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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2008

Aloha and Welcome

to our Summer Newsletter 2008. These past six months have brought eleven new applications to our Center bringing the total number of sponsored projects in North Kohala to fifty-five! Please find their summaries inside the Newsletter.



Rose



Kathie

The Board welcomed two new members this spring: Rose Rosimo and Kathie Matsuda. We are honored and delighted to have these wonderful women volunteering their time and love of the community to further our efforts here. One of our Founding Directors, Fran Woollard, has retired to Honorary status after six years of service. We want to thank Fran and commend her for her tireless and cheerful dedication to our organization.

As we reflect on all the time and commitment our Directors give, we want to acknowledge not only their work but all the volunteers that help us throughout the year. Since we began publishing this semi-annual newsletter five years ago, a devoted team of retired seniors has gathered up our newsletters and mailing materials in order to stamp and stuff thousands of pieces ready for mailing--a tremendous effort! Most of our project organizers volunteer their time to insure that their projects are successful. Our volunteers reflect the diversity of and commitment to the work they accomplish. We honor and thank all of these great community members.

If you haven't visited our new website, www.northkohala.org, please take a look and let us know what you think. We update the site twice a year and our



Sally, Vivian, Gladys, Teri, Sumi

new projects should be posted by the time you receive this report. Our website is a valuable resource of information about the Center and the community. Here you can find out more about our mission, accomplishments and projects. We appreciate your comments and feedback.

Please enjoy our Newsletter and take your time identifying your "favorite projects", catch up on their progress, and discover our new ones. We want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement as we serve the North Kohala community with local support, education, and bridges to funding.

COMING SOON...

North Kohala Community Resource Center's Kohala Mountain BBQ

Saturday, September 27, 2008
At the Old Solomon Place,
off Pu'uhue Road

*Watch for more information
about this exciting fall event!*

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with a faux marble brick and foliage. The painting will be completed by Anthony Rolly, a passionate and talented local artist who is dedicated to using his artistic gifts to improve the community. His latest donations have been enthusiastically received by the Hamakua Health Center in Honokaa, Hawaii. Jessica Nolen 896-3899.

Kokolulu Cancer Retreat

The Kokolulu Farm & Cancer Retreats Program continues to educate individuals and groups on up-to-date medical and psychological information on all phases of cancer recovery. It is designed for everyone touched by cancer, including patients, spouses, family members, and caregivers. Treatment focuses on gentle exercise (Qi Gong), nutrition counseling, meditation lessons, body work (massage and Reiki), bio-feedback training, along with information on the cellular processes of cancer and how visual information and imagination can improve health. Kokolulu, offers cancer care support to our local community free of charge. For more information on upcoming dates and registration information, please visit our web site: cancer-retreats.org or call Karin or Lew Whitney at 808.889.9893.



Hawaii Wildlife Center

Major contributions in 2007 have propelled this center into its latest milestone of the development process: the groundbreaking of our site-work which includes grading, installation of drainage, wastewater, and utilities. HWC will become the state's first aviary protection and rehabilitation facility of its kind. HWC has raised over 70% of the construction funds inclusive of the land donation by Surety Kohala Corporation, the development office donation by the New Moon Foundation; as well as seven important grants state wide. Please join us and share in our progress. If you are interested in supporting the HWC project you can send your donations to Hawai'i Wildlife Center, P.O. Box 551752, Kapa'au, HI 96755 or go to www.hawaiiwildlifecenter.org.

KCAA

KCAA just completed another successful year sponsoring athletic programs for 250 Kohala youth including three basketball programs, T-ball, pitch ball, and volleyball. Thanks to community support and generous grants from the County through Councilman Hoffman's discretionary fund and the Healing Our Island program, KCAA was able to upgrade equipment and uniforms in all sports. A big mahalo to all the community volunteers who make these programs possible. Tom Morse 889-5049.



