

Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance, Inc.

Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua`i

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Members and Friends Are Invited to KPAA's Oct. 26th Meeting

"**New Tools for Kaua`i Decision-Making and Action**" will be the theme of the next KPAA membership meeting, 9 AM to 12 Noon on Wednesday, October 26th in the Culinary Arts Dining Room at Kaua`i Community College. Pre-registration is required. The meeting will include discussion of two new tools to assist County government and the community.

Eric Knutzen and Harry Beatty from the County's Information Technology (IT) Department will offer a presentation and demonstration of "Progress on Kaua`i Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS)". They will offer examples of how this new system provides valuable information to support many County functions.

Also on the program will be an opportunity to provide your ideas about key Kaua`i issues that should be tracked through KPAA's new Community Indicators Project, "Measuring What Matters". Indicators are objective measurements that reflect how a community is doing. They reveal whether key community attributes are going up or down; forward or backward; getting better, worse, or staying the same. Kaua`i will be among over 200 communities around the country with indicators projects.

There is no cost to attend the meeting, but seating is limited, so pre-registration is required. The registration form is available at www.kauainetwork.org. Just click on the meeting announcement at the top of the page and you will be directed to the site with the agenda and registration form. Call KPAA at 632-2005 if you have any questions.

KPAA's Second Talk Story Session: "Ten Themes for Moving Nonprofits Forward" – Nov. 1st

An informal talk story session for KPAA members will be held on Tuesday, November 1st from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the KPAA office. Discussion will focus on ten points made by Michael Weekes, chair of the National Council of Nonprofit Associations board of directors and president of the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers, at a HANO conference on June 30 in Honolulu. The summary of his presentation as it appeared in the August 2005 issue of the HANO newsletter can be found at <http://www.kauainetwork.org/pdf/ThemesForNonprofits.pdf>. Come and share your thoughts on Weekes' ten major themes:

1. Nonprofits must define themselves and their role in this civil society
2. Accountability isn't a "four letter word"
3. Develop our workforce
4. Create partnerships, alliances and collaborations
5. Nonprofits must engage in public policy
6. Leadership begins at home
7. Not "or" but "and"
8. Innovation requires risk taking
9. Get political, educate and vote
10. Mission over money.

At the first Talk Story session, held September 6, the need for a centralized community calendar was discussed to aid in meeting and event planning. There was also a lively discussion of some of the pressing concerns facing our island – traffic congestion, rapid growth, housing shortages, and the

perception that Kaua`i's unique way of life is being challenged by the changes we are facing. Everyone agreed these are issues that require our careful and continued attention.

Make a Difference Day – Ha`ena State Park Clean Up & Paint Party, Saturday, Oct. 22nd

KPAA's Parks Action Team is celebrating "Make a Difference Day" by organizing a fun and much-needed event at Ha`ena State Park/Ke`e Beach on the North Shore. Come lend your kokua on Saturday, October 22nd from 8 AM to 12 noon, as we paint, clean up rubbish and cut back brush in the park.

This is a great project for everyone who loves this area. Bring work gloves, trash pickup tools and tools to cut small brush (if you have them). Painting supplies, trash bags and refreshments will be provided. If you RSVP by October 21, we'll even provide lunch -- call 632-2005.

Drive to the end of the road (Highway 56) and check in at the unpaved parking lot on the right, just before Waikanaloa Wet Cave. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Become part of this worthwhile community event to malama beautiful Ha`ena State Park.

KPAA Launches Community Indicators Project, "Measuring What Matters"

In 2001, when Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance was still just a germ of an idea of Garden Island RC&D, two consultants – Nadine Nakamura and Roxanne MacDougall – were hired to research community indicators projects across the country, determine the feasibility of such a program for Kaua`i, and suggest a possible organizational structure to support a project. Their report *Shaping Kaua`i's Future Together* resulted from that work. In 2003, Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) was formed, work began on other goals and now, in 2005, the community indicators project has been launched. An Advisory Committee composed of key leaders from state, local and federal government agencies, nonprofits, and the business community had their first meeting in early October to begin to set the direction of this program. Ideas generated at the October 26th Membership Meeting (see top of page) will be shared with the Community Indicators Advisory Committee at their November meeting. The Advisory Committee will develop a draft set of indicators; these indicators will be shared with the community for their input before the indicators are finalized. Once the indicators are determined, data will be gathered and a report written and available in July 2006.

