



**KAUAI PLANNING & ACTION ALLIANCE**  
*Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua'i*

## **ALLIANCE IN ACTION**

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### ***An Invitation to KPAA's Annual Meeting Featuring Student Panel***

Please join us for our annual meeting on **Thursday, May 22 from 3-5 PM in the Kaua'i Community College Cafeteria**. There will be a short business meeting to elect board members plus an update on KPAA activities. This will be followed by the program *Voices of the Future: A Dialog with Kaua'i Youth*, featuring a panel of nine high school students. They will share their ideas about the future and their role in it, along with what we as community members can do to help them achieve their goals. If you would like to attend, call KPAA at 632-2005. Registration, networking and refreshments will begin at 2:30 PM.

### ***Dee Rosenkranz Joins KPAA***

Diane (Dee) Rosenkranz has joined KPAA as the Fund Development & Communications Director. Previously, Dee was the Recycling Specialist with the County of Kaua'i. She brings her passion for the island and sustainability issues to the position. In addition, she has her own company Grant Solutions. She can be reached at KPAA at 632-2005.

### ***Seeking School Volunteers for 2008-2009***



The Community Volunteers in the Classroom (CVC) program is looking for volunteers to work in classrooms during the 2008/2009 school year, which begins in July. Volunteers have been placed at six elementary schools this year and assist teachers in a variety of ways, such as working with students one-on-one and in small groups or preparing classroom materials. The program is flexible, and requires as little as two hours one day a week. An initial orientation is offered by the Parent-Community Networking Coordinator at the school. Additional training is offered based on interest among the volunteers. KPAA, in cooperation with the Department of Education, will be honoring current CVC volunteers later this month. If you are interested in becoming a CVC volunteer, contact Sheila Ringor at 632-2005.

### ***Progress Stalls on State Park Improvements***

In 2006, KPAA successfully advocated to the Legislature for \$300,000 to go to DLNR to fund a master plan for Ha'ena State Park, the most visited state park on the island. The goal was to draw on the extensive master plan work and community involvement begun but not completed in the late 90s. Since funding was approved, KPAA has been tracking the project to be sure it gets underway. PBR Hawaii & Associates was selected as the consultant to prepare an EIS and the plan, but after lengthy negotiations, the contract has yet to be finalized. The State is now saying that both an EA and the EIS are needed, and it appears the funding is insufficient. Meanwhile, the problems with parking and other issues at the park continue.

In 2007, KPAA received the Legislature's approval for a grant-in-aid to make improvements to a portion of the Na Pali Coast Wilderness State Park trail and, with Hui O Laka, to improve the CCC camp in Koke'e State Park. A year later, those funds have not yet been released by the Governor.

## ***Community Gardens Blooming Island-Wide***



If you are worried about rising food prices and rumors about food shortages, you may wish to join with others in Kaua'i's Community Gardens Program and learn to grow your own. Under the sponsorship of the Kaua'i Food Industry Forum, a network of community gardens is being developed in the seven major district of our island. These gardens are being planned and managed by volunteers in each neighborhood. Training and technical support is provided by Kaua'i Community College, and hands-on learning is offered at the Campus Garden. The ultimate goal is to increase food self-sufficiency by increasing the abundance of food grown at

home gardens and in cooperatively-managed neighborhood gardens. For more information, contact Glenn Hontz the Program Coordinator at KCC, 808 246-4859 or [hontz@hawaii.edu](mailto:hontz@hawaii.edu).

## ***Mahalo to KPAA's New and Renewing Members***

KPAA welcomes the following General Members who have renewed their membership since March 31, 2008. We appreciate their continued support of our mission and goals!

### **Renewing General Members**

Garden Island RC&D, Inc.

Hawai'i Department of Health

Hope, Help and Healing Kaua'i

Kaua'i Aloha Foundation

Kaua'i Visitors Bureau

Nawiliwili Bay Watershed Council

## ***Show Your Support of KPAA's Initiatives – Become a Member***

To join KPAA and to provide support for our work, simply complete the online application at [www.kauainetwork.org/pdf/KPAAMembershipForm2008.pdf](http://www.kauainetwork.org/pdf/KPAAMembershipForm2008.pdf). Or call KPAA for more information.

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

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