

Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance, Inc.

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KPAA ANNUAL MEETING TO FOCUS ON DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE

Lihue, Kauai, HI – 6/20/06 Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) is inviting members and the general public to attend its 2006 Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, July 6th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Kaua`i Community College Fine Dining Room in Puhi. The meeting will include an update on KPAA activities and election of directors for the organization.

Keynote speakers will be Roy Oyama of the Kaua`i Farm Bureau and Roy Oyama Farms and Beth Tokioka, Director of the County of Kauai`i's Office of Economic Development.

"As we evolve away from sugar, many express the desire that Kaua`i become more food self-sufficient to reduce our reliance on imported products. Our keynote speakers will share with us the progress being made toward diversifying our agriculture, along with some of the challenges," says Diane Zachary, President and CEO of KPAA.

The annual meeting also celebrates the 2006 Kaua`i Community Champions, an award given to honor exemplary achievement among non-profit organizations that *champion* a cause and demonstrate a sustained commitment toward improving and strengthening the community. Through the sponsorship of King Auto Center, awards will be presented to Pop Warner Football League, Child and Family Service, and National Tropical Botanical Garden.

The agenda and membership information can be obtained from KPAA's website, www.kauainetwork.org. Those wishing to attend are asked to call KPAA at 632-2005 or email kpaa@kauainetwork.org before June 30.

KPAA is a non-profit organization that serves as a neutral convener, providing a forum to the community to develop and implement effective solutions to issues that matter to Kaua'i.

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