Is Your Organization Listed in the Online Directory of Community Organizations?

If your organization is not listed in KPAA's Directory of Community Organizations or if you are not keeping the information up-to-date, you may be missing out on important referrals! The website www.kauainetwork.org/directory/ offers the most comprehensive listing of nonprofits on the island and is a great way for the public to find out what organizations and services are available. There is no charge for a nonprofit or community group to be listed. Just follow the directions on the website to add your information.

Mahalo to KPAA's New and Renewing Members

KPAA welcomes the following General and Supporting Members who have joined or renewed their membership since August 15, 2005. We appreciate their support of our mission and goals!

New General Members

Kaua`i Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Kaua`i Hospice, Inc.

Renewing General Members

Child and Family Service
Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.
Hale`Opio, Inc.
Hanalei Roads Committee
Kaua`i Association of Architects
Kaua`i Economic Development Board, Inc.

Kaua`i North Shore Business Council
Kaua`i United Way
Princeville at Hanalei Community Association
Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Chapter 3, Kaumuali`i
Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital Medical Center
Wilcox Health Systems/Wilcox Hospital

Renewing Supporting Member
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For information on how to become a member, please visit our website www.kauainetwork.org or contact us by phone at 632-2005.

Upcoming Training Courses in Honolulu

PROPOSAL WRITING: An Interactive Exploration of Grant-Seeking from Hawaii's Trusts and Foundations

This full-day workshop introduces you to basic techniques in researching grants and is designed to enhance your skills in proposal writing for foundation funding and give you hands-on experience in preparing and reviewing a proposal. Topics covered include: the history of foundations in Hawaii and current trends in philanthropic giving (local and national); strategies for finding the fit with funders; how to put together your proposal and proposal package; and criteria funders employ when evaluating proposals.

Date: **November 2, 2005** <http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/downloads/proposal2005-0803.pdf>

NONPROFIT PROJECT PLANNING workshops offered by Weinberg Foundation

This is a one-day, six-hour class (lunch included) that will be offered four more times, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, 42 Puiwa Road, Honolulu on the first Thursday of each month from this July through February 2006. Class dates are: **Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2, 2006**. Employees and volunteers of 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible for the class. Cost is \$25, which includes materials, a sample project plan and lunch. Classes are limited to 12 students. To apply, download and print the application form at <http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/projectplanning2005.pdf>. For more information, contact Gailene Wong, (808) 924-1000.

BOARD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Hawa`ii Community Foundation (HCF) is sponsoring a conference on **Tuesday November 8th, 2005** at Hilton Hawaiian Village called "Breaking Boardom 2005" - a one-day conference designed specifically for nonprofit board members. [Learn more and download Registration Forms >>](#)

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS: A FORUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Join HCF at "Executive Decisions", a forum for Nonprofit Executive Directors, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on **Monday, November 7, 2005**. [Learn more and download Registration Forms >>](#)

CRITICAL ISSUES FOR NONPROFITS: The Legal & Financial Environment

Sponsored in part by Harold K. L. Castle Foundation. This half-day workshop highlights the changes in the national and local legal environment that will affect Hawaii nonprofits. It is designed to provide you with guidelines for improving oversight and establishing critical internal controls in your nonprofit organization. Date: **November 18, 2005** http://www.hcsc-hawaii.org/downloads/criticalissues2005_0823.pdf

CREATING A CULTURE OF ENGAGEMENT...THAT LEADS TO MAJOR GIFTS

Too often, nonprofit organizations that focus solely on "raising money" ultimately fail. Nonprofits that focus on engagement at all levels, staff, volunteers and the community, are much more successful at building sustainable organizations. This half-day workshop is designed for both staff and volunteers in all roles. In

the workshop, you will learn how to assess your current culture and level of engagement, the types of engagement tools, and how to create an action plan that will enhance your organization's resource development efforts for years to come. Contact HANO for more information www.hcsc-hawaii.org.

Date: **November 29, 2005**

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