Opening ceremonies for T-ball and pitch ball

The Messenger Project

The Messenger Project was created two weeks after the October 2006 earthquake to fill the community's need for disaster-assistance information, particularly from public agencies. The long term goal is to put in place an easily activated means of disseminating information during any future community emergencies. Project

founder Carol Perry, now seeks to integrate The Messenger Project with other community-based emergency preparedness programs or initiatives. Contact Carol at 889-0317 or carolperry@thelandwork.com.

Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club

The Club graciously accepts the responsibility of planning and staging the annual Kamehameha Celebration Day this coming June. We continue to encourage all to join and participate in the many fun events and challenges that we work together on. For more information you may contact Pelekikena (President) Desiree Yamamoto 987-8012 or 884-5000.

Read to Feed

For the fourth year, students in Ms. Carlson 5th grade class at Kohala Elementary took part in Heifer Internationals Read To Feed program. Instructor Lani Bowman led students through a yearlong journey of discovering how fortunate children here in Hawaii and America are and how they can make a difference in the world. Children participated in local service projects such as helping pack food for the local food pantry; weeding several community gardens; and serving food to the elderly and less fortunate. Other activities included assisting elderly and low-income homeowners with simple home repairs and painting a mural at our local pool. Thanks to funds provided by the Okumura Family Fund the program was able to continue and a generous donor has recently provided additional funds to extend the program next year. Lani Bowman 889-5852.



Kamehameha Day Celebration

The Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club provides the organizational support for this time-honored event. This year's 2008 event route began in Kapa'au at the Statue and ended in Hawi at the Kohala Cultural Center (the Old Mormon Church). Additionally, there was entertainment and vendors the evening before and after the parade at the Cultural Center. If you would like to be a part of this special event in the future, please contact Pelekikena (President), Desiree Yamamoto, 884-5000.

Statue Maintenance

The twice-annual maintenance of the Original Statue of Kamehameha continues in Kapaau! In this process the Statue is cleaned and inspected with a thorough condition report kept on file. We are looking forward to expanding a program of education and history around this most treasured icon of our Great King. Please join us in community support of our ongoing efforts to preserve and protect. Sharon Hayden 889-0169.



North Kohala Community Planning Organization

After numerous meetings in May and June, the Steering Committee approved the Community

Development Plan on June 12th and the Pre-Final Draft was distributed on June 18th to the Planning Director for his comments. The community can pull down a copy at the Hawaii County Resource Center site: <http://www.hcrc.info/community-planning/community-development-plans/north-kohala/nkcdpprefinal.6.18.08.pdf/view>.

Additionally, copies are available at the high school library, NKCRC, Bond Library and the Senior Center at Kapaau for the public to review. After the Planning Director review, the plan will be updated if necessary, with the Director's comments and submitted to the Planning Commission for their first reading in a public meeting in Kohala. The tentative date is July 24 at the high school cafeteria. Depending on their comments, the plan then gets submitted to the County Council then to the Mayor for their approvals. The target still remains for October or before the November elections. Once the plan has final approval, the community will need to elect an Action Council made up of 9 community members. Details on the selection process are still pending but probably will start with announcements from the Planning Department. There will be an application process as committee members must be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the council. Joe Carvalho 889-5226.

Kohala Football Boosters

This fourteen-year-old organization provides support and services to the Kohala Varsity Football team. Beldon Kealoha, project coordinator.

Kohala Art Academy

The Kohala Art Academy reached an important milestone this spring by taking the students to Honolulu and visiting multiple museums. The Academy is grateful to Middle School teacher, Trish Bryan, for her commitment to her students and their art. Trish Bryan 345-7140.

T-Touch

Rachel Lancaster has completed her training in Tellington Touch – a method of handling animals with humane care. She is now assisting Deb Cravatti in supporting humane efforts at different shelters on Big Island using and teaching T-Touch techniques. She welcomes calls for volunteers or consults. Watch for upcoming trainings. Rachel Lancaster 889-5343.

