

## ***Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance, Inc.***

*Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua'i*

### **ALLIANCE IN ACTION**

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#### ***You Are Invited to the KPAA Annual Meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>!***

Members and friends are invited to KPAA's 2005 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 28th from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. at the Terrace Restaurant, Masters Ballroom, at Kaua'i Lagoons in Lihu'e. 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.

In addition to a report on KPAA activities over the past year and plans for the coming year, the event will feature a discussion with Clyde Hashimoto, a Kalaheo School teacher and recipient of Hawai'i's 2005 National Milken Educator Award. Clyde will share his teacher's point of view about how we can strengthen Kaua'i's schools.

Also on the program will be the presentation of the 2005 Kaua'i Community Champion Awards to honor exemplary achievement among nonprofit organizations that champion a cause, demonstrate excellence and exemplify sustained commitment to their mission. Previous awardees included the Kauai Food Bank, AYSO, Friends of Kamalani, Hui O Laka, Waipa Foundation, Mokihana Festival and Kawaihau District Leadership Coalition. King Auto Center is sponsoring the Community Champion Awards.

Download the agenda, registration form and membership information from KPAA's website, [www.kauainetwork.org](http://www.kauainetwork.org). For more information, call Diane or Rayne at 632-2005 or email [kpaa@kauainetwork.org](mailto:kpaa@kauainetwork.org).

#### ***Social Enterprise Alliance Gathering***

KPAA's President/CEO, Diane Zachary, had the opportunity to join 1,000 other participants from around the country at the March conference of the Social Enterprise Alliance in Milwaukee. The Case Foundation was a major sponsor of the conference. With charitable foundation funding becoming more competitive, increasingly nonprofits are creating innovative for-profit business ventures to help fund their social initiatives. For example, in Yonkers, New York, a nonprofit wanted to teach job skills to men and women who were homeless or in recovery from drug abuse. They built the Greyston Bakery and developed recipes for high-end baked goods they could market to the public, local restaurants and via the internet. Then they trained what many considered to be a high-risk population as baker apprentices. Now, after receiving training, many of the apprentices are hired by Greyston or go on to work at other bakeries.

Greyston recently received a lucrative contract to provide the brownies for Ben & Jerry's chocolate fudge brownie ice cream. They have found the bakery enables them to accomplish their "real work" to provide training to those needing job skills. At the same time they are making people around the country happy with their delicious products. And the profit from their bakery operation funds some of their other nonprofit programs. Success stories like this are taking place all around the country. The Social Enterprise Alliance has developed a list serve for dialogue on issues relating to nonprofits starting and operating business ventures. To join the discussion, go to [www.npEnterprise.net](http://www.npEnterprise.net).

#### ***Calendar of Community Events***

Several people have suggested that KPAA develop a calendar of community events so organizations can check the calendar before scheduling an event to avoid conflicts. While a calendar is a great idea, let's take advantage of the excellent *Hawai'i Nonprofit Community Events Calendar* that provides a listing of events by island, offered by Hawai'i Community Foundation. You must be a 501(c)(3) to use this service. You can view events or post your own listing at [www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/calendar/index.php](http://www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/calendar/index.php).



### ***Thanks to Kaua'i Recycling for the Arts***

KPAA had an amazing opportunity recently to create a sign using recycled glass. KRA's Kathy Cowan and Ed helped us step by step to create the design by pushing objects into sand, and then they used a torch to make a layer of carbon to prevent the sand from sticking to the molten glass that was poured over it. It is an almost magical process and KPAA proudly displays the new sign in its office. Thanks Kathy and Ed!

### ***Welcome to New Members***

KPAA welcomes the following new General Members and appreciates their support of our mission and goals:

County of Kaua'i Department of Water  
Kapa'a Business Association  
Kaua'i Public Land Trust.

### ***Announcements***

#### **Leadership Kauai**

Leadership Kauai is getting ready to graduate its first group of leaders next week. This organization is concluding in its first program year of providing leadership skills and tools to our community leaders of tomorrow. They are currently recruiting participants for the second class which begins in September and are looking for leaders in a cross section of the community who are committed to improving themselves and the community.

View the Leadership Kauai website for more information at [www.leadershipkauai.org/](http://www.leadershipkauai.org/). The application on the website has most of the details you need to know. Call Mark Hubbard at 639-4746 if you have any questions or just want to discuss the possibilities.

#### **Apply for Federal Grants Online**

Are you ready to apply for a grant at Grants.gov? See the Spring Succeed Newsletter article titled "Why Apply for Grants at Grants.gov?" with instructions and tips to share with potential applicants - including a step-by-step guide to Get Started and some common mistakes to watch out for when applying.

Learn more about these and other developments in the latest issue of the Grants.gov Succeed quarterly newsletter (available at [www.grants.gov/assets/GrantsSpringNewsletter2005.pdf](http://www.grants.gov/assets/GrantsSpringNewsletter2005.pdf)). Plus you'll find information on recent awards, media coverage and events. Read about the recent Grants.gov Webcast and attending the Encore Webcast presentation on April 21, 2005, with a live program update from the Grants.gov Program Management Team and an extended Question and Answer session. Visit [www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast](http://www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast) for more details!

Visit the new resource page at [www.grants.gov/Resources](http://www.grants.gov/Resources) to learn How to Write a Grant and find other useful information and tools. If you have any questions or would like assistance, contact [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

#### **Non-Profit Employers Wanted**

First-to-Work (FtW), a Department of Human Services employment program, is looking for work sites for its program participants. FtW helps people receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) obtain employment, job skills, education, and training.) They are looking for work site placements for a maximum of 32 hours a week up to six months. During the participants' volunteer time with you, they ask that you provide participants with training, supervision, and feedback to help develop their self-esteem,

work ethics, job skills and habits. By providing a work site, you will be helping FtW help the participant gain the skills necessary to become self-sufficient. For more information, please call Evie at 241-3661 or leave a message at 274-3056 ext. 21.

### **Positive Results for Hawai'i Youth Data Survey**

The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Education (DOE) has released data from the Hawai'i Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS). A copy of this report is available on the DOH website at [www.hawaii.gov/health](http://www.hawaii.gov/health) under publications.

Results from the YRBS show that in 2003, Hawai'i youth reported less risk behaviors than did youth nationally in several areas, including fighting, drinking alcohol and engaging in sexual activity.

In other areas, Hawai'i students reported more risk behavior than students nationally. For example, Hawaii students are less likely to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables and drink three or more servings of milk as suggested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). And while fewer high school students in Hawai'i reported ever having sexual intercourse, those who have had intercourse were less likely to use a condom during their last sexual experience.

"Data from both surveys show trends that are more positive than negative at both the high school and middle school levels," said Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, MD, Director of Health. "The reports show that we are making progress in reaching our youth about positive health choices."

### ***Questions about KPAA? Comments? Please contact us!***

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