

Mo'iha 'Ohana Newsletter

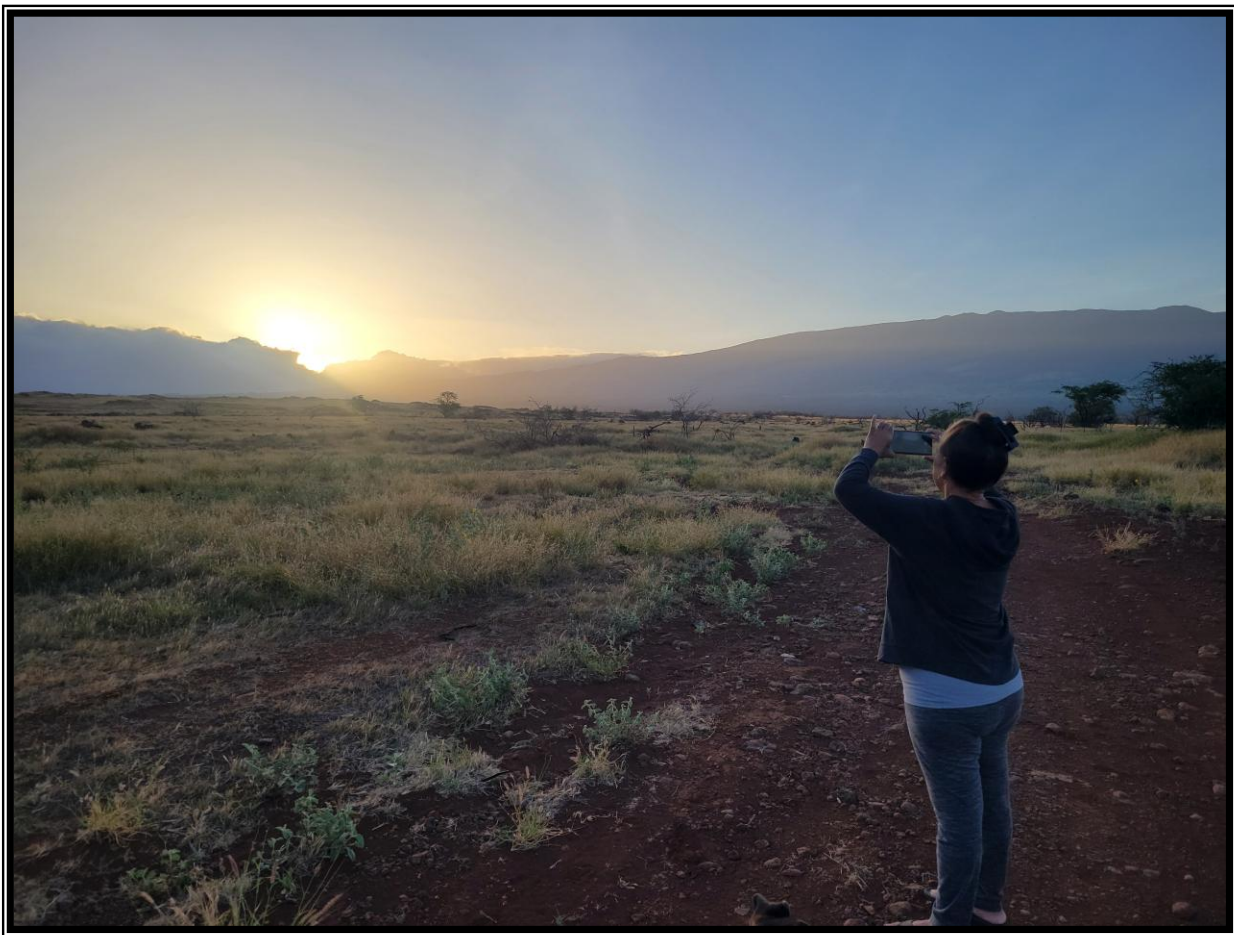
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“I mua e nā pōki‘i, e inu i ka wai ‘awa‘awa. ‘A‘ohe hope e ho‘i mai ai”

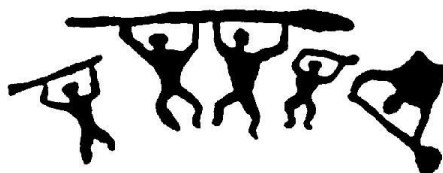
Forward my younger brothers and drink of the bitter waters. There is no hope of retreat. This was Kamehameha’s famous quote before engaging the forces of Kahikili’s warriors at the battle in Iao Valley, on the island of Maui. It is also our battle cry as we move forward!

