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PONO, SMARTER AND MORE MATURE LEADERSHIP

Aloha mai kākou,

In the 21st century, everything is moving faster. Change in our economy, social sensibilities and our way of life is coming at us at the speed of light. Technology means we get instant feedback on what we’re doing or thinking.

But I’m taking time to take a step back to reassess our direction.

I’ve rediscovered that far from the political rhetoric, what people are really concerned about are practical things. Things like making a living wage so they can continue to thrive in Hawai‘i. Things like education, job placement and protecting the land and water.

These aren’t Hawaiian issues, but things that concern Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike.

As you’ve seen in the pages of *Ka Wai Ola* in the past few months, we’ve been taking stock on where we’ve been and where we need to go. Our community as a whole has been making progress on things like education and health. But on issues such as governance, we remain all over the konane board.

We need to look more introspectively on what we can do to partner with our community without unnecessary controversy.

Within OHA, we need less controversy and emotion and more discipline in the principles of governance and in managing our trust assets and resources.

We must be more pono.

We need to tackle issues that are in the best interest of our community.

We need to ask whether the decisions we make today are in the best interest of OHA or in the best interest of our community. Will our decisions uplift our lāhui or do they just make us feel better?

You can tell the maturity of a young warrior by whether he shouts a lot on the battlefield: the louder and shriller, the more inexperienced he is, the more he blows only hot air.

A wiser, more seasoned warrior doesn’t have to yell but has gravitas in what he says, and how and when he says it.

In other words, do we force people to listen to us by being the loudest or do we make them want to listen by talking calmly and educating them slowly and methodically?

I believe we’re at the stage in our history where people want to listen and want to hear our perspective. And that means we must change our way of leadership. That means I have to change and so does OHA.

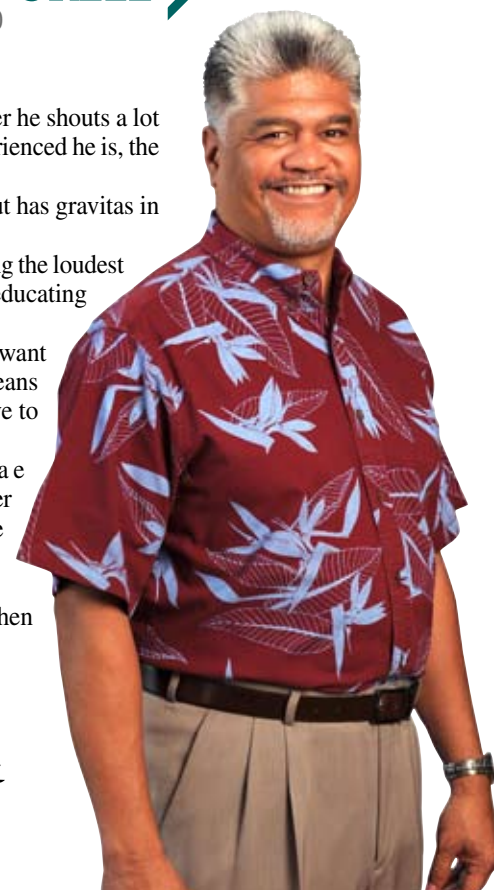
My mom had a saying Ho‘oma‘ema‘e i kou hale mamua e hele a kipa: learn to clean your house before you visit other families. In other words, practice what you preach before you tell others to do the same.

We have to change our way of leadership. We must be more mature, civil and be better at what we do, so that when OHA speaks, people will listen.

‘O au iho nō me ke aloha a me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,



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Our ancestors used kaulana mahina calendars to track environmental observations.

GOVERNANCE

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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.

Homelessness, housing top legislative agenda

By Garrett Kamemoto

Hawai'i state lawmakers are pledging to take action to address homelessness and affordable housing. The 2016 session of the Legislature opened Jan. 20 with much less fanfare than in previous years as leaders have decided to pull back on celebrations in the second year of every two-year legislative cycle. Lawmakers kept the opening session relatively brief, with little entertainment and a commitment to get down to business right away. Along with the homeless crisis, lawmakers pledged to work together without the animus that has plagued politics elsewhere.

Here are some highlights of the opening day speeches:

ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS:

"Homelessness seems as entrenched as any issue we've faced in recent times. However, the City and State have been working with many agencies and nonprofit organizations to shape a multipronged approach to assisting these individuals. We need to support those efforts—not timidly but emphatically with sufficient funds to meet those needs.

And the same should go for the creation of more affordable homes and rentals." — *Rep. Joseph Souki, Speaker.*

"We will commit to allocating specific financial resources intended

to increase the supply of housing for certain homeless individuals and families within the next 12 months. We will explore options to support nonprofit providers and state and county initiatives to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, while minimizing the dislocation of homeless individuals, families, and communities." — *Senate Majority Priorities*

ON WORKING TOGETHER:

"People don't need lofty and dogmatic statements that have no basis in substantive policy. As an elected official, even I am tired of



Speaker Joe Souki addresses the House of Representatives on opening day. - Photo: Courtesy

2016



LEGISLATIVE SESSION

hearing politicians focus on flashy topics and grandiose declarations instead of actionable commitments. Politics, at its heart, is simply the art of organizing our shared

lives together. ... In that spirit, Mr. Speaker, I am making a commitment to you, and to the rest of this body, that for this session, as the Minority Leader, I will not criticize any measure on this floor without also articulating an alternative solution to the problem the introducer is trying to address." — *Rep. Beth Fukumoto Chang, House Minority Leader.*

"The function of the democracy is

to embrace dissent and minority opinion to ensure that someone who has a differing opinion is not afraid to come forward and express those points of view. But at the end of the day, the primary function of the democracy is that the majority of us carry the day and move forward. So let us hope as we move forward in the 2016 Session we will be able to achieve those goals." — *Sen. Ronald Kouchi, President.*

ON ACCOUNTABILITY:

"The Legislature must be more accountable for unfulfilled promises, wasted tax money, poorly written contracts and unenforceable legislation. The Legislature is accountable for failing to penalize poor performance by government and/or excusing individual bad or corrupt behavior. We are honored to represent the people of Hawai'i and to earn their trust and respect, but we must do a better job of oversight. Especially fiscal oversight. Billions of taxpayer dollars have been wasted on our watch because we haven't held government agencies accountable for delays, waste and mismanagement." — *Sen. Sam Slom, Minority Leader.*

Meanwhile, Sen. Gil Kahele was in the hospital and did not attend opening day ceremonies. Kouchi told his colleagues, "Sen. Kahele would like to say 'Mahalo nui loa' for the support, thoughts and prayers and he looks forward to returning to his Senate duties." ■

State appeals ruling on DHHL funding

By Garrett Kamemoto

The state Attorney General is appealing a court ruling ordering the state to sufficiently fund the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Circuit Judge Jeanette Castagnetti ruled in November the Legislature must

provide sufficient funding to DHHL for administrative and operating expenses. Her order said "sufficient funds" the Legislature is constitutionally obligated to provide DHHL total more than \$28 million for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

"It's discouraging to see the attorney general pursuing an appeal of this matter on the basis that the court has overstepped its powers," said Jobie

Masagatani, Hawaiian Homes Commission Chair. "It feels like an unnecessary delay that hurts DHHL and its ability to effectively meet its mission to place native Hawaiians on the land."

For the last three years, lawmakers appropriated \$9.6 million, nearly one-third the amount requested by DHHL to fund operations. Prior to that, the Legislature provided no general funds to the department. ■

OHA compiling a database of cultural practitioners

By Treena Shapiro

If you were on a quest for Hawaiian cultural knowledge, where would you turn to find practitioners?

OHA is now updating its three cultural directories, which will comprise a national database of cultural assets and resources that will make it easier to identify those currently practicing and perpetuating different Hawaiian art forms.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs last printed its cultural directories in the 1990s and many new practitioners have since taken up traditional arts, and some of those included have now left us.

The update is good news to Hawaiian artists, many of whom have to rely on social media, Internet searches or word-of-mouth for referrals.

“I teach, but I also learn. To me it would be a nice quick guide to see who’s doing what if you need to learn a certain craft,” says Lance “Mahi” La Pierre, who makes ‘ukeke, the only stringed instrument indigenous to Hawai‘i, and hōlua sleds.

“It will perpetuate the different crafts and arts and practices, whether you want to go learn, or you want to go teach, or you want to go buy it,” points out La Pierre. “I think having a directory like that is pretty cool.”

As he was filling out the questionnaire to be included in the Ola Nā Iwi directory of traditional Hawaiian artists, La Pierre noticed that it asks artists where they learned their skills. That information would allow prospective students to better narrow down which teachers they would like to work

with. “If you’re looking for a certain lineage, say in hula or carving, they have that information,” he says.

Kumu hula Joan Lindsey, who was included in the original Kū Mai ka Po‘e Hula directory of hula resources, says back then there was no single source for information about all Hawai‘i’s hula practitioners and those that exist today often require payment for inclusion.

OHA’s directory offers protection for those who are trying to determine if certain teachers are established and qualified. “If they have a name, they can come back and check, and if it’s listed they know that it’s okay,” says Lindsey. “If it’s not listed, then they need to do more homework.”

Lindsey says kumu hula have already found the existing directories useful by making it easy for them all to contact each other. “If they have something great they want to share with the other kumu hula, they can do that,” she says.

Brook Kapukuniahia Parker, a contemporary Hawaiian painter who specializes in historical art, says that connection between practitioners is important.

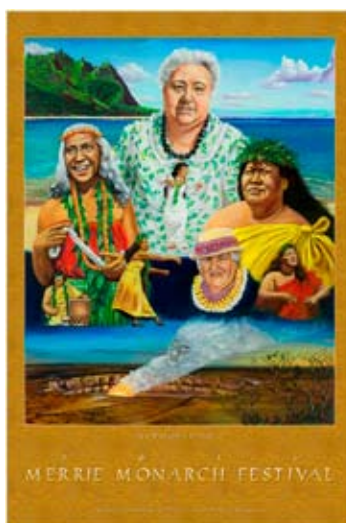
“It’s always good to collaborate with other Hawaiian artists and those that love Hawaiian things. Everybody has different ways or vehicles on how they express their Hawaiianess through their art,” says Parker, whose artwork accompanies this month’s article on Kuamo‘o Battlefield.

“Basically most of the clients I have and the art I do is pretty much word-of-mouth,” says Parker. “There’s not a lot of people doing the art that I do, portraying the history.”

Weaver and carver Lloyd Sing remembers the directories from the 1990s and welcomes the update. “There aren’t a lot of practitioners in these kinds of arts, so it’s good to have this resource for those who want to learn that art form.”

Sing knows firsthand how hard it can be to find a teacher in some of the traditional arts. His preferred style of weaving – ‘ie‘ie – isn’t practiced by many, and Sing can only think of one who is truly a master.

While the directories will be self-reported, questions about teachers, coursework and apprenticeships could lead to what Umi Kai hopes for the updated directories: “I think a directory is needed to identify qualified Hawaiian artists, those that have established themselves through proper research and credentials to qualify them as being a quality craftsman,” says the Hawaiian weapon maker. “I think it’s necessary so that we can identify them and have current contact information.” ■



Above, contemporary Hawaiian artist Brook Parker, whose art is featured on this Merrie Monarch poster, will be included in *Ola Nā Iwi: Directory of Hawaiian Artists and Cultural Resources*.



