



# *Hawaiian Acres News*

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## PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

by Roberta Lynn Brashear

Aloha and adios from "la presidenta". Three years is a long time and now it's time for some new innovative individual to bang the gavel and sit in the hot seat. And has this seat been hot!

The Puna Access Road is paved (speed limit 35 mph?), still no catchment tank for our firehouse (many promises and lots of paperwork have been done on it, Councilwoman Jacobson is still trying), still no generator for Emergency response situations (and no paperwork since Keiko Bonk was a Councilwoman).

The Community Association facility is now in compliance with America Disabilities Act, the parking lot is paved but still no park equipment. Plymouth did a wonderful job in clearing the area around the recycle building. The Recycle facility is slowly being demolished by vandals or someone who has a fetish for collecting used plywood. So much has happened: Planning for our future via the County Zoning Code, Subdivision Code, the General Plan, and our inclusion in the year 2000 census as an entity.

Things are happening faster than anyone ever expected. Hawaiian Acres certainly has changed from 1996 when I first stepped in. I step out gracefully as we approach the new

Millennium. Mahalo to all of my friends, associates, committee members and chairs for accomplishing so much in such a short period of time. To my successor: Good Luck!!!

**SPECIAL MAHALOS TO THESE WONDERFUL AND THOUGHTFUL INDIVIDUALS:**

Bylaws Committee members: Karen Blue, Bill McClellan, Bruce Anderson, Alice Suncloud, Nanette Savage, Jack Russ Brauher

Road Committee members: Jim Rhodes, Sheldon Lehman, Nanette Savage, Pete Epperson, Mary Gueble, Elaine Taylor, Danny Brouillette, Karen Blue, Sandy Margriter

Road Work/ Crew: Bob Kerns, Jim Rietveld, Cary Fincher, Sheldon Lehman, Paul Shrift, Dan Woolverton, Scott Waller, Ken Cutting, Rick Gardner, Lincoln Pasqual, Plymouth Kekipi, Charlie Okano, Alan Ahn, Rob Ely, Nanette Savage, Rhonda Nicholson, Linda McBride, Dan Sales, Bill McClellan, Jay Lopez, Gordon Halsey, Bobbi Lynn, Buddy Loeffler

Planning and Parks: Russ Brauher, Alice Suncloud, Bob Jacobson, Julie Jacobson, Rhonda Nicholson, Bill McClellan, Pete Epperson  
Volunteer Fire Department: Sheldon Lehman, Russ Brauher, Joe Good, Lynn Mollo, Jim Rietveld, Bill McClellan, Rick Worley, Ted Stubbs, Roy Bath, Ken Cutting, Fred Muncy and Jerome Siebenrock

Hawaiian Acres Community Watch: Carol and Jerome Siebenrock, Dan Woolverton, Ken Cutting, Rick Gardner, Bill McClellan, James and Jackie Seaquest, Nanette Savage, Kent Hinds

Election Committee: Carol Yasui, Jim Rhodes, Burna and Danny O'Toole, Stephanie Bath

Emergency Response: Bill McClellan, Marilyn Haymore, Stephanie Bath, Dan Woolverton, Ted Stubbs, Ken Cutting and Jerome  
Newsletter: Cathy McPhee, Jim Rhodes, Danny Brouillette, Kate Shurech, Cathy Dumond, Nanette Savage, Bob Jacobson, Bruce Anderson

Grounds and Maintenance: Carol Yasui and Dan Woolverton, Tarmus, Linda McBride

Hospitality: Mary Gueble

Office: Cheryl Garibay, Laurie Saarinen, Courtney Murrill, and Cathy Dumond



Current President Roberta, Office Staff Cheryl, & Newsletter Editor Dan

**REMINDER: HACA ANNUAL MEETING ON JULY 18, 1999 AT 2:00 PM  
BE THERE!!!!**

## Vice-President's Report Summer 1999

by Jack Russell Brauher

I'd like to take this opportunity to address a few of the issues that are not covered in the Planning Report and my Candidacy Letter. If we did not have some silly policy of limiting the size of Newsletter articles, I could have done it all in one letter.

If we want to keep our roads private, as the majority of survey respondents indicated, we need to exercise as many of our rights as possible. That includes posting of "Private Roads" signs, "Travel At Your Own Risk" signs, and installation of strategically placed and legally approved gates.

It is reasonable to believe that if certain people claim the gates pose a safety issue, eventually and/or potentially gates to driveways will be in jeopardy. If we allow our private property rights to be eroded by those asking for removal of gates, that erosion could accelerate.

If access to an 800' or so winding driveway is blocked by a gate when a 911 call is made, someone will complain. And if it happens enough, goodbye driveway gates, all because a precedent was set when we allowed our private property rights to be compromised.

Private property rights are the same for property held in interest as they are for individuals. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled, "The term interest comprehends all forms of real and personal property", (RUSSELLO vs UNITED STATES - 464 US 16,104 S CT. 296-78L Ed 2d 17).

I've heard talk of residents who are opposed to private roads, wanting to try to deed over their interest in the road lot to the County. I personally don't believe it can be done, because of the State Land Court.

