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KPAA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 28 TO FOCUS ON EDUCATION

(Lihue, Hawaii, June 7, 2005) – Kaua‘i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) is inviting members and the general public to attend the 2005 Annual Membership Meeting event featuring keynote speaker Clyde T. Hashimoto, a Kalaheo School teacher and recipient of Hawai‘i’s 2005 National Milken Educator Award. The presentation is titled **“From the Teacher’s Desk: Strengthening Kaua‘i’s Schools”**.

"We're so pleased that Mr. Hashimoto will share his expertise with us, outside of the classroom." says Diane Zachary, President and CEO of KPAA. "Our Education Action Team is looking for ways to support and help strengthen our public schools, so his ideas come at a most appropriate time."

The event is Tuesday, June 28th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Terrace Restaurant, Masters Ballroom, at Kaua‘i Lagoons. A pupu reception will follow the meeting. The deadline for advance registration and payment is Friday, June 24th. The cost is \$20 for KPAA general and supporting members and \$25 for others.

Included in the program will be the presentation of the **2005 Kaua'i Community Champion Awards** to honor exemplary achievement among non-profits organizations that *champion* a cause, demonstrate excellence and exemplify sustained commitment to their mission. Previous awardees were the Kauai Food Bank, AYSO, Friends of Kamalani, Hui O Laka, Waipa Foundation, Mokihana Festival and others. King Auto Center is sponsoring this portion of the event.

The agenda, registration form and membership information can be downloaded from KPAA's website, www.kauainetwork.org. For more information call KPAA at 632-2005 or email kpaa@kauainetwork.org.

Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance is a membership organization for Kaua'i's nonprofits, government agencies, and community groups. KPAA believes that effective, long-lasting solutions to our island-wide issues require collaboration and focused action by a broad cross-section of our population. It provides a forum for nonprofit and community groups, county, state and federal agencies and business associations to work together on issues confronting our island home.

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