SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Aloha and Welcome,

As I write this summer message, the Center is preparing to welcome friends and visitors to the 4th North Kohala Community Reunion since the year 2000. We are excited to see old friends and meet new ones. The Kohala Reunion is a sponsored project of the Center and we have worked hard with an incredible team of residents to offer a memorable time for all. We will have a table at the Hisaoka gym where we will feature some of our newer projects like the Kohala Radio Station and the Bond Library Restoration project. Both of these projects demonstrate the growth and capacity of the Center to take on broad based efforts that will serve the community for generations to come.

Our Summer Newsletter contains summaries for all the 92 community improvement projects that are currently sponsored by NKCRC. Please check out these exciting efforts and stop by or call us if you want more information. We are located at the entrance to Hawi in the Kohala Welcome Center building – the old Fukada Store. Our staff and volunteers are happy to help you.

This is our thirteenth year of operations – hard to believe! We now have a donor list of more than 900 families and individuals from Kohala, the islands and the mainland. Please consider supporting the Center with a donation this summer. Your donation directly supports our efforts to work with our project organizers and help them find the funding they need to successfully put their projects into action. Thank you for your help in keeping Kohala a living and vibrant community. Enjoy our updates and pictures, and we hope to see you at the Reunion!

With warmest Aloha,

Christine

ABOVE: KNKR volunteers Pete Sullenberger, Marieke McArthur, Carol Geertsema, John Sullivan, Len Winkler and David Ebrahimi in front of the station’s new sign.

BELOW: Sharon Hayden, Fred Cachola and Rhoady Lee (absent) are leading the effort to restore the historic Bond Memorial Library.

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North Kohala Community Reunion 2015
AIKIDO OF KOHALA

Aikido of Kohala was formed to foster respectful and peaceful relationships in the North Hawaii community through the teaching of aikido. Forrest Arnold, 987-2365.

ANGEL FUND

The Angel Fund was started by Kapa'a Veterinary Center to defray expenses for lifesaving veterinary treatment for animals that might otherwise be euthanized because their owners do not have the financial means to pay for treatment. Robin Woodley, 889-5488, office@kapaauvet.com.

ART IN SIGHT

Offering pottery, sculpture and drawing lessons for adults and children. Peter Kowalke, 937-7536, peterantrim@gmail.com, peterantrimkowalke.com.

BOND LIBRARY RESTORATION

This project is working to restore the historic Bond Memorial Library in Kapa'a with the aim of converting it to a community heritage center. Fred Cachola, 808-753-8896, Rhody Lee.

CAMP LOKAHI AT ISLAND BREEZE MINISTRIES

Camp Lokahi provides multi-day camping experiences for 40-50 local youth through four full camps and 2-3 one-day/overnight events annually. Jenna Vega, Eraca Kawasaki, 889-3082, islandbreezekma@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

In its ninth year, Kohala Mountain News is a free monthly publication concerning the people and events of North Kohala. It has a circulation of 3,800 and is published online. Tom Morse, 345-0706, tmorse@aol.com, kohalamountainnews.com.

ENGINEERING RESOURCES

This informational center offers advice for residents on any engineering aspect of their home and community, including hazard mitigation, wastewater treatment and grey water systems. Jim Pedersen, PE, 854-4888.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ABOARD

This program broadens Kohala High School students’ perspectives through literature, culture and international travel. In March 2016, the students will experience Italy and Greece. Jessica Brown, 345-2919, makena@hawaiigreenrealty.com.

FOOTPRINTS FOR THE FUTURE

Footprints endeavors to introduce a series of new land-use patterns related to community sustainability by bringing youth leaders into active land crafting courses. Jim Channon, 889-0223, arcturusjim@hotmail.com.

FRIENDS OF KOHALA POOL

This group hopes to install a solar water heater for the Kohala pool. Carol Geertsema, (509) 846-5019, kamehamehadaycelebration.org.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK – KOHALA TENNIS COURTS

This group maintains the tennis courts at Kamehameha Park. The courts need to be cleaned and cleared at least once a month and resurfaced every five years. Zisa Mondi, 889-0234, devazia@yahoo.com.

FULL CIRCLE COOPERATIVE

This project aims to help our community obtain affordable, organic food, and build the viability of our local farms by establishing a central hub for locally grown products. Michael McCullough, 756-3616, moondancehawaii@aol.com, fullcirclecooperative.com.