I'm not satisfied with the signage the County has installed on 8-RD. State law says the County must enter into an agreement with the community for the approval of signage. This community has done no such thing. I think enforcement issues can be contested because of this lack of an official agreement. Also, if the signage issue gets resolved, we should demand "No Through Commercial Traffic" signs, as well as speed humps and possibly 4-way stops at the intersections. Whatever we do about it, we need to slow down traffic on 8-RD for two reasons. One, the police do not have adequate manpower to patrol it and residents are not sure they want them to. Two, the County sent us a letter a couple of years ago, stating that the liability would be on us if we entered into the signage agreement.

There is another significant issue to bring up. Now that roads have been removed from H.A.C.A.s responsibility, what about roads in our Master Plan? This Master Plan is a H.A.C.A. function not a H.A.R.C. function. The roads were a lot of work to address in our plan.

I believe there is no way H.A.C.A. can totally remove itself from the responsibility of the roads.

## Treasurer's Report

by Dan Woolverton

As of the end of the 1st quarter (3-31-99) we have spent 31% of our annual budget. This is more than one quarter of the budget and is explained by some annual expenses being paid in lump sum in January for the entire year

There has been some confusion among the lot owners about the creation of a road corporation to maintain the roads. In answer to your questions, Hawaiian Acres Community Association will continue to conduct the day-to-day business of the community, using your membership dues to do so.

Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation, a new and separate entity, will maintain the roads using your road dues to do so. After Hawaii County takes responsibility for the access road, there remains approximately 65 miles of roads for the road corp. to maintain, so they need your road dues.

### HAWAIIAN ACRES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

By Chief Sheldon Lehman

I'm very happy to report that we have been relatively inactive since our last newsletter. We've had only about 8 calls which, compared to last year at this time, is very slow. I attribute this mainly to weather conditions and hopefully to increased awareness of the fire dangers in our area.

Co. 5 Bravo Hawaiian Acres Volunteers still train the first Tuesday of each month at the community center on Rds 8 & C. Anyone interested in joining the volunteer fire dept. is welcome to come to training and meet with all members or call me at home: Chief Sheldon Lehman 968-8391.

Once again, I would like to stress the importance of all homeowners having at least one fire extinguisher in your home. You can stop a small fire fast before it becomes a big one. Several homeowners have expressed interest in training courses in the proper use of fire extinguishers. Co. 5 bravo would be happy to hold such a class if people are interested. If you would like a class, call HACA at 966-9892 and leave your name and number.

In the words of a former Hawaiian Acres resident "If you want pavement and HELCO, move to Hilo." And we should never forget the words of poet William Blake who said "Improvement makes straight roads, but the crooked roads, without improvement, are the roads of genius."

## Planning Report Summer 1999

Jack Russell Brauher H.A.C.A. Planning Chair

Our Master Plan is done. Copies are available upon request. Not everyone is going to agree with it, and we don't expect consensus. Remember it's just a plan. Its subject to change, but still a guide for our future.

The surveys we conducted in 1995 and 1997 were the biggest influence on our plan's format. Those results indicated the areas of the most concern for the future of Hawaiian Acres. Keeping our lots zoned agricultural, keeping our roads private, opposition to municipal water and sewers, and opposition to an irradiation facility in our proximity were some of the examples of how the majority responded.

One big concern that residents have is their privacy. This fact is observed through conversations with the residents, not as a survey result.

We appear to have lost the irradiation battle. Now we are threatened with a maximum security prison in our vicinity. Its as if all the bad ideas are dumped on the residents of Puna.

Municipal water has reared its head again. The Central Puna Water Master Plan (CPWMP) projects a 88 million dollar system. An estimated \$18,000 per lot is the current figure. In the CPWMP under General Obligation Bonds, it says the County has the power to raise unlimited property taxes to pay for the system.

At 18K per lot, a person could build the best catchment system money can buy and have some left and not have to pay monthly to another bureaucracy or worry about quality.

Our survey results show 78% opposed to municipal water. Personally, I don't understand why anyone would want it when we live in a rainforest. Even during droughts the cost of an occasional tanker of water is still the most economical solution.

In the 15 years I've lived in the Acres only once I've purchased water. My 10K gallon tank had dropped to 2K gallons, so I ordered a 5K tanker. It resumed raining 1 week later. I would have made it with reserves.

One fear is that sewers will be next if municipal water happens. Sewers would create havoc on the lava caves that run under Hawaiian Acres. The best part of the CPWMP was the opening paragraph, "If the subdivisions don't want it, it won't happen". A possible negative aspect of our objection to it may be that certain planners may try to make us look responsible for denying water to the residential lots in Volcano. The truth is the existing water main on Hwy. 11 can be extended. Also there is a well in Glenwood, and other exploratory wells are slated.

The CPWMP is the most half baked no brainer I have ever encountered in my life. The authors sincerely believe they are addressing the needs of build-out in Central Puna. The facts are indisputable that such a project actually promotes build-out, because of the reality of the "Build it and they will come" phenomenon.

