

NEWSLETTER EASTSIDE HUI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



August 2005

Established 2004

Issue #2

Aloha to all Eastside Hui Members, Keiki o ka Aina, and Supporters . . .

“Oi`oi `o Maui Hikina.”

East Maui forges ahead.

The people of East Maui were known to be very active and withstood many obstacles.

Speculation has, is, and will continue to occur which affects our people, families, culture, traditions and yes, our *resources*. Much of the decisions made about what goes on in East Maui are made by county or state officials or private corporations, without so much as a thought to consult or ask for our input. So now the questions arise, “What we going do?”, “How we going be heard?” As a community we should first acknowledge, then practice our kuleana (rights and responsibility) towards the `aina, kai and our fellow man. Practicing our kuleana can be done by the simplest things and may be done on many different levels - as individuals, families or hui(s). Kuleana is always there and no matter what movements arise, they should all function to plug gaps in our community. And let me tell you, as a community, we have many gaps. I compare these gaps to holes in a “bucket” that must be patched to hold our community together, or we’ll just spill out and then “auwe!”, no more “wai”. Here is a simple list of things we can do as individuals to malama kou kuleana:

The Basics

1. Children can malama their kuleana by respecting their elders, parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, etc. Children need to practice respect – then in time they will earn the respect of their elders.
2. As adults we can malama our kuleana by communicating properly, which requires us to *listen and hear* responses from others. As adults we sometimes know more (or think we know more) and tend to talk too much without *listening* and really *hearing* the responses from others. This is where pilikia and confusion arise.
3. As organizations, hui(s) or officials, we need to go back to square one – respect our community and communicate properly, which requires one to effectively listen and hear the community.

Remember, organizations should be nurtured as you would a young child; they need a lot of parenting in the beginning in order for them to be a respected entity in the future. With that said, there is much wisdom and knowledge that may be built upon the idea of “kuleana” – rights and responsibility.

By Kema Kanakaole

NEWSLETTER EASTSIDE HUI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



August 2005

Established 2004

Issue #2

Hana . . . A Different Time

By Ipo Kanaka`ole

Sixty plus years have gone by, many changes have occurred, but cultural traditions remain strong and in tact.

I was fortunate to be born in Hana, attend school, and experience life during the 1940's. Hana was a booming plantation community during those days with many ethnic groups co-existing among each other. This was a time when you knew everyone in the community. It was a great time to grow up. Once the plantation closed its doors, people moved away to secure jobs elsewhere and the population dwindled. The 40's was a pivotal time for major changes. Hana Ranch and Hotel Hana-Maui (Ka'uiki Inn then) came into existence.

I will always remember and hold sacred the things I was taught. One teaching that stands out in my mind was that you gathered only what you needed for the family meal and left the rest for another time or for the next person. People always shared what they gathered whether it was with family members, friends or neighbors. This cultural tradition continues today because of what we have been taught by our kupuna.

Throughout the 40's, 50's and 60's the akule fish was plentiful in Hana. The akule always came into Kapueokahi to spawn. Men on canoes would paddle out and set the nets to catch the akule and sometimes the catch was so plentiful. When word got out that akule

was being surrounded, you would drop whatever you were doing and headed down to Kapueokahi. This event became a community affair. Many people came to help pull in the nets unto the shore and everyone who helped got a share of the catch. Many times we salted and dried our akule so that we could enjoy it on another day, mainly because a refrigerator was not a regular kitchen appliance as it is today. In fact, what we had was called an "ice box", which consisted of a heavy duty, compartmentalized box with blocks of ice stored in the bottom. This is where the term ice box comes from and we still use it today.

People living in Hana in those days did not worry about the resources being depleted because they practiced what they were taught by their kupuna – gather only what you need and leave the rest for another time. In the present, we are competing with many others for the use of our resources. Hana is maybe the last place on this island with resources and we will share what we have as long as people who come here keep the same mentality – take only what you need. We are blessed and fortunate to live and call Hana our home.