GAVIN HARRISON: TEACHINGS, POETRY

Gavin’s mission is to nourish the spiritual health of the community through meditation retreats, groups, hikes, and poetry and community-spirited events. Gavin Harrison, 884-5288, gavin@ gavinharrison.net.

HAWAI MUSIC AND ARTS CONSERVATORY

This project’s mission is to provide a creative and inspiring place from which to teach, coordinate, experience and perform music and art for children and adults of North Hawaii. Adrienne Cherry, 889-1995, choirmama@hawaiiantel.net.

HAWI FARMERS MARKET

Come talk story, buy fresh produce and locally produced food and crafts. Open Sat. 8-2. Lehua Matsuda, 333-7963.

HEALING MUSICAL

Local talent will highlight Kohala’s gifts of healing in this upcoming theatrical production. Nels Denman, 987-2731, nels@denman.net.

HIP AGRICULTURE

The Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture is an active farm and educational center offering youth programs, sustainable living courses and community workshops. Dash Kuhr, 889-6316, hipagriculture@gmail.com, hipagriculture.org.

HOKUPA'A ATHLETICS

This group seeks to develop a Softball / Baseball program to accommodate youth athletes who are serious about developing competitively. Nino Kaai, 895-7920, nino@hawaiiantel.net.

HONOPUEO AGRICULTURAL WATER LINE COOPERATIVE

The goal is to replace the Kapa’au lateral pipeline from the Kohala Ditch that serves irrigation needs of about 2,100 acres. Forrest Arnold, 987-2365, forrest@hawaiigreenrealty.com.

HULA HALAU MANA‘OLANA O KOHALA

The halau offers classes for all ages in Hula and Hawaiian culture, providing a bridge between generations and cultures, and connecting the community to its rich Hawaiian heritage. Hope Kawe, 889-5535.

HULA HALAU O KUKUI ALOHA O KOHALA

The halau offers classes for all ages in Hula and Hawaiian culture and science. Danny Garcia, 889-7000.

HULA HALAU MANA‘OLANA O KOHALA

The school of hula was established to educate and connect people with the earth and share ancient stories and ways of life with classes for keiki and adults. Leilani Lawrence, 889-5135, leilalawrence@gmail.com.

KA LEI ‘O KOHALA FARM

Infrastructure projects continue at Ka Lei ‘O Kohala Farm. Free ti is still available to groups doing fundraisers. Ti lei can also be ordered. Randee Golden, 889-0011.

KAMEHAMEHA DAY COMMITTEE

This group coordinates the annual celebration of this great king, including a lei ceremony at the Statue, parade, and ho’olaulea. Cicely Ho opai, 884-5840, choopai@yahoo.com, kamehamehadaycelebration.org.

KAMEHAMEHA PARK GOLF LEARNING CENTER

This project welcomes the youth (17 & under) of North Kohala to experience golf for free, including clubs, balls, and course access. John Mauro, 345-4933, jsmwu@aol.com.

KAMEHAMEHA STATUE MAINTENANCE

The group continues to care for the Kamehameha Statue in Kapa’a. Sharon Hayden, 889-0169, Sharon@kohalapacificrealty.com.

KEIKI YOGA KOHALA

Combining yoga poses, games, and breathing techniques, this program helps Kohala Elementary students develop physical fitness, self-care strategies, and greater focus. Jamie Eversweet, 756-3919, jeversweet@gmail.com, keikiyogakohala.com.

KENJI’S ROOM

This group seeks a new home to display Kenji Yokohama’s artifacts from Kohala. Catherine Morgan, 960-3597.

KES DISCOVERY GARDEN

The Discovery Garden at Kohala Elementary School provides K-5th grade students with hands-on garden experience while teaching nutrition and cross-curriculum concepts in math, Hawaiian culture and science. Danny Garcia, 889-7000.

KES HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PROGRAM

This program serves students at Kohala Elementary School, providing activities such as swim skills, table tennis, creative movement, and dance. Danny Garcia, 889-7000.

KHS AQUACULTURE

This project offers Kohala High students hands-on learning and the opportunity to earn an entry-level tech certificate in aquaculture. Frank Cipriani, 333-8026, frankpalanic@hawaii.edu.

KHS COLLEGE TOUR PROGRAM

Their goal is to provide Kohala High sophomores and juniors with the opportunity to visit colleges on the mainland to prepare them to make a decision about post secondary education. Tia Ubilas, 889-7117.