## Area 2 Report Representative Bob Jacobson

In addition to helping do final work on the Hawai'ian Acres Plan, I also had the opportunity to outline and start work on a grant proposal to directly benefit the health of the residents of Hawai'ian Acres and Puna in general. Some of the ideas are based on existing programs elsewhere, and also on aspects of the early public health nursing done in the beginning of this century. Programs such as this helped improve the public health and nearly eliminated TB in this country at that time. Because I am a nurse, I know that healthy individuals make for a healthier society. This project has the potential to utilize the resources we have and help address growing needs of our growing community. If you're interested in helping implement this program, or participating in it, please contact me at HACA or email me at: [jacobs@hgea.org](mailto:jacobs@hgea.org)

### PROPOSED OUTCOMES FOR HAWAI'IAN ACRES BLOCK NURSE PROGRAM

1. Improved quality of life for community members.
2. Have community definition of improved quality of life, drawn from HA database and existing DOH data.
3. Block Nurses (BN) and community members (CM) will experience continuity in health care and greater compliance to healthy decisions in self care.
4. Community members (CM) will have become part of the process of community's health and are willing participants in database.
5. Block nurse (BN) and CM will have taught (and learned):
  - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
  - Healthy living skills
  - Disease process management
  - Aspects of long term care (LTC)
  - Assisted living skills
  - Wills, living wills, estates, handling assets
  - Hospice skills
  - Legal entitlements
  - Other classes or forums requested by the community
6. BN, CM, and volunteers will have helped meet the transportation needs to get clients to exams and screenings.
7. Block nurse (BN) RN will have acted as an advocate/gatekeeper for assessing and managing the health needs of the under served and general population in HA. This program will have eventually involved all the roughly 800 households in HA. Attempts will have been made to canvass every residence in HA. Our newsletter will have run articles and calls for participation in this program.
8. An excellent database will be available to help meet the long term community health needs. This database will also provide scheduling of and a basis for exams, screenings, and follow-up for clients in the community.
9. BN will have provided health, nutritional, educational opportunities for community members.
10. This program will have created healthy job or service opportunities for CM, community service requirements, activities for volunteers, jobs for students needing school-to-work experiences or those fulfilling a college practicum.

11. Electronic communication opportunities will be in place for health care providers and community members (clients). Such on-line communication would likely occur with Gov. Agencies, (Federal, State and County) and internet research sites. In this way staff and clients will have obtained the most recent or most appropriate treatment modalities. This service will have furthered health treatment, patient education, and staff development.

**LETTER TO ALL LOT OWNERS**

By Dan Woolverton, Treasurer

With the creation of the Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation (HARC), there have been several inquiries regarding the need for the continued existence of Hawaiian Acres Community Association (HACA). HACA is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Hawaii and that charter mandates HACA to promote and strive for the safety, welfare, and happiness of all lot owners and residents of the subdivision. To fulfill that mandate HACA has always been involved in many activities besides road maintenance.

HACA maintains an office in the Community Center Building, staffed by a paid employee who performs the day to day business of the association and handles walk-ins and phone inquiries from lot owners, residents, and the general public. The phone has an answering machine so that no phone inquiries are missed or lost. The community center is used 5 to 10 times a month for meetings of the association, its various committees and other groups. The community center is equipped with refrigerator and stove and is available to lot owners and residents, at a \$5.00 a day use fee, for social activities. The building and grounds have been used in the past for birthday parties, graduation parties, wedding receptions, bible study classes, food coop ordering and distribution, swap meets, and arts and crafts fairs.

HACA encourages and provides financial assistance to the following community service organizations:

A. Hawaiian Acres Volunteer Firefighters (Company 5Bravo), which consists of 15 volunteers, trained and partially equipped by Hawaii County Fire Dept. They respond to fires in Hawaiian Acres and all surrounding subdivisions.

B. Hawaiian Acres Emergency Reponse Team, which is trained by American Red Cross in emergency first aid, CPR, and shelter management. ER is approved, recognized by, and coordinates closely with Hawaii County Civil Defense.

C. Hawaiian Acres Neighborhood Watch Program, which acts as the eyes and ears of Puna Division, Hawaii County Police. Hawaiian Acres consistently has one of the lowest crime rates in Puna, so the program must be working.

HACA maintains a standing committee for planning. This committee studies the long range future of Hawaiian Acres with regards to the need for parks, schools and medical facilities, while striving to preserve the rural ambiance and life style we all appreciate and enjoy. They are actively involved in the revisions of the County General Plan which will be in effect for the next 10 years.