Lloyd Harold Sing, Jr. -
Photo: Courtesy
I Kū Nā Hana Lima
No‘eau Hawai‘i

Calling all cultural practitioners

In the mid-1990s, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs created three cultural directories to raise the visibility of practitioners who perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through visual arts, weaving, hula and other traditions of our kūpuna. Today, OHA is putting the call out to other artists and cultural practitioners who want to be included in updated directories, which are intended to comprise a national database of cultural assets and resources, as well as to encourage others to participate, appreciate and support these traditions.

Ola Nā Iwi: Directory of Hawaiian Artists and Cultural Resources

Published in 1995, this directory features those who perpetuated the traditions, culture and skills of the Hawaiian people, including carving, featherwork, haku mele, kapa, kapa kuiki, lā‘au lapa‘au, lei, limu, lomilomi, ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, oli and weaving.

Kū Mai ka Po‘e Hula: Directory of Hula Resources

Since its publication in 1996, the Hawaiian community has lost kumu hula Hoakalei Kamau‘u, Mae Ulalia Lobenstein, Edith Kawelohea McKinzie, Pululeo Park, Kini Sullivan and Aloha Dalire. In the updated edition, current kumu hula and those who make hula instruments are also invited to submit applications for listing. The directory will also include festivals and competitions that highlight and foster the art of hula.

Nā Lima Mikioi: Directory of Weavers and Fiber Artists

When it was published in 1997, most submissions came from weavers like the late Lily Nunes, but kapa, ‘ie‘ie and cordage artists also applied for inclusion.

Those who would like to apply for inclusion in the updated directories can contact OHA Cultural Specialist Kalani Akana at 594-1844 or kalania@oha.org. Although sub-missions are submitted voluntarily, OHA would like to urge others to identify keepers and perpetuators of culture in their own communities. ■

Kalani Akana. -
Photo: KWO
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CULTURE

MO‘OMIEHEU

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

LAND & WATER

‘ĀINA

To maintain the connection to the past and a viable land base, Native Hawaiians will participate in and benefit from responsible stewardship of Ka Pae ‘Āina O Hawai‘i.

Ancestral resources of Ka‘ūpūlehu dwindle

Community driven marine reserve rules aim to mālama the once vibrant coast

By Wayne Tanaka

When David Chai stepped onto the Keāhole Airport tarmac 25 years ago, there was much to occupy his thoughts. Just that year, President George Bush had ordered a halt to all bombing on Kaho‘olawe; Castle & Cooke had announced its decision to end pineapple cultivation on Lāna‘i; and a world away, Nelson Mandela was freed from an apartheid prison. But at that moment, under the hot Kona sun, his mind drifted to the throngs of mū he had seen on a previous dive, outside of his new job site at Ka‘ūpūlehu.

“There were so many, and big ones,” he would later recall. An avid spearfisher, the young Kamehameha Schools graduate and budding marine biologist was amazed by the thriving reef he had witnessed.

Little did he suspect that the prolific mū would vanish in the coming years, and that the unparalleled abundance he saw was in fact the last remaining vestiges of Ka‘ūpūlehu’s fabled fisheries. Nor could he have known that he would soon join a 20-plus-year effort by the lineal descendants of Ka‘ūpūlehu to restore the resources many of their families had known since before the time of Kamehameha.

For generations, Ka‘ūpūlehu’s isolated and rugged coastline was carefully managed by families intimately familiar with its resources and sites. However, the 1975 development of the Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway, combined with new public parking lots just a stone’s throw from shore, provided an unprecedented ease of access – triggering an all-too familiar story of decimation and loss.

Almost overnight, the most valuable resources – charismatic sea shells and lobsters – went missing, followed by the once plentiful he‘e and uhu. A Kona development boom and the paving of yet more roads to the ocean accelerated the decline; fish could now be trucked out in 100-quart coolers, rather than hiked out over rough lava by foot and hand. The giant schools of kole, ‘ū‘ū, and pāku‘iku‘i that once roamed mere yards from shore, along with many other targeted species,



A Conservation Action Plan has been developed to protect Ka‘ūpūlehu’s natural and cultural resources. - Photos: Courtesy



Lineal descendant Kekaulike Tomich participates in a fish count survey to document trends in fish type, size, and abundance.

were decimated in the ensuing decades. Some kūpuna, disheartened by what they saw, simply stopped fishing.

Lineal ahupua‘a descendants, however, did not stand idly by. In the mid-90s, when word spread of a resort’s shoreline dredging project, Arthur Mahi and Hannah Kihalani Springer organized a coalition of community groups to defend the resources and practices of their place. With the help of attorneys, including a young Lea Hong with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, they filed lawsuits against the coastal destruction and, later, the proposed re-districting of lands to accommodate more development. The latter lawsuit resulted in the seminal *Ka Pa‘akai o ka ‘Āina* opinion, which now requires all government agencies to explicitly consider and protect cultural resources in their decisions. The former established a committee of kūpuna and others to help steward Ka‘ūpūlehu’s

nearshore resources, and the Ka‘ūpūlehu Marine Life Advisory Committee, or KMLAC, was born.

Joined by experts such as Chai, today Hualālai Resort’s award-winning marine specialist, and later The Nature Conservancy’s quietly brilliant Chad Wiggins, for 20 years KMLAC and its Nā Kūpuna Council members ceaselessly pursued their goal. Collectively, they have compiled extensive ethnographic information; conducted regular coastal water quality testing; restored and maintained anchialine ponds; established

best practices for hotel landscaping; examined dozens of studies pertaining to reef ecosystems and species in West Hawai‘i and elsewhere; surveyed over 400 underwater sites and hundreds of fishers over a number of years from Ka‘ūpūlehu to Kīholo; and developed a Conservation Action Plan for the natural and cultural resources and practices of Ka‘ūpūlehu; among many other activities.

Their work has now culminated in a critical first step in their overall mission: a proposal to “Try Wait,” to rest Ka‘ūpūlehu’s waters for 10 years, in order to provide key species time to grow and produce sufficient offspring for a sustainable subsistence fishery. By that time, they will have compiled enough data – on spawning seasons, on fish assemblages, on the practices of the past – to implement a subsistence fishery plan that may feed the families of the region indefinitely.

Ten years may seem like a long time to some, but for those who have watched their ancestral resources diminish for 40 years, and fought to protect them for the last 20, this is a small investment to benefit untold generations. While uncertainties exist – including the addition of 15,000 planned housing units in Kona, and the attendant strains and pressures of an ever-growing population – it is clear the commitment of the children of Ka‘ūpūlehu will remain steadfast.

As Auntie Hannah might say, “We’ll try.”

(To learn more about the KMLAC’s work and how you can support their efforts to mālama ‘āina, see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KMLAC.) ■

Breaking new ground, recycling the old

Mālama Loan increases Kalaka Nui's revenue 40 percent

By Treena Shapiro

Growing up, Nowel Dudoit-Alana never expected to work in construction, let alone own her own business. “I wanted to be a secretary or something, with the fancy things, but I ended up doing trucking,” says the president and owner of family-run Kalaka Nui, Inc.

Trucking runs in the family, though, as Dudoit-Alana explains in a video interview: “My mom was the first truck driver in the state of Hawai‘i. She had her own trucking company. This compassion that she had, and the hard worker that she was, I think kind of rolls over to what we are today. We’re strong women in business.”

Kalaka Nui, which means “the big truck,” has grown considerably since its launch in 1991. At first, the company was strictly a trucking company doing contract work with companies like Island Ready-Mix and Ameron Hawaii. Much of the early work came from building the “second city,” Kapolei, where Kalaka Nui is headquartered today.

A Mālama Loan from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs allowed the Native Hawaiian-owned company to diversify into recycling about 10 years ago. “It helped us,” Dudoit-Alana said. “I started with one truck. Today I have 20 trucks. I have two crushers, three excavators, three loaders.” The seven-year loan was “absolutely perfect,” she adds, noting that most banks would have wanted the loan repaid in five years.

Obtaining the Mālama Loan wasn’t much different than applying for any other loan, says Dudoit-Alana, although she says that the processing was a little faster. As with other business

loans, she needed to submit financial statements and a business plan that explained how the money would be used.

The loan helped Dudoit-Alana realize her vision of reusing concrete. She was able to purchase a mobile crusher, which she brings to job

Dudoit-Alana points out that this extends the life of both the landfill and the mountain.

One of Kalaka Nui’s jobs involved taking down 292 buildings at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. “We recycled what could be recycled – the iron, the metal, the copper – and separated

it, took the crusher in there, took all the concrete, recycled it and had them reuse it again on the job site,” Dudoit-Alana recalls. “I thought it was such a win-win situation for both the general contractor and myself, our company.”

Dudoit-Alana says she feels blessed by her company’s success, and she wants to share what she’s learned with other Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs. She counsels them on how to promote their businesses, how to turn

to agencies like OHA and the Small Business Administration for support, and she offers other advice to help their companies get established. “I know that I’m being rewarded in many ways because it feels good to be able to give back to somebody who didn’t know about the Mālama Loan,” she says. “Learning how to do your business plan, that’s really hard. But yet they have the idea, they have the creativity. They know how to do it. They just need help.”

Dudoit-Alana also enjoys helping women succeed in business, especially in the male-dominated construction industry. Two of her 25 employees are women. “Actually, I had four but they got better opportunities. I think that’s awesome because that means whatever they learned from here, they took it to the next level,” she says. “Giving them the tools to move ahead, that to me is awesome.”

Watch Nowel Dudoit Alana’s interview on video at <https://vimeo.com/147525344>.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has helped more than 2,000 Native Hawaiian families with low-interest loans to build businesses, repair homes, take care of educational expenses and consolidate debt. For more information on OHA’s Mālama Loan Program visit www.oha.org/malamaloan. ■

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— Nowel Dudoit-Alana,
President of Kalaka Nui, Inc.



Over the past 25 years, trucking company Kalaka Nui has grown and diversified into recycling. - Photos: OHA's Digital Media

sites along with a loader and an excavator. “With the recycling, I can bring in material and resell it to other vendors, using my truck. So we were actually able to have a 40 percent gain by doing that,” she says.

Meanwhile, the companies Kalaka Nui works with are saving money because they don’t have to send as much waste to the landfill, which charges tipping fees by the ton, and they also don’t need to buy as much virgin material from the quarries.

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

HO‘OKAHUA WAIWAI

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

OHA IN THE COMMUNITY



SHARING MANA'O AT MA'O FARMS

OHA Ka Pouhana/CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe met with Kamuela Enos and young men from MA'O Farms to talk about kane kuleana and leadership in our families, community and most importantly for our lāhui. - *Courtesy photo*

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Data Book 2015 now online

By Mark Eshima

Nearly 200 new tables and graphs are included in the latest update of the Native Hawaiian Data Book, which offers statistical data on the Native Hawaiian population residing in Hawai'i and the Continental United States.

