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## Keep Kohala Kohala Updating The 2008 CDP

By Beth Thoma Robinson

It is time to update the 2008 North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) and create a new plan to “Keep Kohala Kohala.” Rather than wait for the County, let’s come together to write our own Kohala Community Plan!

In 2006 when Hawai’i County kicked off the community input phase for writing the NKCDP, they expected to get a participation rate of around three percent of the population. They were amazed when 12 percent of the Kohala population showed up for the talk story sessions and generated over 3,000 ideas for the future of Kohala. With the appointment of a Steering Committee of well-respected community members and the involvement of dozens of people in Focus Group meetings, the Kohala community felt a sense of pride and ownership in the 2008 North Kohala Community Development Plan.

The CDPs are meant to be updated every 10 years, and now

we are at 14 years and counting. The Kohala community – not the County – has persevered and achieved many of the goals set forth in the CDP. Examples are the success we have had at protecting our shorelines, preventing new development, organizing for emergency preparedness, and working with the County on taking care of our parks. But other needs, such as housing and agricultural/food self-sufficiency, are even more critical today. The 2008 NKCDP no longer offers guidance as a plan for Kohala’s future.

The CDP Action Committee was meant to monitor implementation of the NKCDP and some members of our community are now stepping up as a CDP Advisory Group to give the County a point of contact with the community (see article in July issue of Kohala Mountain News).

Meanwhile, others who had been a part of the NKCDP process

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## La Ho’iho’i Ea Day



Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama (left) and Hawai’i State Representative Mark Nakashima. (Malcolm Askew)

By Kealoha Sugiyama

Kohala celebrated La Ho’iho’i Ea Day (Sovereignty Restoration Day) on July 31, 2022. On June 17, 2022, Governor Ige signed into state law H.B. 2475, which was authored by representative Mark Nakashima of Hāmākua, Hawai’i, commemorating July 31 as La Ho’iho’i Ea Day. The history of this event began in 1843 when the Hawaiian Kingdom was under the rule of Kamehameha III.

In 1840, a land dispute between the first British ambassador to Hawai’i, Richard Charlton, and the kingdom prompted Charlton to enlist the aid of British Naval Captain Lord George Paulet to seize military control of the Hawaiian government. Captain Paulet told Kamehameha III that if he didn’t comply, Paulet would use his warships and cause harm to the Hawaiian people. Kamehameha III chose the safety of his people and bowed to Paulet’s threat. Immediately, Paulet took down all the Hawai-

ian flags and burnt them. He then raised the British flag and claimed rule over the Hawaiian Kingdom without the consent of the British Crown.

Kamehameha III dispatched Timoteo Ha’alilio and William Richards to England to protest Paulet’s takeover. Queen Victoria sent British Rear Admiral Richard Thomas to meet with the deposed king and negotiate a resolution that led to the removal of Paulet’s unauthorized takeover. On July 31, 1843, Thomas took down the British flag and raised the Hawaiian flag, thus restoring the Kingdom of Hawai’i and restoring Kamehameha III back to power. After the celebration, Kamehameha III attended a service at the Kawaiahao Church where he uttered the phrase: “Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono.” The translation has a number of meanings: The life of the land, the sovereignty of the land, and the independence of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.

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## CDP Advisory Group Begins

By Toni Withington

The new Advisory Group (AG) of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, August 31, at 5 p.m. in the Kohala Intergenerational Center. The meetings will continue monthly and are open to the public.

Members of the group are Alan Brown, Joe Carvalho, David Fuertes, Steve Hoffmann, Jack Hoyt, Collin Kaholo, Cheryl Rocha, John Winter and Sadie Young.

The group intends to resume the duties of the previous Action Committee to implement the goals and strategies of the NKCDP. They will first discuss and approve a set of bylaws and decide upon a monthly meeting time and place.

Their principal job at future meetings will be oversight of the seven currently authorized subgroups, where the real work of implementing the strategies and goals of the NKCDP gets done. These include Affordable Housing, Community Access, Growth Management, Parks-Water-Roads, Power-Viewplanes-Erosion Control, Agriculture, and Historic-Culture groups. Three of those groups have continued to meet despite the dissolution of the Action Committee. The others are being reestablished.

These groups, active under the previous Action Committee, have established good working relationships with various County and State departments. Kohala should benefit from their returning to this work.

The public is encouraged to attend AG meetings to voice their concerns about issues affecting Kohala. They are also welcomed to attend meetings of or join any of the subcommittees. All AG and subcommittee meeting times and places will be posted on Kohala Mountain News (KMN) calendars. AG agendas will also be published in the KMN so residents will know the issues to be addressed at every meeting.

Members have expressed excitement over getting back on track with more flexibility and control over how they operate. For example, the AG will be able to set their own agendas, hear public input on a less formalized basis and address issues not directly related to the NKCDP, if warranted.

“We look forward also to working closely with Kohala Community Plan group who are working to revise, update and expand a locally generated version of the NKCDP” said AG member John Winter. “We admire their plans and hope to coordinate future efforts.”

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## North Kohala Tool Library Has a Location!

By Libby Leonard

In a massive leap forward, the North Kohala Tool Library has secured a space. While there are still details being figured out, the location will be at 54-3842 Akoni Pule Highway, which fittingly used to be the old location for Sunshine Hardware.

Once run by Greg Chilton (who later moved it to Hāwī Rd), Sunshine started in the 70s in the building owned at the time by Doug Warner and was a one-stop shop.

According to tool library board member David Fuertes, it was always run by people who, alongside the owner, had lots of aloha – something the tool library hopes to emulate. “In order for this to be successful, it needs to be inclusive and everybody needs to feel welcome,” said founder David Gibbs, who added that they hope to be up and running over the next few months.

Many on the board also feel that this is not just somewhere people



The Tool Library gang and volunteers pose at their car wash fundraiser in August. (Malia Welch)

can have greater access to tools. It's also a place that empowers women and one where the community can interact and share ideas.

