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KPAA Membership Meeting

Please join us for our Winter Membership Meeting on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Room at the Regency at Puakea, 2130 Kaneka Street, Lihue (across from Chiefess Kamakahahelei



Middle School). The meeting will highlight one of KPAA's members – **Kauai's Hindu Monastery**. Bodhinatha Veylanswami and Yoginatha Swami will share their progress and insights of *Working toward Our Own Sustainability and Self-Reliance*. The monastery is the 363-acre site of one of Kauai's most sustainable and service-oriented communities and home to the amazing hand-hewn stone Iraivan Temple, which attracts visitors from around the world. Also on the agenda are updates on KPAA's current projects including the Keiki to Career Kauai initiative to help children, youth and young adults be ready to learn and ready for life. You'll have a chance to offer your input to help guide the development of the action plan. RSVP's are appreciated – call KPAA at 632-2005 or send an email to kpaa@kauainetwork.org. Refreshments and networking will be from 3:00 to 3:30 with the program beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Keiki to Career Student Video on YouTube

Students from Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School wrote the script, shot the footage, edited and narrated this video to provide inspiration and guidance to organizations and



community members working together to create an action plan for the new **Keiki to Career Kauai initiative**. Young people between the ages of 8 and 20 offered their manao on what they need to be successful in school and life. They highlighted their desire for support, adults who believe in and trust them, a safe environment at home and in school, opportunities to expand their horizons, and mentors to help guide

them. The purpose of **Keiki to Career** is to bring groups and the community together to ensure a high quality system of education and support services so the island's young people from birth through college to workforce entry are ready to learn and ready for life. Hear what students have to say in this 8-minute video at <http://www.youtube.com/user/KeikiToCareerKauai>.

Kauai's Public Education News

Kauai's Department of Education has a new web on-line channel. Don't miss viewing the premier ***Kauai's Shining Stars in Education Show*** at <http://vimeo.com/channels/kauaishiningstars>. The program showcases special stories about our public schools. The first show features stories from Wilcox Elementary, King Kaumualii Elementary and Kapaa High School. Also, there is an introductory segment on "Meet the CAS" (Complex Area Superintendent). The production is hosted by Resource Teacher Sean Doi. Please share the link with colleagues, family and friends. [Email Sean](#) if you have any questions or need more information about our ***Kauai's Shining Stars in Education*** series.



How Should County Funds Be Spent?



The County administration has begun planning for the fiscal year 2014 (FY14) budget submittal and the Mayor is interested in hearing from the public what the county's budget priorities should be. **A user-friendly on-line survey** has been created and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/kauaibudget> or in the "What's New" section of the County of Kauai's homepage (www.kauai.gov). The survey will be open for public input **through December 15, 2012**. The survey consists of six questions and can be completed in 15 minutes or less. The Mayor's FY14 submittal is due to the Council on March 15, 2013.

KPAA on the Air

KPAA's Diane Zachary and State Department of Education Complex Area Superintendent Bill Arakaki will appear on the **Mayor's Hoike show "Together We Can"** on **November 29**. They will be highlighting the



Keiki to Career initiative and Diane will give an update on the study now underway to assess the economic impact of sports events on the island that attract off-island visitors. The show will be repeated the following week and airs on cable channel 53.

Mahalo to KPAA's New and Returning Members

Since October 2012, our new and renewing members are:

General Members

- Malama Mahaulepu
- Ohana Pacific Foundation
- Saiva Sidhanta Church (Kauai's Hindu Temple)
- Wilcox Health Systems/Hawaii Pacific Health

Supporting Members

- Families First Hawaii Services
- Fujita & Miura Public Relations

Patron Members

- Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa

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