Sage Farms

This farm is an organic, sustainable, small family farm established in 1998 by Ben Nicholson and Fara Boisvert. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of the people of Hawaii and the community by providing farm-fresh, locally grown organic produce. For more than six years Sage Farms has provided a farmer-direct market several times a week for the Kohala community offering fresh greens, fruits and vegetables. The goal of Sage Farms is to become financially self-sufficient and sustainable as an organic farm and continue to supply the community with fresh organic produce. Fara Boisvert 895-0279.

WasteStream

WasteStream Recycling Committee consists of eight members who are committed to Reducing, Reusing and Recycling through education and special events. On Earth Day we showcased our 2nd Annual Trash Bash Art & Fashion Show. The group has successfully completed 2 years of managing a Volunteer Fundraising Program

SUMMARIES *continued*

Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1, 2008. They are kicking off the new season with 33 girls signed on and the club will host a cheer camp July 12th and 13th at the Kohala Cultural Center. Toma Raymond 889-0604.

Footprints for the Future

The Sustainable Kohala team is dedicated to progressive land use patterns, or "sustainable footprints," for Kohala's lands. A newly completed website shows the latest readiness criteria for our community: www.sustainablehawaiiisland.org. We have completed six land plans for Ag 20 parcels showing the new sustainable footprints for Kohala residents. The land crafters course and demonstration zone at Artesia needs \$30,000 to be completed. Signs to indicate key project areas on the walk through will soon be posted. Please pitch in as this is our future. Jim Channon 889-0223.



Healing Island Musical

Local theatrical talent will highlight Kohala's generous gifts of healing in this upcoming production to be held at the Barn behind the Kohala Village Inn. A draft of the musical has been completed and the music is being finalized. We will soon be calling for actors and dancers. If you are a musician or singer interested in auditioning please call Nelson at 987-2731.

Malama O' Kohala Wahi Pana Cultural Resources

The organizers continue the work to preserve the cultural and natural treasures of North Kohala. The group's most recent focus has been in preserving the historically significant Pao'o fishing village near Lapakahi State Park. Malama Kohala Wahi Pana has produced two videos tapes for educational purposes about the historic and cultural sites of Kohala as well as providing speakers at various community events. Fred Cachola 1-808-685-4293.

Malama Kohala Kahakai

Malama Kohala Kahakai is raising funds to secure permanent protection for over 300 acres along the coast that have significant cultural sites. The group has been involved in land hearings regarding the conservation of Pao'o, a historic fishing village. Efforts to convince the County or State to purchase such sites has helped place Pao'o on the County's top priority list of lands to purchases. Landowners are willing to do conservation sales and have made written commitments if the funds can be raised. Long-term management will be funded through an endowment established at purchase and coordinated with descendants from the area and land user groups, e.g. fishermen, surfers, cultural practitioners. We welcome assistance from all. Gail Byrne 938-8880.

Kohala Coqui Coalition

The Kohala Coqui Coalition continues its mission to keep North Kohala coqui free. As coqui frogs become more established around the Big Island, there will be more chance of "hitchhik-

ers" coming into Kohala through plants, building materials, and automobiles. The first half of 2008 has already surpassed the total number of eradications the coalition made in all of 2007. Our goals for 2008 are to continue our education efforts through a monthly ad in the Kohala Mountain News and information booths at community events such as the Kohala Country Fair and King Kamehameha Day celebration. We are grateful for the generous donations which allows us to continue our efforts. We ask for your continued support in reporting Coqui frogs to our Coqui Hotline 889-5775.

Kohala Mountain News, Community Newspaper

The resurrected Kohala Mountain News is now in its second year, publishing a 16-page edition monthly. The product of volunteer writers, photographers and other contributors from throughout the community; the paper has become North Kohala's "must-read" publication. The paper is distributed free to every post office box

in Hawi and Kapa'au and through a number of distribution stands. Subscriptions for the mainland and neighbor islands are available. Joel Kennedy, managing editor, 884-5464.

