Management Area.

In the interests of our beneficiaries, we have



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## 2012

**AKANA/AI/AI CHANG/MCGUIRE HAUSTEN/AKI** – Aug. 18, 2012, in Kāne'ōhe, O'ahu, the first Family Reunion of: Kahale Keneka'ole Kaluahine (w) B: 9/17/1850 Waiehu, Wailuku, Maui D: 4/29/1924 Honolulu, O'ahu. 1st husband Ai Chang Cheong Yit (Tang Hoon). They had three children: Their 1st child Akana Ai Chang B: 7/4/1871 Wailuku, Maui. D: 2/21/1953 Honolulu, O'ahu, m Shee Hu B: 9/14/1874 Kwangtung, China. D: 12/17/1959. They had 11 children. Their 2nd child Emma Kaleonamoku Ah Choy Ai Chang B: 3/27/1876 Wailuku, Maui. D: 10/13/1969 Honolulu, O'ahu. 1st married in 1900; John James "Jock" McGuire, and their seven children. Emma's 2nd marriage on 5/16/1916: Henry Thomas Hausten, and they one child. Third child of Kahale and Ai Chang, was Thomas Allan Ah Kan Ai Chang B: 5/14/1880 Wailuku, Maui D: 6/25/1947 m Sarah Ah Kin, one son Thomas Allan Ah Kan Ai Chang. Kahale Keneka'ole Kaluahine 2nd husband was Henry Ka'iwai Aki B: 1850 Honolulu, O'ahu D: 12/19/1900: 1 son Henry Ka'iwai Aki Jr. B: 4/28/1891 Honolulu, O'ahu D: 2/15/1967 Honolulu, O'ahu m 7/15/1911 Lucy Liliakē'ala Kahaumea B: 11/28/1893 Laupāhoehoe, Hawai'i, D: 7/1/1987 Honolulu, O'ahu. Eleven children. Please contact Gay McGuire 808-295-9683, nalo beach@gmail.com, Patsy McGuire 808-732-3089 and Betty Shodahl 808-262-8961.

**AKIU/AHEONG/KAHIAMOE** – Descendants of Baker Kahiamoe Akiu, born May 10, 1886, and Sarah Kamali Aheong Akiu, born Feb. 27, 1896, are planning a family reunion July 20-22, 2012, on Maui. We are trying to locate any grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren who are interested in attending the reunion. Please contact Marian "Blossom" Akiu Dias at (808) 242-0061.

**KAAPUNI/KELIILIKI** – The descendants of John Kaapuni and Ululani Keliiliki announce their Kaapuni Reunion for 2012. It will be held on the Kaapuni homestead at Waiake St., Waimea, Hawai'i, July 5-7. Children of John and Ululani include: Keoni Hoopio, Kahanauni, Minnie Mana (Nahale'a), Sam Ohule, Ben Kaonohikalani, Rose Kealohapuaole, Kuulei, Joseph Kauhioikalani, Eben Maikai, Kamuela, Kanekawaiola and Mary Kalani (Phillips). Those interested in attending who have not heard from the family, contact Sandy Hubbel Kahawaii, (808) 885-3664, email: [s\\_kahawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:s_kahawaii@yahoo.com) or Barbara Phillips Robertson, (808) 885-4929, email: [kaikena2@yahoo.com](mailto:kaikena2@yahoo.com).

**KALAMA** – To the descendants of Richard Kauakahi Kalama, Annie Kauli Benjamin and Helen Wahineaukai Kaaihue, a family reunion will be held June 22-24, 2012, in Waimānalo. We are updating mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. Please email your information to: [j.k.kalama2012@gmail.com](mailto:j.k.kalama2012@gmail.com). More information to follow soon.

**KAMOKU** – The Na Kamoku 'Ohana Reunion will be held on the island of Kaua'i July 18-21, 2012. Wednesday and Thursday will be at Kamalani Beach Park, and on Friday there will be a lū'au. For information, contact Halan at (808) 652-8470 or Thoma at (808) 346-8077.

**KUKAHIKO** – To the descendants of John, Kamaka and Halulukahi Kukahiko, our reunion will be on Maui, July 19-22, 2012, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars facility in Kihei. The registration packet was mailed to those on our mailing list. You can download the forms from the web site, [kuka.hiko.weebly.com](http://kuka.hiko.weebly.com) or email your address to [kuka.hiko2012@yahoo.com](mailto:kuka.hiko2012@yahoo.com) and one will be mailed to you.