As you can see, HACA has always done much more than just diligently maintain the roads. Now that we are out of the road business, we will be able to put more energy into these and more endeavors to enhance the lifestyle of our lot owners and residents

Please continue to support HACA with your voluntary membership dues, your ideas and your concern for our community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**CURRENT PROPERTY VALUES**

These properties were purchased since February 1999. They are all vacant lots. The top amount is the listed price and the lower amount is what was paid. DOM shows days on the market. This information is supplied by: Ted Stubbs

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LN S 3-1-6-22-16 FS	6,000		
Hawaiian Acres Subdivision	3.00 ac		
SOLD 04-Feb-99 for	\$6,000 CASH	DOM:105	
LN S 3-1-6-22-15 FS	6,000		
Hawaiian Acres Subdivision	3.00 ac		
SOLD 04-Feb-99 for	\$6,000 CASH	DOM:106	
LN S 3-1-6-17-83 FS	8,000		
Hawaiian Acres / 1 Road	1.87 ac		
SOLD 06-Apr-99 for	\$8,000 CASH	DOM: 28	
LN S 3-1-6-43-46 FS	8,500		
Hawaiian Acres / 5 Road	3.00 ac		
SOLD 24-Mar-99 for	\$7,500 CASH	DOM: 287	
LN S 3-1-6-23-22 FS	9,500		
Hawaiian Acres/ 5 Road	3.00 ac		
SOLD 19-Mar-99 for	\$8,000 CASH	DOM:1885	
LN S 3-1-6-37-67 FS	10,000		
Hawaiian Acres / 6 Road	AC, shed, cesspool 3.00 ac		
SOLD 01-Feb-99 for	\$7,000 CASH	DOM: 87	
LN S 3-1-6-52-7 FS	14,900		
Hawaiian Acres / 8 Road	3.00 ac		
SOLD 04-Feb-99 for	\$13,200 CASH	DOM: 466	

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: ALL LOT OWNERS IN HAWAIIAN ACRES**  
**FROM: Roberta Lynn Brashear, April 9, 1999**  
**SUBJECT: FINAL HACA DUES NOTICE**

I have received a number of responses this week regarding the HACA membership final notice. Apparently, many of you did not receive the first notice; others of you paid the first notice in November 1998 and sent in copies of your canceled checks. I am sorry for any inconvenience as we are updating our database.

HACA terminated the services of our managerial staff in November 1998, and the transition was very chaotic. I had hoped that the transition would have been more comprehensive and thorough. This was not the case, however. I have reason to believe that the database was not updated accurately as contracted. The new office staff is doing a wonderful job updating records and the database, but the November-December transition period errors are now being detected.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this manner. Our staff should have all major problems corrected and we do apologize for any inconvenience. To those of you who also sent in Road maintenance fees, the monies will be forwarded and recorded by HARC, the Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation. Mahalo for your continued membership support. If you notice any inaccuracy in our mailing to you please notify the office at P.O. Box 368 Kurtistown, HI 96760 or email @ [haca@aloha.net](mailto:haca@aloha.net).

**HAWAIIAN ACRES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
INFO/CENSUS DATA FOR THE COUNTY  
GENERAL PLAN**

Submitted to Virginia Goldstein - County Planning Director

**ACTUAL DATA 2/20/99 HAWAIIAN ACRES**

896 driveways (active) of total 4009 lots  
= 4.9% building rate/year (or 42 new driveways  
from 2-98 to 2-99)  
= 22.3% build-out

**ESTIMATE BASED ON 20% LESS (deduction for  
low estimate)**

716 driveways = 2,079 people  
= 1,290 cars/trucks  
= 215 children

*In 1965 there were 7 homes; in 1999 there were 896  
homes. Average number of homes built per year over 34  
years = 26 homes. This means that a new house has been  
built every 2 weeks for 34 years. However, since 42 new  
homes were built from 2-98 to 2-99, this means there has  
been a new home built on average every 8.69 days.*

**WATER PLAN - INPUT FOR PLAN VIA SURVEY  
QUESTION**

*Preliminary survey indicates Hawaiian Acres subdivision  
does not want county water. Follow-up survey question in  
this issue of your newsletter for final decision.*

0% county water  
100% house/farm water catchment  
no fire hydrants  
no sewers  
100% cesspools

**HIGHWAY ACCESS FROM HAWAIIAN ACRES**

Hwy 11 (Volcano Hwy) – There are 3 paved roads with  
future possibility of 3 more.

Hwy 130 (Pahoa Hwy) – 1 paved road.

*1998 day-time average of traffic in both directions  
on 1 Rd. at C = 30 vehicles/hour.*

*1998 day-time average of traffic in both directions on 8  
Rd. at C = 60 vehicles/hour (before the Puna Access  
Road project).*

*Hawaiian Acres has 67.16 miles of roadway (not  
including the Access Road, which is 5.44 miles long).*

*Hawaiian Acres has 4.75 miles of single-lane, 10 ft. wide  
paved roadway (not including the Access Road).*

**UTILITIES AS OF 2/20/99**

97% GTE phone service  
100% cell phone service  
86% HELCO coverage = 485 meters in 1998  
0% wire cable  
100% wireless cable  
? fiber optic cable

**Benefits of Memberships**

HACA Annual Dues \$25.00

- 1) Use of community center
- 2) Voting membership
- 3) Neighborhood Watch, Volunteer Fire Dept., Emergency Response

HARC Annual Dues \$45.00

- 1) The many benefits of maintenance of your roads include improved response time from the Police & Fire Depts. and less wear & tear on your vehicle
- 2) Voting membership
- 3) Matching Funds availability