Board member Lani Bowman had expressed that adding a coffee shop at some point could be a good idea, too, but for now they are looking to the immediate information to

take next steps.

According to a survey that the group found helpful, the tools most sought out by the community are hand tools, power tools, tools for metalwork, landscaping and farming tools, simple garden tools, ladders and scaffolding, as well as food processing and catering equipment.

ownership and agreed-upon implementation strategies will lead to better realization of the goals and actions in Kohala's Community Plan.

The working group for the Kohala Community Plan process so far includes Joe Carvalho, Ted and Kathy Matsuda, Lehua Ah Sam, Ross Pagat, Toni Withington and Beth Robinson.

The working group is looking for more volunteers and plans to kick off the community input phase in October. Please contact

The group will eventually be taking donations of quality tools but is waiting to build out the space first. They are profoundly grateful for the community's support and enthusiasm so far.

Several community members are eager to donate what they have, said Gibbs. The group will be fundraising to buy more tools, as well as cover the costs of the space, and eventually to create a job for someone local to work there.

There is inherently a spirit of aloha with the tool library's concept, said Adrian Thalasinis Haley. “The idea that these tools [will be] our tools, for our community and we all take care of this. And it all comes from a place of caring and sharing and getting things done.”

To keep up to date with information, to volunteer, or ask questions, please follow North Kohala Tool Library on Facebook or visit their webpage at [www.nktoollibrary.org/](http://www.nktoollibrary.org/).

any one of us if you want to learn to facilitate talk story sessions; host a talk story in your home, business, or organization; join the virtual engagement team and learn to use software to gather and discuss ideas online; post on social media; engage as a large landowner, ag producer, business, or other stakeholder; or speak as kupa (person of a place). Newcomers to Kohala are welcome.

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committed to serve as a working group to organize an update of the 2008 CDP without waiting for the County. The working group believes Kohala residents and organizations coming together can write a Kohala Community Plan (KCP) that is an even better plan for Kohala's future.

Here are some of the improvements proposed for the KCP versus the County CDP process:

- Framework: The Community DEVELOPMENT plan (CDP) is meant to manage growth as that is the function of the County Planning Department. Our Kohala Community Plan (KCP) will address the future we as a community want, including in the many areas such as education that do not fall under County scope.

- Scope: The CDP has to conform to the County's General Plan for managing growth and delivering County services. The KCP can look to innovative initiatives such as the 'Aina Aloha Economic Futures vision and action agenda for inspiration.

- Process: CDP is a County-driven process run by a consulting firm; the KCP will be a community-driven process run by community members.

- Updates: The Kohala Community Plan will be updated annually, not every 10 years or longer as the CDP is.

- Implementation: Responsibility for KCP actions will be with existing networks, projects and organizations in the Kohala community, not with the County.

- Land Use View: The CDP views appropriate land use only according to County zoning and LUPAG (Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide) maps. In the KCP process, Kohala neighborhoods will be engaged to develop place-specific management plans guided by kupa of the place, including lineal descendants; those with plantation camp heritage; traditional users involved in – among other things – fishing, hunting and gathering; as well as longtime residents of today's neighborhoods.

- Stakeholder Engagement: The CDP process is described as a one-time forum for community member input and excluded many stakeholders during its creation. The KCP process will engage all stakeholders, including large landowners, ranchers, farmers, businesses, schools, cultural practitioners and nonprofit organizations. Shared

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ness. Thus, this phrase became the state motto.

History shows the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom twice. First in 1843 by British Captain Paulet with Kamehameha III, and second on January 17, 1893, by United States citizen Sanford Dole with Queen Liliuokalani.

The Kohala celebration began with the beating of the pahu to connect to the heartbeat of Mother Earth while the pu was blown to call the ancestors to be present. This author did a chant addressing the kupuna Kauikeaouli and Liliuokalani to join us as we celebrated the restoration of Hawai'i's sover-

eighty. Hawai'i State Representative Mark Nakashima read his H.B. 2475. We had hula performances from Na Kupuna 'O Kohala, Kumu Kaui Nakamura and Hula halau Mana'olana 'O Kohala, Kumu Hope Mana'olana Keawe. An oli by Kumu Lehua Kaulukukui told the story of the birth of Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha III. In the end, the Hawaiian flag was raised on the flagpole by two haumāna (students) as we chanted E Ala E and finally everyone sang Hawai'i Pono'i. It was noted that a Hawaiian hawk, an 'io, was seen circling overhead while the flag was being raised, the E Ala E chanted and Hawai'i Pono'i being sung. Maika'i.

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# Candidate Forum

By Lynda Wallach

At 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, more than one hundred North Kohala residents gathered at the Kohala Village Hub to listen to the eight candidates for offices of Hawai'i County Council and State Legislature explain why each believed they should be chosen to represent North Kohala. The forum was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Hawai'i County, Sustainable Kohala and the Kohala Village Hub. It was moderated by Maureen Garry, editor of the Kohala Mountain News, who did an excellent job of seeing to it that everything ran smoothly.

The first part of the forum was dedicated to the candidate for state office. After Garry read a brief biography, each candidate was initially given two minutes to introduce themselves and to say why they had entered the race.

Running for State Senate District 4 are Tim Richards (D) and Nicholas Tancheff (R). Richards is currently on the Hawai'i County Council representing District 9. He stated that he is running to make things better for the next generation, especially in the areas of affordable housing, security including financial security and food security with an emphasis on local sustainable agriculture.

Tancheff is a Doctor of Chiropractic who said his passion is health and wellness. He wants to help bring people together to recognize that everyone wants greater



Candidates for state office include (left to right) Tim Richards, Nicholas Tancheff, Makai Freitas, Monique Cobb-Adams Perreira and David Tarnas. Maureen Garry serves as moderator. (Tom Morse)

levels of health and happiness and to encourage people to live more in harmony with nature and to care more about others than about ourselves.

Running for State House District 8 are Makai Freitas (D), Monique Cobb-Adams Perreira (R) and David Tarnas (D). Tarnas has been the State Representative for District 8 since 2018 and is running for reelection. He is an environmental planner and is currently chair of the House Water and Land Committee. He stated that he is working to address the critical issues facing Hawai'i, primarily the cost of living, affordable housing, rural health and public education.