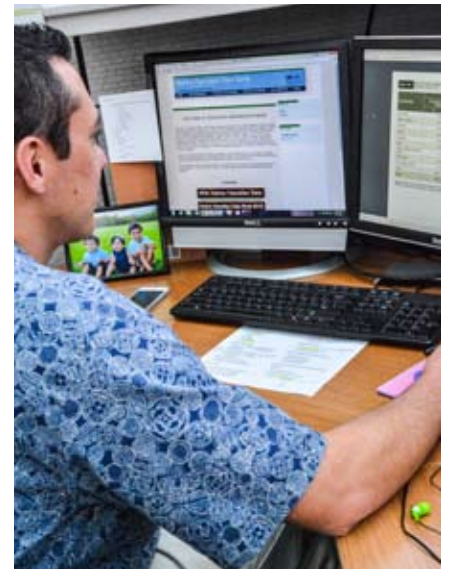
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs publishes the data book to comply with its mandate to compile basic demographic information about Native Hawaiians, as well as identify their physical, sociological and economic needs. The data also falls in line with OHA's new strategic plan, which calls for using the best data available to identify gaps and important issues facing Hawaiians and to inform advocacy efforts.

The first data book was published in 1994, while the 2015 edition just went online on Dec. 15 and can be accessed at <http://ohadatabook.com>. Currently, the data book is only available online, hard copies were never printed for the last three editions of the data book.

The data book's website not only contains the *Native Hawaiian*

Data Book, but also contains new data from the 2010 U.S. Census, the American Community Survey (ACS), and the U.S. Economic Census. The 2015 edition contains over 1,300 tables and graphs, a 20 percent increase from the previous edition.

A few changes were made to the 2015 edition to make the data book easier to navigate. A new "Crime" section was added in the "New Tables" chapter. We will continue to update the data book online as new data becomes available. ■



Micha Kamoe, the Demography Research Analyst at OHA shows us how easy it is to look up information on the Databook website. - *Photo: Francine Murray*

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OHA Board Actions Compiled by Garrett Kamemoto

The following actions were taken by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees, and are summarized here. For more information on board actions, please see the complete meeting minutes posted online at <http://www.oha.org/BOT>.

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		LEGEND								
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		Motion								
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1. \$38,000 from OHA's FY 2016 Fiscal Reserve Authorization to the Kaua'i Food Bank, Inc. dba Kaua'i Independent Food Bank (KIFB), to support their Backpack Program as described in Attachment #1.										
2. \$13,500 from OHA's FY 2016 Fiscal Reserve Authorization to the Aloha 'Aina After-School Program via its fiscal sponsor, Kumano i ke Ala o Makaweli, to provide gap funding support to Waimea Canyon Middle School and Waimea High School on its request to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's R.E.A.C.H. (Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health) program as described in Attachment #2.										
3. \$33,000 from OHA's FY 2016 Fiscal Reserve Authorization to Chaminade University of Honolulu to support six Native Hawaiian students enrolled full-time in Chaminade's Bachelor of Science Nursing Program as described in Attachment #3.										
4. \$231,366 from OHA's FY 2016 Fiscal Reserve Authorization for the Nā Wai 'Eha Litigation as previously discussed via BAE Action Item #15-05 on October 21, 2015 and as described in Attachment #4.										
5. \$345,604 from OHA's FY 2016 Fiscal Reserve Authorization for continued funding of Administration's Ceded Lands & Public Land Trust Working Group (CLPLTWG)'s initiatives as described in Attachment #5.										
6. \$100,000 from OHA's FY 2016 Fiscal Reserve Authorization for Nā Hulu Makamae o Kalaniopu'u as described in Attachment #6.										
7. OHA's Total Operating Budget Realignment #1 for the fiscal year 2016 as outlined in Attachments #1-#7.										
Motion to approve the following revision to the 2016 OHA Legislative Package: · Add OHA-11, which is a new bill that relates to the amount of OHA's pro rata share of the public land trust.		Motion passes with seven AYES and two EXCUSED.								

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Diverting water for agriculture has caused some East Maui streams to go dry. - Photo: Courtesy

East Maui water diversions should not continue

Submitted by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp.

Aloha. We are Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui ("Na Moku"), a non-profit organization whose members are East Maui taro farmers, fishermen, hunters and traditional practitioners seeking to continue traditions and customs dependent on naturally flowing streams. Beginning in the late 1980s, Na Moku sought to hold Alexander & Baldwin and East Maui Irrigation accountable for the harmful impacts their diversions had on East Maui's natural resources. For over 100 years, public agencies allowed these diversions to continue, uninterrupted across 33,000 acres (and

from over 100 streams) of former Crown Lands even though the practice plainly violated state laws.

In 2001, Na Moku joined with Honopou taro farmers and gatherers to formally oppose A&B's application for a 30-year license from the state Board of Land and Natural Resources to divert stream water from the Honomanu, Huelo, Ke'anae and Nahiku license areas. In 2003, Judge Hifo agreed with us, ruling that no long-term lease could be issued until an environmental assessment was completed. To date, none has been completed. Instead, for the past 13 years, the BLNR has authorized A&B's use via "temporary" month-to-month revocable permits on a "holdover" basis.

On January 8, 2016, Judge Rhonda Nishimura of the First Cir-

cuit Court ruled that this 13-year practice was not "temporary" and plainly exceeded laws governing public lands and waters. In this landmark ruling, Judge Nishimura invalidated all of these permits and reasoned that to decide otherwise would allow these commercial diversions to continue in perpetuity and in violation of the law.

As a result of this decision, the state BLNR has no legal authority to continue authorizing A&B's massive diversions of water out of East Maui.

Although A&B has asked Judge Nishimura to reconsider her decision, the ruling is a historic victory for constitutionally-protected Native Hawaiian rights and the environment. ■

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State's Constitutional Kuleana

Before the 1978 Constitutional Convention the Hawai'i State Legislature had the discretion to fund (or not fund) the DHHL. ConCon delegates on the Hawaiian Affairs Committee raised concerns that DHHL was using its own funds to pay for its operating expenses due to the uncertainty of general funding from the state. As a result, the committee proposed the state's constitution be amended to make funding for DHHL and its programs mandatory, and not discretionary. The following constitutional amendment was approved by Hawai'i voters in 1979:

"The legislature may **shall** make sufficient sums available for the following purposes: (1) lots; (2) loans; (3) rehabilitation projects to improve the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians; and (4) the administrative and operating budget of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands." - Article XII Section 1

Historical Failure to Fund

Despite the constitutional amendment, the legislature provided no general funds to the department for four years prior to 2012, prompting

six native Hawaiian beneficiaries to file suit against the state in 2007 for failing to sufficiently fund the DHHL as mandated by the Hawaii Constitution, and against the Hawaiian Home Commission for failing to seek from the Legislature all the funding the state is required to provide.

The case worked its way through the court system, and in May 2012, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs Richard "Dickie" Nelson III, Keli'i "Skippy" Ioane, Sherilyn Adams, Kaliko Chun, James Akiona, and Charles Aipia. The ruling concluded while the court cannot determine sufficient sums for the first three purposes, they could determine what constitutes "sufficient sums" for DHHL's administrative and operating expenses.

Court Orders \$28M Sufficient

On November 27, 2015, First Circuit Court Judge Jeanette Castagnetti ruled, "The legislature has failed to appropriate sufficient sums to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for its administrative and operating budget in violation of its constitutional duty to do so." As a result, the Court ordered the State fulfill its constitutional kuleana by appropriating more than \$28 million in general funds to DHHL in fiscal year 2015-16 for its administrative and operating budget.

While the court order is a win for beneficiaries, it does not equal funding until the legislature approves the budget.

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Urge Legislature

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The Annual Focus



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

You can tell when its January or February ... just check the magazines on supermarket racks and ads on television. Many feature stories about weight-loss successes. Television ads usually show celebrity weight-loss success. And, magazine stories and pictures usually highlight people who have achieved significant weight-loss. From this recurring phenomenon, we can conclude that the focus on weight-loss in January happens as the result of holiday over-indulgences of food and drink. By January, the holiday-party cocktails, rich snacks and sugary desserts show up on our hips, *ōpū* (belly, stomach) and thighs. Sadly, after a month or so, the focus on weight-loss diminishes and nearly disappears. Only a brief article or two on weight-control may appear during the rest of the year ... until next January. The energy, money and resolutions generated by New Year articles offer few solutions to being overweight. Sadly so, as solutions are needed. We all know that long-term overweight is implicated in many life-threatening health challenges.

Individuals of all ages in Hawai'i face health problems that are complicated by being overweight. And it takes a tedious and serious analysis of daily habits and preferences to pinpoint causes and solutions for an individual's weight concerns. Beside holiday parties, numerous daily choices, practices and habits add to, and cause, weight gain including one's choices of daily activity, food, timing of meals, snacking and even employment. We are far less physically active than our kūpuna, even those who

were adults just 50 to 60 years ago. Electricity drives our clothes washers and dryers, stoves, typewriters/computers, hammers, screwdrivers, elevators, etc. We ride cars instead of walking, and have television and radio remotes and numerous other push-button, labor-saving (i.e., calorie-saving) devices. Thus, multiple travel-, household- and employment-related innovations conserve (reduce) energy use. Add to this the significant increase in availability and consumption of sweetened and fatty snacks, beverages, as well as coffee drinks. Also, there have been noted increases in the frequency and volume of alcoholic beverage consumption.

It is difficult to find solutions today. Many families have children in schools close to work (and far from home), and rely on afterschool care and athletic programs for them. They rush from work to afterschool activities, retrieve the children then dash home for dinner, homework and sleep. The entire time they are experiencing stresses of the commute while expending very few calories. Finding reasonable ways to increase calorie-burning exercise, control family food choices and carefully balance the budget and stress-levels for the entire family is hard.

