

2014 KANIALAMA REUNION WRAP UP BULLETIN

September 30, 2014

The Kanialama Statewide Reunion held on Oahu July 17 - 20, 2014 was a wonderful experience for those who were able to attend. Thank you to all who came, participated, contributed, donated, worked hard, and made it possible for the reunion to proceed. A special thank you is sent to those who came from the mainland and outer islands.

The 2014 Oahu volunteer branch representatives and members of the planning committee are passing on information and some recommendations to assist next planners. Our hope is that even bigger and better events can transpire for Kanialama. In our final meeting on August 20, 2014, we listed good things...and negatives...about this year's Reunion. They are, in no particular order:

2014 PROS:

That we had a reunion at all!
Great turnout and family staying even through rain /coming Sunday despite threat of storm
That families wore their colors
The Kona family arriving at Papahana
The mana'o, cooperation, and patience displayed throughout
That there was a house the Committee could meet at
People reaching out to each other
Many personal donations and donations in kind
The educational walk at the lo'i
Watching everyone enjoy the games on Sunday
Seeing Aunty Kay Vares and Uncle David Kahanu again
The food: stew luau on Friday, Saturday sandwiches at lo'i, barbecue on Sunday
Meeting the Harbottles
The cultural activities, linking our relationship to Nakahili
The Ka Wai Ola reunion announcement that went out in OHA newspaper
2014 Reunion bank account
the WEBSITE!

2014 CONS:

Problems with communication and lack of follow-up amongst the Representatives
No preparation for weather-related or other emergency, i.e. having alternative plans and sites
Uncertainty with facility management, such as who specifically to bring and set up tents on beach days
Inadequate lighting at dark venues
Less than ideal signage and directions, esp for kupuna
Less than ideal bathroom facilities
Not enough time to work on Genealogy
Not having more family show up on Registration (first night)
Poi pounder found to be missing after Manoa lo'i wrap up. Please contact your branch representative if you can shed light.
No pictorial records/videographer failure to produce product. Unfortunately, we never received any product video and photos from the family member we paid. Auwe! So if family has any Kanialama 2014 Reunion pictures you can share, please send to our website.

WEBSITE: The 2014 reunion website will be taken down and in its place we will launch another site that will be more of a long term solution. No matter what year or committee, you can always visit the same site for news. Please feel free to send any pictures or videos from past reunions and be sure to include as much info as you can (such as name(s), location, photographer ("PC"= Photo Credit) and date photo was taken, so it can be properly captioned, to Burgundy at burgz@hawaii.rr.com . New website address is www.pukanaokanialama.com

BANK ACCOUNT:

In our first newsletter May 2014, we stated that if monies are received in excess of our needs/bills for 2014, we shall provide an accounting.

“2014KanialamaReunion” bank account will remain open until the next Statewide Reunion to pass on funds to the 2016 Maui (see below) Planning Committee and whoever opens up the bank account for the 2016 statewide reunion (minimum two account holders). We have confirmed with Bank of Hawaii the 2014 account can be held open, provided there is periodic activity so as to not incur fees.

We had only \$374 in our account the week prior to the event, but during the last week we received generous donations. The total now in the 2014KanialamaReunion account at Bank of Hawaii as of this date is \$2035.50.

The 2014 Planning Committee has decided to transfer \$1000 to the Maui Statewide Reunion planners ASAP. Once a new VERIFIABLE account for 2016 Kanialama (with at least two valid account holder names), is established, we will transfer funds. This will enable Maui to seek and reserve venues now, and not face what Oahu went through. It will also provide seed money for the three Statewide days in July 2016 to start planning events, and for food, drinks, maybe a luau even, as well as all the many myriad costs related to the event (publication, signage, mailing and postage, family displays, website, equipment, tents, lighting, safety, guest books, name tags, videographer, honorariums, printing T-shirts, Hui Na Opi’o Youth Club activities, etc). We hope this will alleviate the tasks and burden of trying to collect individual fees/dues from members unless necessary.

The remaining \$1035.50 will be used to 1) continue our website and pay associated fees, 2) fund costs related to keeping Genealogy Book updated, and 3) deduction in \$5.00 increments to reimburse Committee for \$20.00 cost of the Guest Book. The purpose of the latter is to eliminate fees for keeping the Bank of Hawaii account open.

Any monies remaining as of June 30, 2016 will also be transferred to Maui Statewide Chairperson.

As soon as possible, Maui committee please contact Patty Williams in Honolulu, 671-3879 ASAP with your representative names so we can transfer all funds and close our 2014 account. Feel free to also contact your 2014 branch representative for more information:

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GENEALOGY BOOK: Send your family's genealogy information to Burgundy Colburn, who will man the effort to coordinate all the data, do all follow-up, and have first draft of the new publication available for review by next statewide reunion 2016. The Planning Committee has decided that there should be a charge for the Genealogy Books; they must be purchased for \$40. There are costs associated with the Genealogy effort that do not end in 2015.

NEXT REUNION: WHO'S IN CHARGE:

The by-laws are clear, and reconfirmed in our Genealogy Books, that the order of Statewide Reunions shall be: Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Hawaii. Statewide Reunions are held in even number years. (Note: In odd number years, each island holds own event).

Page 50 of Genealogy Book states, "The Statewide Reunion will be held in a rotation schedule starting with the home island, Kauai, then at two year intervals be succeeded by Hawaii, Oahu, and Maui in turn."

Since 1988 when Kauai hosted the first Statewide Reunion, there were several Statewides but many years where there were none. Starting in 2012, Hawaii Island got us rolling again. Now that Oahu has concluded 2014, the next host island **SHALL BE MAUI IN 2016**. Then starting in 2018, the cycle continues with Kauai (2018), Hawaii (2020), Oahu (2022), then Maui (2024) in that order.

REUNIONS: CHANGE OF DATE TO SECOND WEEK IN JULY:

"Statewide Reunions shall be held in even numbered years and second week of August. It is important that there be no deviation and schedule adhered to so members can plan far in advance."

However, to enable participation due to more than one conflicting events in August, the Statewide Reunion was moved to July instead of August, as was also done in Hawaii in 2012.

So this year's 2014 Committee recommends that, henceforth, Reunions, both individual island and the Statewide, be held **THE SECOND WEEKEND IN JULY**.

1. Next individual island Reunion (2015): ~~SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015~~ (*cancelled due to low interest/participation*)
2. Next Statewide Reunion (2016) **MAUI: FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
JULY 8, 9 AND 10, 2016**

Attached are files for Maui Committee use:

Kanialama Coat of Arms

This year's 2014 Ka Wai Ola (OHA Reunion announcement section)

Contact website administrator for other files you may want: Registration Form, Bulletins, Genealogy requests, etc.

Final notes: It would be ideal to refresh our By-Laws, but this calls for a Chairman, a large coordinating effort, and volunteers. The last board consisted of 8 members who agreed in 2000 to a 4 year term (2000 – 2004) and agreed to meet every 4 months. We hope Maui considers taking on the monumental task of reestablishing a new board and updating our By-Laws. Mahalo if you can.

From Patty, Ki'ilei, Ilima and Burgundy: Mahalo to all our family. We look forward to seeing you ~~July 2015~~ and 2016.
Our Motto: HOLOMUA!