**MAHI'AI/NAPUMAI'A** – 'Ohana reunion of Mahi'ai and Napumai'a, July 4-8, 2012, at Miloli'i Beach Park Pavilion, Kona. Children: Mama (w), Hookano (w), Pilahi (w), Malia (w), Kelekala (k), and Kaikaina (k). Mama (w) married to Kuna'aina (k) or Kahunai'aina, children: Lapaulilo (k), Kealohapuaole (k), Malia (w), and Kelihihelela (w). Kaikaina (k) married to Paahao, children: Keliilawaia (k), Keona (k), Kalahikiola

(w), Pilahi (w), and Napumai'a (w). Kalahikiola (w) married to Kuanoni (k). Come join and meet your 'ohana. Any questions, email me at [AnnieTaisee@yahoo.com](mailto:AnnieTaisee@yahoo.com) or call Annie Tai See, (808) 936-7707; Rose Olsen, (808) 966-8510; or Shirley Casuga, (808) 937-7073.

**MEYER** – We are having a reunion for the descendants of George Kahelani Meyer, who was married to Nancy Kaleiwaheha (1st line) and had four children: George Kahelani Meyer Jr., Mary Piliialoha Meyer, Annie Josephine Cecelia Meyer and Arthur Lee Meyer. 2nd line with Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kaleiwaheha and had eight children: Elizabeth "Betty" Meyer, Abigail Kekahili Meyer, Elizabeth "Queenie" Kauwahu, Myra Lahapa Kaleiheana, William Meyer, Rebecca Leilani Meyer, Lilinoe Pualaniama Aho and Samuel Meyer. The reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Waimānalo Village Recreation Center. For information, call Sukie Ōbed at (808) 259-5994 after 6 p.m. or Alice Theodore at (808) 358-5466 or email [alicec@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:alicec@hawaii.rr.com). Alice is updating our mailing list for upcoming mail outs. Call/email Alice with your mailing/contact information. Save the date! We encourage all of you to join us and meet family! Families are forever!

**NAMAOU** – The Namaou 'Ohana Family Reunion will be held March 22-25, 2012, at Puhii Bay at Keaukaha, Big Island. Contact Marcie Mejia at phone (808) 747-1096 or e-mail [hokupuleleja@gmail.com](mailto:hokupuleleja@gmail.com).

**PE'ELUAKOLOIA'AO** – The descendants of Pe'eluakoloia'ao (k) are planning a reunion on June 22-24, 2012, from Friday to Sunday at Mā'ili Beach Park. It will be potluck. The children of Pe'eluakoloia'ao are: Kaihohe (w) married Nukuna Kame'ekua (k); Kamaiahine (w) married Jesse Leonui aka Kahilahlala (k); Kailime'eau (w) married Kekino Kanahale (k); and Lae (k) married Umi (w). The children of Kaihohe and Nukuna Kame'ekua are Ane (w), Uluhia (w) and Nukuna (k). The children of Kamaiahine and Leonui are Esther Pe'elua (w), Iokua (k), David (k), Martha (w), Joseph (k), Hapipa Pe'elua (k), Samuel (k) and Jessie (k). The children of Kailime'eau (w) and Kanahale (k) are Kamuela (k) and Kaliana Me'eau (w). The children of Lae (k) and Umi (w) are Ka'aiala'ua (w), Lio (w) and Me'eau (w). If you would like to update or correct your genealogy, contact Sanford Kame'ekua. If you have any questions, contact: Emma Saron, home, (253) 475-8381, cell, (253) 227-0557; or Sanford Kame'ekua, home, (808) 262-1444.

## 2013

**JARRETT/KAOO** – To all descendants of William Jarrett (1815-1880) and Hannah Kaoo (1825-1867), there will be a family reunion on the island of O'ahu scheduled for July 26 and 27, 2013. Please submit your contact information (addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses) to: [Jarrett\\_fam\\_reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:Jarrett_fam_reunion@yahoo.com) or to 91-832 Pa'aloa St., 'Ewa Beach, HI 96706. Mahalo, Sandy and Lani.

**KUPAHU** – Aloha Kupahu 'Ohana, we the descendants of Henry Iwienu Kupahu Sr. will be hosting the 2013 reunion on Maui nō ka 'oi during Memorial Day weekend (May 24-27). For information, contact me (Kincaid Sr.) by e-mail [kincaidk@yahoo.com](mailto:kincaidk@yahoo.com) or by phone: (808) 281-3885. Just a reminder, this is a Camping Reunion to reflect on our kupunas who left all of us the value of being a Kupahu. There are other accommodations for those who choose not to camp. Come to Maui. Please continue to read for updates.