Place Names

By Melody Cosma-Gonsalves

A name of a place is special, unique and sacred. Our kupuna named places for certain purposes and reasons. These names carried mana, a spiritual power that is felt and not seen. Hana embodies many special areas that hold

NEWSLETTER EASTSIDE HUI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



August 2005

Established 2004

Issue #2

such mana. Many malihini (visitors) that have visited Hana have chosen to rename areas throughout Hana. Going so far as having those foreign names printed on maps! One of these areas I hold close to my heart, it is called Waioka Pond. This pond is where I learned how to swim and where I spent countless hours with friends and family. This pond holds many, many special memories for me. The malihini have named it Venus Pools. This is extremely upsetting to me because it shows the lack of respect that the malihini have for the keiki o ka aina, our kupuna who have gone on, and for our Hawaiian culture. This pond, I was told by a kupuna, was originally named Wai'oaoka and now it has been shortened to be known as Waioka. The full story behind this name is not known however, it does not make the name less significant. An easy way for us, keiki o ka `aina, to reclaim our aina is by *saying* the traditional Hawaiian name of the particular `aina. Don't be afraid to use it and use it frequently. The more we say the proper Hawaiian names of the places special and dear to us, the more mana we give the place and the less likely future generations of malihini will "rename" our `aina.

Ahupua`a Tradition

By Kamaui Aiona

An ahupua`a is a land division within a moku that runs from mauka to makai, encapsulating nearly all the necessary resources for the families living within. Ahupua`a literally

translates to "pig altar", as the boundaries of these land divisions were often marked by an ahu where offerings were given to the chiefs.

Life within an ahupua`a was made easy by laulima (working together) to provide food for the families. The mauka people would fill the `umeke `ai (poi container), while the makai people would fill the ipukai (meat/fish bowl). Together, mauka and makai managed and protected the resources within the ahupua`a carefully to ensure sustainability.

This old system worked for many reasons. Perhaps the biggest reason is because each ahupua`a was in control of its own resources and abuse of the resources would only be hurting themselves. Breaking kapu and social norms that ensured sustainability was shameful and disgraceful. *The right (kuleana) to use the resources was therefore one and the same with the responsibility (kuleana) of managing the resource.*

The moku of East Maui are Ko`olau, Hana, Kipahulu, and Kaupo. Within these moku are long lists of ahupua`a. How many can you name?

More to come . . .

Eastside Hui Resource Management Officers

Executive Director – Kema Kanakaole
President – Kauai Kanakaole
Vice President – Bush Martin
Secretary – Melody Cosma-Gonsalves
Treasurer – Kamaui Aiona

NEWSLETTER
EASTSIDE HUI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



August 2005

Established 2004

Issue #2

Calendar of Events

Got Kokua?

We are in need of people who are committed and enthusiastic about our mission. We have so many project ideas (big and small) that we want to initiate but we need willing hands to help lead them. Take a look at our list below and see if you would be willing to kokua with one of them. If you are, come and see one of the officers and imua!

- *Gain Non-Profit Status
- *Moku/Ahupua`a/Ohana Identification for East Maui
- *Media Coverage of Eastside Hui-Akaku
- *DUO Recycling machines
- *Aquaculture
- *Community Sustainable Agriculture
- *Eastside Hui Fundraiser
- *Fish Count – keeping data on our ocean

Eastside Hui Happenings



July 10, 2005 – Beach/Roadside Clean-up from Hamoa to Kapueokahi, 30 Bags of opala collected, come join us on the next Eastside Hui activity!

August 23 – Fishery Management of East Maui – Come and give your mana`o about how to better manage our fisheries. Presentation by Senator Ezra Kanoho and Russell Sparks, DAR (Aquatics) – 6pm at Hana School Cafeteria (Wakiu)

September 3 - Malama `Aina – Wear your shirt and do something positive with the land – on this busy weekend when Hana is bombarded with outsiders we must let our presence be known in a positive way. Every member is asked to wear their shirt and do something positive from 9am to whenever, pick up rubbish in your ahupua`a, plant native trees, clean up the beach, anything that shows positive attitudes towards our `aina.

August/September- There will be a workshop (conducted by Liz Foote from Project SeaLink) to teach divers and snorkelers how to conduct fish count surveys. These surveys will help us to get the needed data about our ocean resources and can track how our fish increase or decrease throughout the years. More info to come . . .

Check out our website:

www.eastsidehui.org

E-mail us at:

eastsidehui @hotmail.com