North Kohala Community Chorus

The Chorus had two successful performances with overflow audiences in September and December. Work has begun on the next performance, "A Rodgers and Hammerstein Review", was performed on May 4, 2008. Membership is open to the community with no try-outs. Rehearsals are from 7-9PM every Tuesday at Walker Hall. The Chorus is under the direction of LaLa Power. Karen Wisner, the accompanist since the Chorus began, is moving, so the chorus is looking for a new accompanist. Our interim accompanist is Karen Miller. Please call Tom and Jean Buechele 889-1809.

NOKO Theater NC

The Theater group hopes to stage multiple productions this coming year. Watch for announcements. Jack Boyle 896-4886.

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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. Fiscal sponsorship is available for projects that qualify. These workshops are free to residents of North Kohala whose projects are based here. Participants from outside North Kohala attend on a fee basis. Please call the Center for more information, 889-5523. Classes start at 9:00AM.

Planning Successful Community Projects
Saturday October 11, 2008

Deadline for Fiscal Sponsorship Applications
Friday October 17, 2008

Researching Funders Individual tutoring upon acceptance for fiscal sponsorship

Writing Successful Proposals
Saturday, November 1, 2008

Proposal Critique
To be determined by class

PROJECT SUMMARIES:

NEW PROJECTS

Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Hawaii (RMD)

Our founder, Akemi Martin envisioned a garden full of beautiful blossoms spread throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Her garden will be rich with all ethnicities, sharing the rays of the glorious Okinawan Culture, nourished by friendship and enjoyment among all. Our taiko drumming class practices the essence of this vision. This is a free class open to all ages. Funding is needed for uniforms, equipment and to provide transportation for our instructor from Honolulu. Contact Kathie Matsuda 889-5801.

Engineering Resources

This project proposes the establishment of an informational center for residents to come and share their thoughts, concerns and questions on any engineering aspect of their home and/or community. Information detailing the local distribution of potable water, treatment of wastewater, and disposal of trash will be available. Advice and references offered when applicable. Jim Pedersen, PE 854-4240.

Summer Arts Academy

The Academy offers a 3-day multi-media fine arts workshop for children ages 7-14. Workshop curriculum explores drawing and composition; acrylic painting on canvas; watercolor painting on paper; Gyotaku fish prints and monoprints; air-dry clay pottery; handmade paper making techniques and making mosaics with a variety of found objects. The class helps children express their creativity in a safe, warm, artistic environment. Taught by Deb Thompson, Montessori art teacher, well know fine artist and decorative painter along with KC Stallsmith, a multi-media glass artist, painter and licensed childcare provider. Two workshops are scheduled this summer for July 9-11 and July 23-25. Future workshops may be offered during school vacations. For more information visit www.debthompsonart.com or call Deb at 884-5754.

Taro Dream

President of Taro Dream Inc. (TDI), Pamela Noeau Day, began her pursuit in 1988 for a low allergenic food out of necessity to save the life of her highly allergic infant. The company was incorporated in 2001 and, after 6 years of feasibility studies, product research, and test marketing, TDI has acquired a full range of cultured food science and manufacturing innovations based on the use of dehydrated Poi. While developing its first product line, TDI has pioneered an innovative use of dehydration technology for the stabilization and storage of Poi. Local farmers will benefit from this dehydration facility by preserving the shelf life, flavor, color and nutrition of their own products. TDI is grateful to be working along with NKCRC to set up the first dehydration facility in Kohala that will serve to stimulate the economy and sustainable agriculture in our area and in Hawaii Nei. Pamela Noeau Day 884-5270.



Art In Sight

Master art teacher Peter Kowalke has been reaching children through the art of pottery for many years by going out to the schools as well as

bringing youth to his innovative home studio. He utilizes his talents to inspire other learning such as science through collaborative work this year with the elementary classes called "Hidden Jewels." His studio has recently been upgraded with the addition of a state-of-the-art kiln. Peter Kowalke 937-7556.



