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Talk Story on September 5th Focuses on Strategic Planning

The topic for KPAA's next informal bi-monthly Talk Story session for nonprofit directors and board members will be "Strategic Planning". Strategic plans help to focus and shape an organization's response to the external environment (such as community needs, public perception and national events) and the internal environment (some examples are staffing, facility, technology and financial needs). How do you build on your strengths, mitigate weaknesses, deal with threats, and seize opportunities? Join the discussion on Tuesday, September 5th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the KPAA office, 2959 Umi Street, Suite 201 in Lihu'e. Bring your lunch if you wish; drinks will be provided.

Information Gathering Begins on Community Indicators

Work on the "Measuring What Matters for Kaua'i" community indicators project continues. We are in the data gathering phase, and want to thank the many state and county agencies and nonprofits that have helped in providing needed information. The next phase will be developing the written report on the data; the report should be completed within the next three months. The project provides a snapshot of how the island is doing in a variety of areas, including economy, education, natural environment, land use and rural character, neighborhood and community well-being, health and wellness, public safety, civic engagement, and cultures and arts. The indicators will be measured, tracked over time, and reported annually so we can determine Kaua`i's progress toward achieving the community vision in the *General Plan 2000*. To download the list of draft indicators, go to <http://www.kauainetwork.org/pdf/Draft9-Indicators-06.20.06.pdf>.

Adolescent Treatment Center Ground-Breaking

With a blessing from Pastor Rocky Sasaki and a gentle rain, the Governor, Mayor and others broke ground on August 24th for a new adolescent treatment center in Hanapepe. When completed, the center will be operated by Maui Youth and Family Services and will serve up to 16 youth – 8 girls and 8 boys. This will be the first residential treatment program on the island and is one of the activities included the *Kaua`i Community Response Drug Plan 2004-2009*, prepared by KPAA.



Community Support for Public Education

In response to a need identified by public school principals and teachers on Kaua`i, the Education Action Team is focusing on a *Community Volunteers in the Classroom* initiative. KPAA received a grant from the

Annie S. Knudsen Trust for a half-time Program Coordinator to implement this project. Sarah Shiraki has been hired for the position and is currently developing a year-long implementation plan for the island's elementary schools, working with the Department of Education. Volunteers will be recruited by KPAA, trained in collaboration with school personnel, and matched with teachers. By responding to the needs of classroom teachers, the program is designed to support the academic achievement of students and to promote closer ties between school and community.

A Look at Sustainability in Hawai'i in 2050

Some 500 people from around the state gathered in Honolulu August 26 to imagine Hawai'i in 2050. This was the kickoff conference for a series of events sponsored by the Hawai'i 2050 Task Force, chaired by Senator Russell Kokubun, that will take place around the state over the next several months to engage the community in a discussion of Hawaii's sustainability and to envision the kind of future we want for our children and grandchildren. Professor Jim Dator of the Hawai'i Research Center for Future Studies and his students created four very unusual, inventive but plausible futures for the audience to experience.

Congratulations to 2006 Kaua'i Community Champions



Three outstanding organizations – National Tropical Botanical Garden, Child and Family Service and Kaua'i Pop Warner Football League – were honored by KPAA as 2006 Kaua'i Community Champions for their service, excellence and leadership in the community. The awards, co-sponsored by King Auto Center for the second year, were given at the July 6th KPAA Annual Meeting. This is the fifth year the Kaua'i Community Champions have been recognized. Accepting for each organization was Chipper

Wichman, NTBG, Lucille Calderon, Child and Family Service, and Mel Rapozo for Kaua'i Pop Warner Football League.

Planning for Solid Waste Management

The reality that our landfill is nearing capacity has been in the news over the past year or so. To deal more effectively with the island's waste in the future, the County has contracted with the consulting firm R.W. Beck to work with an advisory group to prepare a new plan. KPAA's Diane Zachary is one of the members on the advisory committee. The committee has been considering a variety of options that include expanded recycling and reuse programs, new strategies for curbside pickup, expanded services at the transfer stations, programs to deal with green waste and other organics such as composting and anaerobic digestion, and a waste to energy program. It is likely a combination of strategies will be included in the final plan, scheduled for completion in October. To see portions of the draft plan as they are completed, visit <http://www.kauai.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=445>.

Board Changes at KPAA



KPAA bid a warm aloha to outgoing members of its Board of Directors Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami, Pat Fleck and Bernard Carvalho at its June meeting. Bernard and Bodhinatha were founding board members of KPAA. Incoming members were welcomed at the August meeting and include Eric Knutzen, County of Kaua'i; Marissa Sandblom, Grove Farm; and Rev. Nani Hill, Koloa Union Church.



KPAA's 2005 Annual Report Available

For those of you wondering what KPAA did last year, our 2005 Annual Report is now available online at <http://www.kauainetwork.org/pdf/2005AnnualReportReduced.pdf>.

Mahalo to KPAA's New and Renewing Members

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

New General Members

Koloa Union Church

Renewing General Members

Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park
County of Kaua'i, Department of Water
County of Kaua'i, Office of Economic Development
County of Kaua'i, Office of Community Assistance
County of Kaua'i, Planning Department
County of Kaua'i, Public Works Department
Garden Island Canoe Racing Association
Hale `Opio Kauai
Hale Halawai 'Ohana 'o Hanalei - Hanalei Community Family Center
Hanalei Roads Committee
Hawai'i State Department of Transportation
Mark Hubbard (*Patron - Kou Level*)
Hui O Laka - Koke'e Natural History Museum
Kapa'a Business Association
Kaua'i Children's Discovery Museum
Kaua'i Community College
Kaua'i United Way
Malama Maha`ulepu
Nawiliwili Bay Watershed Council
Poipu Beach Resort Association
Princeville at Hanalei Community Association
Princeville at Hanalei Employee Council
Princeville Phase II Community Association
Sierra Club, Kaua'i Group, Hawai'i Chapter

New Supporting Members

A&B Properties, Inc.
Eric A. Knudsen Trust
Fujita & Miura Public Relations
Grove Farm Company, Inc. (*Patron - Kamani Level*)

Renewing Supporting Members

Agor Design Group
Kikiaola Land Company, Ltd.

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***Aloha: It's Kauai's Spirit
One Island, Many Peoples, All Kauaian***