**MEETINGS AT THE HACA CENTER**

HACA Council Meetings – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, or after the Quarterly and Annual meetings

HACA Quarterly & Annual meetings - next meeting Sunday, July 18, 2:00 PM, and 3 more times each year (every 3rd month, usually on the 2nd Sunday)

HARC Board meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM

Planning Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month, 7:00 PM Call first 968-8976

Community Watch - 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Emergency Response - 1st Wednesday of each month following the Community Watch meeting, 8:00 PM

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) - Every Wednesday at 5:00 PM

# HAWAIIAN ACRES ROAD CORPORATION

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## Treasurer's Report Continued

This year HARC has done such projects on 6 Rd. between D & E and on 5 Rd. from pole 49 to D Rd. With membership support, HARC will be able to do more of these projects. Please make note of the procedure to acquire matching funds.

HARC does not recognize any gates on Hawaiian Acres roads.

We at HARC are actively looking for Hawaiian Acres residents with machinery or skills for road improvement to submit their names, phone numbers, skills, equipment, hourly rates, etc. for consideration. HARC is committed to spending our dollars as close to home as possible.

If you haven't already, please become a voluntary dues paying member of HARC, as these monies are our only source of funds. Let's continue to make the Acres the rural farming community it has always aspired to be, with horses trotting on our dirt roads.

## HARC Board Members

Nanette Savage, President	966-6036
Bruce Anderson, Vice-President, Secretary	982-9016
Bill Kelly, Treasurer	982-8700
Area 1 Road Rep.	Plymouth Kekipi 982-7204
Area 2 Road Rep.	Ole Fulks 966-4074
Area 3 Road Rep.	Bill McClellan 966-5056
Area 4 Road Rep.	Brad Simone 982-9658
Office Staff - Laurie Saarinen	966-9892

(this is the fax no. also; messages for HARC can be left on this answering machine)

## HAWAIIAN ACRES ROAD CORPORATION AREA 3 ROAD REPRESENTATIVE

by Bill McClellan

As of this writing, 4/14/99, we have had 86 inches of rain since 1/1/99 and the roads attest to this, the "typical dry time of the year"! Combine the rain with 55% less money (1998 = \$61,000.00, 1999 = \$27,000.00) than HACA had last year and I would have to say we're losing ground, both literally and financially. I know why it rains - I don't know why people that had been sending road money for years "suddenly stopped", with the possible reason being the formation of the new road corporation, Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation.

HARC's primary purpose is to use the member's road money that is mailed in to do road work in Hawaiian Acres subdivision. Just like HACA used to do. HARC's secondary purpose-unlike HACA-is to have NO land, buildings, bulldozers, road graders, dump trucks, etc. to have nothing worth getting sued for, for better or worse. HARC is just a new non-profit corporation with the new name of HARC - instead of HACA. HACA is no longer involved in the roads of Hawaiian Acres subdivision.

If you would like to look at copies of HARC's charter of incorporation, by-laws, or special rules please call 808-966-9892. Our meetings are on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the community center at 8 Rd. & C Rd. Everybody is invited.

HARC's Standing Road Plan: to maintain 1 Rd., 9 Rd., 11 Rd., B Rd., C Rd., D Rd., E Rd., F Rd., and G Rd. If you have any ideas about the above roads, let HARC know. All other roads are matching funds projects = Dollar for Dollar; get the neighbors together!

The Area 3 plan: At the moment is to open up the intersections and fill in the small ponds and lakes on 1 Rd. from E Rd. to G Rd. and on F Rd. & E Rd. from 1 Rd. to 6 Rd.

### A Reminder:

**If you haven't already done so, please pay your voting membership road dues of \$45.00 for 1999.**  
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## HAWAIIAN ACRES ROAD CORPORATION LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nanette Savage

Boy, what can I tell you about HARC except that we are still in our infancy stage, being only four months old, and not quite walking yet, and feeling a bit malnourished due to greatly reduced funds. We hammered out the Charter, By-Laws, and budget and just lately started spending money. This publication is my only chance to share my feelings with you 90% I never see.

Thinking about the many benefits we all receive from HACA & HARC.... The bottom line is that HARC is young and hurting and HACA is old and hurting. I'm pleading to you people for help - please keep these organizations alive and healthy. How do you do that? New Blood! By support and participation, a few hours of meetings per month and networking. You may have heard of Burnout; well some of the old-timers need to cut back on their meetings and the young and strong need to be introduced to the HARD stuff of "meetings." Let me be the first to tell you these meetings are HELL - the process may be Hell, but it's a good thing.

Now I'm only a "C" student and a slow one at that, but all I wanted back in 1997 was gravel on F and here I am still doing community service three years later. I am slow! But I've made good friends and listened to tales of 20 years back when the going was tough. We still have some of those pioneer families; they are the tough. They are renegades and proud of it! No mandatory road fees...Freedom! - yes and no by-laws that dictate you build a certain way...Freedom! The Acres stands for your rights - we are the only subdivision that does not have mandatory road fees and subsequent liens on your home and property. The other thing is the issues get old and the people forget the need for community cohesive support.