ALOHA



We feel the presence of our kūpuna and ke Akua at sunrise each morning. **Kimberly Mo‘iha** watches as the sun rises during a recent visit to North Kīhei. A vogy morning due to the on going eruptions at Kīlauea.

If you know other ‘ohana that would like to receive our newsletter, please contact us at info@moihaohana.com.





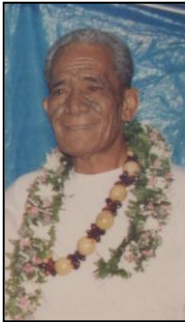
New Movies- We continue to add new movies to our Mo‘iha collection. Below are the links to our newest additions.

- 1) **Kitchen Talk:** <https://vimeo.com/1066054953/82b0a21ae5?share=copy>

Mahalo to **Kama Mo‘iha** for sharing his video of our kūpuna talking story.

- 2) **Going out with Uncle Napahu:**

<https://vimeo.com/1078094130/1826621520?share=copy>



Funny memories of **Kim Moihā** going out drinking with Uncle Napahu.



- 3) **Opu‘ulani ‘Ohana Maui Visit:** <https://808ukejams.com/moiha/moiha-videos/holoholo/>



A short video of **Opu‘ulani, DJ, and Danielle’s** Maui visit to commemorate the anniversary of mom’s passing with a visit to Pu‘uiki Church, Hāna.



- 4) **Waikaloa 2025:** <https://808ukejams.com/moiha/moiha-videos/waikaloa-videos/>



Come take a tour of Kauleilepo heiau at Waikaloa.



Whether gathering for sunrise or sharing laughter over cherished films, our ‘ohana traditions weave the past into the present. Each gathering, be it through stories, meals, or commemorative visits, strengthens our bonds and honors those who came before us. The spirit of aloha shines brightest when we come together to remember, celebrate, and carry forward the lessons of our kūpuna.

Here are some photos of a recent Maui visit from **Opu‘ulani, DJ, and Danielle Long.**



Dinner with the Long ‘Ohana



Where’s breakfast?



Opu‘ulani Long helping with breakfast



Waikalua visit with Kim



Danielle & Kim

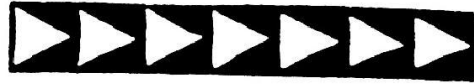


Visiting **Lei and Jackie Kanekoa**



We’re off to the big island! A Hui Hou!

Lā'au Lapa'au – It's in our blood



In 1986, Kahuna Lā'au Lapa'au O Maui was founded by **Uncle Harry Mitchell** and **Kahu Kawika Ka'alakea**. In April of 1986 Uncle Harry and Kahu Ka'alakea met with other kūpuna, including kūpuna **Alice Kuloloio**, **William and Rachel Kanekoa** and makua **Leslie Kuloloio**, among others to define their mission: To perpetuate the practice of Kahuna Healing practices by providing education, training, research, and apprenticeships. In 1993, **Cecilia, Jarret and Eric** started attending the Lā'au Lapa'au O Maui monthly meetings held at the Cameron Center in Wailuku. We attended these monthly classes until 1996. I remember Bill sharing his knowledge of one of his favorite plants called "Laukahi". He told us it could be dried and made into a tea for the treatment of diabetes or used to the treatment of boils. Looking back, these were such precious times with our kūpuna.



Rachel



Bill Kanekoa



Below, Jarret teaches the neighborhood kids how to prepare noni.



The stone pounders pictured above were gifts made by **William Kanekoa, Sr.**



Kumu Hula Doreen Noelani Forsberg

In 1985, while working at Hale Makua, I found my passion with nā kūpuna. I trained how to properly care for their needs, like safe lifting techniques, CPR, grooming, nutrition, and careful interactions. In 2010, I joined “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” and in 2011, as the class instructor. Giving caregivers the tools needed mentally and physically. I was the past chairwoman and council member for the Council on Aging for 4 terms. Currently, I volunteer with Maui Adult Day Care centers and oversee all their fund-raising events and some of their marketing initiatives. In September of this year, I will join Piha Wellness and Healing. I accepted the position of Vice President for the Board of Directors for PIHA Wellness program on Maui. The organization provides support to the Maui fire victims, 1st responders, keiki, and cultural programs.

