

## KCA Urges You to Volunteer to Help Make Kihei a Better Community.

Here's what happened at the February Community Meeting and what's coming up in March... be part of it all. Attend the meetings.

### *KCA President Jon Miller*

Last month, in the preview issue of **The Kihei Insider**, here's what I promised you for February:

"February 19 we will be exploring the *volunteer opportunities* open to us in South Maui."

What a great community meeting we had, too. I really want to thank all the organizations that came by to tell us



Jon Miller

about volunteer opportunities for South Maui people. Please, understand this, if I forget your organization, it's an oversight, and I'm sorry. Let me hear about it, and I'll thank you twice in the next **Kihei Insider**. Here are the ones I can think of:

Mahalo to all of you! Community Work Day, represented by Rae, or Rhiannon Chandler, who said she looks forward to meetings like ours as a way to connect with the actual volunteers who do so much for Community Work Day. Maui Food Bank sent Pedro Faingaert. He's arranging to have a Food Bank collection container at all our meetings now.

Our own Bob and Lis Richardson spoke up for Hoaloha'aina. They mentioned their ongoing efforts on every Monday morning at the Kihei Boat Ramp and the Kamaole Beach Parks doing dune

restoration and other land activities.

Kapono "Troy" Stuppelbeen came representing the County of Maui and the Fire Department. Maui Fire Dept. has no volunteer opportunities, but he had a wealth of welcome information. Emily Carlson came to tell us about the opportunities at the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, and Nicole Davis gave us the facts about volunteering on projects of the Hawaii Wildlife Fund. Maui Reef Fund and other ocean concerns, including Cheryl King's Hawksbill Recovery project.

Dan Kuhar, with the help of KCA Board Member Gail Weaver showed us that schools, including Kihei Charter School, have real volunteer needs and other involvement opportunities.

Gerri Shapiro told us about Neighbors Helping Neighbors, an organization full of aloha. Julie Quintiliani was there to explain Junior Achievement, a step in the business education of many young people. And, last in this list, but high on KCA's list of favorites is Kihei Youth Center. Pohai Kaihiwalu was on hand to tell us about the center's needs for volunteer help.

While I'm thanking people, let me include Mary KIELTY of Maui Parks and Recreation who opened the lower parking lot when KCA and the Democratic Party Caucus were on at the same time. Also mahalo to Milton Arakawa of Maui Public Works who



South Maui's State Representative Joe Bertram III checks in with Julie Quintiliani who is offering KCA members the opportunity to volunteer with Junior Achievement during the February Community meeting.

came by to tell us what his department is doing in South Maui.

Finally, a big "thank you" to Jefferson and Patricia Stillwell who supplied our pupu, and to Menehune Water Co. for the bottled water.

Oops. No space. See page 2 for the...



While supplies last, Kihei Community Association is giving away reusable shopping bags like the one held here by Board Member Mike Moran. The bags, supplied to KCA by Maui County Recycling Section, are free to those who will sign a solemn promise to use the bags when shopping.

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## Tidbits the Editor Couldn't Resist

Not necessarily "something for everyone," but maybe something for you or someone in your 'ohana.

### Special Guests at KCA Community Meeting on March 18

There's been a little change in the agenda for KCA's March meeting.

This was going to be the meeting about development in South Maui, but we have a great opportunity to have guest speakers from the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources.

DLNR Administrator Morris Atta will be there. Even though we don't know which other DLNR officials will join us, there will be others.

DLNR, according to its website, is "dedicated to managing Hawaii's natural and cultural resources, and is equipped with several divisions with various jurisdictions. Please explore our website more to find the many resources and services that DLNR manages; we hope you find that and any other information that you seek." Check it out online at <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr>

We know them better from working with them on coastal issues, ocean concerns, public land questions, and environmental conservation subjects. These folks are motivated. They want to talk to us... let's find out what's up.

