

Convention Center

Aloha,

HSTA believes in the acknowledgement of the place we call home and the people who came before us, no matter what ethnicity we are. By taking a moment to connect through stories to those who came before us, we show respect for ‘āina and people. We are standing on the ‘āina called Kalia. Kalia is located in the ahupua‘a of Waikīkī, in the moku of Kona. I work in the back of the ahupua‘a in Pālolo at Ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Ānuenue and I would like to share with you a mo‘olelo of this place.

Ka‘auhelumoa was a supernatural rooster. His grandmother Kanihomau‘ole raised him in Pālolo. Kamapua‘a came before his grandmother Kanihomau‘ole and said, “I have come to kill Ka‘auhelumoa and eat him.” Kanihomau‘olu replied, “Whatever you kill you must eat, Kamapua‘a” Kamapua‘a went to bite Ka‘auhelumoa. The moa flew to the

right side of the hog's back and began to peck and kick. The pua'a felt the pain and rolled in the dust. The moa hit the ground. The hog got up and pursued the moa and the moa kicked back. Kamapua'a did not push the moa backwards, but the moa fell into the spring and died. It became known by the name of Ka'auhelumoa Spring. The interesting thing about this spring is that it looks as though it is reddened by blood.

Ka'auhelumoa is also a place name for the area where Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center has been built. We leave you with this mo'olelo, so that you may hear the kai wawalo leo le'a o Kālia, the pleasant voice of the sea of Kālia, as you go about your day.