A portrait of **Kumu Hula Doreen Noelani Forsberg** painted by artist **Lindy Duncan** and presented to her at a recent hula hālau practice.



‘Ono Banana Bread Recipe

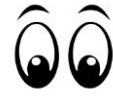
Here is our favorite banana bread recipe: Its easy and it makes 2 loaves.

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| 2 Cups Sugar | ½ tsp Baking Powder |
| 1 Cup Salad Oil (or coconut oil) | ½ tsp Salt |
| 4 Eggs | 2 Cups Mashed Ripe Banana |
| 2 ½ Cups Flour | ½ Cup Chopped Nuts (Optional) |
| 2 tsp Baking Soda | ½ Cup Raisins |

Mix sugar and salad oil. Add eggs.
Sift dry ingredients together and add the egg mixture
Mix well. Pour into two 8 ½ X 4 1/2” loaf pans.
Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour. Makes 2 loaves



Photo Share – Looking Back



The photo below was taken on ‘Oahu, September 26, 2015, when family members attended funeral service for **Charmaine Ward**.



Back Row: **Leimomi and, Kanui Mo‘iha, Jason and Joann Mo‘iha, Kamuela Kanekoa, Jarret Delos Santos, and Kamaka Kanekoa**
Front Row: **Leila, Antonette, and Kadence**



Kimmie & Etta Mo‘iha, Jarret Delos Santos, Cynthia Mo‘iha, and Ilima Mo‘iha

More Photos to Share – Looking Back



Cynthia & Albert Mo'iha Wedding (Utu on the right)



Shauna Kanekoa & Opu'ulani Mo'iha



Kamaka Kanekoa & Alton Matsuoka



Opu'ulani, Kyle, Priscilla, and Alton Matsuoka



Above: Albert Matsuoka, Rachel Kanekoa, & Priscilla Matsuoka

Below: Mo'iha Siblings

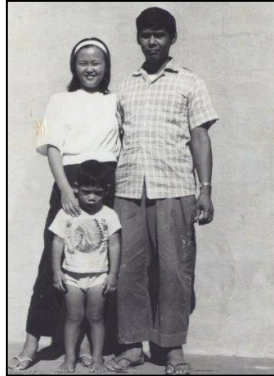


Cousins on the big island for Lydia & Leoni Mo'iha's graduation

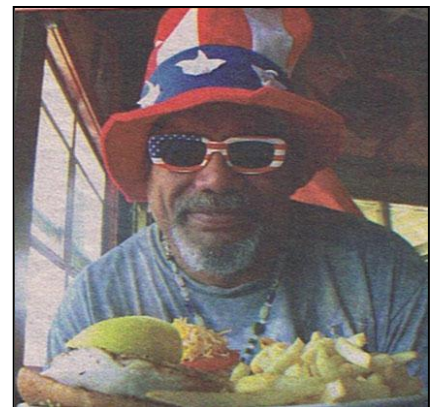


Benedict Reynaldo Delos Santos — By Jarret Delos Santos

My article is about my older brother, Benny. He continues to be one of the most inspiring people in my life. He is 65 years old and was the 3rd child to be born in Hāna, Maui. His entry into the world was complicated. At birth, the umbilical cord had wrapped itself around his neck and prevented oxygen from reaching him. Several lifesaving procedures were implemented but the deprivation of oxygen had already caused damage. His upbringing in the early years was overseen by our oldest brother (half-brother) Alexander and his wife, Sunae. They lived on O‘ahu where Benny could receive special care provided by Shriner’s Hospital.



Benny returned to living with the whole family on Maui when he was around 6 years old. He wore leg braces and had difficulty walking. Learning about his new environment and reestablishing his relations with his father, mother, and siblings was difficult. Life slowly started up again with all of us. Benny attended Pu‘unēnē School and later was transferred to Pā‘ia School around the 7th grade. He graduated from Maui High School in 1978. Later in life, he was awarded the keys to the town by the



Pā‘ia Merchants. He would help many storeowners from cooking to cleaning the streets. Benny is a master carver. He is very passionate about his hobby. His Hawaiian name is Kalaina. (Carver). He is also an ‘ukulele player and a member of 808Ukejams performing group. He currently lives with his youngest sister **Doreen** and her husband **Garry Forsberg**.



