

Pulama Ia Kona Heritage Preservation Council
Annual Report
Calendar Year 2007

The year 2007 was a year of accomplishments for Pulama. Following the third Informational Workshop, "Growing the Corridor on September 30, 2006", a strategic plan was developed at a retreat on January 8, 2007 facilitated by Diane Ley of the County Research and Development Dept. Pulama will embark on addressing the following objectives:

- Achieve higher visibility of corridor concept
- Address corridor growth, organizational issues
- Maintain Pulama's Hawaiian name as it embodies Hawaiian values as its base

Funded with grants from the County of Hawaii Resource and Development and Hawaiian Electric Industries Charitable Foundation plans for the fourth Informational Workshop were initiated. The workshop, Beyond the Kona Heritage Corridor, held on December 1, 2007 at the Kona Daifukuji Soto Mission in Honalo featured speakers, Anthony Veerkamp of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Western Region, Brennan Morioka, Director, State of Hawaii Dept. of Transportation, Elizabeth Fischer, Federal Highways Administration, and Kiersten Faulkner, Historic Hawaii Foundation. Each speaker listed ways Pulama might work with these agencies to continue developing the Kona Heritage Corridor. Heritage Building Plaques were awarded to the Donkey Mill Art Center, Aloha Theater, HN Greenwell Store and Manago Hotel. Recipients of the Sherwood Greenwell Kupuna Award by the Hawaii State Senate were presented to Alfrieda Fujita and Tomoe Nimori.

Another high lite of the workshop was the unveiling of the booklet, "Mamalaho Highway Traveling the Kona Heritage Corridor".

Pulama looks forward to 2008 with anticipation of increased grant awards and a larger membership base to continue to work towards joining other heritage corridor groups along Mamalahoa Highway to form a "lei" around the entire island.