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PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION KAUAI

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF

Our mission is to develop, operate, and maintain quality dedicated pickleball venues with the spirit of Aloha.

On September 4, 2021, Pickleball Association of Kauai (PAK) officially received its approval to operate as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). We are recruiting members to support our mission. On Kauai, there are 25 County tennis courts, most in poor repair, and zero public dedicated pickleball courts. We believe that the growing numbers of pickleball players island wide deserve permanent nets, and clear, exclusive lines. We have many players in their 70's and 80's. We need safe courts they can play on while they still are able.

We are dedicating our membership campaign to the memory of a beloved pickler, Leona Bryant. Leona had some serious medical issues earlier that left her physically impaired and unable to speak. She fought back hard to regain her vitality, and part of that process was playing pickleball. She was, like others, addicted to the sport and became a fine player and organizer at the Kauai Christian Fellowship courts in Poipu. She was a leader in the efforts to turn a concrete parking pad into dedicated pickleball courts with permanent nets and lines, the only ones in a public facility on Kauai. She organized daily play, and ran many tournaments at KCF, including the "Cinco de Dinko". She was a great supporter of the efforts of PAK, and was on a trip to scout pickleball facilities in Texas when she unexpectedly passed away in August at age 55.

It is to Leona's memory we dedicate our membership drive and put a timeline for achieving our mission: ***In our lifetime***