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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 2016

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Aloha and Welcome,

As we kick off the summer, the Kamehameha Day organizers are bustling around the office, dropping off pa'u princess costumes and readying community organizations for floats and displays. Across town, the organizers for the Statue maintenance project are ensuring that all is in place for the beloved holiday of King Kamehameha the Great. I am struck by the energy and passion of these volunteers and again reminded of the deep spirit of volunteerism in Kohala. NKCRC welcomes so many volunteers every week, every month and every year who provide services and skills to keep the Center and so many of our projects thriving.

Our Directors are committed volunteers who give of their time and talent all year long to make certain the Center is running smoothly. This past year we introduced a successful Youth Director program engaging high school students on our Board. Two of our Youth Directors, Jessica Tenorio and Kumulani Kaai, will be heading to college and so we send them off with our fondest Aloha and gratitude for serving with us this past year. We look forward to identifying new Youth Directors in August and thank all our Directors for their service.

We hosted a wonderful event on May 7th at Puakea Ranch where we honored the Ranching tradition of Kohala with a special acknowledgement for Monty Richards of Kahua Ranch. There were many cowboys and cowgirls who enjoyed the lively auction of branded cowhides and the soothing sounds of John Cruz. Again, the volunteerism of restaurants, businesses and so many friends made the evening just perfect.

Volunteerism is an important support for the community. Your donation is another way to help. This is the one time each year when we ask for support for the Center. If you have donated already this year, Mahalo, and if not, please make a donation today to keep the Center strong in its operations to serve over 90 community improvement projects. We recently launched a Legacy Giving campaign with the partnership of the Hawaii Community Foundation. Please call me to explore how you can best support the future of NKCRC. Enjoy our Summer Newsletter and take a few minutes to learn about all of our projects and their efforts to make life in North Kohala even better.

Mahalo Nui,

Christine



Volunteers Maile Akamu, Hala Acob, and Michelle Kawai served up drinks with a smile at our Puakea Ranch event.



Honored kupuna ride in the Kamehameha Day parade.

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'au 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

This project is working on a beautiful fountain sculpture that will be constructed interactively with the students at Kohala Elementary. Peter Kowalke, 937-7556, peterantrim@gmail.com, peterantrimkowalke.com.

BOND LIBRARY RESTORATION

This project is working to restore the historic Bond Memorial Library building in Kapa'au. Sharon Hayden, 889-0169, sharonhayden10@gmail.com, Fred Cachola, 808-753-8896.

CAMP LOKAHI AT ISLAND BREEZE MINISTRIES

Now in its 12th year, Camp Mana is a weekend day camp offering creative opportunities for children to express themselves and explore their world. Camp activities are focused on 4-12 year olds, toddlers are welcome with a parent, and older youth are invited to serve as mentors. Heather Brovsky, 896-7748, hbrovsky@gmail.com, Leslie Nugent, 781-454-6573, Irae.nugent@gmail.com, amalafoundation.org/youthprograms/camp-mana/.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

In its 10th year, Kohala Mountain News is a free monthly publication concerning the people and events of North Kohala. It has a circulation of 4,000 and is published online. Tom Morse, 345-0706, ltmorse@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 ABROAD

This program broadens Kohala High School students' perspectives through literature, culture and international travel. In March 2016, the students experienced Italy and Greece. Jessica Brown, 345-2919, makaijess@hotmail.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) 846-5842, travelfilms@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK – KOHALA TENNIS COURTS

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

HAWAII 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, 889-1595, choirmama@hawaiiantel.net.

HAWI FARMERS MARKET

Come talk story, buy fresh produce and locally produced food and crafts. Open Saturday 8-2 and Tuesday 12-5. Lehua Matsuda, 333-7963, hawifarmersmarket.com.

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.

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 Keawe, 889-5535.

HULA HALAU O KUKUI ALOHA O KOHALA

This 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. Leia Lawrence, 889-5155, leialawrence@ 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. Laddie Shim 889-5213.

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, 345-4393, jsmwai@aol.com.

KAMEHAMEHA STATUE MAINTENANCE

The group continues to care for and conserve the Kamehameha Statue in Kapa'au. Sharon Hayden, 889-0169, sharonhayden10@gmail.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 Belmarez, 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 handson garden experience while teaching nutrition and cross-curriculum concepts in math, Hawaiian culture and science. Danny Garcia, 889-7100.