The doors will open Tuesday, March 18, at 6 p.m. We'll have pupu from Stella Blue and half an hour to talk with each other. Then, speakers from the DLNR! I could guess about what subjects will come up, but I'm not even going to try. These people are responsible for so much of the fragile and beautiful space in South Maui!

We don't get a chance to hear directly from DLNR often. Don't miss this meeting.

### A Note from Bob Richardson

Lis and I had a great workday at Kamaole II. There were over 24 people working with our group. Older, younger, visitor and local, real locals and transplants. It was a great morning.



We planted and cleared green waste from the Kamaole II Beach Park area that was the site of the worst of the Kona storm damage.

It is ongoing partnerships with both State and County that make the most of our efforts. *Want to help next time?*

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# The South Maui Environment

## Celebrating or Mourning our Reefs

This is happening here and now, in the International Year of the Reef, around Maui, and you are not going to like it.

### Mike Moran

Where are all the colorful fish that used to swim our coral reefs? The yellow tangs, the Moorish idols and the ornate butterflyfish are gone. As we are losing the fish, our interconnected coral reefs are dying. Are we celebrating 2008 as the international year of the reef, or are we mourning the loss?

“Collectors” for wholesalers, who sell them for home aquariums worldwide—not only on the mainland—have ruthlessly scooped up millions of these beautiful creatures.

Exactly how many of these fish are collected from Hawaii’s reefs in a given year is unknown, but the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), advises the best estimates run as high as ten million per year! No wonder we don’t see many of these beauties in our ocean waters.

Aquarium fish bag limits must be imposed while some of these fish are still in Hawaii. The collectors don’t care if all our fish are depleted, as they’ll just head off to another tropical area to rape those resources.

They don’t even care if the fish survive, and many do not, just so long as they’re alive when they sell them. If they die in some aquarium in Utah, they’ll just sell more of them.

Two bills before the Hawaii State Legislature—SB 3225 and HB 3330—will establish those drastically needed bag limits. But you have to influence your representatives to get these passed, as there’s *big time* opposition coming from those far off places where these fish end up for rest of their short, weak lives.

Ask our senators and representatives in Honolulu about the deluge of calls and

emails they are receiving from numerous countries and states demanding that these bills be defeated.

Should our legislators and administrators be concerned with the clamoring from outside of Hawaii, or should they show their allegiance to the well being of all things living here?

Go to [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) where you can find phone and email addresses for all 76 legislators, as well as the status of all bills for the 2008 session. Just follow the user-friendly instructions on

This is a yellow tang in a plastic bag ready for export to an aquarium and sure death, all for a little human amusement at the expense of the reefs of Hawaii and for the profit of a few individuals who should find employment doing something productive for the planet. (Image courtesy of Hawaii Audobon Society.)

Clearly, it is too late for these once-beautiful Hawaii reef fish. They were on their way, but didn’t even make it to the aquarium store. It’s not just that their lives were cut short. Their offspring won’t populate Hawaii’s reefs either. (Image—sadly provided to us courtesy of [lostfishcoalition.org](http://lostfishcoalition.org).)



Mike Moran is a daily ocean swimmer, dog walker and frequent cyclist in Kihei. He is a cofounder of the *Pump Don’t Dump* program, and serves on both the Services and Public Relations committees for KCA.

the website. So contact them and very respectfully ask them to do the right thing.

Will passage of these two bills fix all our reef problems? Unfortunately not. There’s no quick fix for this long-term abuse, but this is a big step in the right direction. Also check SB 2154, which will help state officers (DoCARE), to ensure the environmental laws and rules we have are enforced. **Mahalo.**



# South Maui Volunteer Opportunities Community Workday Program

This is one volunteer opportunity that you can plan for, and it will give you plenty of days off between “shifts.” *Get involved.*

### *Bob Richardson*

Community Work Day Program (CWD) is the “Mother Ship” of volunteer programs in Maui County for many groups.