Meeting the challenges of raising a family, managing a budget, handling the stresses of the job and losing weight all at the same time is tough! This requires a team approach: a game plan, a team captain and quarterback (*Forgive me, it's still football season*). You know the drill. Plan, plan, plan. Plan and agree on weekly meals, shopping lists and food choices, family job assignments and work and exercise periods. Set goals and rules to limit fat, sugar and greasy food consumption for everyone. And set exercise, meal and bed times for all. Most importantly, designate a family referee, line-judge and cheerleader. Create a family campaign for success and health. Make it a weight-losing year! ■



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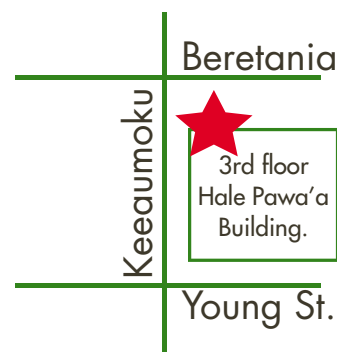
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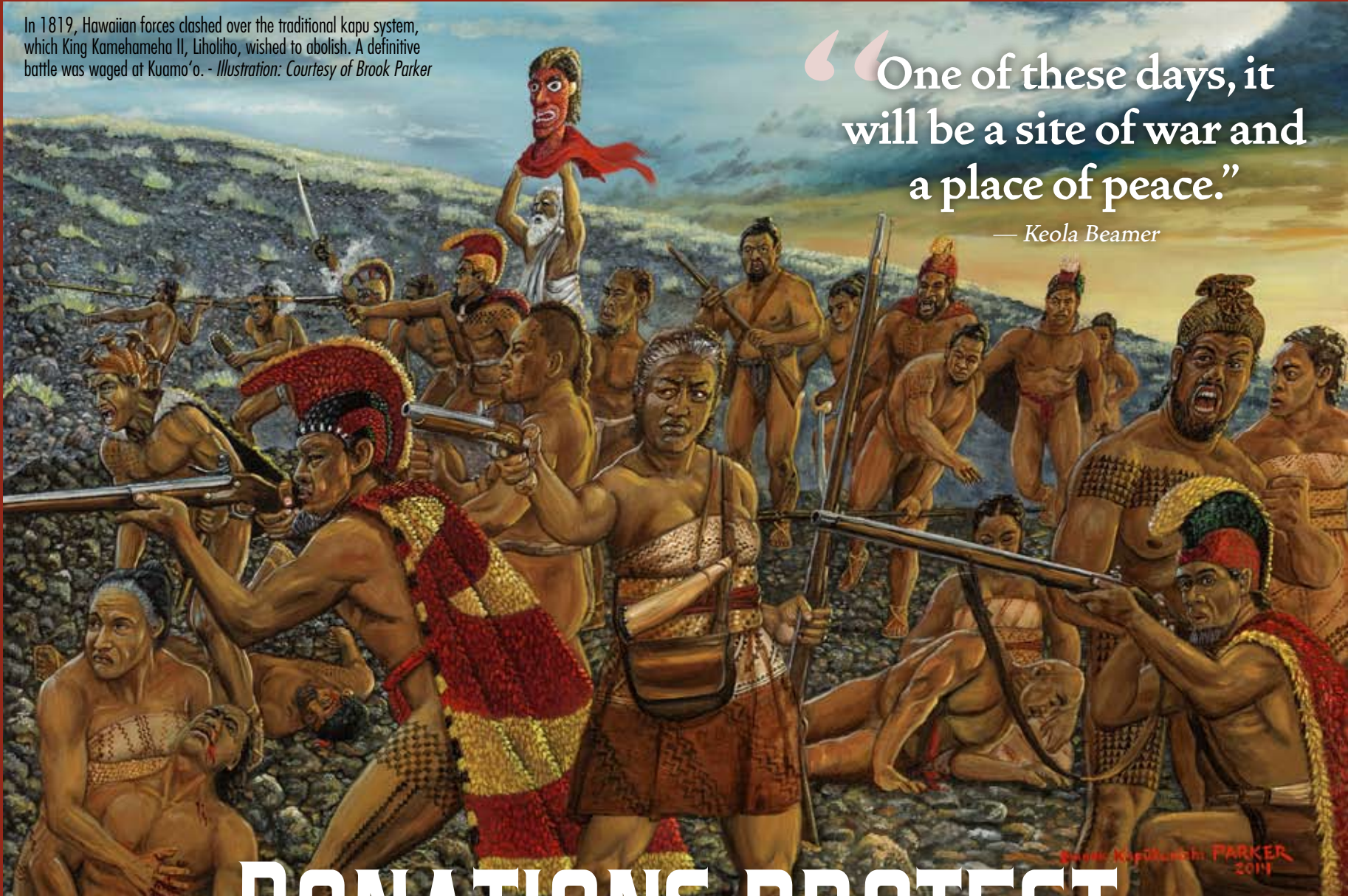
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In 1819, Hawaiian forces clashed over the traditional kapu system, which King Kamehameha II, Liholiho, wished to abolish. A definitive battle was waged at Kuamo'o. - Illustration: Courtesy of Brook Parker

“One of these days, it will be a site of war and a place of peace.”

— Keola Beamer



DONATIONS PROTECT HISTORIC KUAMO'O SITE

Not long after the death of Kamehameha I in 1819, Hawaiian forces waged battle over the traditional kapu belief system, which Kamehameha I's son and heir Liholiho wanted to abandon.

Seeking to preserve the religious system, Kamehameha I's nephew Kekuaokalani rebelled and raised troops against his cousin. During a decisive battle at Kuamo'o, both Kekuaokalani and his wife Chiefess Manono were slain. With her dying breath, Manono is said to have uttered “Kō aloha lā ea,” or “keep your love,” as a plea to both sides to remember their love of one another, no matter what obstacles would come to follow.

Keola Beamer remembers visiting the Kuamo'o battlefield and burial grounds with his mother, who taught him chants and history from the area.

“When you're there, you can just feel this extreme gravitas,” says Beamer, noting the iwi of hundreds of warriors remain there, including those of his ancestor Manono and her husband Kekuaokalani. “I remember my mom chanting on the ‘a'ā lava and her voice resilient and determined, yet so sad.”

In July 2012, Beamer and his family started a project to protect Kuamo'o. With help from The Trust for Public Land and more than \$4 million in donations, Beamer's nonprofit Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina acquired the battlefield and burial grounds in December and will steward the land going forward.

“This beautiful wahi pana will be protected in perpetuity. No mischief can happen,” promises Beamer, Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina's president.

The nonprofit will be taking feedback from the community before determining what Kuamo'o's future will be, but Beamer anticipates it will align with the battlefield's past. “We want to take the lessons of Kuamo'o and that beautiful message that Manono gave us – ‘Kō aloha lā ea’ – and take a site of war and eventually turn it into a place of peace where cultural groups can come and visit, learn about the battle, learn about what happened, then take the lesson of aloha out to the wider world,” he says.



The Kuamo'o battlefield spans 47 acres south of Kona. The area is steeped in history, featuring cultural treasures, burial sites, heiau, shrines, ancient house sites, the remains of a historic village and a portion of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. The property also includes salt pans, lava

tubes and a sea cave that is said to be the haunt of shark god Ukupanipo.

But neighboring the historic parcel are new mansions, close to the shoreline. Further south is the Hōkūli'a subdivision. If the Kuamo'o acquisition had fallen through, Lea Hong, The Trust for Public Land's State Director, says, “I think it was very much threatened with development.”

That won't happen under Beamer's

BY
TREENA SHAPIRO

and you have to sit on the a'a lava,” he describes.

Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina's vision is approved by the land's previous owner, Margaret “Possum” Schattauer, who didn't want it sold for general development.

In a release announcing the acquisition, Schattauer, who is 88, said, “There is so much important history at Kuamo'o. I have always wanted this land to be preserved and shared. I am so very glad that Trust

discount and made a sizable donation to his nonprofit to help them steward the land. “We look forward to working with descendants of

the battle and the Kona community to restore and protect this special place,” he says.

Hong notes that Schattauer's donation will give Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina the funding to do some studies and environmental research to ensure they start out on the right foot. With Keola and Kamana Beamer involved, along with Neal Hannahs, former head of the land asset division at Kamehameha Schools, Hong says, “They have a lot of brain power there with how to approach the task at hand.”

Beamer noted that donor support made the acquisition possible. The State Legacy Lands Fund contributed \$3 million to the campaign, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs donated another \$500,000. “It feels really good to know in our hearts there will be no development there. It contains the iwi, the bones of our ancestors, and it will be preserved in perpetuity. OHA is such a big part in making that happen,” he says.

OHA's donation falls in line with its strategic priority of protecting the 'āina and maintaining a connection to the past.

“Our contribution to helping preserve the Kuamo'o Battlefield and burial grounds is among ways we fulfill our purpose to Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha,” says OHA Chairperson Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. “Our role in preserving Kuamo'o is the latest example of how we are approaching with a sense of urgency our commitment to preserving historic cultural and natural resources.”

OHA Ka Pouhana and CEO Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe says, “The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is pleased to have contributed to the preservation and protection of Kuamo'o, an important part of Hawaiian history and heritage. We are thankful that the battlefield and burial grounds of our ancestors will be cared for and protected from future development and disturbance.”

Beamer says that people today can learn from what happened at Kuamo'o, when Hawaiians went to war with each other. Manono's last message was one of resilience, he points out. “There are no longer any sides. The battle is long since fought,” Beamer says. “We want to make it a place of reconciliation, aloha and peace.” ■



Stewardship of Kuamo'o has passed from the Schattauer 'ohana to the Beamers. Back left to right: Keoki Schattauer, Toni Schattauer, Moana Beamer and Keola Beamer. Seated: Mrs. Margaret “Possum” O Schattauer. - Photos courtesy of the Trust for Public Land

“This beautiful wahi pana will be protected in perpetuity. No mischief can happen.”

watch. Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina will be removing invasive species and replanting native ones, repairing some of the damage done by grazing cattle when the land was used for ranching and working with the National Park Service to make sure the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail is passable. There are no plans to build anything, although Beamer says a small hale for visitors to sit in the shade when they learn about Kuamo'o is a possibility. “There's not even a plastic chair right now. You go down there



Kuamo'o Battlefield spans 47 acres and includes a sea cave said to be the haunt of shark god Ukupanipo and this sea arch.

for Public Land and Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina have helped secure a good future for these precious lands and I strongly support Aloha Kuamo'o 'Āina's vision and plans to share the importance of this 'āina for generations to come.”

Beamer points out that the Schattauer 'ohana waited patiently while the funds were raised, sold the land at a significant

OHA offers \$500,000 in scholarships

By Treena Shapiro

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has launched two scholarship programs to provide \$500,000 in financial assistance to Native Hawaiians pursuing college degrees.

In addition to the OHA Higher Education Scholarship for Native Hawaiian students at accredited two- and four-year schools, OHA has partnered with the University of Hawai'i to encourage more scholarship recipients to pursue higher education, as well as enter science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields within the UH system.

Josh Ka'akua, director of the Native Hawaiian Science and Engineering Mentorship Program at UH, points out that many current students will use what they learn in college to

help find solutions to STEM issues like land use and global climate change in the future.

"Hawaiians were excellent scientists by necessity and observation," but today few enter fields like environmental science, astronomy and marine biology, Ka'akua notes in a video interview. "There's a big gap when Native Hawaiians are not at the table for policy decisions. These are the decisions that affect our world."

The UH scholarships aren't limited only to STEM students, however. "We certainly need more teachers and more lawyers and more students studying the Hawaiian language. That's important," Ka'akua says.

For students attending schools outside of the UH system, there's the OHA Higher Education Scholarship, administered by the Hawai'i Community Foundation. This scholarship is for Native Hawai-



Josh Ka'akua, director of the Native Hawaiian Science and Engineering Mentorship Program. - Video still: James Hall

ians enrolled in accredited two- and four-year colleges and who have at least a 2.0 grade point average for undergraduate students and a 3.0 or higher for graduate students.

"The scholarship money that we award represents our commitment to helping strengthen the future path of Native Hawaiian students," says OHA Chairperson Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. "It is also our contribution to their hope for a life where they can support a family and develop abilities they need for higher-skilled jobs."

"Education is a great way for our Native Hawaiian students to uplift themselves and pursue higher-paying careers," says Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ka Pouhana, CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who was the first person in his family to get a doctorate degree. "I was able to get where I am today thanks to my education and am able to use that background to bring about positive change for our community."

Thomas Pali, 22, an information and computer science major at UH-Mānoa, received scholarships from OHA in 2013 and 2014. Without

them, he says he would have needed to take out loans.

