

## Keao's notes from the 2013 Kaaialii Reunion Planning Committee on Sat., 9/17/11:

- **Location:** Leann Kahiapo's residence in Kailua, O'ahu
- **Date:** Saturday, September 17, 2011
- **Time the meeting started:** 1:00 pm (after 2 hours of wala'au)
- **Pule:** Jojo Kahiapo (Kauhane)
- **Meeting participants:**

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- It was decided by the Planning Committee members to make April Vera Cruz and Mingo Laurito honoraree Planning Committee members.
- **Minutes:** It was agreed by consensus to adopt Chairperson Leann Kahiapo's Facebook report of Aug. 17, 2011 (found on the Kaaialii 'Ohana webpage in traditionalhawaiian.com) as the minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report:** No old business.

New Business:

- Create a bank or credit union account for Kaaialii Reunion funds to be deposited into.
    - Action: Mina and Leann will check into banks/credit unions that would be most appropriate for the Kaaialii Reunion Fund.
  - Create a link in the Kaaialii 'Ohana webpage (traditionalhawaiian.com) so that people can deposit money into the Kaaialii Reunion Fund (via Payoneer or PayPal)
    - Action: Keao will create this link on the Kaaialii 'Ohana webpage after the bank/credit union account is established.
  - Create a non-profit organization for the Kaaialii 'Ohana so that the 'Ohana can establish a scholarship for Kaaialii 'Ohana members to pursue higher education. It was not decided who would spearhead this action or what the timetable is for this action.
  - Organize a fundraiser for the 2013 Kaaialii Reunion (e.g. raffle, laulau sale). It was not decided who would spearhead this action or what the timetable is.
- **Topics for Discussion:**
    - **Date of the 2013 Reunion:** It was decided to plan for a non-holiday weekend to make it easier to secure a booking for the venue. The dates proposed and discussed are Thursday, June 20 to Sunday, June 23.
    - **Location of the 2013 Reunion:** Various locations were discussed, all on the Windward side of O'ahu. It was agreed to focus on the following locations in the following priority:
      1. Kualoa Park (Camp Site A—all the way at the end of the road, which includes a kitchen);
      2. Kākela Beach Park in Hau'ula;
      3. Malaekahana Beach Park in Kahuku;
      4. Bellows Beach Park in Waimānalo

Action: The following individuals will check into securing camping permits:

- Kualoa: Shayna (friend of April Vera Cruz);
  - Kākela: Shayna;
  - Malaekahana: Leann Kahiapo (Kauhane);
  - Bellows: Clayton Kahiapo (Kauhane)
  - If any 'Ohana member has contacts that can help the 'Ohana secure a booking at the locations mentioned above, please contact the respective person in charge of researching the venue.
- **Announcements:** Noelani Tahu (Kauhane) will create a 2013 Kaaialii Reunion flyer and disseminate using various formats (e.g. Facebook, email, letter)
  - **Genealogy:**
    - It was decided to include Auntie Kuulei Bell (hānai by Kapeka and William Kaulahao Keahi (her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband) in Kalaupapa; she was the postmaster of Kalaupapa and local historian.) It was also decided to ask the Ohana to check around for Auntie Kuulei's remaining birth 'ohana and descendants (if any) and extend an invitation to join us for the 2013 Kaaialii Ohana Reunion. If anyone knows of remaining family members of Auntie Kuulei, please contact any Planning Committee member.
    - It was decided that all 'Ohana members should concentrate their efforts on researching the following topics (below), one-at-a-time, for each Kaaialii sister and descendants. There will be 2 *phases* of the genealogy research (although, as we proceed, we may see a need to re-strategize this research project—therefore, we will adjust as needed):  
**Phase 1:**
      - learning for sure if there is a 7<sup>th</sup> Kaaialii child born to James and Kapeka Kaaialii (6 children are accounted for, but there is a question whether there was a 7<sup>th</sup>), and if so, what is that child's name, birth date, place of birth, death date, place of death and cause of death;
      - one person representing each Kaaialii sister's descendants should be appointed by their respective 'ohana to be the point-person regarding Phase 1 of this genealogy research project. All other Kaaialii 'Ohana members will assist that point-person in conducting research. For Phase 1, this is the info. being requested to be sought:
        - full name of each Kaaialii sister, birth date, birth place, baptism date, marriage date, marriage place, places of residence and dates, death date, death place, burial place;
        - full name of each spouse of each Kaaialii sister, birth date, birth place, death date, death place, burial place;
        - full name of each child (1<sup>st</sup> generation) of each Kaaialii sister, birth date, baptism date, birth place, death date, death place, burial place;
        - full name of each child (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) of each child of each Kaaialii sister, birth date, baptism date, birth place, death date, death place, burial place;
        - full name of each child of each grandchild (3<sup>rd</sup> generation) of each Kaaialii sister, birth date, baptism date, birth place, death date, death place, burial place;
        - continue until each descendant of each Kaaialii sister is accounted for

