



Aloha LKOC Members and Supporters,

This has been a challenging year for The Outdoor Circle, particularly with the passage of several county bills on both Maui and Oahu regarding the potential for outdoor advertising in our public parks and other public venues. We feel these new county ordinances have the potential to threaten our many hard fought victories over the past century. These successes have given Hawai'i one of the most exemplary set of outdoor signage laws in the country. Rules for implementation of these ordinances are still being formulated, and we will be monitoring them closely to ensure they adhere to our existing state and county sign laws.

We also spoke out against several other state and county legislative bills regarding the proliferation of visual clutter on our public utility poles and public rights of way, and although deferred, these bills will likely be raised again in this coming year. We sincerely thank all of you who have helped us, through your testimony and letters, in our efforts to stop passage of these bills. We hope we can count on you in the future as we face the challenges ahead.

In Kailua, we continue to face another challenge that has been a major focus for the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle over the past year, namely the Kawainui-Hamakua Master Plan which is now in the evaluation stage of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Again, we thank all of you who have supported our efforts to revise and limit the scope of the plan and have offered your own public testimony and comments regarding what are seen by many in the community to be potentially harmful impacts on the sustainability of this fragile wetland.

As always, we are extremely indebted to you for your support in our efforts to "Keep Kailua Clean, Green and Beautiful."

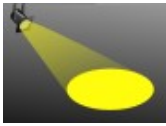
Mahalo from all of us at LKOC!

Diane Harding,
LKOC President

Celebrate Earth Day at the Kalama Beach Park Workday
Saturday, April 21, 2018, 8 AM to noon.

See our website for details:

<https://www.lkoc.org/volunteer-opportunities.html#KalamaBeachPark>



In the Spotlight

At the December 2017 Luncheon, two Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) members were recognized for their outstanding contributions to LKOC and the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC). Terry Beuret and Ann Latham, co-chairs of the WCCC Partnership, were each given The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Meritorious Achievement Award in thanks for their years of service.

The award states: *In recognition and appreciation for your outstanding contributions and dedicated efforts over the years in fostering and advancing the ideals and mission of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle, and for your unwavering commitment to the success and growth of our "Learning to Grow" Program.*

Betsy Connors, an LKOC board member, has worked with Ann and Terry at the WCCC site. She has a great perspective on the hard work they provide every week. Betsy says, "LKOC began its contact with WCCC in 2000. Ann was one of the original players. Our association has morphed over the years with different contact persons, wardens, programs and challenges. Ann shows up weekly through thick and thin, bringing a wealth of gardening knowledge and experience and kindness to everyone, residents and staff as well. And Terry is persistent in bringing new ideas and opportunities to the women at WCCC. Who would have thought the women would be running a lettuce business, raising worms, and learning so much? At a time when we are learning that prisoners need more opportunities for their rehabilitation, Ann and Terry are showing the way in a tangible fashion. The women love and respect them and know that they are reliable and caring mentors, helping them in the present and preparing them for re-entry into the community." View more about WCCC at www.lkoc.org/lkocwccc-partnership.html



"I Love Kailua" Town Party



Please join us on Sunday April 29, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Kailua for the 26th annual "I Love Kailua" Town Party. We will be highlighting flavorful food specialties from Kailua-area restaurants and over 70 windward artists and hand-crafters. Come enjoy shopping, great all-day musical entertainment, and family fun. There will be a variety of plants for sale in LKOC's plant booth along with scheduled plant expert talks. The popular "I Love Kailua" logo booth will have T-shirts and accessories featuring this year's Town Party design, a rendering by Kailua resident and amateur photographer, Jason Hills. A new feature this year will be LKOC's "**Environmental Garden**", in the Salvation Army parking lot, where we will present gardening tips and how-to-set-up your own environmentally friendly

home-hydroponics systems, home-water gardens, and much more. We hope to see you there!
www.lkoc.org/town-party.html