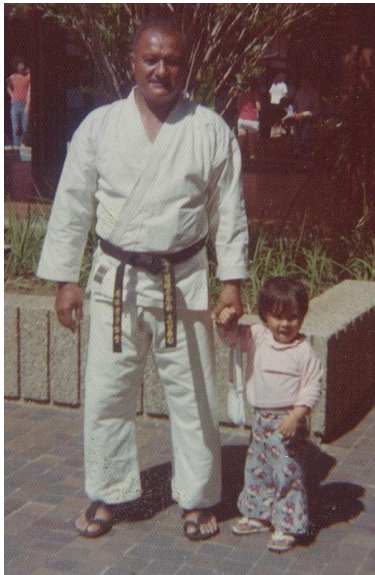


William Kanekoa, Sr. – By Leimomi Kanekoa



William “Bill” Kealoha Kanekoa Sr was born on August 14, 1918, in Nāhiku, Maui, Hawai‘i to **Charles Kealoha Kanekoa Sr** and **Hattie Kaailine Ka‘aihue**. He was the third child of five children. After the passing of his mother in 1922, his father remarried and had 6 children with his second wife, Josephine. He attended grammar school up until 8th grade. When he was in his teens, William was made to wake up early in the morning (like 2-3 am) to go and pick water cress and bamboo shoots and catch fresh

water ‘ōpae (shrimp) in the mountains and travel to Hāna to sell them and bring the money back for the family. One time he even went hunting and brought home three pigs on his back! During World War II, he was drafted into the army and stationed in the South Pacific. After the war, William married **Rachel Mo‘iha** in 1946 and welcomed their first son, **William Jr.**, later that year. William and Rachel would go on to have 3 more sons, **James, Wilfred, and Clyde**. He worked for and ultimately retired from the Kahului Railroad Company, working his way up from being a brake man to being a train engineer. William and Rachel lived in “raw fish camp” (the area right across of Kahului Harbor) before they moved in 1955 to the house in Kahului (known



then as “Dream City-First Increment”), where he would live for the remainder of his life. He was a man of many talents. If anything needed fixing, William would read a book about it and do it himself. He laid down the stone floor in the garage, put in the plumbing for the bathroom that was in the garage, and put up the walls for the room in the garage. He also carved tikis, made poi pounders and ulu maikas out of stones, and coconut shells to use as a hula implement. He went around giving blessings to those who asked for them, shared



his knowledge of la‘au lāpa‘au (Hawaiian medicine), taught Karate classes, was active in Boy Scouts and other community organizations, and served in various roles at his church. After retirement, he spent a lot of his time with his grandchildren who lived with him, often acting as their chauffeur taking them from one place to another. In the last years of his life, he suffered from dementia and passed away in his house on February 24, 2006, at the age of 87. He was buried in Maui Veteran’s Cemetery in Makawao.

Rachel Kanekoa – By Leimomi Kanekoa



Rachel “Lahela” Mo’iha was born on September 27, 1928, in Kīpahulu, Maui, Hawaii. She is the third child (of twelve) and first daughter (of four daughters) of **John Kanui Mo’iha** and **Mary Mo’ohila Ka’aihue**. During her teenage years, she shared how she would have to ride the horse to go into Hāna town to pick up things from the store and then return home to Kīpahulu. Rachel was the first of her siblings to get married. She married **William Kanekoa Sr** in 1946 and welcomed her first son, **William Jr.** later that year. She would go on to have three more sons, **James, Wilfred, and Clyde**. Rachel worked at and retired from Snow White Laundry. After retirement, she spent most of her time caring for the household- doing laundry, cooking, cleaning- which now included her grandchildren who lived at the house with her (William Jr.’s