Monique Cobb-Adams Perreira's background is in private business. She believes that common sense solutions to issues like afford-

able housing can be found within the community but that suggestions from the community often fall on deaf ears. She is running to fight for what is needed to enable people to stay in Hawai'i and not have to leave for better opportunities.

Makai Freitas is a longshoreman who for ten years has been a union official working for better working conditions, better health care and a living wage for his union members. He sees many of the same issues facing Hawai'i, and he sees his job as building a foundation for the keiki so they don't have to leave Hawai'i.

Following these brief introductions, Garry posed a series of questions to the candidates both from the audience and predetermined. Regarding sustainability, most agreed that empowering farmers

should be a top priority though their solutions varied. When asked about elections in Hawai'i, all the candidates except Perreira support mail-in voting and drop boxes. She believes that all voting should be done in person on one specific day. The candidates all agreed that the lack of affordable housing is one of the biggest problems facing Hawai'i but again, how they would solve it differed: finding ways to obtain land (Richards, Freitas, Tancheff); working together with Federal, State and County governments, and non-profits (Freitas); cutting regulations (Perreira, Tancheff, Richardson); allowing more 'ohanas, prioritizing housing for residents (Perreira).

Tarnas enumerated the ways he has been involved with the legislature on this issue. The candidates

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Candidates for County Council include (left to right) Jeff Coakley, Cindy Evans and Chris Toafili. (Tom Morse)

were asked whether term limits are a way to end corruption in government. Tarnas, Richardson and Freitas are against term limits and Perreira is for them.

When asked what their three top priorities would be if elected, affordable housing was on the list of five of the candidates. Tancheff stated that he would also fulfill the promises made to Native Hawaiians regarding Hawaiian homelands and educate our youth on the importance of growing their own food. Frietas added early education and healthcare; GE Tax reform and judicial reform were on Tarnas's list; Perreira wants GE Tax reform, the repeal of the Jones Act and to limit the Governor's emergency powers; and Richards wants to build up our agricultural economy and provide financial and health

security. Finally, the candidates were asked about how they would deal with the congestion at Pololu. Suggestions ranged from requiring reservations and/or user fees, improving the infrastructure and bolstering support for the existing education efforts of the community. Perreira wants to end all tourist access to the valley.

After a short break, it was time to hear from the Candidates (all running nonpartisan) for County Council, District 9: Jeff Coakley, Cindy Evans and Chris Toafili. Since this election has already taken place, this article will only go over their reasons for running. Coakley has been a long-time advocate for the right of access to the ocean and the forest and the beautiful natural and historic places that have been the birthright of the people

of Kohala for generations, and he wants to make sure that right is preserved. Evans stated that there are a lot of resources available from the Federal and State governments, and she believes that Hawai'i Island and North Kohala in particular do not get their fair share, so she wants to make sure that that situation does not continue. Toafili said that he was running to encourage and educate Native Hawaiians on how important it is to vote.

Further information on the candidates can be found on the League of Women Voters election website: Vote411.org.

We hope you took the time to register and vote in the August 13 primary. If you didn't, please don't forget to vote in the general election in November. Your vote is your voice.

## Results of the Primary Election

On August 13, the voters cast their ballots in the state's Primary Election.

Of particular interest to North Kohala, Tim Richards (D) and Nicholas Tancheff (R) won the majority of votes in the race for State Senator, District 4.

David Tarnas (D) and Monique Perreira (R) prevailed as the finalists for State Representative, District 8.

Cindy Evans won the nonpartisan race for County Council, District 9.

Partisan seats will be decided in the General Election on November 8, 2022.

Voters who are not yet registered may do so until October 31, either online or by mail. Further details on registration, what's on the ballot, deadlines and other important voter information can be found at [www.vote411.org/hawaii](http://www.vote411.org/hawaii).

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## Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

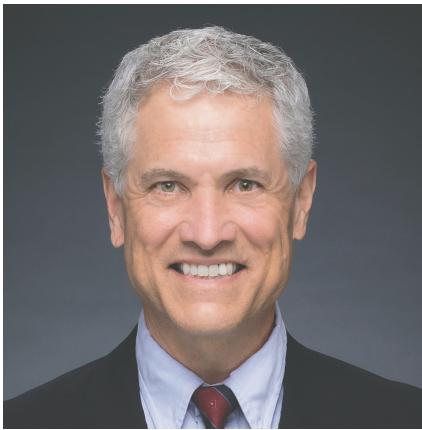


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas  
Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Aloha. Our democracy is based on civil discourse and debate about important public policy issues. I welcome the opportunity to listen to others and to provide my thoughts on these issues.

In May's issue of the Kohala Mountain News, there was an ad from a Maui-based organization that made numerous statements about my legislative work relating to marine resources. I would like to use this month's article to provide you with the facts about these issues.

Throughout my legislative career, I have consistently supported legislation to protect our coral reef ecosystem and our near-shore marine resources, which are very important public trust resources. As Chair of the House Committee on Water & Land, I have taken the lead to strengthen DLNR's capacity to better manage our fisheries, including our near-shore fisheries. I have also led the effort to strengthen DLNR's ability to enforce its aquatic resource laws. The legislature did this by increasing funding for more conservation enforcement officers and establishing a Marine Security Division with the Department. We also strengthened the statutes to increase penalties for violators of aquatic resource laws through HB 1653, a bill I sponsored, and the legislature passed last session.

Under HB 1653, which the Gov-

ernor has signed into law, there is a much higher likelihood of courts imposing a higher penalty because the prosecutor can charge separate offenses for each specimen caught illegally. The bill also makes other changes that will help deter illegal poaching of aquatic life. Unfortunately, this organization's ad makes misleading statements about this bill.

