

PULAMA IA KONA HERITAGE PRESERVATION COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 2010

GREETINGS:

IN 2009 A MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF HAWAI'I WAS REACHED WHEN THE MAMALAHOA KONA HERITAGE CORRIDOR BECAME THE STATE'S FIRST SCENIC BYWAY.

THIS BYWAY/CORRIDOR EXTENDS FROM THE JUNCTION OF PALANI ROAD WITHIN THE AHUPUA'A OF HONOKOHAU IN THE NORTH, TO THE JUNCTION WITH KUAKEANI HIGHWAY WITHIN THE AHUPUA'A OF HONALO IN THE SOUTH. THIS CORRIDOR GARNERED THE FIRST SCENIC BYWAY RIGHTS DUE NOT ONLY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROADWAY BUT ALSO THE HISTORIC QUALITIES OF THE ADJOINING SITES THAT DATE TO WHEN MAMALAHOA WAS A TRAIL USED BY EARLY HAWAIIANS TO TRAVEL ROUND THE ISLAND.

IN 2010 PULAMA IA KONA WAS NOTIFIED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION THAT OUR APPLICATION TO COMMENCE A CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS ACCEPTED AND WE WERE ALLOCATED \$29,140.00 IN REIMBURSEABLE FUNDS (WE RAISE AND SPEND MONIES - THEY REIMBURSE US).

TO DATE WE HAVE RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$12,000.00 TOWARDS THIS EFFORT AND ARE SEEKING FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS A BROADER MEMBERSHIP BASE SO AS TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS PHASE OF THE SCENIC BYWAYS PROJECT.

ALL THESE EFFORTS ARE DUE IN NO SMALL PART TO THE HARD WORK OF OUR NOW DISBANDED MANAGEMENT TEAM OF SHEREE CHASE, MILLIE KIM AND RUSSELL KOKUBON, WITH INPUT BY THE COMMUNITY, THE HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THEIR CONSULTANTS AND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION. MAHALO A NUI LOA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ONE AND ALL.

IN 2011 WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MAMALAHOA KONA HERITAGE CORRIDOR; THE FIRST SEGMENT OF AN ISLAND-WIDE SCENIC BYWAY, AND IN FURTHER ASSISTING US WITH EFFORTS AT THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE DWINDLING HISTORIC FOOT-PRINT OF OUR DISTRICT.

WORDS FAIL ME WHEN I THINK OF HOW FAR WE HAVE COME WERE IT NOT  
FOR OUR TIRELESS GROUP OF DEDICATED MEMBERS. PULAMA IA KONA  
WOULD NOT CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES WERE  
IT NOT FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS OF ONE PERSON, VICE PRESIDENT  
MRS. TOMOE NIMORI, WHO WORKS SO HARD FINDING NEW AVENUES OF  
FUNDING AS WELL AS DEALING WITH THE BAPFLEING INTRICACIES OF THE  
COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL BUREAUCRACIES.... WELL.... I CANNOT  
BEGIN TO THANK YOU, TOMOE, WE CANNOT BEGIN TO THANK YOU.

WITH HARD WORKING PEOPLE LIKE MRS. NIMORI AND HER EQUALLY HARD  
WORKING COUNTERPART AT THE KONA HISTORICAN SOCIETY, MRS. JILL OLSEN  
THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU.

MUCH ALOHA, AND  
MAHALO A NUI LOA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. L. Scott Seymour". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. L. SCOTT SEYMOUR  
PRESIDENT