**PAELE** – I am trying to find a photograph of Samson K. Paele for a historical project at the Wahiawā, O'ahu, police station. Paele was an HPD officer who was killed in 1927 in Wahiawā. The goal is to show his photograph on a memorial board of Wahiawā-area officers that were killed in the line of duty. He is listed in HPD records as being born 5-3-1881 and died 6-24-1927. A newspaper article says he lived in Wahiawā and was married, but I do not know his wife's name, nor do I know if he had any children. Internet research points to him or his family having originally been from Maui, and that he was probably a WWI veteran. A Samson Paele

(b. 5-3-1883, d. 6-25-1927) is listed as being buried at Punchbowl Cemetery. A WWI service record found online shows a Samson Paele that was born in Kaupō, Maui, and that he was 35 years old upon enlistment in the Hawai'i National Guard on 4-7-1918. This may or not be the same person I'm looking for. His address listed on the service record was listed as "Hamakuapoko, Maui." Any assistance in leading me to someone that may have a photograph of Officer Paele would be appreciated. (A photo in uniform would be ideal, but any other verifiable adult photo will suffice). Contact Ted Merrill, [paakahili@yahoo.com](mailto:paakahili@yahoo.com).

**TITCOMB** – Family reunion for descendants of Charles Titcomb and Kanikele has been set for Thursday to Saturday, July 4-6 of 2013 on Kaua'i. Children are: Susan (Christian Bertelmann); Julius (Malia Kalaupuhupihu, Sophie Houghtailing); Emma (August Dreier); MaryAnn (James Hall Fiddes or Feddes); Angeline (John Spencer); Louis (Hannah Sheldon); George Rufus (Caroline Mae Morteno); Hattie (Frederick Weber); and Kanikele. Contact: K. Nani Kawa'a at 808-285-4548 or email at [reunion.titcomb@gmail.com](mailto:reunion.titcomb@gmail.com) for information.

## 'IMI 'OHANA • FAMILY SEARCH

**EWALIKO/GRUBE** – I am trying to locate family members on my mother's side. Mom's name was Harriet Kaehukiaopuena (Ewaliko) Grube, married Edward Michael Grube Jr. and had five sisters (Ethel, Aileen aka Bess, Lilinoe aka Noe, Kuaaloha aka Peachie and Kauli) and five brothers (William Jr., Otto aka Eddie, Valentine, Herbert, and David aka Boots aka Sonny Boy). Mom's father was William Lononakua Ewaliko Sr., husband of Elizabeth Kekumano and was born in Hilo, Hawai'i. I believe that his father and mother were John Ewaliko and Kaamaana Ewaliko and siblings David, George, Kalei (w), Emily and James Ewaliko. They lived on Amalu Road in Hilo. I believe that George married Lizzie, and had four daughters (Ruth, Virginia, Mary and Elizabeth), a son and grandson named John and moved to Anahola, Kaua'i. Kalei married Rufus Lyman, had three children (Rebecca, Francis and Clarence) as of 1930 and stayed in Hilo. David married Julia and had two daughters (Margaret and Marjory) and lived in Hilo. We met a Marjory at our mom's funeral in 2001. Any information is appreciated. Contact Ede Fukumoto at [eafukumoto@hotmail.com](mailto:eafukumoto@hotmail.com).

**KAHAWAII/HAILI** – The descendants of Rebecca Ewalani Kahawaii (1869-1950) and George Mikaele Haili (1872-1927) will be gathering for the first time to celebrate a family reunion Aug. 3-4, 2012, in Maui, Hawai'i. The Haili 'ohana originates from Kawaihae (Pamaululuha'ilani he kane/Maika'i ka wahine) and the Kahawaii 'ohana originates from Moanalua (Kahawaii he kane/Kalua Ika'ili he wahine). We would like to gather the families of Harry George Haili (Rachel Lahela Bright), Peter David Haili (Elizabeth Keleionia Manuia), Agnes Kanui Haili (William Hoopai Sr.), Elizabeth Kalua Haili, Simon Haili, John Kahawaii Haili (Katherine Florence Zoller Altery), and Clarisa "Clara" Mileka Haili (Carlyle Nelson). If you are descendants of the above family members, we invite you to join us for a weekend with good food and family fun. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Monthly meetings are being held to plan the festivities, the 'ohana is asking for all family members to send their contact information to Kehau Newhouse at (808) 344-0921 or email [haili2kahawaii@gmail.com](mailto:haili2kahawaii@gmail.com). Mailings will be sent to known addresses in early 2012.