Almost all other volunteer programs that involve service to the island and its environment rely on CWD in some way. CWD organizes six major work days during the calendar year that are countywide clean-up efforts. Those projects and dates are found on their web site at [www.cwdhawaii.org](http://www.cwdhawaii.org).

The Kihei Community Association supports CWD’s efforts by participating in their work days, with financial support from KCA members, and by testifying before the county administration and County Council for funding for this worthwhile effort.

The title and 2008 dates for the yearly events are listed below. Some have passed; many have not.

Aloha Aina

**January 19, 2008**

Great American Cleanup

**March 1-5, 2008**

Keep America Beautiful Day Cleanup

**April 4, 2008**

Litter Bugs Me Cleanup

**July 26, 2008**

Get the Drift and Bag It Cleanup

**September 9, 2008**

Holiday Gift to Maui Nui Cleanup

**November 11, 2008**

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?**

If you see an illegal dump site in your neighborhood or anywhere else that you are concerned about, call CWD and see who else might be interested in helping you clean it up. Do you know of some graffiti that you would like

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help in removing? Contact CWD, and arrange for some donated paint and perhaps a brush or roller. Need bags and gloves or drinking water for a group that will be working? Do you need help

Photo above: George Rixey at a CWD/KCA clean-up site in North Kihei. Below: Steve Frayer, Karen McGinnis, and Project Manager Kai Chung from CWD working a clean-up site around the VFW area in Kihei.



Bob Richardson is an active South Maui volunteer with Kihei Community Association and other local organizations.

in picking up the rubbish that your group has gathered? Is there a section of beach that needs some TLC? Community Work Day Program can put you in contact with the appropriate State or County agency and also get you help with native beach plants if that is part of the effort.

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

You will notice most of the examples mentioned involve “you” helping in some way. That is because CWD relies on volunteer labor for almost all that they do.

CWD is funded by Maui County, private donations, federal grants, and goods and services from private citizens and businesses.

They are not in existence to clean up a mess in your neighborhood or your community, they are here to help *you* find the solution to that and many other problems that sometimes are overlooked by county agencies, or just can’t make it onto the official calendar for whatever reason.



## Insider Has Questions

### Our Curious Columnist Goes South

You can help make this column the most and best it can possibly be just by chatting with the columnist any time at all.

#### Maury King

Talk about the greatest job in the world!

I just had a chance to drive down to the end of the road and talk with Joe Fell-McDonald out at La Perouse. Joe is one of three Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) employees who hang around the reserve filling a jack-of-all-trades role. He works helping to manage one of the Natural Area Reserves (NARS) which are small setasides of mostly wild land used as benchmarks against which to measure changes. Ahihi-Kina'u Reserve is the only one of these that includes a coastal area—and the only one that is accessible to the public.

Joe's job is pretty much to hang out there and be real nice to people while enjoying one of the most beautiful spots in the world. I never actually asked him if he was enjoying himself, but as a self professed native plant geek and nature lover, he has had a chance to explore virtually every inch of the lava flows around Ahihi-Kina'u Reserve... and you should see his commute! Not too shabby if you like eight miles of coast (oh yeah, and dodging tourists). He was involved in the recent discovery of the ordnance left over from bombing practice in the area (how rude!). Don't worry, they just detonated it on site (even ruder?).

There is a management plan being put together for the area by DLNR. As it has become a destination for so many people Ahihi-Kina'u Reserve is sorely challenged to remain wild enough to be a benchmark area. Being the only NAR that contains an accessible coastal area adds a management challenge to the job.

Years in the making, a multi agency



report will be generated with suggestions that might include giving the area a chance to take a break from humans for a while. (I was assured it will be delivered at a faster pace than GPAC).



Joe Fell-McDonald

At one point Joe pointed across the fishpond to where people traipse the

ridge to get to Aquarium. He pulled out his Palm Pilot to be sure to correctly inform me that 4,000 people have made that trek since November.

