



Honokoa Spring 2018 Newsletter

Vision: Ehuehu i ka pono (Thrive in balance)

Mission: To empower Native Hawaiians living in Kohala, specifically the Kailapa Community, supporting physical, mental, spiritual, and cultural health of people and place

GOALS: Build community self-sufficiency and independence through Social Economic Development

- Educate and strengthen the cultural identity and self-esteem by facilitating opportunities to learn, practice and share Hawaiian knowledge of history, culture, values and traditional practices

- Preserve and protect our natural environment through stewardship of our islands and resources that are appropriate to traditional practice and perspective.
- Strengthen and engage community relationships and encourage active participation in issues that impact Native Hawaiian culture, resources, health, wellness and lands

Kailapa Community Association election results

On Jan 20, 2018 KCA held its annual community meeting and election to fill openings for the Board of directors. We are happy to announce that **Keala Drummond** is our new President. Keala has served Kailapa for the past 6 yrs and worked his way up the ranks to now lead the organization. Vice-President is **Jeanette Kaulukukui** brings her construction background to help further the projects in progress. **Amoo Ching** joined the organization to offer more youth programs and help build the leaders of tomorrow. **Easton Chong** serves as our youth advocate and role model for our youngsters. Returning members are Treasurer **Lynn Jardine**, Secretary **Izzy Kalaau-Catrett**, and Directors **Jordan Hollister** & **Tommy Silva**. We acknowledge and give thanks to **Barbara Neville** and **Jim Cisler** who are our communication team to help us get the messages out to the community. We Mahalo **Sam Peck** for his service as the President as he leaves office and also **to all** of the previous Board members who served this community throughout the past 12 years. It takes all of us to make the difference and continue our positive growth.

KCA Focus areas and activities

Laulima (community cohesiveness), is the newly formed Aloha Committee composed of **Amoo Ching, Shari-Ann Drummond and Barbara Neville**. They will be planning community events & opportunities community participation

Ke Ola Pono (Health & Safety) KCA has a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Aunty Puanani Woo has been chairing this program for several years is retiring and passing on the baton.

We need more of our community members to be trained and join the team. The training is a commitment of 4 Saturdays in a row to get certified, then recertification every 2 years. The CERT is activated **only** by the civil defense and will only be "activated" IF and WHEN there is a disaster, emergency when the First responders are NOT coming to help us. It is so important that we have trained people in OUR community who know how to help without causing danger to themselves or other people. First Aid and CPR is only a small part of this program, there is so much more to learn and practice.

Noho ku'okoa (Self-sufficiency) KCA was one of only two Hawaiian communities selected for funding to build community resilience. This work is being done under a grant from the Department of Interior (DOI). This grant will provide the expertise needed to move the ideas & dreams to create "road maps" to an actionable plan for when we are ready to take those giant steps

Ka'imi Na'auao (Technology & Education) will be addressed in the resource center which is moving forward. The resource center will have a certified commercial kitchen for economic development for our community as well as derive income for the organization from its rental. KCA continues to seek funding, one step at a time to fulfill this obligation. The current Grant in Aid (GIA) funds will get the community center finished, do the en-



gineering studies needed to get across the ravine and do the topography studies needed for the building sites and more.

Malama 'Aina (Resource Management) the resiliency project will determine what and where rehabilitation of lands should occur. The 'Aina momona action plan was developed for the purpose of managing our resources. Studies of certain types of fish and opihi populations, spawning cycles have been monitored for several years giving us a baseline of the health of our marine life. It is time to evaluate the results and begin the plan.

The Kohala Center received a large grant to work on fencing around DHHL in Kawaihae I and to reforest some erosion prone areas along Honokoa gulch. Ungulate removal efforts are included in this plan once fencing is completed.

Piko (gathering place) the pavilion is almost done. It has been a long haul for a few dedicated volunteers. Everyones time is precious and we respect that and are very grateful for all those who came to help and continue to bring this building to completion. The last pieces is the overhang above the mailboxes, sidewalk to restrooms, landscaping, paving and street lights.

Resilient Hawaiian Community (RHC)

KCA was selected as 1 of only 2 Hawaiian Communities to be awarded the Resilient Hawaiian community grant from the Department of Interior. This project will identify lands in Kawaihae I to focus on building community self-sufficiency and economic development projects. This involves getting guidance from experts in various specialities to define ways to utilize the resources we are blessed with. The ultimate tangible goal is to have a roadmap to guide future project planning to develop areas that contribute to resiliency on our homelands. Resiliency, does NOT only consider what will serve peoples needs, but includes looking at the health of the lands that have been damaged throughout the years by both human/ animal interactions and natural events and identify what and where we can institute ways to help it heal. *"Healthy lands support healthy people"*.

KCA will be hosting a series of community planning meetings to get **your 'ike** as we move forward. Watch for the announcements.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Honokoa is blessed to have a CERT program with trained individuals to respond to disasters when activated by the County Civil Defense. The CERT team is dwindling and needs new blood. Some of the team is aging out and we need to get more residents CERT trained for the safety of all. We **Ma-halo Aunty Puanani Woo** who is retiring after serving as a CERT member and leader since the very beginning in 2012. We wish her a very long and healthy retirement.

The next CERT training is coming up in West HI **Feb 24-March 17, 2018**. Every Sat. for 4 wks. The CERT Amateur Radio Tech course is also coming up every Thur. evenings from **March 22-April 26**. If interested contact Diane 808-640-3195.

