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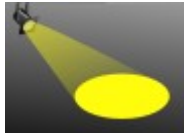
In the spring of each year, LKOC selects its new Board of Directors, who play such a key role in our success. Please join me in thanking them for their excellent service to LKOC!

OFFICERS: **Vice President** Teddi Baumgartner, has done a superb job as our **Communications Chair** putting together our newsletters and press releases. Reaching our members is key to our success. **Treasurer** Kathleen Bryan has worked tirelessly on writing grants and reports, as well as being so instrumental in keeping our finances in order. **Recording Secretary** Paula Ress, for years, has diligently organized and pursued work projects around Kailua, including our most recent ‘adoption’ of Kalama Beach Park. **Assistant Treasurer** Francine Mendes and **Corresponding Secretary** Katherine Hills provide the much needed behind-the-scenes help to make the organization run smoothly. **Nominating Committee Chair** Lynn Rogers has been committed to our beautification projects over the years, including the Kalapawai and Pali Palms triangles, and the Kailua Library, to name a few. **Advisor** Joan Fleming has worn many LKOC ‘hats’ over the years where her mentoring, knowledge, and ideas have served us well. She also contributes greatly to Town Party efforts in the selection of the T-shirt design. **Advisor** Leigh Prentiss works doggedly as our **Signs Chair** to stop the growing proliferation of illegal advertising in downtown Kailua. To see the effect of her efforts, you need only drive through other business communities on Oahu where there is no such Outdoor Circle presence. **Advisor** Lyn Turner is our **Town Party Chair** having been involved in the event since inception, and she has led us to our 25th year for this annual street-party celebration of community pride!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: **Education Chair** Betsy Connors is always looking for new ways to educate us all regarding environmental issues, whether its xeriscape gardening, talking with pre-schoolers about benefits of trees, or planning educational tours. **Membership Chair** Barbara Krasniewski works tirelessly at all our events including Town Party to engage and welcome both new and old members alike. **Programs Co-Chairs** Pam Ross and Carole Arnote work so hard organizing our annual luncheons and membership meetings and always provide an enriching experience for all who attend. **Public Affairs Chair** Pauline MacNeil works steadfastly to keep us informed about environmental issues that affect us in Kailua and single-handedly developed LKOC’s Alternative Plan for the Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh Plan Draft EIS. **Scholarship Chair** Claudia Webster is devoutly committed to education and our scholarship program at WCC. **Volunteers Chair** Cheryl McIlroy welcomes our new members and expertly manages our Town Party T-shirt sales. **WCCC Partnership Co-Chairs** Terry Beuret and (**Historian**) Ann Latham have turned the “Learning to Grow” Program at WCCC into a truly enriching experience for the women there with their outside-the-box thinking on how to engage students and provide opportunities that benefit them both in and outside the facility walls.

Mahalo to all our board members for the excellent job they do!

Diane Harding, President, LKOC



In the Spotlight

It takes passionate and dedicated people to run a successful and long-lasting non-profit organization. Since its beginning 69 years ago, the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) has been fortunate to have many such people contributing their time and energy to our community. Some of these people have also shared their expertise with the parent organization, The Outdoor Circle (TOC). We would like to spotlight two individuals who help LKOC as well as TOC in so many ways. They are a sister and brother who have long roots in the Kailua community.

Diane Mechler Harding and Steve Mechler grew up in Kailua. Their wealth of knowledge about Hawai'i, Kailua, and the plant life of the Islands continue to serve us all well.

Board member, Betsy Connors, appreciates how well they have worked as an artistic team during past fundraisers. Betsy said that the Outdoor Circle would have hotel ballrooms or other sites as celebration locations and they would transform them into wonderlands. The One Hundred Year Anniversary of TOC happened at Kualoa Ranch, and they almost single-handedly whipped this empty outdoor space into a wonderful venue for the big occasion. From cutting flowers and greens and artistically placing them, to arranging the catering, to having an historic room set up with the history of TOC, they organized it all. Betsy calls them the “dynamic duo” once they get rolling.