KHS COMPLEX CAPACITY BUILDING

In collaboration with a private funder, this project will utilize a grant proposal writer to secure private grant funding and build funding networks for all three Kohala public schools. Janette Snelling, 889-7117.
If you would like to donate to any of our projects, make your check payable to NKCRC and indicate the project of choice.

**KHS PROJECT GRAD 2016**
This annual party for new Kohala High graduates is a fun, alcohol-free event held after the graduation ceremony until the next morning, allowing graduates to celebrate together safely. Hinano Lewis, Johnelle Kainoa, 895-2545, jkchristine64@yahoo.com.

**KINDY SPROAT: A GIFT TO THE HEART**
This documentary depicts the life journey of Kindy Sproat, an internationally recognized musician and one of Hawaii’s Living Treasures. Keith Nealy, 987-8093, keithn@aloha.net, keithnealy.com.

**KOHALA AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM**
The project seeks to restore and upgrade the Kohala High School Agriculture program by helping with tools and infrastructure. Adriel Kobitaille, 896-0571.

**KOHALA ARTISTS COOPERATIVE**
This “gallery without walls” is focused on creating a working print and textile studio/classroom with a reference library of art and design titles to inspire and educate. Book donations always accepted. Malia Welch, maliawelch@gmail.com.

**KOHALA BASEBALL LEAGUE**
This group has sponsored 95% of the registration fees, supplied uniforms for all players on the three Pony League baseball teams, and offered after-school tutoring and drug and alcohol awareness. Vern Karratti, 333-4873, lizkarratti@gmail.com.

**KOHALA COALITION AGAINST DRUGS**
This unique project holds a 14-year commitment to restore old family lands to serve children and adults needing to reconnect to the earth, to spirit, and hands-on experience with traditional skills in the home, schools and community. Johnelle Kainoa, 895-2545, jkchristine64@yahoo.com.

**KOHALA COMMUNITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
Serving Kohala for 37 years, KCAA offers free after-school sports programs for Kohala youth ages 5-14 including baseball, softball, basketball, T-ball, volleyball and flag football. Tom McCue, 884-5132, tmccue@hawaii.rr.com.

**KOHALA COQUI COALITION**
The Coqui Coalition continues to treat sites around Kohala. Many difficult to access sites and gullies require multiple treatments. Kim Takata, 893-1939, ison@aloha.net.

**KOHALA COUNTRY FAIR**
After 30 successful years, the Fair will return in October2016 with new activities and entertainment. kcf@hawaii.rr.com, kohalacountrypfair.com.

**KOHALA EQUINE EDUCATION CENTER (KEEC)**
KEEC will build and maintain community equestrian facilities for educational and cultural programs and use by individual horse owners. Fundraising for construction is underway. Beth Robinson, 443-4588, 898-5753, KohalaArena@gmail.com.

**KOHALA FITNESS CENTER**
The group established a new exercise center at the Haisoka Gym where the community can enjoy a free, supportive, and friendly atmosphere to improve health and fitness. Sue Sasaki, 889-5346.

**KOHALA FOOTBALL BOOSTERS CLUB**
This 19-year-old organization provides support and services to the Kohala Varsity Football team. Reggie Tolentino, 889-8365.

**KOHALA HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB**
This local chapter of a statewide organization encourages the community to participate in fun and culturally integrative events. Efforts include raising funds for scholarships for Kohala students. Pua Akamu, 893-7345, napuaa@earthlink.net.

**KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL**
This accredited K-8 private school focuses on academic excellence and Christian values. It seeks to provide additional scholarship funding for local families. Chris Lason, 889-5646, avalanche2890@gmail.com, kohalamissionschool.adventistfaith.org.

**KOHALA NATIVE CORRIDOR PROJECT**
This research project seeks to establish contiguous mountain to ocean corridors of native and endemic trees on Kohala Mountain to improve soil and pasture quality, increase the infiltration of water, and provide habitat for endemic organisms. Sophia Bowart, 889-0971, sophia.bowart@gmail.com, farmcenter.org/north-kohala-native-corridor.

**KOHALA RADIO**
With plans to begin broadcasting in summer 2015, Kohala Radio will operate a low power noncommercial FM radio station for the community with broad inclusive participation and diverse programming. Bob Martin, 889-0307, bobbymartin@klnk.org, klnk.org.

