

Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance

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KPAA Membership Adopts New Bylaws, Elects Directors

On June 29, KPAA's annual membership meeting at the Radisson Kaua'i Beach Resort was attended by members and friends. KPAA President & CEO Diane Zachary reported on progress made over the past year and plans to apply for 501(c)3 nonprofit status. Presently Garden Island RC&D, Inc. serves as the fiscal sponsor for KPAA. Members approved new bylaws for KPAA and re-elected seven Advisory Board members, who will continue to serve, along with six other board members, once KPAA receives approval as an independent nonprofit. Re-elected for two-year terms were Bernard Carvalho, Dee Crowell, Puna Dawson, Gilbert Peter Kea, David Martin, Owen Moe and Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami.

2004 Kaua'i Community Champions Selected

Also on June 29th, KPAA presented the 2004 Kauai Community Champion awards to the **Kauai Food Bank** and to the **American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Regions 940 and 941**.

Left to right:
Paul Douglas, President, Kauai Food Bank; Judy Lenthal, Executive Director, Kauai Food Bank; Sean Magoun, Regional Commissioner, AYSO Region 940; Kevin Gusman, Registrar and Board member, AYSO Region 941; Gilbert Peter Kea, Chair, KPAA



The Kaua'i Community Champion Awards honor exemplary achievement among nonprofit organizations. Recipients were given a *kahili*, representing the excellence of their organization and their contributions to the community. Program sponsors Verizon Foundation and Kawaiola Development, Inc. each donated \$500 respectively to award recipients.

Accepting the award for the Kauai Food Bank (KFB) were President Paul Douglas and Executive Director Judith Lenthal, and for the AYSO - Regions 940 and 941 were Sean Magoun and Kevin Gusman respectively. These two organizations were recognized for the important contributions they make toward building and strengthening our community, demonstrating leadership in their field and having the support of volunteers and their board.

The keys to success for KFB include a supportive and interactive Board of Directors; cultivating an appreciative, cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with collaborating agencies; relying on strategic partnerships in the community as a way to leverage resources; and empowering small farmers to succeed and grow their business.

AYSO's keys to success on Kaua'i include committed volunteers where everyone is a stakeholder in the success of the program; board members that strive to instruct and educate volunteers about the AYSO vision; empowering volunteers by providing specialized training and education; and embracing the importance of fun and play over the goal of winning.

Selecting the Community Champions is difficult because Kaua'i has so many outstanding organizations. The KPAA Advisory Board established criteria to guide them in the Kaua'i Community Champion selection process. The board looked for organizations that:

- contribute to the strength of the community and our quality of life;
- demonstrate leadership in their field;
- have strong community support;
- have the active involvement of the board of directors and volunteers;
- embody one or more of Kaua'i's community values as stated in the 2000 General Plan Update;
- have a reputation for excellence and accomplishment; and
- have proven organizational longevity and sustainability.

In providing these awards, KPAA recognizes the staff and volunteers, their accomplishments, and the lessons they can share with other organizations and grass-roots groups.

Previous awardees include Friends of Kamalani, Hui O Laka – Koke'e Natural History Museum, Waipa Foundation, Mokihana Festival and Kawaihau District Leadership Coalition.

Drug Action Team's Plan Launched

Work is underway to carry out the activities identified in the *Kaua'i Community Drug Response Plan* that was finalized May 21st. Churches, the non-profit community, and agencies are working together to offer new drug-free youth activities. New treatment facilities are being planned. Information on job training and support services is being provided to soon-to-be-released prisoners, to facilitate their re-entry into the community. New partnerships are being forged between the police department, other enforcement agencies, and the community to reduce drug trafficking and use. KPAA is proud to have assisted in creating the plan and will continue to have a role in facilitating the work of the many terrific volunteers who are taking action to reach our goal of reducing drug use on Kaua'i.

Parks Action Team

There is growing awareness that Kaua'i's parks are vital to our quality of life, yet many of our parks lack adequate parking, clean restrooms, and other basic amenities. The challenge is how to provide adequate resources – both financial and human – to improve our county and state parks. The Parks Action Team has drafted a long list of possible priorities and work is underway to narrow the list to a few priorities that can be accomplished in the next two years. Top priorities will be reported in the next newsletter.

Upcoming HCF Training

Hawai'i Community Foundation has extended the deadline for its July 30th training session "The Art of Making It Happen: The Working Together Toolbox". For everyone interested in teambuilding and getting your group to work together more effectively, this all-day session looks like a great course. It is taught by Jude Kay of CompassPoint Nonprofit Services. Cost is just \$10 per person and includes lunch. The new deadline for applications has been extended until July 16, 2004. For more information and to download the application form, go to www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/hcfg/training.php. If you have any questions, please contact Nani Larsen at 245-4585.

Aloha Shares Is Coming to Kaua'i

Aloha Shares Network (ASN) is a not-for-profit organization that matches discarded but useful merchandise like desks and chairs, paint, hardware, and plenty of other things with not-for-profit organizations that can use them. They may use this merchandise for their offices or for their clients at no cost. ASN has been successfully operating on Maui and would now like to establish service here on Kaua'i. Wilma Nakamura of ASN invites Kaua'i nonprofits to register and share their "wish list" by going online to www.alohashares.org. Thanks to Allison Fraley and Scott Giarman for helping to make this happen!

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