Most everyone who came up and talked to Joe was extremely nice, and they seemed genuinely interested in everything he was willing to share. He said people really want to be informed and seem happy to take suggestions about the best places to go and not go.

A lot of educating people, some first aid, some science, keeping an eye on things and keeping people safe. Go home. Repeat tomorrow.

While we talked, on a fairly choppy day, he mostly told people the snorkeling wasn't going to be any good and they'd be better off at one of the Kihei beaches or even taking a surfing lesson instead. (Oh, that's why the Kihei beaches are getting so crowded.)

So, if you're ever down at the end of the road and need anything, be sure to ask Joe or one of his partners, Judy or Matt.

By the way, see Pat at Makena Stables if you like getting on a horse in the area.

Again, talk about a dream job! I hear they're actually going to hire another person.

Thanks Joe, and be sure to drink lots of water.



## The Least You Can Do for the Future - 2

Joseph W. Bean

I don't mean to disturb you, but the least you can do to prevent plastic grocery bags from becoming "trash birds" caught in trees or killing turtles and fish in streams and near-shore waters is this: Tie them in knots before you discard them. No fancy nautical knots are required. Any knot will do. Tied up with no air ballooning, even if they do have to go the land fill, they'll stay there.

Other things you can do about plastic bags include:

1. get a permanent shopping bag and use it,
2. reuse the plastic bags you do get many

times,

3. pack your own goods in fewer bags than are usually used,
4. carry one or two items in your hands without a bag, and
5. use dirty or wet bags to pack dirty or wet trash.

It's not a lot, but it makes a lot of difference. The best possible answer to the question "Paper or plastic?" is "Neither. I'll..." Finish the sentence thoughtfully. You might say, ...carry things in my hands, or in my permanent bag, or in this reused bag... or, I'll put them in my bicycle basket.

**This is a SOLUTION. Challenge yourself on page six before reading the answer, which is upside down below.**

Who said this?

"We abuse the land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Aldo Leopold, Sand County Almanac, 1949.

**Solution to the Kihei Community Puzzle #2 (puzzle on page 8)**

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## Kihei in Action

The photos on this and the next page are images and captions from... well, anyone... you?



Above: Reece Pottorff is a student at Kihei Charter School who is taping KCA meetings for airing on Akaku. Thanks, Reece!  
Right: Lion fish! It's just another invitation for you to read page 3 (Image courtesy of Robert Winter).





Is someone watering Kalama Park with tons of split-pea soup? No! See below.

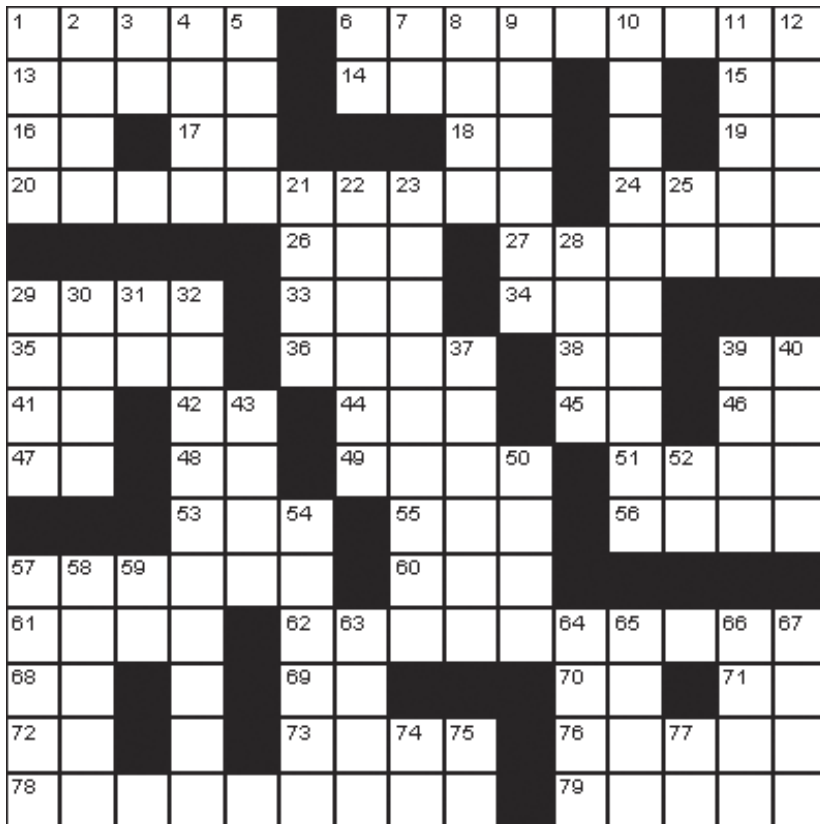
If you don't know the beautiful South Maui place above, look at page 5 of this **Kihei Insider**. If you don't love the puffer fish at right (Image courtesy of Robert Winter), see page 3. Below: Mary Kielty speaks to KPAT about the plans of the Maui County Parks and Recreation Department for Kalama Park. (Mahalo, Mary, KCA really appreciates your hard work.)