Now the Acres is growing in population and not all newcomers are of like mind. So do we throw rocks or stick together, support and plan our community together, support the fire department, the watch program, and the damn roads. Please think of the old-timers that will be here for the long haul; lets network with our neighbors and friends. Spend a few hours a month in "meetings" (Hell) and live to tell the tale (God, I hope I do!)

Please come and help, or cough up some more money. And please, with any correspondence leave your phone number; I hate to write letters.

## HAWAIIAN ACRES ROAD CORPORATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Kelly

Hello Fellow Acre-ites. As I hope you all know by now, HACA has divorced themselves from roadwork as of Jan. 1, 1999. This was done in an effort to preserve our community from road liability. Please continue to support HACA, as they will continue to do many fine things for our community i.e. clubhouse maintenance, neighborhood watch, support to our volunteer fire dept., and this newsletter (HARC only buys space).

Now to HARC business. Last year 1998 HACA had 1300 lot owners who volunteered \$45.00 road dues, approximately \$63,000.00. As of March 25th, 1999, HARC has about 500 lot owners who voluntarily paid \$45.00 road dues, apprx. \$25,000.00

With the busyness of separating HACA and HARC in late 1998, electing a separate board of directors, incorporating a charter, and such, we of HARC were unable to send out 1999's voluntary road dues bills till Jan. 15th, 1999. Normally the billing would have gone out October of 1998. This may have some future effect on HARC's monies, but as of now, HARC can only write a budget of this same \$25,000.00.

My goal as Treasurer is to spend these monies equitably. I feel that if the lettered roads are maintained in a driveable condition, no lot owner has more than a half-mile of unkept roads to their property.

HARC has earmarked 10% of funds to maintain 1 Rd. Now that the Acres no longer solely maintains 8 Rd., my wish list would include opening 11 Rd. out to Ola'a. We would need a whole lot of participation to dream this. I would also like to see some more permanent fixes on problem areas of lettered roads, but we need more voluntary membership to achieve anything of that order.

As best we at HARC are able, we will continue the matching funds project. Matching funds is a collective of HARC members who are neighbors pooling some funds (say two or three hundred dollars) for a specific project. They then can come to a meeting or send one representative, with funds in hand (meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month), to make your proposal to the board of what work you would like done. For example, some bulldozing, a load or two of gravel, mowing, etc. If the proposal is accepted by the board, HARC will accept your funds, match the amount, and issue a work order.

# Letters from HACA Candidates

## President - Jack Russell Brauher

Its that time again, and there's a tough decision to make. This is Roberta's last year, so the leadership of H.A.C.A. is up for grabs. I know I'm qualified, and I know how the system works. So yes, I'll make the bid for the job. I know I can do it with out it consuming my perspective.

But I do see a problem and it's not exactly a small one. Our Charter is out somewhere getting changed without this communities participation. This means our By-Laws will need to be changed again. Someone decided to remove road responsibility from the OBJECTS & GOALS clause of our charter.

What exactly will area representatives do without road issues? Especially considering there was not a lot to do before because of limited finances.

What knee-jerk reaction will be proposed the next time the smell of a lawsuit drifts by our collective noses?

H.A.C.A. did not escape liability by restructuring. Any decisions made by the courts are based on responsibility at the time of the complaint. What is to prevent H.A.R.C. from being sued for future incidents? What's the difference between H.A.C.A. or H.A.R.C. being sued? Nothing. The community would still lose. We as a community have gained nothing by removing roads from H.A.C.A.'s responsibility.

Can H.A.C.A. resolve the issue of our Charter and By-Laws before elections? I doubt it, because there needs to be adequate membership involvement. Not just a membership meeting where one person might hold an abusive number of proxies.

The officers and representatives of H.A.C.A. need to know what it is they are responsible for in the coming year as well as what they are representing.

There are so many questions with so few satisfying answers.

## Treasurer - Dan Woolverton

I will be running for re-election as your treasurer. Your support and encouragement will be greatly appreciated.

## Secretary - Roberta Lynn Brashear

Aloha everyone! In order to continue some of the ongoing projects of HACA, I wish to run for secretary. I feel I can work well with our office staff and assist in the transition period of a new Executive officer. I would like to see the HACA lawsuit to completion, and follow-up on the Puna Community Council projects of 1999. I ask for your support and vote of confidence.

## Area 1 Representative - Elza (Larry) Hosier

Hello! I have lived in HA for 20 years and have seen many changes in that time. I enjoy the agricultural lifestyle and look forward to helping this community to enjoy this too.

Please vote for me for Area 1 representative and lets get better acquainted.

## Area 1 Representative - Daniel Brouillette

Hello! Election time is upon us again. I'm running again for Area 1 representative.

In the last 3 years we as a community have been through a myriad of issues concerning us as residents & owners. Issues such as private property rights, gating, safety issues on our roads, and on and on. We need to be abreast of the changing face of our community and maintain our quality of life and agricultural lifestyle.