This ad says that I blocked a bill that would have banned aquarium fish collecting in the State. I discussed this bill at length with other legislators, and I am not the only one who opposed it. My view is that management of fisheries, including aquarium fish, should be an administrative decision based on scientific analysis, not a legislative decision based on politics. That's why I do not support passing a bill to ban aquarium fish collecting. It would set a bad precedent for fishery management in our State.

At this time, no commercial fishermen are allowed to capture reef fish for the aquarium trade in West Hawaii while the administrative and scientific review process in DLNR is proceeding. Whether or not to allow aquarium fish collecting in the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area is going through a methodical administrative review process with DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources, including the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement that looks comprehensively at ecosystem impacts and sustainability issues. This is such an important issue that merits careful scientific analysis by DLNR of the completed EIS, a careful technical review and recommendation by the Division of Aquatic Resources, and a policy decision by the Board of Land and Natural Resources whether or not to issue permits to capture reef fish for the aquarium trade. In my opinion, the decision whether this is a sustainable fishery should be made by fishery management experts in DLNR, and not by elected officials making a political decision in the legislature.

The ad says I blocked a bill that would have banned collecting of coral in the state. This is not accurate. In the State House, this bill

was heard before the Water and Land Committee and we passed it. It went before other committees and was eventually approved by the House and crossed over to the Senate. When it came back from the Senate, there were significant changes that many House members didn't agree with. Unfortunately, the Senate didn't name Conference Committee conferees to this bill until it was too late and we ran out of time to negotiate the bill in the Conference Committee to find a reasonable compromise between the House and Senate versions of the bill. That's why the bill died. It's unfortunate that this organization's ad presents misleading statements to our community.

While some may disagree with my position on certain bills, the Governor and DLNR leadership have consistently recognized my leadership in recent legislative sessions for successfully making significant steps to strengthen Hawai'i's marine resource management laws and increase DLNR's capacity to enforce these laws. The administration praised our work in recent legislative sessions, calling it a banner year when the legislature passed more laws to protect marine resources and ecosystems than any other session in over twenty years! I am grateful to be able to help lead the legislature to protect our oceans and ensure sustainable fisheries for our community.

Some people want the legislature to dictate marine resource management decisions. I believe it is the legislature's job to ensure the ocean is protected and our fisheries are sustainable by strengthening the capacity of DLNR's Division of Aquatic Resources and Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement to do their job and better manage marine resources and enforce these laws. This has been my approach as Chair of the House Water and Land Committee.

As always, I am grateful to serve as our district's State Representative. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 808-586-8510 or reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov. You can also sign up for my e-newsletter at bit.ly/reptarnas-signup. Mahalo!

## County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards



Photo courtesy of Tim Richards  
Councilmember Tim Richards represents North Kohala as part of Hawai'i County Council District 9.

Aloha! Once again, it is time for the monthly update from our office. I wanted to take a moment and catch up on some of the conversations I have been having with Mayor Roth and his administration on moving things forward for Kohala.

### WATER

We have touched on this before but have been working diligently to try and increase water availability for agriculture. I have been working on getting water back into the ditch to supply water for all the various forms of agriculture in Kohala, plant and animal. We are taking steps forward. The most imminent first step is the emergency water from County Department of Water

Supply that can be trucked from Ho'ea or possibly put in that pipeline. Currently, we have a well down on the Hāwī system and water availability is very limited until that well is repaired. Estimated completion for that is October.

### MĀHUKONA

The replacement of the pavilion at starts with the demolition of the old one. As I understand it now, the State Department of Health is in the final stages of reviewing the demolition plan due to the hazardous material. That approval is reported to be forthcoming very soon. At that point we will then be able to put out request for proposals. If all of this continues uninterrupted, I

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### Future KMN Deadlines

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would hope we would see the proposals in the next couple of months with work starting hopefully by the first portion of 2023. As to the replacement pavilion, a \$5 million price tag has been estimated. Recently an idea was brought up that rather than having one large pavilion, perhaps having clusters of six to ten little gazebos with a large area that could handle a tent may be an alternative. I have discussed this with the County Department of Parks and Recreation. This may be a way to get things done sooner as it can be done incrementally by starting with a few gazebos while seeking funding for the rest of the project. Looking forward to furthering these conversations with the community and the administration.

**BATHROOMS FOR HAWAI**

I have met with and are in the

process of getting the approval to build restrooms in Hāwī town on the PONC (Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission) land with the banyan trees, adjoining the Minute Stop. According to County Department of Finance, we have the funds available to do this and therefore, we are currently putting together the legislative paperwork that will allow this project to go forward.

**KAMEHAMEHA PARK**

**Kohala Pool:** Most everyone is aware of the repairs ongoing at our swimming pool. We have the funding for the temporary repairs, and it is my understanding that is well along the way. There is money for the planning of the total refurbishment of the pool, but we are looking for ways to fund the anticipated \$5 million price tag for that part.

**Hisaoka Gymnasium:** It is slated

for an upgrade to a hardened shelter for severe weather problems. There is \$800,000 approved for that planning process. Total project funding is anticipated to be \$5 million+ and that has not yet been secured.

**Lights at Takata Field and Tennis Court:** I have been trying to get this resolved since I have been in office. The project now encompasses replacement of the lighting fixtures and wiring. The estimate that was given to me was approximately \$1 million. With the shift in changing from mercury vapor lamps and going to LED, there is a chance that some of this may be covered in some energy saving programs. I spoke to the mayor on this specific issue the week of August 8 and his administration is looking into what we might be able to get done in the interim.

**Farmers Market at Kamehameha**

**Park:** A community group came to me with the concept of doing a Farmers Market at the park. This is allowed in our county parks once it has been accepted by the County Council and the appropriate contractual agreements have been executed between the County and the community group.

Currently the legislative side of that going forward is finished. County's Department of Parks and Recreation is working with the community group to finish up the contracts and have them signed so the Farmers Market can start. Things look on track and I expect everything will be ready to roll in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

As always, it continues to be a great privilege to serve as your Councilman and I look forward to working toward solutions for our community and beyond.