Pali graduates in May, and he's already been offered a full-time job in computer programming and data analysis. "I help manage the health-care data for small Pacific Island nations," Pali says. "Through this job, I am able to gain experience that will allow me to be economically self-sufficient in the future by managing data for agencies that serve Native Hawaiians."

The scholarship application has several parts and can be tedious, Pali notes, but he recommends that other Native Hawaiians put in the time to apply. "Plan, take your time and don't give up," he recommends. "Read instructions carefully."

To apply, visit oha.org/scholarships for links to the scholarship programs. Applying for these scholarships could also make additional funds from other scholarship programs available for students.

Josh Ka'akua's video interview can be watched at <https://vimeo.com/150967793>. ■



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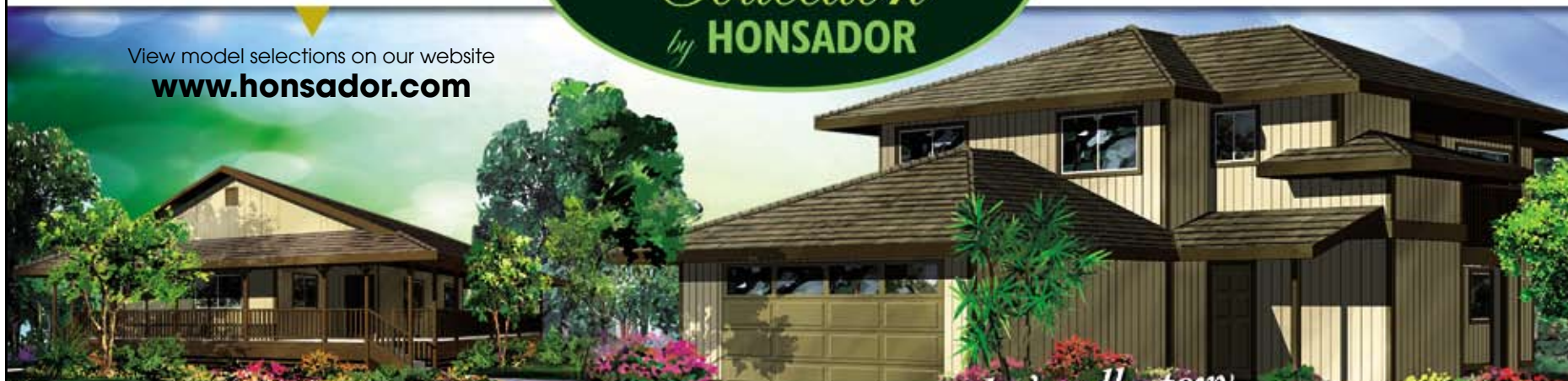
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'Aimalama

A Solution Based on Ancestral Knowledge

By Hui 'Aimalama

Kaulana mahina is a traditional tool that our Hawaiian ancestors used to track changes by recording environmental observations such as migration patterns of animals, nesting or spawning cycles, and shifts in weather. Traditionally, this practice allowed our ancestors, here in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific, to prepare and adapt to the changes they observed.

The cycle of one year in the kaulana mahina lasted 12 malama (months) and sometimes 13 before starting again. Each malama is based on the rising or setting of a particular star, which gave that malama its name. The names and order of the malama vary from place to place throughout the Hawaiian archipelago, but the names and order of the 30 pō mahina (moon phases) are generally the same throughout Hawai'i.

Kaulana mahina may not have been an everyday household tradition for many of us growing up, but we are in an auspicious time for the revitalization of this practice. Kaulana mahina is being taught and practiced in schools throughout our pae 'āina and utilized daily by communities and 'ohana. The growing interest in kaulana mahina even sparked a small group of kaulana mahina practitioners to organize a lunar symposium and conference to get a clearer picture of how kaulana mahina is being utilized today.

In the coming months, this series will include observations recorded by kilo (observers) who continue this practice today in order to inspire the

rest of us to keep our eyes on the environment and understand our world, the changes occurring, and the methods we can learn to adapt to those changes.

The 'Aimalama Lunar Conference was held in September 2015 at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. People from Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific who are revitalizing lunar practices gathered to share their methodologies.

One of the many conference organizers, Kalei Nu'uhiwa shared her history with kaulana mahina and her research from her Kaulana Mahina MA Thesis. She encouraged everyone to begin making their own correlations between the pō mahina and malama in their own environments. Kalei also publishes an annual Kaulana Mahina calendar that is a great tool in supporting this revitalization.

Another tool that was presented at the conference was the Moon Phase Project.

This project is an interactive, web-based observation platform that is run by a team of kaulana mahina practitioners who share daily observations correlated with the pō mahina and malama. It is a wonderful platform for many people throughout Hawai'i and beyond to share their observations. The Moon Phase Project team also collaborates with other local companies to produce moon phase journals (Kealopiko) and moon phase planners (Konohiki Honua).

There are several tools and resources available which play a large part in educating our communities about kaulana mahina. For more information, please go to www.aimalama.org. ■



Ka pō mahina 'o Hoku. -
Photo: Kalei Nu'uhiwa

**Kaulua (February 8th –
March 8th, 2016)**

The ruling star for this lunar month is also called Kaulua. During this time the cold and warm weather vary. Quick storms with thunder and lightning have occurred. Lehua blossoms are seen on 'ōhi'a trees. Lehua (Antares) is anticipated to rise shortly after sunset soon. The soil is fertile and wet which is perfect for the planting season. The large cultivation and production of food began on this month too. Look for halalū aggregating in large bays.

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Feb. 6, 4:30 p.m.

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Feb. 6 and Feb. 27, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the vital role of ōhi‘a lehua in native Hawaiian forests during an easy one-mile walk. Free. Enter at the Kahuku Unit of the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on the mauka side of Highway 11 near marker 70.5 and meet in the parking lot. www.nps.gov/havo.



A variety of Kahuku Unit guided hikes are scheduled in February. - Photo courtesy of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

PEOPLE AND LAND OF KAHUKU

Feb. 7, Feb. 21 and Mar. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Explore the human history of Kahuku during a moderate two-mile, three-hour guided hike through emerging native forest, pastures, lava fields and other sites that hold clues about the way people have lived and worked on the Kahuku lands. Free. Enter at the Kahuku Unit of the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on the mauka side of Highway 11 near marker 70.5 and meet in the parking lot. www.nps.gov/havo.

PŪLAMA MAULI OLA

Feb. 13, 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m.

A unified Hawaiian language and culture event featuring cultural activities, performances and demonstrations to create an environment where the Hawaiian language is alive and thriving. Highlights include a student hula and song showcase, keiki games, Hawaiian language resource games, craft artisans and demonstrations. Sponsored by OHA's 'Ahaui Grant Program. Pūnana Leo and Nāwahī school grounds, Hawai'i Island.

PANA'EWA STAMPEDE RODEO

Feb. 13 and 14

Enjoy team roping, barrel racing, bronco riding and bull riding at the annual rodeo, this year featuring Beach Ball Hula Bulls. Pana'ewa Equestrian Center, 800 Stainback Hwy., Hilo. \$6-\$8. 808-937-1005. <http://hawaiirodeostampede.com>.

KAHUKU 'OHANA DAY: EXPLORE LOWER GLOVER TRAIL

Feb. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keiki of all ages can join park rangers on an easy Lower Glover Trail hike, learn how to use a GPS, hear about local history and sing a mele for Kahuku. A four-wheel drive is necessary and pre-arranged carpooling is recommended. Space is limited, so call (808) 985-6019 to register. Free, lunch included. Enter at the Kahuku Unit of the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on the mauka side of Highway 11 near marker 70.5 and meet in the parking lot. www.nps.gov/havo.

'AHA MELE HO'OMAU O'AHU 2016

Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m.

Featuring performances by Nā Wai, Kamakakēhau Fernandez and all 13 Pūnana Leo a me Nā Kula Kaiapuni, the 28th annual "Ho'omau" concert supports Hawaiian language immersion schools. Bishop Museum, Great Lawn. Tickets \$10-\$15 pre-sale, \$15-\$20 at the door. Free for keiki under 12. www.hoomauoahu.org.



Bronco riding to be featured at the Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo. - Photo: Courtesy

HISTORIC PLACES OF WORSHIP LECTURES

Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. through March 10

University of Hawai'i-Mānoa's Historic Preservation Program is hosting a series of free lunch-time lectures on historic places of worship and challenges related to their preservation. For more information about each week's lecture, visit www.historic.hawaii.org/2015/12/22/expertsatthe cathedral Free. Cathedral of St. Andrew, Von Holt Room.

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Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is celebrating its centennial in 2016.

NOT ONE BATU

Runs through Feb. 21, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m.

Kumu Kahua Theatre presents a world premiere of Hannah Ii-Epstein's play, which provides an intimate look at a family's struggle with the ice epidemic in Hawai'i. \$5-\$20. Purchase by credit card at www.KumuKahua.org, by phone at 536-4441, or in person at the Kumu Kahua Theatre box office.

E HO'OLAULE'A KĀKOU

Feb. 27, 3 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy an ono Hawaiian dinner, live entertainment and raffles with a grand prize of a \$1000 gift certificate to Las Vegas, while supporting the Kailua High School's Project Grad. Pre-sale \$20 email kailuahsprojectgrad2016@gmail.com or call 234-9358. www.facebook.com/2ndHoolauleaKHSProjectGrad2016.

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS 91ST ANNUAL HO'OLAULE'A

Feb. 27, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The annual event includes entertainment, food (including neighbor island delicacies), keiki activities, a country store, silent auction and plant shop, as well as lei and event apparel. Parking and shuttle service is available at Kapālama Elementary and the Kamehameha Schools bus terminal. Free. Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus ■

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC
Feb. 4 - 5, Thurs. - Fri.	9 am - 4 pm	Hawai'i, Hilo - Location to be determined	ANA Pre-application Training*
Feb. 6, Sat.	10 am - 2 pm	Hawai'i, Hilo - DHHL Conference Room 160 Baker St.	Business Operations for Nonprofits
Feb. 20 - 21, Sat. - Sun.	9 am - 3 pm	Moloka'i, Kaunakakai - Kulana 'Ōiwi Conference Room 600 Maunaloa Hwy.	Leadership Development Series
Mar. 15 - May 5, Tues. & Thurs.	5:30 - 8:30 pm	O'ahu, Kapolei - Location to be determined	Entrepreneurship Training
Mar. 12, Sat.	9 am - 3 pm	Hawai'i, Ka'ū - Ka'ū Rual Health Community Association 96-3126 Puahala St.	Grant Writing I & II

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

DEADLINE	FUNDER	AMOUNT
Mar. 1	Hawai'i People's Fund	\$7,500
Apr. 1	Julia Temple Davis Brown Foundation	\$2,000 - \$3,000
Open - monthly	McInerney Foundation	\$5,000 - \$256,000
Open	Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation	\$7,800 - \$100,000
Open - call for proposals	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	\$100,000 per year for multiple years
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UH-West O'ahu acquires Don Ho collection

Late entertainer Don Ho's films, videos and personal memorabilia will be housed in the 'Ulu'ulu Henry Ku'ualoa Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i at the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu.

Archivists are still sorting and documenting more than 150 boxes of mixed-media material that they received from the Donald Tai Loy Ho Trust. One highlight they've already discovered is "Singer presents Hawaii-Ho!," the first color television special to be produced entirely in Hawai'i, starring the iconic Ho.