Kawainui-Hamakua Master Plan

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/featured/kawainui-hamakua-master-plan-project-draft-eis-available-for-comment/> At the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) website, you will find the link for the 2000+ page document of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that was posted on December 18, 2017 by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) in partnership with the Division of State Parks. This document was finally released after more than a year of preparation and included a response to the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle's (LKOC) comments submitted in October 2016. (See pages 884-897 of the DEIS to review their response to our comments.) As is standard, the public had 45 days to respond to the DEIS which LKOC did on January 22, 2018.

https://www.lkoc.org/kawainui-marsh.html#LKOC_DEIS_Response At the LKOC website, you can read our response to the DEIS which was formulated by our Public Affairs Committee after having gone over this massive document in great detail. In particular, the plan still includes multiple modern structures, parking lots, restrooms, boardwalks, observation decks, information kiosks, lawns and open spaces, septic system leach fields, fencing, bridges, over six miles of foot trails, pedestrian paths, and maintenance roads, a canoe and kayak launch, and storage buildings for such vessels. We feel this massive infrastructure construction will result in a recreational facility increasingly unable to support endangered aquatic species, aquatic life, and the marsh's critical watershed function. Hawai'i's largest remaining wetland, Kawainui, could be lost forever as a result.

Paula Ress, our LKOC Recording Secretary and Citizen Forester, has written a very thoughtful commentary on this subject.

In 1972, when Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle and the rest of the Kailua community opposed the building of a shopping center where Kawainui Marsh is, it was not because anyone disliked businesses or even shopping. The opposition came about in concern for protecting the area for the view, cultural significance, and importance to the watershed.

In 1978, when Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle led the community in protest against developing a residential community where Kawainui Marsh is, it was not because the members stood against housing or developers, but because we understood the importance of retaining open space for wildlife and the retention of the water flowing from the upland streams.

Today, Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle stands against the current plan to develop the area where Kawainui Marsh is in order to protect the view, the cultural sites, the areas necessary to support marsh birds, and to provide the open space that filters the water flowing from the mountain streams, protecting the residences along the edge of the marsh and stream.

It is not developers, businesses, cultural practitioners, visitors, residents, bicyclers, hikers or kayakers that endanger the natural uses of the wetland. It is the proposed infrastructure that hardens the landscape, thwarting the natural flow, and forever changing the protection provided by natural order. It does not matter who is driving or riding in vehicles that drip oil and belch pollution. It is of little consequence who is on the impenetrable paved areas created by the development plan. It makes no difference who creates the waste that must be contended with. It matters that the plan creates problems that will never be made right, even with the gigantic efforts that will need to be taken to rectify the situation in the future.

The dismissive tone of the response to our careful analysis of a very complex document and concerns expressed from the beginning of the process is disappointing.

Ke Kahua O Kūali'i

Ke Kahua O Kūali'i is a federally recognized not-for-profit organization that is an example of a culturally-based, environment-first site at Kawainui Marsh. They have done an impressive job of clearing, restoring, and preserving this area called Pohakea. Volunteers have removed over twenty tons of debris, reinvigorating and enlivening the space by cultivating native plants and implementing non-herbicide best practices to care for the area. The organization has provided education and volunteer opportunities and created gathering spaces for cultural practices. They have built traditional Hawaiian hale rather than modern structures and perpetuated Hawai'i's living culture. Ke Kahua O Kūali'i oversees approximately fourteen acres in the Kawainui Marsh, with a five-year agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Parks.

They describe their purpose at their website, www.kekahua.org. "Along this beautiful wetland, nestled beneath the Ko'olau mountains and overseen by the famous Olomana ridge, we are rehabilitating and restoring the land, revitalizing the waters, and creating gardens with native

plants to support traditional cultural learning opportunities about this beautiful place, Kawainui. We offer monthly community-volunteer opportunities on the third Sunday of the month and engaging, culturally based learning service programs for private groups."