**KOHALA ROBOTICS**
An after-school program engaged in science, technology, engineering, and math, communication, and time management. The goal is excellence through life-changing experiences for Kohala youth. Fern White, 889-7117, ext. 249, fernwhite@gmail.com.

**KOHALA SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB**
This active group for seniors age 55 and up seeks to stimulate the mind, body and soul by participating in the home, schools and community. Bobby Glory, 889-5115, glorys808@yahoo.com.

**KOHALA UNUPA’A**
This group provides students grades 5-10 with a foundation in Hawaiian culture through the oral histories of our kupuna, the Hawaiian language, and hands-on experience with traditional skills in relationship with the land. Johnelle Kainoa, 895-2545, jkchristine64@yahoo.com.

**KOHALA YOUTH RANCH**
This program utilizes horses to provide free, equine-assisted learning for at-risk youth to increase self-esteem and confidence, and develop problem solving and coping skills. Joe Vitorino, 889-5623, kohalayouthranch@wildblue.net.

**KOHALA WALDORF INSPIRED SCHOOL OF HAWAII – K-WISH**
This project is developing a permanent full time Waldorf inspired school for K-8. Delphina Dorrance, 889-0800, leighdelphina@gmail.com.

**KOKOLULU FARM CANCER RETREATS**
Kokolulu provides education and assistance to those affected by cancer, including healing retreats and tools to empower participants to take charge of their own healing journey. Karin Cooke/Lew Whitney, 889-9803, lew@kokolulu.com, kokolulu.com.

**KONEA O KUKUI GARDEN RESTORATION**
This unique project holds a 14-year commitment to restore old family lands to serve children and adults needing to reconnect to the earth, to spirit, to their culture, and ultimately to themselves. Nani Svendsen, 889-5572, kohalaguesthouse@hotmail.com.
North Kohala with “food system that addresses the health, grow a community-based, sustainable. The Eat Locally Grown Campaign works to community reunion to be held July 3-6, 2015. This group of volunteers has organized a four-day

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
NK-CERT continues to train and prepare residents to respond to emergencies. John Winter, 889-6901, winterd@whitman.edu.

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY
LEARNING CENTER
The project continues to host the World Peace Game and is looking for teachers and parents interested in launching a new session. Susan Lehner, 896-9001, slehner@hawaii.rr.com.

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY
REUNION 2015
This group of volunteers has organized a four-day community reunion to be held July 3-6, 2015. Kathy Matsuda, 880-5801, kathy@hialoha.net.

NORTH KOHALA FOOD FORUM
The Eat Locally Grown Campaign works to grow a community-based, sustainable food system that addresses the health, environment and economy of North Kohala. Andrea Dean, 960-3727, andrea@andreadean.com, www.foodhubkohala.org.

NORTH KOHALA STUDENT CULTURAL
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
This program is designed to expose Kohala students to cultural and educational programs that have previously been cost prohibitive. Dixie Adams, 889-5730, dixiea@gmail.com; Laura Burkhart, 884-5833, laura@lauraburkhart.com.

NORTH KOHALA SUMMER FUN
PROGRAM
This project helps supplement the cost for families with working parents and multiple children who need the Summer Fun program at Hisaoka Gym. Renee Gonsalves, 987-6949.

NUTRITION FARMING FOR HAWAI’I
Dr. Jana Bogs works with local produce growers to improve crop health and nutritional qualities of foods for a healthier, more prosperous, and sustainable community. Jana Bogs, 938-8888, jana.bogs@gmail.com, BeyondOrganicResearch.com.

ŌHUA O NĀ KAI I NO NĀ K E IKI O K A ‘AINA
By restoring an old Hawaiian lo‘i, this group works to inspire and empower the community through education and stewardship of the ‘Aina, and to restore overgrown land into usable educational farmland. Sō’o Vaefaga, 889-1484, ohuasao@gmail.com.

PLANET PIONEERS
Planet Pioneers builds sustainability leadership and entrepreneurship capacity in K-12 students through mentorship, internships and hands-on projects Linda Lewandowski, 756-9005, planetpioneers@gmail.com.

POP WARNER – KOHALA CHARGERS
This youth football organization teaches teamwork, self-discipline, respect, self-confidence, and good sportsmanship. They are raising funds for transportation to out of town games and to replace equipment for quality and safety. Nohea Lee, 938-5818, kohalachargerswa@yahoo.com.