"So far, we've come across thousands of reels spanning decades of Don Ho's career including videotape recordings of the 'Don Ho TV Show' that aired daily from 1976-1977," says Head Archivist Janel Quirante.

It will take more than a year to process and digitize the archive, but after that it will be available for viewing and research by the public through the University of Hawai'i library system.

Iupati Polynesian football player of the year

Arizona Cardinals offensive lineman Mike Iupati has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Polynesian Pro Football Player of the Year Award presented by Hawaiian Airlines.

"As a proud Polynesian and Samoan, I am honored to be selected as the inaugural Polynesian Pro Football Player of the Year," said Iupati in a statement. "I would like to congratulate the other finalists, Marcus Mariota, Rey Mauauga, Koa Misi and Manti Te'o, as they represent the best of our culture and the National Football League."

Iupati played collegiately at the University of Idaho and is in his sixth season in the NFL.

The award was voted on by a selection committee comprised of former football coaches Dick Tomey, LaVell Edwards, Ron McBride and Dick Cermeil; ESPN SportsCenter Anchor Neil Everett, NFL player personnel expert Gil Brandt, past NFLPA president Kevin Mawae and Hawai'i sportscaster Robert Kekaula.

A HOT PLATE ON THE OPEN SEA



On a recent episode of "Cooking Hawaiian Style", veteran Hōkūle'a crew member and chef Gary Yuen explains how he prepares meals aboard the wa'a. Filmed on Hikianalia, the sister canoe to Hōkūle'a, Yuen tells host Lanai Tabura what it takes to feed sailors on the open ocean. Yuen also shares stories about his time on the voyaging canoes, including a sail to Rapa Nui in the 1990s and more recent voyages like Hōkūle'a's latest across the Indian Ocean. The episode was a collaboration between OC16 and 'Ōiwi TV. To watch it, visit www.cookinghawaiianstyle.com. - Photo: Courtesy of 'Ōiwi TV

Goodwill Hawai'i offers tax filing clinics

Goodwill Hawai'i is partnering with the Internal Revenue Service and Aloha United Way to provide free tax preparation assistance to low income families at seven locations statewide starting Feb. 2.

Individuals or households who earned \$54,000 or less and do not own a home or business may qualify. Last tax season, Goodwill Hawai'i assisted more than 1,300 households. On average, each household received a tax refund of \$2,175.

Clinics will be offered on O'ahu in Honolulu, Kapolei and Windward O'ahu; on Hawai'i Island in Hilo and Kona; in Kahului, Maui and Lihue, Kaua'i.

To schedule an appointment with a tax preparer, visit www.higoodwill.org or call (808) 836-0313. Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit <http://www.higoodwill.org/newsroom/goodwill-hawaii-offering-free-tax-filing-assistance-for-low-income-families/> for tax clinic hours.

KS names new director of Hawai'i Island strategies

Kamehameha Schools has named Albert 'Alapaki' Nahale-a its director of regional strategies for Hawai'i Island. The newly created position falls under the Community Engagement & Resources Group, which works to connect programs, services, lands and resources with the communities Kamehameha Schools interacts with.

Nahale-a, who started his new position on Nov. 16, was previously the director of Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School. He also serves on the Presidential Scholars Commission, a post he was appointed to by President Obama.

Kā'eo Duarte, vice president of community engagement and resources, says, "The 'regional approach' is meant to bring focus to our understanding of community strengths and challenges, build strong relationships and seek opportunities for collective impact."

Says Nahale-a: "I look forward to working with our team and the community to thoughtfully develop the best path to improving the well-being of our lāhui.

Smithsonian exhibit focuses on sovereignty

"E Mau Ke Ea: The Sovereign Hawaiian Nation," an exhibition explaining today's Hawaiian sovereignty movement, is on display through January 2017 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The exhibit covers the history of Hawai'i from the arrival of the early Polynesian seafarers through the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. The chronological displays also include sections on the rise of the Hawaiian kingdom, the transition to a constitutional government and the Hawaiian Renaissance. Visitors should leave with an understanding of the internationally recognized sovereign status of the Kingdom of Hawai'i and the legal basis for the contemporary Hawaiian sovereignty movement.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the museum will also offer a public program on March 22 by Starr Kalāhiki called The Lili'u Project, which brings attention to the story, music and poetry of Queen Lili'uokalani.

Hawai'i Island residents recover stranded whale

Researchers were able to discover what caused a 1,300-pound endangered false killer whale to strand itself at South Point near Ka'ū in December, thanks to the help of two Hawai'i Island residents.

After discovering the dead whale, Ka'ū resident Rodney Kuahiwinui called John Kahiapo, an education specialist from the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources. Through text messages and photos, the animal was identified as a false killer whale, a highly endangered species with fewer than 200 still alive.

With so few whales living, all information is critical, say researchers from Hawai'i Pacific University's stranding program. They determined that the adult female died from abnormal blood clot formations in the heart and lungs.



1,300-pound endangered false killer whale. - Photo: Courtesy of Ian Chun

Kuahiwinui, who raises cattle on Hawaiian Home Lands, had the heavy equipment needed to lift the whale and place it on his flatbed truck. He drove the animal four hours to Kona, where it was flown by Transair to Honolulu.

People who see a whale or dolphin stranded on the beach or unusually close to shore are asked to call 1-888-256-9840 or local authorities immediately. ■

**NOTICE OF CONSULTATION
SECTION 106 OF THE
NATIONAL HISTORIC
PRESERVATION ACT OF
1966 AS AMENDED (2006)**

HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INNOVATION BLOCK AT
LOT "C" MASTER PLAN
KAKA'AKO MAKAI,
ISLAND OF O'AHU
TAX MAP KEY:
[1] 2-1-015:052

Notice is hereby given that the Hawaii'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) is proposing to develop land that it owns and administers in the Kaka'ako Makai Area. Referring to its proposal as the Innovation Block at Lot C Master Plan, the HCDA will be partnering with public agencies and private interest(s) to develop the project site in phases. One of the buildings in the proposed project is a federally funded project. Referred to as the Entrepreneur's Sandbox, this proposed facility is, therefore, considered a federal action

and undertaking, as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended (2006).

The project site is located in the Kaka'ako neighborhood of Honolulu, O'ahu, one block makai (seaward) of Ala Moana Boulevard on Ilalo Street, between Keawe Street and Forrest Avenue. Identified as Tax Map Key (TMK): [1] 2-1-015:052, the 5.511-acre parcel is also referred to as Lot C. It is presently used mostly as a paved at-grade parking lot serving the John A. Burns School of Medicine makai campus and University of Hawaii'i Cancer Center, which are located across Keawe Street, as well other nearby developments.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native Hawaiian descendants with ancestral, lineal or cultural ties to, cultural knowledge or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed project area are requested to contact the HCDA Executive

Director by U.S. Postal Service to the Hawaii'i Community Development Authority at 547 Queen St., Honolulu Hawaii'i 96813.

Please respond by March 2, 2016.

BURIAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IS HEREBY GIVEN that an historic property (SIHP # 50-50-02-7168) containing the human skeletal remains of an unknown number of individuals was located by Xamanek Researches LLC during the course of an archaeological inventory survey for the Kahekili Highway repair project in Kahakuloa, Maui. The burial site is located in the *ahupua'a* of Kahakuloa, Wailuku District, Maui, TMK [2] 3-1-002:016 (por.) Kahekili Highway Right-of-Way (County of Maui). The find is located west of Kahekili Highway near the town of Kahakuloa, Maui. The planned road repair project will be undertaken by the County of Maui (Department of Public Works) [contact:

Wendy Kobashigawa; Phone: (808) 270-7745; e-mail: wendy.kobashigawa@co.maui.hi.us].

The find is contained in a cave that is within the County right-of-way. This site was brought to the attention of the project archaeologist by a concerned member of the Kahakuloa community. The cave is thought to contain multiple sets of human remains. Given that community members had previously constructed a dry-laid rock wall at the entrance of this cave, no investigation was carried out within its interior. Materials interpreted as redwood plank fragments were observed on the surface of the cave floor. This burial site is assessed as over 50 years old.

Background research indicates that in the Mahele two Land Commission Awards were granted in the vicinity of the project area: R. P. 4644 LCA 4146-R Apana 2 to Makaai, and R. P. 4636 LCA 4146-Z Apana 2 to Kahakamano.

The decision to preserve in place or relocate these previously identified skeletal remains shall be made by the

Maui/Lāna'i/Moloka'i Islands Burial Council and the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) in consultation with any recognized lineal and/or cultural descendants, per the requirements of HAR Chapter 13-300-33. Proper treatment of the burials shall occur in accordance with HAR Chapter 13-300-38 or 13-300-39.

It is hereby requested that persons having any knowledge of the identity or history of these burials immediately contact Mr. Hinano Rodrigues, Culture and History Branch Chief, located at 130 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, Hawaii'i 96793, [Phone: (808) 243-4640, Fax: (808) 243-5838, e-mail: Hinano.R.Rodrigues@hawaii.gov], to provide information regarding appropriate treatment of this burial site. All interested parties should respond to this notice by filing descendancy claim forms with the SHPD and/or by providing information to the SHPD adequately demonstrating lineal descent from this specific burial site or cultural descent from ancestors buried in the vicinity of the project survey area. ■

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Helping our families ease the burden of paying for college

Our recent announcement about awarding \$500,000 in scholarships should offer encouragement to some Native Hawaiian students who are hoping to turn the dream of a college education into a reality.

This is the latest example of OHA's commitment to helping strengthen the future path of students, who continue to look to us to help pick up the bill for courses, housing and books.

Our research shows that Native Hawaiian college students turn to us to cover up to 25 percent of their college costs. It comes at a time when tuition and other costs are rising, and family budgets appear tighter than ever.

The role our scholarship awards play in helping foot tuition and other college bills is part of a broader effort at OHA, where improving education in the Hawaiian community ranks near the top of our priority list.

Specifically, we have sharpened our focus on two educational goals: increasing the percentage of Native Hawaiian students who meet or exceed reading and math standards at the middle and high school levels; and increasing their graduation rate at a post-secondary level.

Given that reality, our investment is in their hope for a life where they can support a family and develop abilities they need for higher-skilled jobs.

For example, a study by Hono-



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lulu Community College found that, in good times, Hawai'i needs up to 28,000 trained workers a year to fill new openings and retirement in trades and professions. It also found that the state's ability to fill those positions depends on the effectiveness of its public schools in teaching reading and math skills.

As a result, OHA has been working with various community partners to address this issue, which is ultimately about creating a stronger future path for Native Hawaiian students.

We have been working with these community-based partners to provide them with resources meant to help Native Hawaiian students graduate from high school with marketable skills to obtain well-paying jobs or pursue a college education.

OHA's involvement is ultimately about helping to ensure that our people are among the skilled workers employers need to better contribute to the state's economic vitality and competitiveness.

For this reason, we continue to approach our commitment to higher education for Native Hawaiians with a sense of urgency.

Look no further than the help that our scholarships are providing financially-stressed students for evidence of OHA's sincere commitment to easing their burden for college. ■

Time to "Come Correct": Addressing Waimea River Diversions

There is a water battle brewing on the west side of Kaua'i and its time for the public to take notice.

