

Ke Kai O'Uhane



June 18 via email to Ke Kai Club Members

Aloha and Good Evening Ke Kai Family,

What an exciting weekend we had. Ke Kai O'Uhane surely represented at this weekend's Polynesian Festival dubbed the Spam Jam. Ke Kai certainly made an impression through our volunteer efforts for the Festival and to our Food Booth. It made me proud to see so many members sporting Ke Kai gear these last two days. Simply said, our collective efforts symbolize the word "Ohana".

Congratulations to all the paddlers who dumpster dived for cans and bottles in order to raise money for that new canoe. I am sure that all of your efforts will pay off. From what I hear, you have landed another recycling gig at the Reggae Festival in September.

I especially want to thank Uncle Darriel and the Woodward ohana for helping with the food booth. I cannot express how grateful I am for always being there in support of the club. Ke Kai's simple dish of spam and rice is what most folks were looking for.

To Sharon, our resident chef -- your cheesecakes were delicious. All I heard was praises for the cheesecake. So thank you again for the gracious donation.

To the folks who helped in the food booth -- Robert Mosqueda, Leilani Santos, Mirasol Family, Reyes Family, Janell and John Russo, Mick Vernon, Kuuipo and DaveBacus, Jennifer and Sandy McCleery; a big thanks for helping, your time allowed me to get some shopping in.

A big mahalo to the junior keikis who helped sell the items on our menu. You should have seen Brooke Reyes, age 1, holding a sign that read "I'm selling cheesecake". And let's not forget LeCharles Lualemana for "strong arm-ming" folks into buying from Ke Kai. But in reality, LeCharles serenaded potential customers into buying some food.

I also want to recognize those Ke Kai members who participated in the pre-Spam Jam festivities on Friday. Thank you for a job well done, that's more money for the canoe fund.

Mahalo nui loa,

Trina Pendergrass

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"coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success"