Fire Ants

Have you noticed any of those tiny, uniformly even red ants that bite people, pets, and other farm animals. They love to hang out in trees and easily fall onto whatever disturbs the tree, stinging the victims and often blinding them. There has been a record number of reports of cattle, horses, dogs and cats being blinded by the ant bites. The Fire Ant problems on Hawai'i Island is rapidly growing out of control.

If you think you might have fire ants on, or near your property, contact the Hawai'i Unite Against Invasive's (**Hlu-**

nite.com) or the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (**biisc.org**) for help in identifying the problem and getting help to get rid of those pesky, dangerous fire ants. Don't wait for them spread or get a solid infestation going. Take action as soon as you see or think there are fire ants near your home. Fire ants are small, only about 1/8 to 1/4-inch long. Variation in size is a distinguishing feature. Many other ant species are uniform in size. Worker fire ants bite with their chewing mouthparts and inject venom with their stingers aggressively and repeatedly. If you get stung, you may feel burning or tingling at the site. A day or so later, the imported fire ant's unique venom forms a characteristic white fluid-filled pustule or blister at the sting site.



Ku'i'ai workshop -Cancelled

KCA hoped to bring the Ku'i'ai workshop to Honokoa for the 2018 Prince Kuhio day. However, the pavilion is not yet completed therefore KCA decided to cancel the event to focus the energy on getting the building finished and ready the final inspection for Certificate of Occupancy. We regret having to postpone this event for another year.

2017-18 GIA, update

As reported in the Fall Newsletter KCA was allocated \$500,000 from the State Legislature for Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP) and the funds have been released by the Governor's office. However, it is still being processed by the various departments and the Attorney General and NO funds have been released yet.

2018-19 GIA request

KCA continues to strive to raise the funds needed to complete the work we began and promised to our community. This year KCA wrote the GIA application for 2.7 M to begin the design, architectural drawings, topography studies, parking area, lighting, etc. for the Resource/ emergency evacuation disaster center. This center would be the economic development hub, education tech center and much more for Kawaihae Homesteaders & residents

Thanks to all of you who took the time to sign the petition to support the funding request. It takes a strong dedicated community to achieve it's goals for create a better opportunities for our future generations.

Vision statement for center: A self-sustaining and tight knit community where the residents thrive, are grounded in place, and perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture and values

Purpose for the Community Resource Center

The community Resource Center will be the piko of the community. It will be a gathering place for programs and activities that nurture and perpetuate physical, mental, cultural and social health rooted in Native Hawaiian values . KCA is committed to creating an active center that serves Honokoa as well as all Kawaihae residents and the surrounding communities

The 6th Annual Kūhiō Ball

Date: Saturday - March 24, 2018

Presented by *The Waimea Hawaiian
Homesteaders Association*

Time: 4:00 - 8:30 p.m., Ticket prices are \$30.00

Place: Richard Smarts Pu'uopelu, Historic Parker Ranch Homes

Formal Dress attire is required, any suit or holokū style and if all else fails, just wear something nice! This years theme is "One Night With The King." which means its a dinner holoku gala extravaganza in royal style, as if you were to dine in the presence of a King. Paniolo Style Jeans with a coat and cowboy hats are welcome, As well palaka style holokū with boots etc...

If you would like to help us round up some fabulous donations, please email micahkamohoalii@gmail.com

All proceeds will go to the Kūhiō Scholarship Fund with the sole purpose of awarding scholarships for College education.

Call (808) 960-1900 or Email micahkamohoalii@gmail.com for Tickets and More Info.

The Kohala Center is offering Spring intersession fun

High school students can participate in sustainable agriculture program Our weeklong High School Sustainable Agriculture Program will introduce high school students to traditional and modern sustainable agriculture methods through hands-on workshops and field trips. Students who complete the full program are eligible to receive a VISA gift card valued up to \$125. Applications are available online at koha.la/highschoolag or by contacting The Kohala Center at 808-887-6411 ByThursday, March 15.

DHHL STATEMENT ON NELSON CASE RULING

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On Friday, February 9, 2018 the Hawaii State Supreme Court ruled (4-1 majority) that the Hawaii State Legislature is only required to fund the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) the amount that the delegates of the 1978 Hawaii State Constitutional Convention estimated it takes in administration and operating expenses, adjusted for inflation. The majority said in its opinion that when the 1978 delegates approved a constitutional amendment requiring the Legislature to make sufficient sums available for the administration and operating budget of DHHL, they estimated that the annual cost at that time was between \$1.3 million and \$1.6 million.

“The Department’s kuleana to do everything possible to seek sufficient funds so that we can deliver on Prince Kuhio’s vision and DHHL’s mission remains. We continue to work with our beneficiaries and the Legislature to secure these needed resources so that native Hawaiian families and our homestead communities are provided with the critical support that they need in the areas of housing, clean drinking water, community resiliency and empowerment, and safe and healthy communities. Together with beneficiaries and the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation we fought for a positive outcome. We appreciate the support of the Governor and the Legislature and will continue to work with them on funding to support the Hawaiian Home Lands program. The Department is very disappointed in the courts decision on the Nelson case and will confer with counsel on this matter.” – Jobie M.K. Masagatani, Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Statement on ruling from Governor David Y. Ige:

“I’m glad the Court has ruled. I standby the supplemental budget request I submitted this year because the funding is needed to fulfill the department’s mission.” – David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii

Note: Governor David Y. Ige included \$25.1 million for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in the FY19 Supplemental Operating Budget request.

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