## Mahalo to the Kohala Community

Faye Murata would like to show her appreciation for the people of Kohala. This is Part One of a two-part series.



Faye Fusako (Nakatsuka) Murata (Courtesy Faye Murata)

By Faye Fusako (Nakatsuka) Murata  
I would like to express my heartfelt "Thank you" to the Kohala people and community who helped shape me into the person I am today. My name is Faye Murata and

my maiden name was Fusako (Nakatsuka) Murata, Kohala High School Class of 1958. I was born in Manchuria, China. When I was eight years old, my parents and siblings returned to Hiroshima, Japan after the end of World War II. Upon this return, all the family had was personal belongings that could fit into a backpack. For eight years, I attended school in Hiroshima, Japan until age 16.

In 1954, at the age 16, I was given the opportunity to study abroad in Kohala, Hawai'i since I had an aunt and cousins residing there. To lessen the burden for my parents, essentially one less mouth to feed, I decided to take this one-way trip to Kohala. After eight days abroad the "President Cleveland" to Honolulu and a local Hawaiian Airlines flight, I arrived in 'Upolu airport on the Big Island of Hawai'i (in North Kohala).

Before coming to Hawai'i, I dreamt of many good things about the islands. I thought of beaches,

white sands and paradise. Upon reaching my aunt's house in Kohala, I was introduced to a water wheel, or chimney, in my aunt's home. At that time, I realized that when it rained, we had to place buckets all over the house to catch the rain. Despite this, I was compelled to learn, grow and become part of the Kohala community.

**Education**

Because I could not speak a word of English, I was placed in the first grade at Halaula School at 16 years of age. My teachers at Halaula School decided that having me move from grade to grade every half hour for an entire school year before moving on to Kohala High School would help me improve my English speaking, writing and reading skills.

While in the second grade, I met a boy name Dominic La Rocco, in class who taught me a lot of English. I still remember him to this day and hope to see him.

During this movement from

grade level to grade level, I quickly learned that mastering English was not an easy task. Somehow, I persevered and eventually began to learn English. During this time, I expressed my feelings by drawing pictures to communicate with the other students and teachers. My quest for engaging in painting and drawing even though hobbies, eventually won me an International Painting Award in 2005 from Japan.

I stayed another year at Halaula School. Another year later, at Kohala High School, the Board of Education (BOE) administered a test on math and English to assess my current level of knowledge and comprehension. Since math is considered more universal, I was able to do okay; however, my English was not good at all. Yet, the BOE decided that I could move to the tenth grade with my same-age peers. While attending tenth grade, I was also required to completed ninth grade courses.

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Panel 7: **SUNSHINE TRUE VALUE** DAT'S HAU!!

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Faye and her Kohala friends in a staged 1955 May Day program for Halaula School. (Courtesy Faye Murata).

While I couldn't speak English well, I had a good time in high school. People were very nice, friendly and patient with me. I can't mention names, but we had a group called "The Internationals." We had about 15 students in this group. The people knew I will be in high school for two years, so they invited me to all the school functions.

My student visa was expiring in June of 1956. I knew I couldn't go back to school in Japan, and I wanted to graduate from an American high school. My father told me that two years would pass in no time, and my study aboard would be a good experience.

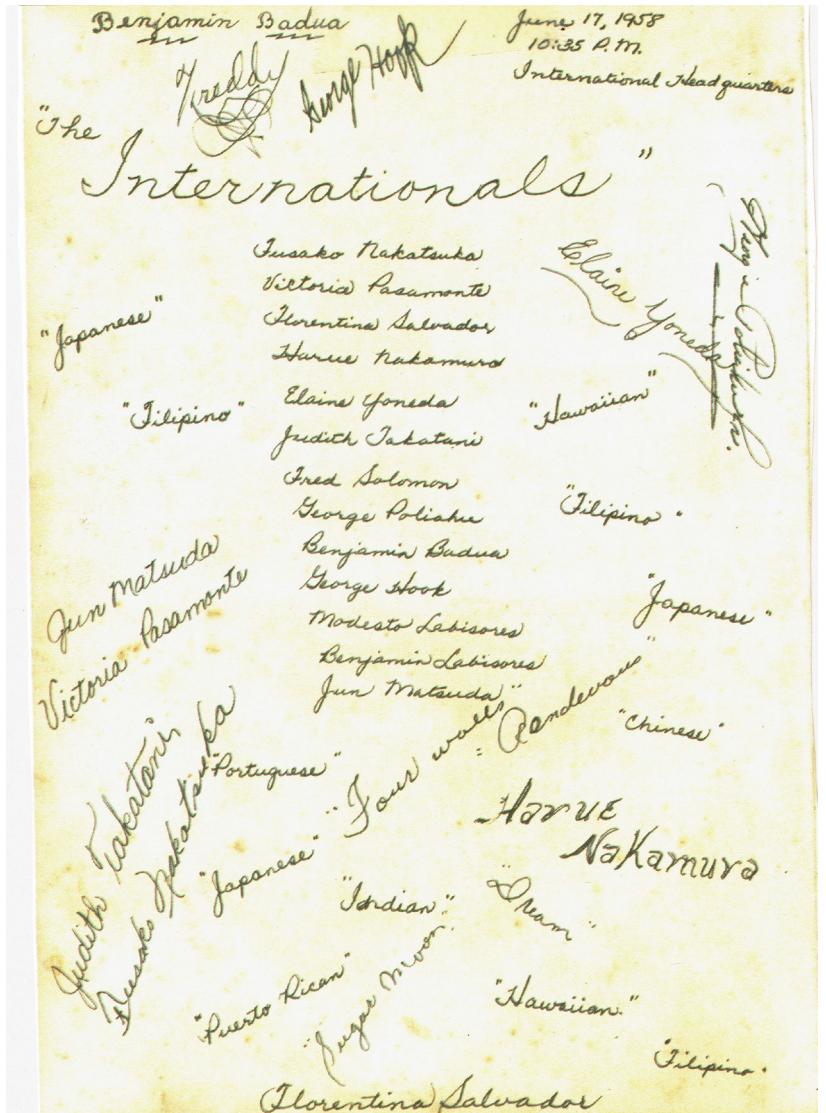
So, I asked the school counselor to send a letter on my behalf to the Immigration Office. As a result, my student visa was extended for three

more years. Thanks to the support of the Kohala High School and Immigration Office, I could graduate from Kohala High School, and even applied to attend college.