The Waimea River system is one of the most expansive natural water systems in the Pacific. The system is made up of dozens of streams and tributaries encompassing 85.9 square miles with a peak elevation of 5,243 feet. In total, it contains 38 streams amounting to 276.4 miles in length.

This natural wonder is truly a site to behold and is a precious resource.

It is well documented that Native Hawaiians maximized the life giving resources of the Waimea River system. At the time of western contact, records show that terraced lo'i kalo (taro patches) extended 8-10 miles inland and expanses of wetland kalo cultivation could be found deep into Waimea Canyon. Captain Cook noted upon his return to Waimea in 1784, that West Kaua'i "inhabitants" far surpassed "all the neighbouring islanders in the management of their plantations."

This kalo complex was fed by an intricate ditch system. The famous Kikīaola 'auwai system traversed the canyon and was an engineering masterpiece created by the early Hawaiians to reroute stream waters to neighboring lo'i before returning the water back on its natural course. This allowed for cultivation of every usable foot of land for kalo production. Simply put, Hawaiians maximized the resources of the canyon to create a community that flourished without significantly altering or exploiting those resources.

Fast forward to 2016. Remnants of the famous Kikīaola 'auwai system can still be found, but the Waimea River system is barely recognizable. In the early 1900's sugar planters supplanted the Hawaiian irrigation systems with their own ditch system. They built the Kōke'e



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and Kekaha ditches that did much more than redirect the stream waters. These ditches diverted most of the water at their highest points turning the once roaring streams into trickles. As a result, the expansive lo'i kalo complex dwindled and the environment suffered. The trade-off at the time was jobs, sugar provided a steady economy for the west side of Kaua'i.

In 2001, the last of the sugar companies left West Kaua'i. Logically, the water would be returned to the streams, right? Not so fast. Upon their departure,

the sugar companies handed the Kōke'e and Kekaha ditch systems to the State of Hawai'i. The State of Hawai'i then handed over control of the ditch to the State run Agricultural Development Corporation ("ADC") who in turn, has entered into an agreement with the Kaua'i Agricultural Association ("KAA"), an organization of primarily seed companies who operate in West Kaua'i, to manage the ditches.

Current agricultural tenants under the ADC cultivate a mere fraction of what once was occupied by sugar and the crops are far less thirsty. However, ditch water has not been returned to the streams. And millions of gallons are wasted via drainage canals created specifically to release excess water directly to the ocean, resulting in heavy silt runoff.

For decades, kalo farmers have been calling for stream flows to be restored to their pre-sugar levels. Their calls have been ignored thus far. However, Pō'ai Wai Ola, a hui of Waimea and Makaweli kalo farmers, have sought relief from the Commission on Water Resource Management to restore stream flow levels. The parties will be engaging in mediation soon. This is an issue we will follow closely and continue to provide updates on. It is time for the ADC and KAA to "come correct", end the mismanagement and waste of this public trust resource and restore the flow! ■

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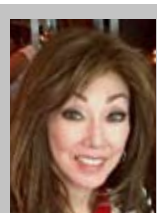
Where Will 2016 Lead Us? Another Volatile Year?

"And a little child shall lead them..."

This scripture was a favorite of mine as a 'child' growing up in poverty Kalihi because I felt so special that I was a 'leader' in God's eyes:

"The wolf shall lie down with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them...They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

—Isaiah 11:6-9 NRSV



Leina'ala
Ahu Isa, Ph.D.

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Ke Akua's vision of reconciliation, wholeness, justice and peace is expressed in this description/definition of this scripture. Shattering across my television screen during my recent visit with my grandbabies was the picture of the 3-year-old boy who drowned with his brother as they fled from the terror they were experiencing in Syria. My granddaughter asked me, "Nana, why did the little boy have to drown?" I struggled to know what to say, how to respond. What should my prayer be? And I thought to myself, will it be the children...will it be a child that

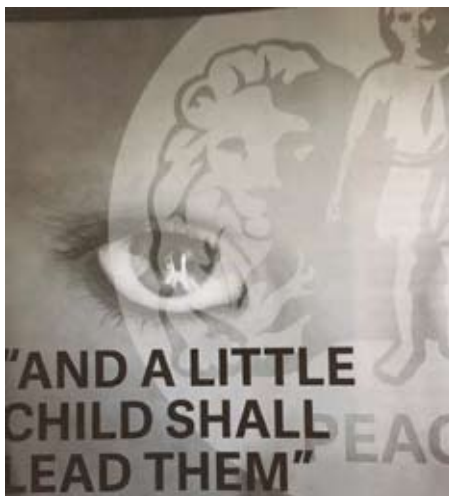


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will enable us to see as never before, the suffering and pain of a broken world? Will it be a child who, even as his/her heart is broken will drive into our hearts, a "determination" to continue to create pathways to seek a future of hope for our children? This could be the same scenario here in Hawai'i as I watched the harsh sweeps of homeless

children from their cardboard box beds ... We cannot turn away from them for in their welfare resides our welfare. We must 'grow' our trust fund to help them.

We, as Trustees, are being called upon to protect and grow our trust with prudence and wisdom as we anticipate another volatile year. Predicting market performance is like predicting a heavyweight fight: you weigh their history against their opponent, read the 'tale of the tape' and put your money down. For 2016, the market predictions are almost all the same ... just like "Rocky II": PAIN!

In my humble opinion massive manipulations by the Central banks have created credit distortions. For instance, crude oil topped \$145 a barrel in the summer of 2008, on the assumption that Chinese crude demand would continue. Oil production was ramped up with low interest rates to meet the 'expected demand' and build up excessive inventory. Of course, we know that's not what happened. That's why today, we are enjoying cheap prices at the gas pump as crude oil has dropped to \$33 a barrel! The Federal Reserve is doing its job to keep inflation

under control and unemployment low, and OHA Trustees must do our job of protecting your Trust Fund. Let's do it for our children's future...

And remember the Scripture: "... and a little child shall lead them." Mālama and A hui hou, Trustee Leina'ala ■

February 'aha to discuss self-governance

Ano'ai kakou... On January 6th, Na'i Aupuni announced that a total of 154 individuals will participate in the February 'aha to discuss self-governance.

The 'aha participants were derived from a list of 196 former candidates of an election that would have resulted in 40 delegates attending a constitutional convention. Na'i Aupuni decided to terminate the election on December 15, 2015 because of pending federal litigation that would probably stall the vote count for years. So instead, Na'i Aupuni offered all of the then-registered candidates a chance to participate in a gathering to discuss a path to self-governance.

As one of the 154 participants, I have been receiving emails of conversations between other 'aha participants and while I am enthused by their excitement and the wide varieties of topics being discussed, I would like to steer the conversation back to the essentials of forming a nation.

I believe that calling for an 'aha is an excellent opportunity to provide an open and democratic forum to discuss possible governing documents of our new nation. This is where the ultimate form of the Hawaiian government can be debated and considered.

The first step is for everyone attending the 'aha to come with an open mind and clean slate. We must all be willing to learn how other native peoples have drafted constitutions and formed governments that serve their people. To do that, we must focus on questions such as:

- What kinds of powers would we want our nation to have?

- What will our new nation's relationship with the State of Hawai'i, the Federal Government and the International community, including other Pacific islanders entail?

- What are the fundamental rules we would like to see written in our constitution?

- Will our new nation have the power to tax?

- Will our new nation be free from state and federal taxes?

These are the kinds of important issues that I would like the 'aha to focus on.

Given the fact that there are so many participants and such a short amount of time, it is clear that it will be challenging to build a consensus by the close of the 'aha. However, I am hopeful that the more experienced participants will help to organize smaller working groups and also assist in steering the discussion towards constructive topics such as what it takes to form a government.

Hawaiians have a spirituality that is admired by the world – the Aloha spirit. It's a feeling in the heart that can't be described. It's a feeling that we all feel when we come together as one and recognize that while we may have differing views, all views are welcomed and respected.

No matter what the outcome of the 'aha may be, let us all remember to move forward, together as one people.

Aloha Ke Akua. ■

Interested in Hawaiian issues and OHA? Please visit my website at www.rowenaakana.org for more information or email me at rowenaa@oha.org.



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Report on the Annual Report

OHA has recently published its 2015 Annual Report about how it spent its money last year. Annual financial reports about how an organization spends its money is normally an “I see the numbers but what do they mean” and scratch your head experience. After reviewing the report I want to take the time to commend OHA administration for an outstanding 2015 Annual Report. I encourage OHA beneficiaries or anyone else who might be interested to check it out.

The report is available on line by googling *Office of Hawaiian Affairs 2015 Annual Report* but I would highly recommend interested parties to access the printed publication, which I believe can be made available by calling OHA. While the website posting is good and not to be dismissed as less informative than the on-line version the printed publication is beautifully formatted and the financial information well organized with brief but informative explanations that makes it a very easy read.

Total Value of Assets

OHA's Trust assets include a Wall Street investment portfolio of about \$350 million, revenue derived from a number of other sources that include legislative appropriations, state ceded land revenue, real estate properties, and a number of grants, and rounds out to asset base of about \$630 million.

Annual Operating Budget Synopsis

OHA's annual operating budget is subject to an overall Trustee imposed spending limit. In 2015 the spending limit was \$52,892,434.00. OHA employs 160 employees with an annual payroll of about \$13 million.

The rest of the money is broken down into budget spending categories as follows:



Peter Apo

Trustee, O'ahu

- Grants \$11,354,142
- Overhead Costs \$3,267,741
- Program Services \$1,021,860
- Core Personnel \$13,921,590
- Property Management, \$6,007,840
- Special Programs, \$2,046,251
- Governance Planning, \$3,700,000
- Contract Services, \$7,653,056

Spread throughout the above expenditures are a plethora of services and initiatives that include, but are not limited to cultural programs, education, political advocacy, economic self-sufficiency, various beneficiary loan programs, health programs, housing, improving family lifestyle, improving family income, and more.

It is unfortunate that most mainstream media accounts of OHA activity always end up being so controversy-centered it renders the news reporting as an unreliable and skewed characterization of what OHA does and a total distraction for beneficiaries and the general public who tend to rely on the news for their information. Even if unintentional, these media-driven news accounts have the chilling effect of casting a cloud of obscurity over the bulk of OHA's operations and how our 160 employees spend most of their time. So unfortunately, OHA operations resemble an iceberg - most of it is submerged and out of sight.

OHA's 2015 Annual Report print versions should be available at the OHA offices in the Nā Lama Kukui building (formerly the Gentry-Pacific building), 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., or easily accessed on the home page of OHA's website at www.oha.org. ■

Hi'ilei Calling: Capacity-Building Assistance for Your Organization

Aloha e nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino, na pulapula a Hāloa. Mahalo to Mona Bernardino, Chief Operating Officer Hi'ilei Aloha LLC for these preview highlights for 2016:

Are you looking for a way to increase the capacity of your business or nonprofit organization? Do you want to learn how to register your company and put together a Business Plan? Does your organization want to apply for grants?

Maybe we can help.

In 2007, OHA created a non-profit sub-entity known as Hi'ilei Aloha LLC. One of Hi'ilei's responsibilities is to help build capacity in the Hawaiian community.