children). She also went to Alu Like, a day program for kupuna in the community, where she would do crafts (especially leis) and musical performances and even went on a trip to Samoa. Although she tried to learn how to drive once, she ultimately decided it was not for her and never got her driver’s license. As she was the oldest girl, she always took care of her siblings and because of that, they would often call and come to visit her. Rachel decided at a young age that she did not want to drink or smoke and was the only one of her siblings who did not do so. She also did not let anyone drink or smoke in her house. That meant that everyone who did had to stay in the garage, making the garage the place where everyone hung out. When lots of family members converged at her home, they slept in army cots that lined the garage. Rachel lived in her house in Kahului from 1955 until the time of her passing on March 4, 2012. Despite being one of the older siblings in her family, she outlived all but three of them (**Hina, Mo’iha, and Priscilla**). For her funeral, a concerted effort was made to have most of her descendants in attendance as well as many extended family members. Thus, the weekend of her funeral ended up turning into a family reunion of sorts where there were a lot of celebrations of ‘ohana, with gatherings happening at the house as well as on the Moiha family land in Kīpahulu. She was buried in Maui Veteran’s Cemetery in Makawao with her husband, William Sr.





William Kanekoa, Jr. – By Leimomi Kanekoa



William “Willie” Kealoha Kanekoa Jr. was born on November 1, 1946, in Pu‘unēnē, Maui, Hawai‘i to **William Kanekoa Sr and Rachel Mo‘iha**. He was the first of four sons. He went to the old Kahului Elementary School (across from Ka‘ahumanu Shopping Center) and graduated from Baldwin High School. He then attended Church College of Hawai‘i (BYU-Hawai‘i) in Lā‘ie. During his college years, William took a hiatus and served a Navajo speaking mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the four corners area (New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona) on the

Navajo reservation. Shortly after returning to college, he met a girl from New York, **Jacqueline Horner**, whom he would marry in May of 1970. After graduating from college with his bachelor’s degree in business, he welcomed his first child, a daughter, Shauna, in 1971 and moved to Maui. After living in Kīhei for a little while, he moved in with his parents to their house in Kahului and went on to have four more children, **Kamaka, Kamuela, Moronai and Leimomi**. William worked various jobs at different hotels in Wailea as well as a special education teacher’s aide at Wailuku Elementary School for a year but ultimately retired as a security guard at the Westin Maui in Ka‘anapali. William dreamed of traveling and seeing new places. Because of his Native American mission, he was enamored with kachina dolls and had quite a collection. He liked to draw and do woodwork. He loved trains, an eclectic variety of music, ‘ono grinds, and talking stories with just about everyone. He served in various roles in his church, such as Webelos Den Leader (Boy Scouts), in addition to serving as the financial clerk for his congregation for 43 years. Willie was deeply interested in spirituality and was often sought out for blessings from people in the community (following his father’s steps). The last few years of his life were difficult due to medical issues. He fell and broke his hip, which took a while to recover from. He then had heart issues and was retaining water. The last few months of his life were the most difficult, which included coding and a two-month coma. After he woke from his coma, he had a difficult time progressing and ultimately passed away on May 12, 2017. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered by his wife and children in various places on Maui.



We need your help!



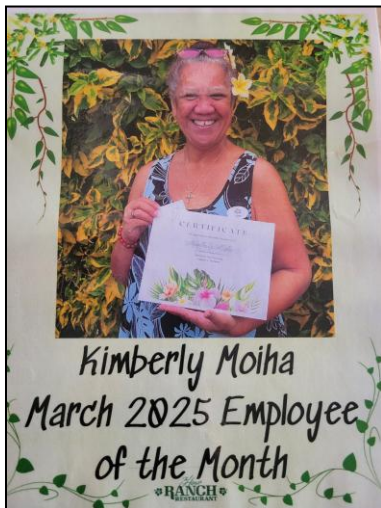
Shauna Goulding would love to include art or photography from our ‘ohana that can be used as background art for the Mo‘iha book she will be doing. She is looking for anything that says Hawaiiana to you, including ‘āina landscapes or plants. Also, anything that makes you think about ‘ohana, even in abstract ways (like colors & patterns). Please include your keiki if they would like to participate. If you can kōkua in this way, please contact Shauna at tsgoulding@yahoo.com or text her at 315-857-8384. Mahalo!!

HELP!

Hawaiian Homelands - A path to Homeownership

If you are at least 18 years of age and you have a blood quantum of at least 50% Hawaiian, you should qualify to register for a home with Hawaiian Homelands. This journey can provide sustenance for generations to come. Yes... the waitlist is long and sometimes it seems that nothing is being done fast enough. But remember, the process is well worth the effort. Visit the Department of Hawaiian Homelands at <http://dhhl.hawaii.gov>.