Thank you for your votes in the past and your consideration again this year, and for keeping in touch with the issues we all face. Mahalo!

## Area 2 Representative - Bob Jacobson

I am running for the Area 2 HACA Board Representative again. This will be my third term, should I be voted in. My wife, Julie, and I have been living in Hawai'ian Acres since 1982. My motivation in running for this board position is to improve the quality of life for residents in HA. In the act of working for the community, I also get to know more about what fellow residents need and want, and have a good time while doing the work. We've had a good board of trained volunteers from

## Area 2 Representative Continued

all segments of the population of Hawaiian Acres for many years. I feel that at this time in HACA history, what we do now with our goals and performance in HACA will have lasting effects. Because HACA is out of the road business, we need to look at the purposes and activities of HACA. I personally feel we already have a big responsibility laid on us by the charter. This winter, as part of my continuing education opportunities, I took a grant proposal workshop. During the course of the workshop two nurses (Sharon Smith and I) and the Director of Imua Puna Playgroup, Julie Ann Deguair, developed a proposal that would help address public health needs within Hawaiian Acres. I wrote more about this in my Area 2 report. Current HACA board leadership and members have agreed that this is a program that the HACA board favors. I would continue to work to finish and implement this grant proposal. I plan on helping finish and implement the HACA Planning document. I will also work for Hawai'i General Plan revisions that meet the wishes of Hawai'ian Acres residents.

Please vote for me so I can continue to work for the benefit of our community as part of the HACA board. Mahalo.



## Area 3 Representative - Kenneth Cutting

For the past ten years, I have been more than happy to stand on the sidelines and give my support to those elected to the consul of the Hawaiian Acres Community Association.

I would now like to throw my hat into the ring, and ask for your support.

Mahalo to everyone who has served in past years, and encouragement to all in the years to come.

## KEEPING THE PEACE

One of the great rewards of living in Hawaiian Acres is the availability of true peace and quiet. It is a cherished community value which, like love taken for granted, is often only appreciated once it is lost.

Thanks to Jason Wineinger and other dedicated volunteers in Hawaiian Acres, working with Barry Stokes of Citizens Against Noise, the problem of low-flying helicopters has greatly improved; but for those living offpower, another menace threatens to disturb the peace. All it takes is one noisy generator to burn out everyone in the neighborhood. We all know how well sounds carry in the Acres, especially if the wind is blowing in the "wrong" direction. Hoping that my ten years off the grid qualify me to speak, I'd like to offer a few suggestions, particularly to the malihinis, in the interests of keeping the peace.

Unless I'm mistaken, the unspoken understanding in the Acres is that, under ordinary circumstances, one doesn't run a generator early in the morning or late at night. Simple, common courtesy and consideration for others are the best guidelines. Of course individuals have the "right" to run a generator all night long, but that's not the issue. The issue is, why on earth would anyone want to do so when, in most cases, with a little knowledge and a minimum of expense, it is totally unnecessary.

Those who rely on a generator just to keep the lights on and look at TV would do well to check out the electrical systems of their less-noisy neighbors. Most kama'ainas, if they aren't on solar, use their generators to charge their batteries for their 12-volt systems, and then turn the generator off. If 110-volt appliances must be used, an ingenious device called an "inverter" will convert 12-volt to 110...silently.

If your neighbor tells you that your generator is making too much noise, don't be offended. The goal isn't to insult anyone, but to restore peace and quiet to the neighborhood. Better yet, ask your neighbors if your generator, barking dogs, or other noises are disturbing them. It should also go without saying that a soundproof shed and a good muffler help. Sometimes simply moving the location of the generator a few feet and pointing the exhaust in another direction make a significant improvement.

Not the least of the benefits of taking a generator out of constant use is that the money saved on fossil fuel soon pays for expenses incurred...and air pollution is reduced.

Please kokua.

Mahalo, Bill Brundage

## **NEWSLETTER** **GUIDELINES**

The Newsletter Committee has set editorial standards to help everyone who would like to submit an article, commentary, or other material to the newsletter. We hope this makes it easier for all of you and we look forward to hearing what you have to say!

**LENGTH:** For elected HACA officers, representatives, and paid members, we ask for no more than 500 words per article. For non-members viewpoints and suggestions we ask for no more than 50 words per article on a space available basis.

**CLARITY:** If we can't understand what you are trying to say, we will return it to you for rewriting. We will work with you as necessary. You will do the actual content editing. We need to be able to contact you!

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**Attention:**

Any residents who have had pins destroyed or moved during construction of the Puna Access Road project please contact **NORMAN OLESON** at the County. The phone number is 961-8565.

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

From Roberta Lynn Brashear, concerned resident

The 8 Rd. project is somewhat complete but what do we do about safety?! (35 mph is not a safe speed) The kid's of the Acres: Arthur, Noah, and the gang (as I call them "the Lost Boys") have lost their "space to play". I noticed them several times playing on B Rd. at 8 as construction was started, hideaways in the woods nearby and playing in the rushing water at the culverts on 8 Rd. These "kids of the Acres" need a safe place to play, ride bikes, etc. I am hopeful that the community will get more involved in establishing a park, getting park equipment for the Association building, and setting up a safe zone for our next generation. Please Kokua!