North Kohala Student Cultural Enrichment Program

It is our belief that Kohala students should have the same cultural opportunities as students from other districts. This program is designed to expose fifth-grade students to the performances at the Kahilu Theater on an on-going basis. Costs of the performances and transportation will be paid by interested donors. Dixie Adams & Valley Reilly 889-5730.

Kohala High School Class of 1953 Reunion

Organized by Eunice Kawamoto, this class is having their reunion July 12th of this year. Thanks to all those who helped. We appreciate all this class has done for the community of North Kohala. Eunice Kawamoto 889-5409.

KARES

Plans are in the works for the Kohala Animal Relocation and Education Services. KARES is an adoption and foster service for homeless dogs, with an emphasis on education and affordable spay and neuter programs. Future plans also include a pet hotel and pet grooming services. Donations are accepted through the NKCRC. Deb Cravatti 880-9290 Kim Takata 895-1939.

Kohala Little League

The Little League has been in existence for many years in Kohala. Dedicated parents volunteer their time to teach youth the sport of baseball and how to work as a team. Donations are needed to provide uniforms and equipment. Liz Karrati 889-6260.

Kenji's Room Museum Alliance

The Museum Alliance Group was created to manage and curate the North Kohala museum, and "Kenji's Room", which features the memorabilia, folk art and rare shell collection of Kenji Yokoyama, a lifelong resident of North Kohala. "Kenji's Room", captures the traditions, lifestyle, and culture of the local community during the sugarcane plantation era, an important part of North Kohala history, and is available for free viewing to all visitors. Catherine Morgan 884-5556.

SUMMARIES

Lotus Blooms Massage School

As North Kohala's first State approved massage training facility, we are pleased to announce that 5 of our graduates recently passed the State licensing exam with flying colors and are now licensed massage therapists. We are awaiting our approval from the Hawaii Department of Education to operate as a DOE licensed vocational trade school. This status will enable us to accept federal funding for students who qualify for federal grants and loans. This will be a great asset to the community and will expand our student base. There are two more start dates available in 2008 and many

advanced workshops, such as Lomi Lomi and Shiatsu, being offered. Please visit our student clinic for a professional and relaxing Swedish massage. Niko Burkhardt, LMT 889-1417.

A Gift to the Heart – Kindy Sproat's Hawaii

"Kindy Sproat - A Gift to the Heart" is a documentary film about a man whose life perpetuates Hawaiian culture through stories and songs of Old Hawaii. Presented the National Heritage Award by the National Endowment of the Arts, Kindy Sproat has been designated one of Hawaii's Living Treasures and has represented Hawaii world-wide as an "ambassador of aloha". We are excited to welcome Executive Producer and Music Consultant, Jim Ed Norman to the production team. Jim Ed, former President of Warner Brothers Records, also produced a CD with Kindy called "Na Mele O Paniolo" (the Songs of the Paniolo). This collaboration with Jim Ed will help facilitate Kindy's contributions in this year's celebration of the "Year of the Paniolo." To boost fundraising efforts, an Executive Producer's Hui (group) has been created for special donors interested in observing the filming and editing process as well as hosting special screening events. Keith Nealy 889-7772.

North Kohala Radio

The radio group filed for a 25 watt non-commercial educational FM station for the community in October 2007 as one of 88 applications in the state. Eleven or more of these applications conflict with ours. The FCC continues to work through all of these applications, starting with smaller applicant groups with conflicting applications and working up to larger groups with conflicting applications. Some applicants in these smaller groups have been awarded construction permits in Hawaii, including a station in Hana on the same frequency as ours. The application for this station was modified to prevent interference with our station. As a result, we are still waiting for a final ruling on the award for our group of conflicting stations. We do not expect a ruling until later this year, at the earliest. In the mean time, we are hoping that another FCC window will open in 2008 or 2009 for low power (100 watt) community-based radio stations, in which case we are planning to apply. Donna Worden 889-0564.