LKOC December Luncheon

At the annual holiday luncheon December 2017, members and guests had a chance to shop for gifts presented by local crafters as well as pot gardens created by the Women's Community Correctional Center. Windward Community College Chancellor, Doug Dykstra, gave an illuminating program on the value of the scholarships that have been given to students by LKOC. He stressed the fact that we have been responsible for building a legacy of hope among the recipients. Of those receiving our grants, 94% have received or are still pursuing a degree; since 2012-13, 60% are first generation college students and 64% of all recipients are of Native Hawaiian ancestry.



Doug Dykstra receiving scholarship check from Scholarship Chair Betsy Connors



Program Chairs Carol Arnote and Pam Ross

Lani-Kailua OUTDOOR CIRCLE
Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
11:30 am -2:00 PM Kaneohe Yacht Club
44-503 Kaneohe Bay Drive

Tickets: \$30.00



Please join us for our Spring annual membership meeting and luncheon. Our new Board of Directors will be installed, and you'll hear about the exciting projects LKOC has been working on. We will have a demonstration on making a home potted 'spice' garden, a plant raffle, and a delicious buffet lunch provided by Naupaka Caterers.

We are so pleased to have as our guest speaker, **Celeste Connors, Executive Director of Hawai'i Green Growth**. She was raised in Kailua, studied international relations at Tufts University, and traveled the world as a diplomat for the State Department. She worked on global environmental issues at the White House as well as with the United Nations in New York focusing on the environment, economy, energy, climate change and sustainability. She will give us her unique perspective on these issues and inform us about how Hawai'i Green Growth's sustainability goals can help export Hawai'i's green vision worldwide.

Celeste was recently featured on the March cover of HawaiiBusiness Magazine as one of Hawai'i's top twenty people to watch! We are honored to have her speak to us and give us her unique perspective on environmental issues and how Hawai'i Green Growth's sustainability goals can help export Hawai'i's green vision worldwide.

Name: _____ **Number of Tickets** _____

Guests' Names: _____

Make checks payable to LKOC and mail by May 16 to: P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI, 96734
Attn: Luncheon

**THE LANI-KAILUA BRANCH OF THE OUTDOOR CIRCLE
NOTICE OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PROXY STATEMENT**

[The following must be filled out ONLY if you will NOT be attending the May meeting.]

The General Membership Meeting of the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle (LKOC) will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Kaneohe Yacht Club, 44-503 Kaneohe Bay Drive at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors.

ONLY IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, please sign and date the proxy form below and mail so it is received by May 19, 2018 to: LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI 96734, Attention: Secretary.

By order of the LKOC Board of Directors,
Secretary Paula Ress

PROXY STATEMENT

The proxy below is being solicited by the Board of Directors of LKOC for all members in good standing **who will not be attending** the General Membership Meeting. Your interest represented by this proxy will be voted if it is properly signed and received by the Secretary by the deadline listed below.

If you select Diane Harding, your proxy will be voted in favor of the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

If you do not select Diane Harding, your designated proxy must be present to vote.

PROXY

I, the undersigned member of the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle, acknowledge receipt of the Notice of the General Membership Meeting of said Branch.

I hereby appoint: [] Diane Harding, President OR [] _____
(Name of Proxy- Please Print)

with full power of substitution, for and in my name, to vote as my proxy at said General Membership Meeting on the following matter: Election of Officers.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominating Committee Candidate</u> OR <u>Other Candidate</u>	
President:	Diane Harding	_____
Vice President:	Teddi Baumgartner	_____
Treasurer:	Kathleen Bryan	_____
Assist. Treasurer:	Francine Mendes	_____
Recording Secretary:	Paula Ress	_____
Corresponding Secretary:	Katherine Hills	_____
Nominating Committee:	TBD	_____
Advisor:	Joan Fleming	_____
Advisor:	Leigh Prentiss	_____
Advisor:	Lyn Turner	_____
Advisor:	Claudia Webster	_____

PLEASE SPECIFY CHOICES ABOVE, SIGN AND DATE BELOW. RETURN BY 5 P.M., May 19, 2018.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Print name and address:

Please return proxy to LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI 96734 Attention: Secretary by May 19, 2018.