Diane has been the President of LKOC for three terms. She has been a guiding force who always steps in to fill empty committee chair positions and mentor new board members. She is a wonderful spokesperson for LKOC in the community. Diane has served as Treasurer for The Outdoor Circle and continues on as an Advisor as well as the LKOC representative for TOC. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from MIT in mathematics and is a retired computer programmer and software engineer. We at LKOC are all so appreciative of Diane's continued role as President.

Steve has been on the TOC board for twenty plus years and is currently the President of TOC. He has been involved for decades with the beautification of Kailua. He designed the landscaping for the Pali Palms and Kalapawai triangles. He is a licensed landscape architect with a degree in environmental design. Steve is President of the Mechler Corporation and has designed landscapes for residential estates and resorts in Hawai'i and throughout the world. LKOC is fortunate that Steve has agreed to be the new Chair of the Beautification committee.

We thank Diane and Steve for their commitment to LKOC, TOC, and their community.



25th Annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party

Get ready to celebrate the silver anniversary edition of Kailua’s biggest event of the year: the 25th Annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party, taking place on Kailua Road in windward Oahu from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 30.

A favorite feature of this community street party is the food with flavorful specialties from Kailua-area restaurants. The Town Party is also an opportunity to enjoy shopping, great entertainment, and family fun. Over fifty windward artists and hand-crafters will have their work on sale; there will be a variety of plants including orchids for sale; and the popular “I Love Kailua” logo booth will have limited-edition apparel and accessories bearing this year’s Town Party logo, designed by Kailua artist Thomas Deir.

Party-goers can look forward to non-stop live entertainment: the Kama`aina Kids keiki fun zone with rides and jumpers, Castle Medical Center’s mini health fair with free screenings, and a variety of community groups with information to share.

The 2017 Kailua Town Party is a fundraiser presented by the nonprofit Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle and supported by Alexander & Baldwin Properties, Inc. Organizers encourage Kailua residents to leave their cars at home and walk or bicycle to the pedestrian-friendly event. What better way to work up an appetite before hitting the food booths?

For more information about the 2017 “I Love Kailua” Town Party, visit www.LaniKailuaOutdoorCircle.org or contact Amy Hammond at (808) 234-0404.

EVENT DAY ROAD CLOSURE ADVISORY: The event will close all traffic lanes/sidewalk areas on Kailua Road on April 30, from Hahani St. to Kuulei Rd., fronting Whole Foods, the former Macy’s, and Kailua Shopping Center. Traffic will be diverted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please plan accordingly. Kailua residents are strongly encouraged to walk or bicycle to the event. Three floors of parking will be available in the parking structure behind Longs. Enter from Hahani Street, near Teddy’s Bigger Burgers. Accommodations for securing bicycles also will be available. For information on the bus schedule, please contact 848-5555.



Newsletter Save-A-Tree Program

Since the Outdoor Circle is concerned about trees, we thought we would give you a chance to save a tree by requesting to have your newsletters sent by e-mail instead of through the U.S. Postal Service. We know that many of you want to have the hard copy in hand and like to save your newsletters. Other than sending in your yearly dues, you do not have to do anything to continue to receive your newsletters through the Post Office. But if you would be willing to read your twice-yearly newsletter on-line, please send us an e-mail telling us that we can take you off our postal mailing list. Include your e-mail address and send it to us at Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org. You could also include a note when you send in your yearly dues. There is a check place in the Membership

section on the address page of the newsletter or just write a note to us with your check. In addition to saving trees, you will also be freeing up the money we spend on printing and postage. You can also view the newsletter on-line in color. So think about saving trees and money, and read your newsletter on line!