- include a few (not many) key stories that provide significant background information regarding the lives of each Kaaialii sister (e.g. places where each Kaaialii sister lived at various times in their lives, a little bit of info. regarding the life experiences of each Kaaialii sister while growing up before and after getting married and having children);
- The order in which we will concentrate all Kaaialii 'Ohana members' energy to research on each Kaaialii sister will be prioritized in the order of eldest sibling to youngest. Therefore, this will be the order of concentration of research:
  1. Alice Kalopei Kepa (*note: I've seen 'Kalopi', 'Kalope' and 'Kalopei' used on the Facebook messages. Please let me know which is correct.*);
  2. Annie Kealoha Kauhane;
  3. Hannah Makalia McCabe;
  4. Elizabeth Laiekawai Akaka;
  5. Rebecca Kapeka Vera Cruz;
  6. Harriet 'Hattie' Maialoha Su'apaia
- Please include all hānai children. However, it is up to each 'ohana to determine what 'hānai' means. Also, it is up to each 'ohana to determine what kind of information to include. For example, if we discover or know that somebody had 'jumped-the-fence' at some point and that we have other 'ohana running around that we did not know about before, it is up to each 'ohana to decide whether it is appropriate to reveal this information.
- It was decided that once all of this info. gathered in Phase 1 of this research project is acquired, Keao would include this in the Kaaialii 'Ohana webpage. Keao would like to include photos of each immediate family descended from each Kaaialii in the webpage with accompanying names to help 'Ohana members identify their cousins.
- It was also decided that at some point, the Kaaialii 'Ohana can create a large chart (e.g. on a roll of butcher paper) listing each Kaaialii sister and their descendants.
- At this point, there is no official deadline or start date for Phase 1. This will be discussed further at a future date.

**Phase 2 (to be started after Phase 1 is complete or mostly complete):**

- Searching more in-depth to help answer the following research questions found on the Kaaialii 'Ohana webpage:
  - Where did each of the daughters go when they were given up by their parents, James and Kapeka (who raised each)?
  - What details are there about how difficult it was for each/any of them at the time of the break-up of the 'ohana and during their upbringing? What are some of their joyful experiences growing up?
  - Did the daughters keep in touch with each other as they grew up? If so, how and how often?
  - Did the parents keep in touch with their children as they grew up? If so, how and how often?
  - We understand that Rebecca and Harriet were born in Kalaupapa but were given up at birth to be raised by others outside of Kalaupapa. Who were they raised by or were they placed in orphanages? What were their lives like growing up?

- Does anyone have a photo of Kapeka's (mother of the Kaaialii daughters) husband, James? If so, please provide me one so that I can include it on this web page.
- It was decided that when Phase 2 of this research project is over, the Kaaialii 'Ohana can publish a book on the lives of the Kaaialii sisters and their descendants. Whether such a book will be for family members only or for sale to the public is a matter to be discussed further at some point.
- 'Ohana members are encouraged to contribute ideas and to volunteer for research roles, whether as the point person representing your respective Kaaialii sister kupuna or as a researcher. Please let any Planning Committee member know how you can contribute.
- **Storyboards and Video:** It was decided to prepare a video to be presented at the 2013 Kaaialii 'Ohana Reunion based on the lives of each Kaaialii sister, their parents and descendants.  
Action: Leann Kahiapo will follow-up with contacts she has who have experience in video production.
- **Workshops:** The following suggestions were offered for workshops for the 2013 Kaaialii 'Ohana Reunion:
  - games for the keiki;
  - work in the lo'i kalo in Kahana Valley
  - Hawaiian language
  - quilting, sewing
  - hula
  - 'ukulele/guitar, singing
  - cooking Hawaiian food
  - survival (e.g. food storage, emergency preparedness)
  - the basics of financial planning
    - It was also proposed that at the 2013 reunion, one day would be designated as a workshop day and that 4 workshops would be conducted: 2 in the morning (running simultaneously) and 2 after lunch (running simultaneously). 'Ohana members will have to choose which workshop to attend in the morning and in the afternoon.
    - It was also proposed that workshop attenders present their work from their respective workshops at the 'Ohana lū'au at the Reunion.
  - No decision has been made yet regarding workshops and schedules. 'Ohana members are encouraged to contribute ideas and to volunteer for leadership roles regarding workshops.
- **2013 Kaaialii 'Ohana Reunion T-Shirt:** A few ideas were proposed regarding the 'Ohana t-shirt. The following are examples:
  - the descendants of each Kaaialii sister use a distinct color t-shirt to help identify which Kaaialii sister the Reunion attenders descend from;
  - all Reunion attenders wear the same color t-shirt
  - different types of tops (e.g. tanktops, t-shirt, long-sleeve shirt)
- Logo: Various ideas were contributed, including:

- the Hawaiian Islands with the lei of each island that the Kaaialii sisters were born, raised, and/or settled on (i.e. Hawai'i, Moloka'i and O'ahu) intertwined around the Hawaiian Islands;
- a depiction of Kalaupapa and Kalawao, Moloka'i with the lei of Hawai'i, Moloka'i and O'ahu intertwined around the image;
- the image of a kalo with the leaves in the shape of each Hawaiian Island
- the image of a kalo with roots branching out to form other kalo plants to represent the branching out of 'ohana
- all Kaaialii 'Ohana members are encouraged to contribute ideas and/or take charge of the t-shirt design and/or production or to search for the best companies to work with on this project. Please contact any member of the Planning Committee.
- No deadline/schedule has been determined yet for this project. This will be discussed further at future meetings.
- **Cookbook:** Noelani Tahu (Kauhane) will spearhead this project in which she will contact various descendants of each Kaaialii sister to gather recipes for this book project. All 'Ohana members are encouraged to contact Noelani regarding this project.
  - It is hoped that this cookbook will be ready for distribution by the 2013 Kaaialii 'Ohana Reunion.
- **Phonebook:** It was proposed that a catalog in book form should be created including contact info. for each Kaaialii 'Ohana member (i.e. name, email address, tel. no., residence/ mailing address). No decision was made as to who could spearhead this project. All 'Ohana members are encouraged to volunteer for this project. Please contact any Planning Committee member.
  - It is hoped that this phonebook will be ready soon after the 2013 Kaaialii 'Ohana Reunion as the person in charge of this event will likely be very busy during the Reunion collecting all of this data from 'Ohana members.
- **Other Business Discussed:** The following information was discussed and clarified (as much as was possible) at the meeting regarding each Kaaialii sister (along with their spouses) and their children:
  - Alice (Kaaialii) and Samuel Kepa
    - Children:
    - 1. Samuel (m)
    - 2. Roland (m)
    - 3. Wilfred (m)
    - 4. Frances (m)
    - 5. Eugene (m)
    - 6. Jean (a.k.a. Jane) (m)
  - Annie (Kaaialii) and Samuel Kauhane
    - Children:
    - 1. Viola (f)
    - 2. Samuel Jr. (m)
    - 3. Elias (m)
    - 4. Odetta (f)
    - 5. Josephine (f)

- 6. Marjorie (a.k.a. Haunani) (f)
  - 7. Maile (f)
  - 8. Clayton-John (m)
  - 9. Pualoke (f)
  - 10. Naomi (f)
  - 11. Noelani (f)
  - 12. Alii Victorino (m) (hānai)
  - 13. Eddie Dew (m) (hānai)
- Hannah (Kaaialii) and Patrick McCabe
    - Children:
    - 1. Carl (m) (adopted by Carl and Kauai Zuttermeister)
    - 2. Hannah (f) (adopted by Laie (Kaaialii) and John Akaka)
    - 3. Betty Mae (f)
- Laie (Kaaialii) and John Akaka
    - Children:
    - 1. Alfred
- Kapeka (Kaaialii) and Louis Vera Cruz
    - Children:
    - 1. Violet (f)
    - 2. Louis Jr. (m)
    - 3. Louisa (f)
    - 4. Harry (m)
    - 5. Merlin (m)
    - 6. Leroy (m)
    - 7. Faith (f)
    - 8. Lucky (m)
    - 9. Norman (m)
    - 10. Jeremiah (m)
    - 11. Norma (f)
    - 12. Douglas (m)
    - 13. April (f)
- Harriet 'Hattie' (Kaaialii) and Adam Su'apaia
    - Children:
    - 1. Althea (f)
    - 2. Adam (m)
    - 3. Frances (m)
    - 4. David (m)
    - 5. Millie (f)
    - 6. Harry (m)
    - 7. Peggy (f)
    - 8. Henrietta (f)
    - 9. Samuel (m)

- **Time meeting ended: 6:00pm**
- **Next Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2011, at 11:00am at April Vera Cruz's house in Papakōlea.**