In the Kohala area, there was a bronze statue of King Kamehameha near where I lived in Kapa'au.

There was also a small post office near that statue. I used to go to that post office every two days, anticipating that a letter or word from Japan would arrive. I could not send letters to Japan since the cost of stamps was expensive. A postal worker always gave me a sign saying that no mail today. As I think back now, I wondered what kind of feeling I had on my way back from the post office, literally in tears.

Check back next month for Part 2 of 2



Faye Murata was one of "The Internationals," a group of about 15 students at Kohala High School. (Courtesy Faye Murata)

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# Coop Features Work of Friends

By Diann Wilson

The Kohala Artists' Cooperative is displaying an inventive show in September. "Helen and Friends" artwork will be on display from September 3-28 and features pieces by Helen White, Wendy Noritake, Kathleen Provazek and Lynda Wallach. This is the first show of this kind that the Coop has sponsored. The work that will be on display has been created by four women who have been painting together for several years. The works are of different mediums but mainly of watercolor and feature realistic subjects.

The evolution of the show has a rich history. Many years ago, Helen and Lynda Wallach were discussing a Nature Science Illustration course Helen had taken. Lynda mentioned a class she had attended, and said how much she enjoyed it and wanted to get back into creating art. The two women felt that getting together regularly would be a good way to get motivated to continue their art and support each other in the process. Not surprisingly, it took a few years to get the ball rolling starting with open sessions of art at Helen's, where friends could drop in on a Wednesday afternoon and create. It progressed into a closed, small group meeting every two weeks.

Then came Covid and the art "support group" transitioned into weekly Zoom sessions to look at



Helen and friends create art for the upcoming "Helen and Friends" show. Clockwise from bottom left: Helen White, Kathleen Provazek, Lynda Wallach and Wendy Noritake.

what the participants were doing with their art. Weekly now seems to suit everyone who comes when they can. The group has developed into the four women who continue to meet for a few hours at Helen's home. They paint, give advice when asked, and enjoy their creative selves.

According to Helen, "Not everything we attempt is successful, but doing and learning is always better than not. Many people like the idea

of forming small painting groups and I highly recommend people reach out into the community to do just that."

About the artists:

Helen White is a member of the Kohala Artists' Coop and has been since its inception. Her formal training was a 6-week Nature Science illustration course from the University of Washington extension services. She works in a variety of different mediums, including col-

lage, handmade papers and silk painting. In this group she usually works in her favorite, watercolor, and uses her own photographs as inspiration - as does the whole group. Lynda Wallach is originally from Chicago and became interested in watercolor when volunteering as a docent at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. She took classes from Peggy Macnamara, a wonderful painter, teacher and artist-in-residence at the museum. She has been enjoying exploring watercolor pencils and watercolors.

Kathleen Provazek studied painting at the Factory of Visual Art in Seattle and the University of Washington. She uses acrylics, gouache and watercolors.

Wendy Noritake is a member of the Kohala Artists' cooperative, where she displays her underwater photography. Not having touched a paint brush since high school, she enjoys learning watercolor painting from Helen and friends.

Each artist has her own unique style. The community is invited to a free opening reception on September 3 from 6 - 8 pm. The cooperative is located at 54-3673 Akoni Pule Hwy in Kapa'au (across from the Credit Union). Regular gallery hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m.

All of the artists will be in attendance at the opening to discuss their work and refreshments will be provided.

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# Fruit Tree Donations and Plantings in North Kohala



Volunteers for the fruit tree planting day in North Kohala. (Easten Tanimoto)

By Maya Parish

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation recently donated 70 fruit trees to three different sites in North Kohala, including the Kohala Elementary School Mālama Pono Garden, One Village Project and HIP Agriculture. Over 30 varieties of fruit trees were donated and planted, including jackfruit, sour-sop, lychee, rambutan, 'ulu, avocado, mango, cacao, jaboticaba, fig, Tahitian lime, Meyer lemon, oranges, tangerines and many more.

Volunteers gathered to help plant the trees at multiple sites on August 15, with personnel from Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, Kohala Elementary School, HIP Agriculture and One Village Project providing coordination efforts and education for volunteers on best practices for planting and maintaining the trees for maximum long-term health and yields. Agroforestry co-crop planting methods were also utilized to reduce weeds, bring more nutrients to the trees, and bring more beauty and food abundance into the gardens.

Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) is an international nonprofit charity with a local presence in

lower Puna, dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat climate change, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil and water. FTPF has worked with North Kohala on multiple past occasions, including a donation of 50 fruit trees to Kohala High School in 2018, a donation of 25 fruit trees to Kohala Elementary School in 2019, and a donation of 34 fruit trees to Kohala Village Hub in 2019, amongst dozens of similar projects across the Island over the years.

At Kohala Elementary School, the community came out in force to help install the donated fruit trees, build a giant bamboo trellis structure in the center of the garden, and plant thousands of seeds in the newly cleared hillside. Over

75 community members spanning three generations gathered to dig holes, wheelbarrow compost and mulch to the 30 tree sites, plant trees, amend the soil, install sod and plant native seeds and starts. Everything was donated by local organizations, businesses and individuals. The FTPF-donated fruit tree installation was incorporated into a larger Island-wide school garden workday initiative hosted by Mala'ai Garden and the Hawaii Island School Garden Network, in partnership with the County of Hawai'i and The Food Basket, sponsored by Hawai'i Department of Health. The school garden workday and tree planting was organized by Heather Brovsky, the Kohala Elementary School Garden Resource Teacher, who shared, "The Mālama

Pono garden serves as a valuable resource for sustainable food and living knowledge in the school and wider community. We envision the trees we plant today to continue feeding our extended 'ohanas for generations to come."