Puna Access Road – 8 Road and D

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

From an E Road resident

Please respect your neighbors by slowing down on the gravel roads & refrain from stealing the stop signs. Children & animals are out there. Be aware of that.

Also, our recycling center has been vandalized: someone has taken the walls creating the possibility of a dangerous situation. Please stop the vandalism!

**CHARTER CHANGES**

(vote yes or no on the ballot)

The following are proposed changes to the Charter:

Additions to charter are underlined

Removals are Bracketed [ ]

SIXTH: There shall be a council of the corporation to consist of not less than [ten (10)] eight (8) persons, each of whom shall be a member of the corporation and [a majority of whom] shall be residents of the State of Hawaii. There may be, in addition, such ex-officio members of the council, with or without power to vote, who need not be members of the corporation, as may be provided by the by-laws. The council shall be constituted and its members elected and appointed as the by-laws shall prescribe. The direction and management of the affairs of the corporation and the control and distribution of its property shall be vested in the council; SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to any regulations which may be set forth in statutory provisions, in this charter of incorporation, or in the by-laws. There may be an executive committee of the council as provided for in the by-laws, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that not more than one (1) ex-officio member of the council may serve on the executive committee.

The names of the initial councilors of the corporation, who shall be [the (10)] eight (8) in number and shall hold office until their successors shall be duly elected, are as follows: (SEE OPENING PARAGRAPH)

Purpose: to allow meetings to proceed if Council number is less than 10

**BY-LAW CHANGES**

(vote yes or no on the ballot)

The following are proposed changes to the Bylaws:

Additions to bylaws are underlined

Removals are bracketed [ ]

Article III, SECTION 5 Quorum - (Amended 2/14/65, 7/12/86) At any Meeting of Members of which proper notice has been given, thirty Members or ten percent of the Membership (which ever is less) present in person or by proxy, and [eight (8) officers or councilors] a two-thirds majority of Councilors present in person, shall constitute a quorum, and the concurring vote of a majority of the Members constituting a quorum shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation, except as otherwise provided by the law or by these bylaws or by the Charter of the Corporation. At any meeting of which proper notice has not been given, then the presence of all Members, in person or by proxy shall be required to constitute a quorum.

Purpose: to allow meetings to proceed if Council number is less than 10.

Article XI, SECTION 1b Powers and Duties - Area Representative

- (a) Are expected to attend all Meetings of the Corporation and the Council
- (b) Of the Councilors elected from each district, the candidate with the highest number of votes shall serve as [representative of] a liaison to the Road Corporation [Committee]
- (c) Shall serve on other Standing Committees as needed
- (d) Shall have such powers and duties given to her or him by law or in these bylaws and as may be assigned to her or him from time to time by the Council.

Purpose: to delete Road authority from area representative. They may only act as a liaison and give recommendations to the Road Corporation.

Cut on the dotted line ✂

**SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR HACA**

The Draft - Puna Water Plan was presented by the County of Hawaii & RC&D in January 1999. The proposed plan would include a water line that runs along/near E Rd. (the proposed cross-corridor access road in the Puna Community Development Plan). The cost of the project is \$1.8 million/mile or \$18,000/lot hook-up cost.

Given this information, please respond to the following questions:

- 1. Are you a resident of Hawaiian Acres?  
YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_
- 2. Do you want county water at a cost of \$18,000.00 per lot?  
YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

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Any comments? Please mail responses to:

HACA  
PO Box 368  
Kurtistown, HI 96760

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## HAWAIIAN ACRES COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM

By Ken Cutting

Aloha, Neighbors! Thanks to everyone's involvement in our "watch" program, reported crimes are low compared to other neighborhoods. Still, people do get their homes broken into.

With the Puna Access Road open, we all have to be extra aware of who is around. Know your neighbor, and help watch out for them.

It's summertime, and the kids are out of school. Activities are needed to bring them off the streets and into the community. Any ideas and/or volunteers?

Mahalo again for making Hawaiian Acres one of the safest places on this big, Big Island. Aloha!

## Puna Community Council Report

By Roberta Lynn Brashear – Vice President PCC

The 1999 Hawaii Legislative Session has just ended and several Puna projects have received legislative funding this year. They are \$600,000 for planning of the Cape Kumukahi State Park, \$60,000 for the MacKenzie State Park restrooms, \$150,000 for the Akebono Theatre Community Project (Pahoa), and \$400,000 for the planning of an alternate route/corridor out of Hawaiian Paradise Park for natural disasters (possibly 15<sup>th</sup>). No money has been appropriated for the HOVE water line. A special Mahalo to Senator Andy Levin – Puna District for his support of our PCC “wish list” projects this last year.

*“Who is blind?*

*The man that cannot see another world.*

*Who is dumb?*

*The man that cannot say a kind word at the right time.*

*Who is poor*

*The man plagued with too strong desires.*

*Who is rich?*

*The man whose heart is contented.”*

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