LKOC Helps WCCC Women with Resources after Release

The Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) has been a place where LaniKailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) volunteers have been educating the inmates about planting and growing for seventeen years. Now they are beginning to see that their efforts are helping the women after their release from WCCC. The Learning to Grow program provided by LKOC gives certified training in horticulture and hydroponics and has received enthusiastic participation from the inmates. This is the program that received extensive media news as the hydroponic lettuce grown at WCCC was offered for sale at several Foodland stores beginning in 2016. LKOC is now starting to receive reports of women who have been released and found jobs in plant nurseries and garden shops in bigger retail stores. One former inmate showed her hydroponic certificate when she was hired and then was told she would receive a supplemental stipend for clothing. The horticulture class that LKOC provides has inspired several inmates to go back to school after release. After receiving their horticulture certificates, they received renewed confidence that they had the skills to be successful in an academic environment. Other women have taken the How to Start a Small Business program and some are planning to try this upon release.

Recently, Ann Latham, co-chair of the WCCC Partnership committee, took two small start-up hydroponic systems to a home in Manoa. This is where a former inmate was now living with her mother. The young woman was so excited about the system and was sure that her mother would enjoy learning to grow hydroponic lettuce with her daughter in the mother's garden. At first, Ann sensed a hesitancy with the mother on the phone, but once she arrived and gave the mother the start-up systems and written instructions and prepared to leave, the mother asked if she would like to see her extensive garden. Ann was then treated to a beautiful tour with a friendly and grateful mother.

It is amazing to think that only two years ago, the WCCC Partnership was facing a crisis. The hydroponic system was shut down without electricity due to storm damage. No lettuce was being grown, and the certified instruction was not even thought of yet. After receiving generous grants from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation and Hawaiian Electric Company, the Learning to Grow program was able to restart and expand. Our volunteers and the facility women were able to repair the existing hydroponics lines and construct a fifth line. The selling of lettuce at Foodland is now making LKOC's programs at WCCC self-sufficient. The educational classes are now providing amazing resources for the released women.

What is next for this highly successful partnership between LKOC and WCCC? Never one to rest on past accomplishments, Terry Beuret, co-chair of the WCCC Partnership committee, is thinking about bees! Stay tuned for the next chapter.

Example of small start-up hydroponics system growing herbs



Did You Know? It is membership renewal time! If your membership has expired or is about to expire, we hope you will consider renewing. Check your expiration date above your address label or send an e-mail to LKOC (Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org) requesting your expiration date. Send your check to Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle; P.O. Box 261; Kailua, HI 96734. If you received a request from The Outdoor Circle to send in your renewal and have done so through them, you will be credited as being a member of the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle branch.

**Lani-Kailua OUTDOOR CIRCLE
Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon**

**Friday, May 26, 2017
11:30 am -2:00 PM Kaneohe Yacht Club
44-503 Kaneohe Bay Drive**

Tickets: \$30.00



Please join us for our Annual Spring 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 guest speaker, plants for sale from our "Learning to Grow" program at WCCC, plant raffles, and more!

Lunch Buffet by Naupaka Caterers:

- *Caesar Salad *Fresh Fruit Platter *Pasta Salad Prima Vera *Cole Slaw*
- *Oven Roasted Sage Chicken*
- *Sauteed Garden Vegetable Medley *Rice Pilaf *Herb roasted red potatoes*
- *Mango cake *Chocolate Torte "Overload" Mousse cake *Iced Tea *Coffee*

Name: _____ *Number of Tickets* _____

Guests' Names: _____

Make checks payable to LKOC and mail by May 19 to: P. O. Box 261, Kailua, HI, 96734

Attn: Luncheon

For more information go to www.LKOC.org, or email us at lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org

**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 May 26, 2017 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 22, 2017 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 22, 2017.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Print name and address:

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

Show Appreciation for Kailua Trees

As more homeowners are building homes that cover more of their land, and paving even more, we are losing the tree canopy scientists say we need to sustain healthy communities. Besides the shade and oxygen trees provide, they help deaden the noise of crowded streets, cool our roofs and asphalt, and promote a feeling of peace and well-being in our neighborhoods.

We have all experienced seeing trees removed and the feeling of loss that brings. It's possible that if the owners knew the community valued their tree, they might have found a way to work around the tree.