Kohala Ditch Volunteers

This group organized soon after plans were made to repair damages to the Kohala Ditch, sustained during the 2006 earthquake. Led by Kirk Eubanks and Joe Carvalho, over 50 individuals have met in small groups almost every Saturday since August to clear inaccessible parts of the Ditch of debris and overgrowth. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these individuals who have given their time and energy to this effort. Kirk Eubanks 889-5966 or Joe Carvalho 889-5226.

Mac Nut Oil Processing

This project was started to provide an alternative to the depressed macadamia nut industry. Gary Keapproth plans to organize small farms to create culinary grade Mac Nut oil. Gary Keapproth 937-0830.

The Hospital Mural Project

Our objective is to transform the front hallway of the Kohala Hospital into a work of art. The hallway leading into the Day Room will be painted

which benefits an array of community service groups. WasteStream is currently exploring the possibilities of setting up a NRC (Neighborhood Recycling Center). We believe it is especially important for Kohala to progress to the next level of recycling and reusing in order to reduce our impact on the landfill. Anyone interested in any of these projects please call Colleen Nevins 889-5009/345-6322.

Kohala Ditch Restoration

Progress is being made in the ditch restoration. Full funding has been secured through private donations, Federal, State and County Drought mitigation funds to restore the Ditch to its pre-earthquake status. The work timeline remains on schedule for completion is October 2008. Formation of an organization of users is underway to acquire and manage the ditch infrastructure.

Kohala Senior Center

The Center continues to be an active and vital group in the community. They enjoyed their annual Christmas Party at the newly renovated Luke's Place Restaurant in December. The members are collaborating with the Living Journals project with outreach to our elder community. New members are invited to attend their Monday morning meetings at the old Kapaau Courthouse. President, Henry Dulan.

Konea O Kukui

Konea O Kukui celebrated its 7 year restoration commitment and stewardship of this land that has passed through seven generations. Family, and contributors were invited for a ceremony and luncheon on May 24th. Over one hundred people gathered to help celebrate this special day. The garden will once again host the 3rd graduation ceremony for the Big Island Substance Abuse Council students on July 12th. The garden was recently awarded a grant from the Group 70 Fund of HCF. Despite drought conditions the garden is still giving food and bringing peace. Nani Svendsen 889-5572.

Living Journals

For three years *Living Journals* has been collecting and preserving the life stories of our kupuna. A grant from The

Hawai'i Council for the Humanities has allowed for the transcription of these audio-recorded interviews to be made available to the public. Now, with grants from the Atherton and Cooke Foundations, Living Journals is preparing to



Masa Kawamoto

share these life stories in a published collection in 2008. Faye Mitchell, Project Coordinator, has completed "oral autobiography" interviews with sixteen individuals including Loke Maeda, Ah Fat Lee, Kindy Sproat, Harugi Osaki, and Masa Kawamoto. This collection gives us an intimate portrayal of our community's history through the eyes of those who lived it. A presentation of the work is scheduled for August 17, 2008 at the Courthouse in Kapaau. The public is invited. Faye Mitchell at 345-0749.

Kohala Stars Preschool

Kohala Stars Preschool re-opened in January 2008 as Kohala's second licensed preschool. In a newly renovated space centrally located in Hawaii town, this school now serves 22 children at its

maximum capacity. With the demand for quality pre-school in Kohala exceeding the availability, Kohala



Kohala Stars Preschool

Stars has provided a much needed service for the community. Support from the Castle Foundation, Betsy Gordon Foundation and Bank of Hawaii, have made it possible for staff to further their training and building upgrades to be completed. This affordable Montessori-inspired program has obtained its own non-profit status under the Montessori Education Center of Hawaii. Faye Mitchell 889-5131.

Kamehameha Park Golf Learning Center

Kamehameha Park Golf Learning Center's founder, John Mauro, was recently awarded a matching grant from the USGA Foundation to continue to develop programs for youth in North Kohala. Kamehameha Park Golf continues to offer junior golf and golf course access to the youth of Kohala, at no cost to participants. For information regarding enrollment in the Junior Golf Program, stop by the golf pro shop. John Mauro 345-4393.

