

Leo 'elele



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My thoughts on Hawaiian Homes, the Akaka Bill, Kau Inoa and the Hawaiian Registry

A belated Mele Kalikimaka a me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou, a mahalo aku nei iā 'oe. A belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a thank you all! I am truly honored to continue as a trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from the island of Hawai'i for another four years.

At this point in time, I see Hawaiian history repeating itself. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended (HHCA) was created and adopted and approved in Congress, July 2, 1921. Before this act became law, many lobbying efforts were made by the Hawai'i delegation lead by Prince Kūhiō, John Wise and others.

I must now add a few comments that I can remember from reading the Senate Hearings that finally became the HHCA: 1. Prince Kūhiō said, and I quote, "1/32 Hawaiian blood quantum," but Congress imposed the 50 percent Hawaiian blood quantum, and I quote: "we want to help the truly native Hawaiians."

There were two purposes for the HHCA: A) to rehabilitate the Hawaiian and B) to rejuvenate the Hawaiian race. Prince Kūhiō said, and I quote: "Hawaiians are a dying race of people." Oh! I should mention, the Hawai'i delegation approved the HHCA; and so who were the opponents

against the HHCA? Hawaiians, time to do some homework.

Now, what are we doing today that repeats Hawaiian history? Of course! Senate Bill 344, better known as the Akaka Bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees, (including me) and the Hawaiian benevolent societies and the Hawaiian civic clubs are for this bill, and other Hawaiian groups are against this bill. This time, thank goodness it is only Hawaiians involved to solve this problem.

OHA is funding a great amount of kālā (money) to lobby in Washington, D. C., for the Akaka Bill – Senate Bill 344 and House Bill 4282. I went to

Washington, D. C., two times to lobby for these bills, yet, I must confess, I am still not sure how these bills will benefit us Hawaiians. I keep telling myself, "something is better than nothing." If someone were to ask me how much did OHA spend so far, I would have to answer, "I don't know."

Another question, if someone were to ask me, what is the difference between the Kau Inoa and the Hawaiian Registry? Again, I would have to answer, "I don't know." Would somebody help me out on this?

Mahalo, a hui hou (thanks until we meet again). ■



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We are Hawaiian, we are 'ohana

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! The New Year is here and we greet it with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. Wonderful changes have been made throughout the past year to strengthen our journey to our ultimate goal – building a Hawaiian nation. We have schools teaching our keiki to read, write and speak in our native language. A

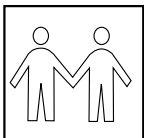
greater number of our young people are graduating from college and going on to earn their master's degrees. Our kūpuna are sharing their gift of experience and wisdom with all the people of our islands. We were magnificent in the year 2004, and we are looking forward to a bigger and better year in 2005.

Like brothers and sisters,

Hawaiians have many different views and do not see eye to eye on how, when and what to do to achieve our justifiable goals. Some Hawaiians want things to remain the same but expect things to get better by doing nothing. Others want to act now while the fire is hot and do something instead of doing nothing. When all is said and done,

we will forever have one thing in common – we are Hawaiian. We are 'ohana.

May the "Spirit of Aloha" remain with you always to warm your heart with kindness and fill your days with cheer. It is a privilege and a great honor for me to continue to serve you, our 'ohana, and the people of Hawai'i Nei. ■



HO'OHUI 'OHANA

FAMILY REUNIONS

E nā 'ohana Hawai'i: If you are planning a reunion or looking for genealogical information, *Ka Wai Ola o OHA* will print your listing at no charge on a space-available basis. Listings are printed chronologically and should not exceed 200 words. OHA reserves the right to edit all submissions for length. Send your information to OHA, or e-mail kwo@OHA.org. E ola nā mamo a Hāloa!

Panaewa — A planning meeting for the August 2006 Panaewa 'ohana reunion will be held on Jan. 16, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Sizzlers restaurant in Waipahu. We invite the families and descendants of George Kahoiwai Panaewa, Solomon Kahuakea Panaewa and Richard Keliinui Panaewa to participate. Preparation for the reunion began with a meeting held on Oct. 24, 2004. Members of the 'ohana came forward to serve on the planning committee. 'Ohana who are interested in serving on supporting committees are encouraged to attend our next meeting. For more information and to get on our mailing list for updates, contact Alohalani Pang on O'ahu at 696-8139 or Kahili Kawainui Norman at 808-885-6792 on Hawai'i Island.

Kana'e — All descendants of the late Samuel Joseph Keliikaapuni and Agnes Nawahine Kana'e are invited to attend a family get together on Sun., Feb. 20, 2005, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bellows Air Force Base. The reunion will be held in picnic areas one and two. Filling out genealogy forms, sharing family information, having fun and planning for future reunions will be the topics for this day.

Descendants include all children and/or grandchildren of Esther K. (Wilson), Julia K. (Kaanapu), Samuel K., Clarence K., Agnes K., Francis K., Hugo K., Marjorie K. (Akana), William (Bill) Meheula, Jenny K. (Okada) and Mae K. Kana'e. For more information, contact Corrine Kana'e at (808) 672-4431; Anita Naone at (808) 261-2952; or e-mail Margaret Tyler at res1uv1y@verizon.net

Brown — In preparation for the 2005 reunion of the John and Benjamin Brown 'ohana of Hilo, Hawai'i, the Honolulu 'ohana is asking for all family members to update their contact information, births, deaths or marriages or share contact information about other family members. The family will be holding its reunion on O'ahu from July 1-3, 2005. The 'ohana includes the descendants of William Christopher Brown, Enoch Brown, Violet Nathaniel, Mealoha Anakalea, Benjamin "Tuna" Brown, Keala Kuamo'o, Valentine Brown, Manoa Brown and Maria Hendershot. A newsletter on the reunion was sent out at the end of August 2004. All interested parties are invited to attend monthly reunion planning meetings held the 2nd Sunday of

every month. Please call Ku'uipo McFadden Shimizu at (808) 626-1645 or email brownohana2005@yahoo.com.

Kahanamoku family search – Kimo (James) Kianoha Kahanamoku (Cook) was born between 1902 and 1905, and died in 1932. His wife was Annis Eloise Cook. She is my great-grandmother and is still alive. James was born in Honolulu and died in Eugene, Ore., of tuberculosis. His mother's name on his death certificate is Elizabeth and his father's is Manuel. My great-grandma said they worked in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki. Kimo left Honolulu on a ship and came to the Port of Seattle and worked his way down the coast to the Coos Bay area where he met my great-grandma. He must have come over in the early 1920s from the Honolulu. Kimo had 5 children before he died: Betty Lou Cook (died shortly after birth), James Lloyd Cook (died in 2004), Helen Delores Cook (my grandmother), Harold Joseph Cook and Manuel Kianoha Cook. I am looking for any relatives or information about him anyone may have. If you have any information, please contact Mikayle by phone at 541-344-4377 or 541-912-1021, or by mail at 2230 Tyler Street, Eugene, OR 97405-2159. ■