Above, it still looks like soup. Below you see that it was a beautiful "sea" of recycled glass all along.



## Kihei Kommunity Puzzle... #2



Please let us know if there is something incorrect, disturbing or uncomfortable about any clue or solution in this puzzle.

### Across

1. To mahalo
6. Defunct dock
13. June + 1
14. Wet amenity
15. Friends of Bill W
16. \_\_\_ Paso
17. Lang. of 16 across
18. So. Cal. city
19. Kind of tag
20. Lis or Bob
24. \_\_\_ many words
26. Consume
27. Mates for aunites

29. With shoes
33. Ms. Longoria Parker
34. Needle valley
35. Polynesian totem
36. If The Shoe \_\_\_
38. TCP follower
39. Sound-Picture EQ or montior
41. Salem's st.
42. So and \_\_\_
44. Lions on scoreboards
45. Opp. of rt.
46. Chihuahua yes
47. Alt name for gym class
48. Pres. in 1929
49. Eston., Kazakh, and Lith in 1956

51. B.P.O.E.
53. 31, 30, 28 or 29
55. Hawaiian thing
56. Lokelani (yellow in Texas)
57. WaveRunner maker
60. Ring site
61. Hanson Road feature, often
62. KCA president
68. Hawaiian for shout or roar
69. Day \_\_\_ Hope 10K Run
70. Hawaiian for food or sex
71. The Shops \_\_\_ Wailea
72. Fredericton is its cap.

73. Two scoops \_\_\_
76. In bad taste, but great fun
78. Stepping out solo
79. Rub out

### Down

1. Rank of seats
2. Double to cook chicken
3. Gore to pals
4. Poet Ogden
5. Ho'o\_\_\_ Beach
6. Mil. cop
7. Hawaiian dawn
8. Hawaiian brains, Pidgin crazy
9. \_\_\_ Ke Ali'i
10. Maui tour flier
11. More pay
12. Portuguese music style
21. Maui protector
22. Frazier + Nivens
23. Respected diplomat
25. Opponent of AL
28. Fingertip protector

29. Don't go
30. Employ
31. Approve in a hurry
32. Cause sadness
37. Wet line in Iao
39. Inquires
40. Workshop clamp
43. Oops cousin
50. Wrap-on dress
52. \_\_\_ and behold
54. Brass and course of study
57. Shipper: \_\_\_ Bros.
58. Filipino chicken favorite
59. Mighty \_\_\_
63. "In the world, but not \_\_\_"
64. Frilly fabric
65. Whopper speaker
66. Sings a la hip-hop
67. Eye bump
74. Calif. shorter
75. Latin example abbrev.
77. Pa's better half

The solution to this puzzle and the "Who Said It?" question below are on page 6.

### Who said it?

"We abuse the land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Hint: The quote originated in an almanac.