If you don't know where to start, call Jarret or Eric at 808-757-5985. We can help you with the application process of getting registered. Since several of us have already qualified, our genealogical information can be used and shared when completing your application.



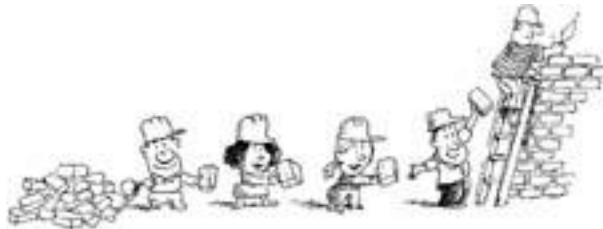
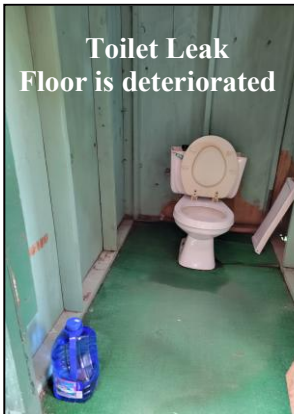
Big congratulations to **Kim Mo‘iha**. Nominated employee of the Month for March 2025  Alright!!!



July 2025- Waikaloa & Kauleilepo Heiau



We recently took a trip to Waikaloa to visit **Kim Mo'iha**. The bathroom structure will need repair or possible replacement. **Eric Smith** took some measurements and notes of this 6 X 8 structure. We will be working with Kim to help address repairs in the near future.

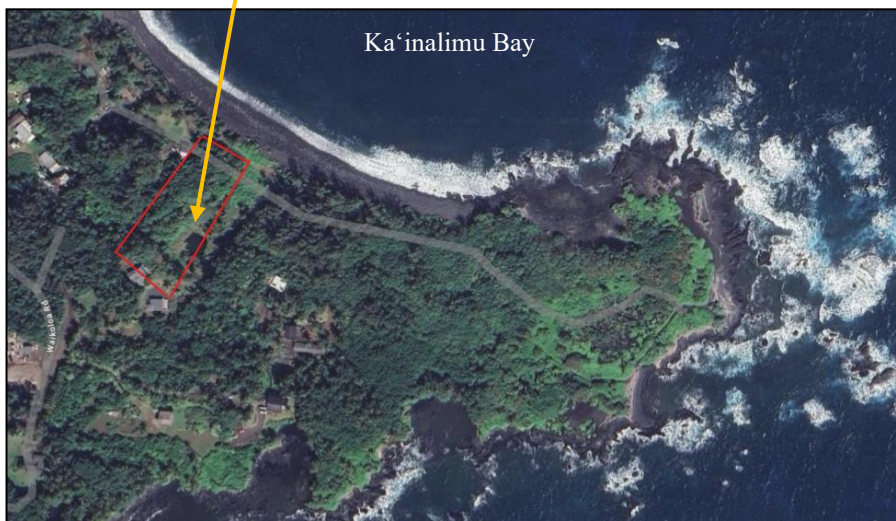


Kauleilepo Heiau – Waikaloa

A twin or double heiau, built prior to 1775, consists of two elevated open platforms connected by a causeway. The larger is toward the sea and measures 42 X 54 feet. The causeway is 25 feet long, 8 feet high and 4 feet wide. On the other end is the smaller platform 22 X 26 feet and slightly lower than the front one. The south side of the larger has been terraced to a height of 15 feet. Construction is of water worn boulders with pieces of ‘a‘a lava and coral sprinkled over the top. Modern houses and sheds have been built on the front of the heiau thus destroying much of the surface of the platform.



The arrow points to the location of the pond as noted on the map below. The property boundaries are highlighted in red.





Mahalo to Kim Mo'iha for sending this beautiful picture of the sunrise over Fagan's Cross on the hill overlooking Hāna.

God Bless Our 'Ohana

Those that have passed, those that are here with us, and those still to come.

We hope this newsletter has piqued your interest in keeping connected. We are working on putting together other ways to stay in touch... such as future gatherings and zoom meetings. The generations to come will need our help and all the information we can give them. We would love to hear from you and help share those precious memories with the 'ohana. If you know of other family members that want to receive the Mo'iha newsletter, please contact us by email at info@moihaohana.com or call me, **Jarret Delos Santos**, at (808) 757-5985.