If there is a tree you appreciate, please help us let the owners know. We will write the owners a letter letting them know someone asked us to thank them for supporting our community by keeping the tree. Send an e-mail to Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org telling us where the tree is. If you can, send us a sentence or two about why you appreciate the tree. Your nomination will be kept anonymous. We will let the tree owner know others appreciate what they are doing to keep Kailua clean, green, and beautiful.



Heliotrope tree – salt tolerant



FLASHBACK [*Grey bin, green bin, blue bin...we have come a long way from the way it used to be. Read just how far we've come in this flyer distributed to residents in Lani-Kailua around June 1952.*]

We are trying to improve the appearance of our community and, in particular, to clean up our streets. We need the cooperation of every resident. Below are listed a few ways in which you can help:

Garbage Containers and Rubbish Boxes:

1. Do you have the right kind? Metal containers, leak proof, with tight-fitting covers, should be the only type used for garbage.
2. We ask that you keep your garbage containers and rubbish boxes ON YOUR PREMISES, OUT OF SIGHT OF THE PASSING PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. Do you know that if your property abuts on a public road, the Refuse Collectors will make collections from inside your property line as far as twenty feet from the road? Please speak to your collectors about this. If they should overlook your containers after this new arrangement has been entered into, please do not get discouraged. Continue with the new location until objective is achieved. If you need help, get in touch with the Outdoor Circle representative in your neighborhood.
3. Please tie such rubbish as hedge cuttings and coconut branches into proper bundles before placing them for collection.
4. Keep your containers at the same location on your property at all times so that the collectors will have no difficulty in finding them.
5. These receptacles can be effectively kept out of sight on your premises by various simple arrangements, such as, placing them behind a hedge or wall. Our Outdoor Circle has a Plant Exchange and will be glad to make available to you, for "screening" purposes, such plants as it may have on hand from time to time.

Thank you for your kokua. From your Neighborhood Chairman, **Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle**

LKOC Presents \$6,000 Scholarship for Environmental Studies at WCC

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) recently awarded \$6,000 to fund Environmental Studies scholarships at Windward Community College (WCC). This gift will be awarded to students during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Since 1993, LKOC has funded more than 50 scholarships for students studying agriculture and environmental studies at Windward Community College.

"As part of our educational outreach, all of us at LKOC have been proud to provide these scholarships to the next generation of stewards of our 'aina," said Diane Harding, Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle president. "We look forward to helping students at Windward Community College be successful in their college studies. They will be the future for keeping our islands clean, green, and beautiful."

"Our students are fortunate to have donors step forward and offer financial help," said WCC Chancellor Doug Dykstra. "We have many students struggling to pay for tuition, books and fees, so every scholarship gift is critically important to both student success and persistence."



Windward Community College Chancellor Doug Dykstra and student Michelle Osurman join LKOC President Diane Harding as she signs the ceremonial check.



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, Website: Paula Ress

Corresponding Secretary: Katherine Hills

Nominating Committee: TBD

Advisors: Joan Fleming, Leigh Prentiss, Lyn Turner, & Claudia Webster

Website:

<http://www.lkoc.org>

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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

Kailua Town Party: Bridgette Foehr>753-3169

Membership: Barbara Krasniewski>261-8133

Programs: Carole Arnote>261-8342 & Pam Ross>754-0257

Public Affairs: Pauline MacNeil>261-6423

Scholarship Chair: TBD

Signs: Leigh Prentiss>263-6121

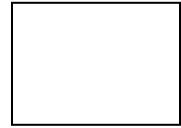
TOC Rep: Diane Harding>262-1826

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

- Student/Senior: \$25 per person annually
- Individual: \$50 per person annually
- Organization: \$100 per entity annually
- Lifetime: \$1,000 per person
- Sponsorship: \$5,000 per sponsorship

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
 Kailua, HI 96734**

- 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?

Flowers Greens Other: _____

E-mail me the newsletter instead of mailing through the US Postal Service.