**KA 'OHANA O KALAUPAPA** – Has records and resources that could provide you with information about any ancestors you might have had at Kalaupapa. Contact us by e-mail ([info@kalau.papaohana.org](mailto:info@kalau.papaohana.org)), mail (Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, P.O. Box 1111, Kalaupapa, HI 96742) or phone (Coordinator Valerie Monson at 808-573-2746). There is no charge for our research. All descendants are also welcome to become part of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa.

**KAHALEANU** – Doing family genealogy research. Please kōua if you have any information on Kahula Kahaleanu, the mother of my grand-

mother, Elizabeth Keaukai Akana. Bob Horcajo, [bob@livemaui.com](mailto:bob@livemaui.com).

**KIU/AHEONG/KAHIAMOE** – Descendants of Baker Kahiamoe Akiu, born May 10, 1886, and Sarah Kamali Aheong Akiu, born Feb. 27, 1896, are planning a family reunion July 20-22, 2012, on Maui. We are trying to locate any grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren who are interested in attending the reunion. Please contact Marian "Blossom" Akiu Dias at (808) 242-0061.

**LINCOLN** – Aloha to anyone who is interested or who can help me with my genealogy. My name is Clayton Chee and I am trying to compile a genealogy of the Lincoln family from Kohala. I have been doing genealogy for about 30 years now off and on on both sides of my parents' lines. The line I am doing now is one of my great-great-grandmothers and her name was Caroline Lincoln Naiwi. She was the oldest daughter of George Washington and Rebecca (Bell) Lincoln. I have a lot of information down and the hard part is getting the last two generations going back and the last two generations going forward. I am trying to update the names and dates of the family. I am also doing the genealogy of George Washington Lincoln's brothers John Adams and William Henry Lincoln, who were the sons of Lorenzo Bernard Lincoln and Ka'ai'a Kuawalu. If anyone can help me by updating the 'ohana, it would be really appreciated. You can either email me at [aspencierra1997@yahoo.com](mailto:aspencierra1997@yahoo.com), call me at 852-7103, find me on Facebook or write me at 41-280 Huli St., Waimānalo, HI 96795.

**LOST RECORDS** – The records of the Carroll/Kealoha Family of Kaua'i was sent to a family member purposely for photo copying in 2006. Till this date, I have not yet received these records back.

They were entrusted to me by my Auntie Milly Alana. Auntie Milly Alana passed on, however, out of respect to her and to the Carroll/Kealoha Family of Kaua'i, I'd appreciate it if these records be returned to the rightful guardian, who happens to be me (Jan K.N. DeRego.) Please contact or mail to: Jan K.N. DeRego, P.O. Box 4901 Kāne'ōhe, HI 96744-8901.

**PIO** – The descendants of Keli'i Pio aka Kaawalaule Keli'i Pio are seeking information of his birth parents, his siblings and place of birth. Our information says that Keli'i Pio was born in Waipi'o on Hawai'i Island in or about 1844. We need to confirm this information. Keli'i Pio married (w) Keoahu and had six children all born in Kaupō, Maui: 1) Sampson Kahaleuahi Pio, born 1864; Victoria Nakoaelua Pio, born 1867; Malaea Kaawalaule Pio, born 1870; Samuel Kaukani Pio, born 1871; Ipoaloha Pio, born 1873; Joseph Kaleohano Pio, born 1890 (his birth date needs more research). If you have any information on Keli'i Pio or his siblings and children, please contact: Gabriel Kaawa, phone (808) 728-5938, fax (866) 376-3192 or email [kaawap001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kaawap001@hawaii.rr.com).

**STEWART** – Aloha Stewart Family, my Hawaiian name is William "Mealani" Stewart, and I'm looking for the extended Mary "Mealani" Stewart Family. Today, they would be the grandsons and granddaughters of Catherine, Paul and Christopher Stewart, and according to my father, "and a whole bunch more." He added it has been a long time since he was in Hawai'i, 1941 being the last time. So, to all the extended Mary and James Stewart Family, Aloha and please let us hear from you. Let us know if "aloha" is still extended to the: RC, RP, WG, "Mealani" Stewart side of the family. Aloha, [wsteward52@yahoo.com](mailto:wsteward52@yahoo.com). ■

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