FLASHBACK [*A warning to all about poisonous plants*]

From Pali Daily Press's column, Ho'oulu (To Make Grow), June 1, 1966, by Laura N. Dowsett, editor of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle's gardening booklet.

Did you know that many of the most beautiful plants in Hawaii are poisonous and should be handled with care? Well known in the islands is the true story of the Marine who at a barbecue used an oleander twig on which to impale his meat. He became violently ill (some stories even say he died) and since then island people have handled oleander with respect.

If we abolished all poisonous plants from our gardens, we would lose many of those which are most attractive. For example, the glorious poinsettias; what would Christmas be without them? Plumerias... and angel trumpets are very poisonous if rubbed in the eyes. If you wish to use any of the aforementioned plants in your garden, plant them behind other less toxic varieties and above all teach your children not to chew on the garden.

Recently a Kailua resident received a request from a restaurant man in Northern California for 4,000 croton leaves a week. It seems that he had been using green ti under his salads for several years and wished to have something new and different. After the first shipment was made, the man who had sent them discovered that crotons are very poisonous and hastily wrote the owner of the restaurant telling him so. We can only hope that the warning arrived in time to save the customers!

Odd & Ends

It's Membership Renewal time! Your membership expiration date is shown above your address label. If you are a Life Member or a supporter, no expiration date is shown, and you do not need to renew. If your membership term is about to expire, we hope you'll consider renewing! It's easy to do online at <https://outdoorcircle.networkforgood.com/events/5443-join-or-renew-your-membership-to-the-outdoor-circle> or send in the membership renewal form on the address page of this newsletter. We no longer have dues category names, and we hope you will give generously.

Help us save a tree and money! Think about viewing newsletter pictures in color, going directly to hyperlinks, saving trees and money, and read your newsletter via email! If you would like to do so rather than receive it through postal mail, simply email us at Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Board Roster 2017-2018

Officers

President: Diane Harding>262-1826
Vice President: Teddi Baumgartner
Treasurer: Kathleen Bryan
Asst. Treasurer: Francine Mendes
Recording Secretary: Paula Ress
Corresponding Secretary: Katherine Hills
Nominating Committee: Ad Hoc committee
Advisors: Joan Fleming, Leigh Prentiss, Lyn Turner, & Claudia Webster



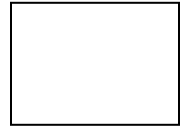
Website: <http://www.lkoc.org>
E-mail: Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org

Committee Chairs

Beautification: Steve Mechler>341-1802
Communications: Teddi Baumgartner>888-9977
Education: Betsy Connors>261-8839
Historian: Ann Latham>254-2249
Holiday Garden Tour: Debra Pfaltzgraff Creps>262-0231 & Christine Feldmann>263-8800
Kailua Town Party: Ad Hoc committee
Membership: Barbara Krasniewski>261-8133
Programs: Carole Arnote>261-8342 & Pam Ross>754-0257
Public Affairs: Pauline MacNeil>261-6423
Scholarship: Betsy Connors>261-8839
Signs: Leigh Prentiss>263-6121
Volunteers: Cheryl McIlroy>783-3382
WCCC Partnership: Terry Beuret>389-0188 & Ann Latham>254-2249



Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
 P.O. Box 261
 Kailua, HI 96734



New Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES: [per person annually unless otherwise noted]

\$25 \$50 \$100

\$150 \$250 \$500

\$1,000 \$2,500 one-time life pledge

Donations \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
 (Tax Deductible)

Your membership alone is a very worthwhile contribution. If you wish to take a more active role in any of the categories listed, please check below and return this sheet with your remittance.

Membership

LKOC
P.O. Box 261
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- Workday Projects
- I Love Kailua Town Party
- Learning to Grow (WCCC)
- Lettuce Delivery to Foodland
- Beautification
- Public Affairs
- Luncheons
- Sign Control
- Publicity/Newsletter
- Clerical



On occasion, can you supply?
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Email me the newsletter instead of mailing through the US Postal Service.