"Schools and community groups are realizing the importance of creating access to healthy fresh foods and have really jumped into the food sovereignty movement. We are honored to help support these efforts with families on the Big Island for many years to come," said FTPF's "TreeEO" Cem Akin. Future FTPF plantings on Hawai'i Island will focus on both schools and community groups. Interested organizations are encouraged to apply for the program at [www.ftpf.org/apply](http://www.ftpf.org/apply).



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# RMD Performs for World Peace

By Kathy Matsuda

Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Kohala / Waimea perform at their Eisa Pageant at Hāwī Jodo Mission on August 6 at 6:00 p.m. RMD drummers around the world drum at the same time in their time zone for World Peace.



Top row (left to right): Maui Hokoana, Kaid Nickl, Kathy Matsuda, Nathan Perez and Malie Hokoana. Front row participants are new drummers from Kohala Okinawa Children's Day Camp (left to right): Thaiddeus Keyes, Pauline Pickering-Medeiros, Lochlan Qiunn-Kirk, Kawohi Coito. These new drummers made their odaiko drums from 5-gallon buckets. Classes are held at Kohala Village HUB Hale on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.

# Mālama i Nā Honu Take Care of the Turtles



The tumor turtle. (Wendy Noritake)

By Wendy Noritake

While swimming with the green turtles of Māhukona a few months ago, I saw a large honu, as they are called in Hawai'i, wrapped in braided fishing line that ran from its mouth to a front flipper, preventing full movement. The line, bound around the flipper could cut off blood flow and cause it to die. When Hawai'i Preparatory

Academy's (HPA) Turtle Research Program biologists reviewed my photos, they decided to try to rescue it by removing the lines.

Two years earlier, I'd seen a green turtle with tumors (from a virus fibropapilloma) on both sides of its mouth, with more on its front and back flippers. Within a six-month time, the tumors had dou-

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The tangled braided fishing line. (Wendy Noritake)



The amputee. (Wendy Noritake)

bled in size. I reported the honu, along with photos, to the Turtle Research Program biologists. They then received approval from NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) to capture this creature and fly it to O'ahu for surgery. If the tumors became too large for it to eat or see, the turtle would most certainly die.

Rescuing turtles in distress is not an easy task. For each of the incidents I described, the research rescue team arrived in Māhukona with two staff members and colleagues ready to hoist the honu onto an innertube with a wooden bottom so they could tow it to the pier. In the case of the entangled turtle, they were prepared to remove the

fishing lines while in the water. I joined the rescue team in hopes of finding and saving these turtles, but after numerous attempts, we were not able to find either of them—although the turtle with tumors, which have grown even larger, has been seen near the 'Upolu Airport recently, but in waters too precarious for a rescue.

From these outings, I came to know and respect Laura Jim and Marc Rice, the HPA teachers and marine biologists who have saved hundreds of turtles throughout the islands over the thirty-five years the research program has been in operation under Rice's direction.

In April of this year, I joined the

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The deformed shell. (Wendy Noritake)



The "tiles" on the side of the face. (Wendy Noritake)

Turtle Research Program and their students in a turtle tagging expedition where they routinely capture and tag these innocent creatures. Following NOAA's guidelines, the procedure allows the team to weigh and measure each turtle, record vital signs, examine their mouths for tumors and algae, take tissue samples and place a scannable tag subcutaneously in each back flipper, plus one metal tag punched like an earring.

One by one, twelve turtles were captured that day while feeding or resting on the rocks or shore at Puakō. A few were plucked right out of the water. Each turtle was placed in a large plastic crate that could float the heavy creature to shore, where it was then carried to a tent with a rubber-topped table to prevent it from sliding off. Of the twelve, four had previously been tagged, one as far back as seventeen years ago.

Among the other captured turtles, one had a deformed outer

shell, and another, a soft-underside shell. Genetics or lack of food and nutrients are the likely causes of such deformities. Because of the armor, it's hard to tell how thin a turtle might be inside. A turtle tagged three years ago was now an amputee. The records showed that the honu had been healthy and intact when first tagged. It was determined that the flipper was not amputated by a shark bite but severed from fishing line, in what must have been a slow and painful ordeal for the honu.

The challenges facing turtles from fishing are statewide. I learned that a few turtles flown to O'ahu that were operated on had many fishing hooks in their stomachs.

Before my tagging experience, I'd never seen a green turtle up close. In no other circumstances would I have touched a turtle, but as I gazed at the frightened, agitated honu with its dark, expressive eyes, I stroked its shell and spoke softly.

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I was amazed how he relaxed in response to my touch, his shell full of nerves able to feel my hand. I also gently massaged the front flippers, like paddles that felt hard and scaly, yet flexible and smooth. I could sense how powerful they must be to easily propel their bodies through the water.

Besides tagging, turtles can be identified through their unique "tiles" or patches on both sides of the face. The researchers took close-up photos to catalog each honu, a less invasive way of keeping track of them.

I decided to adopt this practice of taking photographs of their faces while freediving, to keep an account of the transient turtles passing through Māhukona who can't find enough of the seaweed and algae they like to eat.

The green turtles have been on earth for more than 100 million years, since the time of the dinosaurs in the Upper Cretaceous Period. Honu come in colors ranging from brown to red to green, but they're given their name because their body fat is green.

Our Hawai'i green turtle numbers are greatly impacted by the environment, climate change, loss of food, pollution, disease and fishing. The honu are an endangered species whose population has decreased by ninety percent over the last fifty years.

I learned that turtles mature around twenty-three years of age,



*The soft underside shell. (Wendy Noritake)*

and given the chance, they can be long-lived—eighty to one hundred years. The majority tagged that day were about fourteen years old.

Mature females lay eggs only once every three or four years. Only adult males have a long tail, used for grasping the female during mating. The Hawai'i honu in general are slow-growing and smaller than

those found in other parts of the world. The average weight of the tagged turtles on that occasion was forty pounds, ranging from twenty-five pounds to fifty-seven pounds.