KES FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS

This afterschool program engages Kohala Elementary students in STEM education and provides them with the teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving skills they need to compete in the 21st century workplace. Danny Garcia, 889-7100.

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, 889-7100.

KHS AQUACULTURE

This project offers Kohala High students hands-on learning and the opportunity to earn an entry-level tech certificate in aquaculture. Erik Wierschem, 889-7117.



PROJECT SUMMARIES

If you would like to donate to any of our projects, make your check payable to NKCRC and indicate the project of choice.

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-Michelle 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.

KHS PROJECT GRAD 2017

This annual party for graduating Kohala High seniors is a fun, alcohol-free event held after the graduation ceremony until the next morning, allowing graduates to celebrate together safely.

KINDY SPROAT: A GIFT TO THE HEART

This documentary depicts the life journey of Kindy Sproat, an internationally recognized musician and one of Hawai'i'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. Erik Wierschem, 889-7117.

KOHALA ARCHERY CLUB

This startup project is working to introduce archery to youth and adults and provide experienced archers with local opportunities to shoot. Michael Oshita, 889-6284, michaeloshita90@gmail.com.

KOHALA ARK

This project seeks to provide elderly and needy Kohala residents with a free, weekly round-trip Tractor/Wagon Ride from Kapa`au to the Saturday Farmers Market in Hawi. Isaac Haworth, 896-3402.

KOHALA ARTISTS COÖPERATIVE

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. Cathy Morgan, 960-3597.

KOHALA BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM

The intention of this project is to supplement the classroom supplies for grades K-5 at Kohala Elementary School annually. Traci Figueroa, 315-3430.

MAKALI'I

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 afterschool tutoring and drug and alcohol awareness. Vern Karratti, 333-4873, lizkarratti@gmail.com.

KOHALA COALITION AGAINST DRUGS

For the past 16 years KCAD has worked to keep Kohala's youth safe and drug free by offering education and a variety of fun, drug-free activities for children. Shiro Takata, 987-0280.

KOHALA COMMUNITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Serving Kohala for 38 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 gulches require multiple treatments. Kim Takata, 895-1939, ison@aloha.net

KOHALA COUNTRY FAIR

For 30 years the Fair provided homegrown fun and entertainment; they are currently recruiting new volunteer organizers. kcf@hawaii.rr.com, kohalacountryfair.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, 884-5753, KohalaArena@ gmail.com.

KOHALA FITNESS CENTER

The group established a new exercise center at the Hisaoka 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 20-year-old organization provides support and services to the Kohala Varsity Football team. Reggie Tolentino, 960-3443.

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, 895-7345, 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. Allen Lipps, 889-5646, allen.lipps@yahoo.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, 889-0917, sophiabowart@gmail.com.

KOHALA RADIO

Since July 2015, all-volunteer Kohala Radio broadcasts local news, sports, talk and music at FM 96.1 and live streaming at knkr.org. Bob Martin, 889-0507, bobmartin@knkr.org, knkr.org.

KOHALA ROBOTICS

An afterschool 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, KohalaKowbotics@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. Kealoha Sugiyama, 889-0171, acallforlove@gmail.com.

KOHALA UNUPA'A

This group provides students grades 5-8 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, jkching64@yahoo.com.

KOHALA YOUTH RANCH

This program utilizes horses to provide free, equine-assisted learning for at-risk youth and veterans with PTSD to increase self-esteem and confidence, and develop problem solving and coping skills. Joe Vitorino, 884-5625, jrvito@ wildblue.net, kohalayouthranch.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, 889-9893, lew@kokolulu.com, kokolulu.com.

> KONEA O KUKUI GARDEN RESTORATION This unique project holds a 15-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, kohalasguesthouse@hotmail.com.

LAVAROOTS PERFORMING ARTS

Dedicated to the expression of one's true self through movement, music and culture, LavaRoots specializes in West African dance and drumming and provides multiple youth programs. Michal Anna Carrillo, 987-4243, lavamichal@yahoo.com, lavaroots.com.