RECORD OF THE CULTURE
The goal of this project is to digitize all old copies of The Midget and Kohala Mountain News for preservation and to facilitate public access to the newspapers. Ann Dileo, ann_dileo@yahoo.com.

REGENERATIVE ORGANIC
AGRICULTURE AND PROBIOTIC
PRACTICES HAWAI’I
Extending from a 33 year effort to firmly reestablish regenerative organic farming in Hawaii, this group will host in-depth workshops and develop a vocational agriculture training program for at-risk young men. Clarence and Gail Baber, 987-8880.

RISLEY FARMS
Providing the people of North Kohala with “food for the body and food for the soul,” the farm is dedicated to producing high quality, affordable fresh produce. Peter Risley, 430-0338, petertrissley47@gmail.com.

ROOTS SK8 PARK
Roots Advocates for Youth is moving toward phase two of the skate park, adding 5,000 sq. ft. of terrain. Support directly benefits the youth of Kohala. Richey Riggs, skate@rootsyahoo.com, skate@roots.wordpress.com.

RURAL EMERGENCY CARE PROJECT
This collaboration between NKCRC and the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation is to assist in fundraising to enlarge and modernize the Emergency Room at Kohala Hospital. Current projected opening of the new ER is late summer 2015. Giovanna Gherardi, 889-5900.

RYUKYUKOKU MATSURI DAIKO
KOHALA
RMD Okinawan Taiko has been active in Kohala for over seven years with 27 drummers performing at community events and providing free classes. Funding is needed for uniforms, drums, and transportation. Kathy Matsuda, 889-5801, kathy@hialoha.net.

TARO DREAMS
This research, product development and marketing company has developed a full line of gluten-free foods made from taro root. Pamela Nocai Day, 884-5270, PamelaNocaiDay@msn.com.

THE MAN IN THE BLACK HAT FILM
This project is organized for the production of a docudrama on St. Damien’s time as a missionary in the North Kohala to Pu‘u areas before he went to Molokai. Irma Ockerman, 756-5572, Dennyse Woo, 756-5575, dwoo@films.com.

ULU MAU PUANUI
Our mission is to revitalize and understand the rain-fed Kohala Field System by engaging learners, educators, and community in land-based learning, and culturally-centered science. Kehaulani Marshall, 936-1612, kehaulanimarshall@yahoo.com, ulumaupuanui.org.

WA‘OLI CRANIOSACRAL
Research-backed Craniosacral Therapy for children with ADD, ADHD, autism and dyslexia, as well as victims of trauma. Seeking funding for families in need. Bonnie Stevenson, 896-5225, bonnimeaiaka@yahoo.com.

WASTESTREAM RECYCLING
WasteStream continues to be active in the pursuit of reducing, reusing and recycling in Kohala. Make extra money for your organization, join our HF5 Volunteer program. Le’a Mizuta, 889-0761; Dixie Adams, 889-5730, dixiea@gmail.com, BeyondOrganicResearch.com.

WELLNESS THROUGH MOVEMENT
This program, including a new video, teaches children, parents and teachers how to strengthen self-awareness through learning about the body-to-brain connection. Catherine Rosasco Mitchell, 885-7190, WellnessThroughMovement.com.
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We apologize if we inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name. Please call Juanna at 889-5523 to make any corrections. Mahalo.
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Fall Schedule for Our Next Training Series:
Our workshops are designed to help organizers plan successful community projects, find funding, and write proposals. Planning sessions are offered on an “as needed” individual basis. These workshops are free to organizers of projects that have been accepted for fiscal sponsorship. Participants without our sponsorship may attend on a fee basis. Classes are held at our office in Hawi. Please call the Center for more information or to register, 889-5523.

Finding Funders .......... Thursday, September 10, 2015
Writing Successful Proposals ............... Saturday, September 26, 2015
Proposal Critique .................... To be determined

*New Class* Build a Better Budget .. To be determined

Volunteer Spotlight:
Hazel Troche

Born and raised in North Kohala, Hazel came back home to Kohala in 1998 with her husband Louis after raising six children in California. Hazel has been helping NKCRC since the “old days” when we were at our Luke’s Place office. Always arriving with a smile and a “God Bless,” Hazel has helped with countless newsletter mailings and is a Welcome Center Guide whenever her schedule allows. A good friend to all the staff, we have had many laughs and some tears as she helps us so willingly with whatever we ask.

We love you, Hazel. Mahalo Nui!