After the examination and tagging, the honu were each returned to the crates and hauled back to the sea. Watching them sprint away as

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**Kohala Churches**

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The author and student returning honu to the sea. (Laura Jim)

soon as they touched the water was a joyful sight! The more I swim and photograph the green turtles and know how fragile their ecosystem is, the more I've grown to love and appreciate their peaceful existence, their beauty and grace, and their tenacious spirit.

What to do if you see a stranded, entangled, or sick honu? You can call/text/email Laura Jim at (808)

895-3174, [laura.jim@hpa.edu](mailto:laura.jim@hpa.edu), or Marc Rice at (808) 987-6903, [mrice@hpa.edu](mailto:mrice@hpa.edu). If swimmers and divers find fishing line snagged on our reefs, or boaters find line floating in the ocean, there are now fishing line receptacles that will hold the monofilament for recycling. They are located at Kawaihae Surf Park, Kohala Divers, Puako Boat Ramp, and other locations.

### Kohala Alpaca Wranglers 4-H Group to Resume in September



Minnie Schuett-Iwamura halters Faye. (Christine Hustace)

Sign-ups are open for students ages 8-18 for the Kohala Alpaca Wranglers 4-H Club, which meets in Hāwī on Thursdays, beginning September 22. There is no charge to join.

The program, run by Christine Hustace, owner of Ku'u Home Ranch Alpacas, is designed to give students skills in all areas of animal husbandry. Students work with a project animal of their choosing; developing skills in training,

assessing and providing health care; breeding and neonatal protocols; lab work; processing and spinning fiber; and working with power tools.

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves in other areas, such as public speaking, research and presentations, with older students mentoring younger ones.

For more information or to sign up, contact Ku'u Home Ranch 808-987-6628.

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## 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Ho'omaka`ana (Beginning)

By Jesse Lucas

We are at the ho'omaka`ana (beginning) of another school year.

This is an `eu`eu (exciting) time for haumāna (students) and kumu (teachers). There is so much potential in each and every one of the haumāna in our wahi noho like o ka po'e (community). I look forward to a year of growth for them and for all of us. What exciting endeavor are you at the ho'omaka`ana (beginning) of?

County of Hawai'i  
Dept. of Environmental Management

More information is available at  
[www.HawaiiZeroWaste.org](http://www.HawaiiZeroWaste.org)



# KOHALA MONTHLY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2022

EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS

DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
8/31	WED	5:00 PM		CDP ADVISORY GROUP	MEETING	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	
9/3	SAT	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	KOHALA COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET		KAMEHAMEHA PARK	225-3666
9/3	SAT	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	OHANA DAY	HEALTH FAIR	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	
9/3	SAT	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	HELEN AND FRIENDS	ART SHOW FEATURING THE WORK OF LYNDA WALLACH, KATHLEEN PROVAZEK AND WENDY NORITAKE	ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE	854 1058
9/7	WED	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	PRESCHOOL STORYTIME	GREAT FUN FOR 2 - 5 YEAR-OLDS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/7	WED	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	KOHALA NIGHT MARKET	VENDORS & ENTERTAINMENT	HUB MURAL	
9/7	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	EMAIL IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM FOR ACCURATE DATE & TIME	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
9/7	WED	7:00 PM		TEMPLE OF SPIRITUAL HEALING	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP	54-3876 AKONI PULE STE 4	989-5995
9/12	MON	12:30 PM	5:30 PM	JEWELRY MAKING CLASS FOR ADULTS	SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/12	MON	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	CHESS CLUB	BEGINNERS AND VETERAN PLAYERS ARE WELCOME	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/13	TUE	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	BOOK CLUB	KLARA AND THE SUN BY KAZUO ISHIGURO	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/13	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	FACEBOOK.COM/KOHALACHAPTERHFUU/	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
9/14	WED	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	PRESCHOOL STORYTIME	GREAT FUN FOR 2 - 5 YEAR-OLDS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/15	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	889-5115
9/17	SAT	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	KOHALA COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET		KAMEHAMEHA PARK	225-3666
9/21	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	EMAIL IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM FOR ACCURATE DATE & TIME	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
9/26	MON	4:30 PM		COMMUNITY MEAL	DRIVE THRU	ST AUGUSTINES	889 5390
9/28	WED	4:00 PM		RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA - BY REQUEST	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111

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### 13th Year Scholarship



13th Year Scholarship program coordinator and awardees.

Left to right: Dana 'Aina (Hawai'i Community College Academic Counselor and 13th Year Scholarship Program Coordinator) with awardees Landen De Silva, Samson Soares, Lauren Hawkins, Nicholas Tyler and Daylan Tayan-Germano. (Kathy Matsuda)

By Kathy Matsuda

From a generous gift by the Dorrance Family Foundation and the University of Hawai'i Foundation, five North Kohala students received the 13th Year Scholarship. The University of Hawai'i 13th Year initiative is an innovative program designed to encourage non-college-bound students and adults to attend and successfully complete their first year of college.

This program includes the Elama Project at Hawaii Community College's (HCC) Pālanui campus in Kona and Hilo One at HCC's campus in Hilo. The 13th Year Scholarship provides financial and other supports that reduce barriers to entering and succeeding in college.

Attending HCC-Hilo are Landen De Silva, Samson Soares, Nicholas Tyler and Daylan Tayan-Ger-

mano. Attending HCC-Pālanui is Lauren Hawkins. Congratulations to these five students!

Scholarships cover 100 percent of tuition, books and fees during the first year, plus academic, career and financial guidance throughout their entire academic career at HCC and Pālanui. Upon successful completion of the first year, students may be eligible to receive additional support for tuition,

books and fees, up to an Associate Degree.

Continuing their second year at HCC-Hilo are Nalani Andrews and Aukea Kaaekuahiwi.

Continuing at HCC-Pālanui is Ashton Bolosan.

For more information on the 13th Year Scholarship, please contact Kathy Matsuda or Tiana Miyamoto at Kohala Village HUB at 889-0404 ext. 104.

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