Kohala Aikikai

This Aikido group has been meeting at the Koboji Mission in Kapa'au since 1996. Their mission is to serve the North Kohala community and foster peaceful relationships between people through the teaching of aikido. They have begun a major effort to improve the old mission building and increase their visibility in the community. After many years of patching the roof of the Koboji Mission training hall, a successful fundraising event in May brought in funds to replace the entire roof and add much needed gravel to their driveway. To keep costs at a minimum, members of the club and others will volunteer the labor for these projects. The improvements are expected to be completed by the end of the summer. Kevin Mc Gough 889-5958.

Kohala Cultural Center

The Cultural Center will be hosting KCAA for another year. We are very grateful for the County support to upgrade the building. Additionally, KCC was the site for the two day Kamehameha Day Celebration on June 10th and 11th this year. Watch for upcoming events. Desiree Yamamoto 884-5000.

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Kohala Coalition Against Drugs

KCAD remains active in the community, sponsoring events to prevent drug abuse. KCAD plans to collaborate with the popular Back to School Bash in July at Kamehameha Park and hold a pool party/talent contest in August at the Community Pool for Middle and High School students. Leslie Hayes-Cullins 889-0996.

Roots Sk8 Park: Fund Development Support

This volunteer driven group dedicated to the youth of Kohala, is working towards the completion of a skate



Skateboarders in park.

park in Kamehameha Park. They have applied for non-profit status with a solid contractor and local employee on board. The contractor's portfolio of designs and work can be viewed on-line at <http://californiaskateparks.com/> The group is now calling for experienced, successful proposal writers and fundraisers as well as promotional consultants to join this enthusiastic team. Please check local boards for upcoming events - two are in the works! We can be contacted by e-mail at skate4roots@yahoo.com or visit our website at <http://myspace.com/skate4roots>. Richey Riggs 889.0503.

Kohala Back to School Bash

The Kohala Back To School Bash was established in 2005 by Rayna and Ernie Paro. The Kohala Coalition Against Drugs collaborates with our efforts. The 4th annual event will take place on July 12, 2008 at the Kamehameha Park. The Bash assists families with back to school expenses, promotes a sense of togetherness and brings the community together in many ways. Additionally, this event focuses on drug prevention awareness in our community. Rayna Leilani Paro 938-5329.

Kohala Country Fair

The Big Island's biggest country fair has been delighting North Kohala families for 23 years. The Fair features live, all-day entertainment, more than 80 food and craft booths. For the keiki, there are pony rides, face painting, and lots of contests. This year the Fair will be on October 4, 2008. The theme for the Fair is "Malama i ka 'āina" or "Caring for the land". Visit the website, kohalacountryfair.com.

Yoga Ed.

The Yoga Ed. program, started by Jacqui Pailing, successfully completed its second year in June, 2008. This health and wellness program was piloted locally at Kohala Elementary and was then offered as part of the Physical Education program at Kohala Intermediate. Combining yoga poses, games, art, and breathing techniques, Yoga Ed. helps young people develop physical fitness, self care strategies, and greater focus and attention. Robyn Skudlarek, Jacqui's successor, is enthusiastically carrying the program forward in both schools for the upcoming school year. Robyn Skudlarek 889-0992.

Ka Lei 'O Kohala Ti Farm

Improving infrastructure continues to be a priority at Ka Lei 'O Kohala Farm. A ti leaf processing area is being created in new workspace, and grounds are being worked on to safely host future visitors. Various community groups have also received ti leaf donations to support fundraising efforts. Lei are currently being marketed through special orders and at Takata's Store. Randee Golden 889-0011.

Kohala Cheer and Dance Club

The Kohala Cheer and Dance Club is off to a good start for 2008. Nine of its participants performed in the Half Time Show at the

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