For nonprofit organizations, Hi'ilei provides workshops on grant writing, with certification after attending

Grant Writing I, II, and III, and writing at least two grant applications on your own. We maintain a list of upcoming grant opportunities at our website at www.hiilei.org.

If your organization is brand new, we can help you file your registration at DCCA and apply for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status with the IRS. As you begin operations, we have workshops on Board training and business operations – how to stay compliant with the IRS, Form 990, and accounting. We can hire experts to help you with strategic planning. After you have your basic operations in order, you may be interested in creating a Funding Development Plan and looking at social ventures as a means toward long-term sustainability.

For businesses, Hi'ilei offers an 8-week Entrepreneurship Course where you'll learn what it takes to start a business, write a Business Plan, and build sales and marketing so that your business can be successful. The course is taking place right now in Honolulu and is scheduled to go to Kapolei in March, Waimānalo in June, and Kaua'i in October.



Haunani Apoliona, MSW

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Next year it will go to Maui and Hawai'i Island. Companies who attend the course will have an opportunity to develop a website and feature their products and services at no charge at farmers markets and new product shows.

As you consider these options, keep in mind that our role is to help you build your capacity, which means we won't do things totally FOR you. We work WITH you or have experts work WITH you to increase your organization's ability to do these things

Upcoming Training Workshops

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
Feb. 4-5	Hilo	ANA Pre-Application
Feb. 6	Hilo	Business Operations for NonProfits
Feb. 20-21	Moloka'i	Leadership Development
March 12	Ka'u	Grant Writing I & II
March 15	Kapolei	Entrepreneurship Class
May 25	Waimānalo	Grant Writing I & II
June 8	Honolulu	Grant Writing I & II
June 14	Waimānalo	Entrepreneurship Class
June 15	Kona	Grant Writing I & II
June 22	Maui	Grant Writing I & II
June 29	Kaua'i	Grant Writing I & II

on your own. That's how we help to build capacity.

We also offer a 64-hour Leadership Development course that takes place over four weekends and is open to anyone in the community. The course helps community members to explore self-knowledge, servant leadership, cultural values, character, tradition-based leadership, communication skills, working in groups, conflict management, running effective meetings, quadruple bottom line objectives, and much more. We have conducted parts of this course in Hilo, Maui, Ka'u, and the Wai'anae Coast. Next month it will take place on Moloka'i.

For more information, please visit our website (www.hiilei.org) or call our office at (808)596-8990. Our capacity-building managers are Nālani Takushi and Martha Ross, and registration is handled by Jennifer Chiwa. We look forward to meeting you at one of our workshops!

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Are we safe in our community?

I have heard from a number of people in the Nānākuli community concerned about the recent request for a Conditional Use Permit application to expand the Nānākuli Landfill sitting adjacent to Nānākuli town.

Back in August 2012, I received similar complaints about potential contamination of land and water from this landfill and wrote to the Director of the Department of Health and received no response. I also wrote to the Region 9 Manager for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and received a reply basically stating that the State Department of Health has the primary responsibility for overseeing environmental compliance at the Landfill. Upon checking with DOH, I was told that they have not done any testing on the Landfill nor connecting the Landfill to the ocean.

Upon inquiring further, it has come to my attention that this is O'ahu's only construction and demolition landfill. Amazing that an island with so much construction has only one C&D landfill! Why a construction dump site adjacent to Nānākuli Town? The concern of the Nānākuli residents is that the dumpsite when initially constructed was not lined properly to prevent deleterious waste from seeping into the ground and contaminating the underground water.

The contaminated run-off water flowing from the dumpsite into Ulehawa Stream whenever there is heavy rain has added to the environmental concerns as the stream then flows into the ocean. A few years back, there were many dead fish floating in the stream.

As strong mauka to makai winds prevail, dust and debris are often blown away from the dumpsite and affecting the surrounding community carrying deleterious dust particles for residents to breathe and causing respiratory health problems. These conditions are detrimental to this community.

As Nānākuli is home to kānaka, it is imperative that we ensure that the proper

measures are taken to mālama this 'āina and its people. We need to find some balance.

Each day, 300 trucks travel up and down Lualualei Naval Road to the construction dumpsite – not only causing large amounts of dust, but also contributing to the traffic congestion. As I am informed, there are an estimated 100 additional vehicles anticipated to use these same roads for Rail Construction. How do we ensure that our people's wellbeing is preserved? There needs to be measures to ensure that our people's way-of-life is not sacrificed solely for developmental interests; often times in areas far from their home.

I believe the sole company who has a monopoly for the use of the only government-authorized construction dump site on O'ahu and the governmental agencies involved in decision making should meet with community leaders in Nānākuli to see how they may be assured that the government will require the company to find relief from the traffic and health problems. The concerns are real and many illnesses in the community are being questioned.

Interestingly, upon researching the dumps on O'ahu, I found that all municipal solid waste are dumped into the Waimānalo Gulch dump site situated in west O'ahu. Again, another community inhabited by our beneficiaries. Perhaps other communities can share in this heavy burden.

I feel for the people of Nānākuli and will advocate for ways to remedy these concerns. I urge all of those who are impacted to voice your concerns and speak up on behalf of your 'āina and 'ohana. Read up on this Conditional Use Permit application so you know what more is being proposed in your community. Please know that I am listening and hope to kōkua in this matter. Should you need further help, feel free to call my office, 808-594-1858. Aloha! ■



Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey

Trustee, Maui

Communities in Schools Hawai'i 25th Anniversary

This year Communities in Schools Hawai'i is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Communities in Schools Hawai'i strengthens families and communities with special attention to the "disproportionate minority" in all risk categories of education, economics, social, health, and culture. The mission of Communities in Schools Hawai'i (CIS) is to create environments where families and individuals live and practice 'ohana values of caring and shared responsibilities, which results in thriving interdependent relationships. What guides them is their motto: "Ohana is more than a word; it's a way of life."

In the late 80s, Wally Amos, businessman, new resident of Hawai'i and Board member of the National Communities in Schools, Inc. approached Aloha United Way and the YMCA to explore the possibility of establishing CIS in Hawai'i. Communities in Schools, Inc. mission is to decrease the drop-out rate in schools.

YMCA raised the initial dollars to start CIS in 1990. Wally Amos invited Fay Uyeda, Counselor, Director and Innovator of successful models for at-risk youth, as well as DOE outstanding Employee, to apply for the position of Executive Director of CIS.

Fay went on leave from DOE and applied for the position in September 1990 with assistant Blossom Atkins. Maile Kanemaru, then-Executive Director of Mililani YMCA served as liaison between CIS and YMCA. CIS was in a 400 sq. ft. office and shared telephone service with the Leeward YMCA.

Fay recruited and developed a Board of Managers made up of community, business, state, and non-profit representatives. CIS wanted to provide a model for collaborative efforts in addressing at-risk youth. With her experience in this field, CIS remodeled a prevention program that included over 180 children and their families. CIS was a broker agent and trainer in the 'Ohana Management System that brought all stakeholders together work-

ing with a foundation of common values and practices. The 'Ohana Management System training provides the framework by which participants can structure their relationships driven by a system of values drawn from the host culture.

Communities in School Hawai'i has not only impacted the Waipahu community but they have outreached across the island of O'ahu and throughout the state by partnering with many different organizations. They have provided culturally coherent training and mentorship opportunities for those on Maui through Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center Maui Unit. Their partnership has supported children of incarcerated parents and has impacted their collective goal of reducing recidivism of mothers released from prison. In Wai'anae they have partnered with Ka Wahi Kaiaulu – Wai'anae Neighborhood Place for over eleven years. They have developed and offered community training of the 'Ohana Management System that has put into action collaboration and community responsiveness, by nurturing healthy, safe, productive children, youth, and families of the community.

At their yearly fundraiser, Kaulana O Waipahu, they will not only be celebrating their 25th Anniversary but also outstanding businesses, community educators and well as community contributors. They will be honoring 10 individuals who perpetuate doing business with aloha, educate with aloha and live aloha. Individuals being honored this year are Alan Bartolome, Lethy Enrique, Esperanza "Epsy" Garcia, Aimee Holt, Hercules Huihui, Stan Masamitsu, Rose Pamatigan, Florentina Pucong, Sparky Rodrigues and Charles "Chuck" Wheatley.

The event will be held on Saturday March 5, 2016 at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu. There will be a country store, silent auction as well as dinner and a program. If you are interested in attending or would like more information regarding Communities in School please contact Uncle Hercules Huihui at (808) 677-0888 or (808) 389-7993 or email at cishawaii@aol.com ■



Colette Y. Machado

Trustee Moloka'i and Lāna'i

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FOSTER-KEPOO – Descendants of James Enos Foster Kepoo wife Helen Kahelemauna Waipakealohapauole, Ohana Sarah, Roger, Mary, Henry, Enos, Jack, William, Arthur, Frank, Virginia, Helen, Roy and James. We will be having a reunion September 2–4, 2016, Maile Beach Park, Wai'anae, O'ahu. Pot Luck. Cost of permit for those days is \$250.00 to include 20 pop tents, (2) 20x40 canopies and 20 parking stalls. Balance will be used for this special event.

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and Momilani Dando – dad Enos 808-242-1408. We are spearheading this event. Please plan now. We would truly love to see all of you there. Mahalo. Send payment to: Larriann Pagan, 30735 Treemont Dr., Westly Chapel, FL 33543. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2016.

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KURODA – Descendants of Jusaburo (Frank) Kuroda are welcome to attend a family reunion March 18 and 19, 2016, on O'ahu. Jusaburo, a native of Japan, had 12 children by four women: Rika Nakatani, Emma K. Lahaina, Mary M. Lahaina and Martha M. Kainoa. To receive registration information, contact Dianne Castro at 808-779-2979 or email dcastro@hawaii.rr.com.

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Facebook email: Donna Makaiwi-donmak808@yahoo.com or Cynthia Maio-hileilani2@yahoo.com. Let's hui our talents and mana'o for an awesome 'ohana experience.

VICTOR – The Victor 'Ohana reunion for descendants of Kamukai Wikoli and Amelia Akoi will be held on O'ahu from Fri. 19 through Sun. 21 in August 2016. For details please see the 'ohana website at www.victor-ohana.org or the 'ohana Facebook page at www.facebook.com/The.Victor.Ohana. For more information contact Dwight Victor at dwight@victor-ohana.org, (808) 688-2349, or P.O. Box 970700 Waipahu, HI, 96797.

KINIMAKA – Kinimaka 'Ohana Reunion 2016 Postponed to 2017. Kinimaka 'Ohana reunion will be July 2 thru 5, 2017, same place–Kona, Hawai'i Island. Contact Kaniu Kinimaka-Stocksdale at email: kaniu@coconutwoman.me or call 808-313-1598 for more info. 'O wau no me ka ha'a ha'a.

'IMI 'OHANA - FAMILY SEARCH

AKAU – Looking for information on my great-grandmother Akula Inez Akau. Her son John Piilani Kailikea and husband Kalama Kailikea. She also married Joseph K. Woodward. Please call me, Nathan Piilani Kailikea, at cell 381-8658 or email natepiilani@gmail.com. Thank you very much. ■

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