LIO LAPA'AU

This therapeutic riding service provides opportunities for horseback riding and interactions with horses that support healthy lifestyles, traditional paniolo values, and increased wellness. Fern White, 896-0316, fernwhite@ gmail.com, liolapaau.com.

LIVING JOURNALS

The latest oral history project, "A View from Up Here: Monty Richards of Kahua Ranch," shares the life of one of the last "old time" ranchers of Hawaii. Faye Mitchell, fayeamitchell@gmail.com.

MALAMA 'O KOHALA CULTURAL RESOURCES

This project is helping preserve Kohala's resources with these activities: Upolu Airport landscaping and nominating Niuli'i and Halelua coastal corridors for preservation and purchase. Fred Cachola, 808-753-8896, fredcachola@gmail.com.

MALAMA KOHALA KAHAKAI COAST PRESERVATION

In collaboration with other groups, the organizers have helped preserve nearly 300 coastal acres including Nu'uanu, Pao'o, Kaiholena, and Kauhola Point. Gail Byrne, 938-8880, gailbyrnebaber@ gmail.com.

NOKO THEATRE

NOKO Theater offers children and adult theater classes and performances. Jack Boyle, (508) 558-0978, jjjboyle2112@gmail.com.

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY **CHORUS**

Kayoko Hanano, 889-6380.

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM NK-CERT continues to train and prepare residents to respond to emergencies. John Winter, 889-6901, winterj@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, lehnersusan@gmail.com.

NORTH KOHALA EAT LOCALLY GROWN

Formerly Kohala Food Forum, this project works to grow a community-based, sustainable food system that addresses the health, environment and economy of North Kohala. Leslie Nugent, (781) 454-6573, lrae.nugent@gmail.com, lrae.nugent@gmail.com, 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, dixieja@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, 938-9888, janabogs@gmail.com, BeyondOrganicResearch. com.

OHANA HOMESCHOOL COOPERATIVE

A values-based learning center program dedicated to Waldorf-inspired education, offering children a spectrum of academic and life skills that foster holistic development of body, mind and spirit. Leah Naylor, 889-5715, ohanahomeschooling. org.

'ÕHUA O NĀ KIA'I NO NĀ KEIKI O KA 'ĀINA

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. Sa'o Vaefaga, 430-4863, ohuasao@ gmail.com.

PLANET PIONEERS

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

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

REGENERATIVE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AND PROBIOTIC PRACTICES HAWAII

Extending from a 35 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, 938-8880.

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, peterrisley47@gmail.com.

ROOTS SK8 PARK

Roots Advocates for Youth is moving forward with phase two of the skate park. Richey Riggs, skate4roots@yahoo.com, skate4roots.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 2016. Giovanna Gherardi, 889-5590.

RYUKYUKOKU MATSURI DAIKO **KOHALA**

RMD Okinawan Taiko has been active in Kohala for over eight 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@ hialoĥa.net.

SEIBUKAN ACADEMY OF HAWAII

Seibukan Academy of Hawaii Classical Traditional Okinawan Shorin-Ryu practices 50% hands, 50% feet defense-only techniques. Classes encourage discipline and consistency in motor skills to achieve self-esteem and empathy among children and adults. Renshi Maria Lineker, 889-1828, ugmmichael@msn.com.

SUSTAINABLE KOHALA 'OHANA

This network of residents promotes local sustainability, emergency readiness, and community resilience through educational programming, micro-grants, free films and more. Deborah Winter, 889-6901, winterd@whitman.edu.

TARO DREAMS

This research, product development and marketing company has developed a full line of gluten-free foods made from taro root. Pamela Noeau Day, 884-5270, pamelanoeauday@msn.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. Bonnie Stevenson, 896-5225, bonniemaikai@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 HI5 Volunteer program. Colleen Nevins, 345-6322, nevinsayer@gmail.com, kohalatrashbash.com.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Willie Ziolkowski

Willie Ziolkowski moved to Kohala six years ago from Northern California, where he had a long career in Forestry. Willie has been our faithful Monday afternoon guide for nearly three years. He also planted a small garden at the Center with pineapples, sugar cane, and taro, so visitors can see how these tropical foods grow. About being a guide, Willie says he most enjoys being able to meet people from all over the world. When he isn't volunteering his time here at the Welcome Center, he loves to fish, garden, and bird watch. Mahalo Nui Loa, Willie!

