



Aloha LKOC Members and Supporters,

As we move into the busy Holiday season, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the goals of our LKOC Branch founding members back in 1948.

As mentioned in a previous LKOC Newsletter "Flashback" section in which a 1948 newspaper article was quoted, their original aim was to convince *"every woman in this district to join, to take part in beautifying the community, to feel part of the whole effort to make this a delightful place in which to live."*

For almost seventy years now, our members have continued to pass the torch on to multiple new generations of both men and women committed to this simple yet profound goal.

For these dedicated individuals, to quote from a message written by past TOC President and LKOC member, Lucy Creps (Pfaltzgraff), in 1970: *"The Outdoor Circle has become a philosophy of life."* (I had the pleasure of meeting Lucy at our recent TOC Annual Meeting, and it was a delight to talk with her).

In her message, she went on to say: *"Much is expected of the Outdoor Circle, but along with those expectations, we have also been bequeathed a very valuable and cherished asset, **the respect of the community** for our organization. We should pass that asset along proudly to those members who will be working 50 years from now based on the actions we take today".*

Our members have done just that. Now, almost 50 years since her writing, LKOC continues to hold this community respect. And it is due solely to members and supporters like you.

Thank you for believing in us and supporting us along the way. Although much is left to do, and we continue to be committed to planting for the future, I think we have come a long way towards accomplishing that original aim of making Kailua a "delightful place to live".

Happy Holidays and Mahalo from all of us at LKOC!

Diane Harding, LKOC President

## LKOC's New Web Site



The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle has a new Website that is a wealth of entertaining and instructional information. Set up by President Diane Harding and Secretary and Website Manager Paula Ress with help from Programs Manager of The Outdoor Circle, Myles Ritchie, this site will answer most questions you ever have about LKOC. To find this huge site, visit [www.lkoc.org](http://www.lkoc.org).

If you wonder what LKOC has done for our community, you should go to LKOC History <https://www.lkoc.org/lkoc-history.html> by Joan Fleming, past LKOC President. Joan takes you through the start of LKOC in 1948 when the population of Kailua was 3,619 and continues up to the present with descriptions of what we will be doing in the future. You may be amazed to learn about all the projects we have started and continue to support. From fighting open burning at the Kailua dump to saving Mount Olomana from development on its slopes, from promoting adherence to our State's sign laws to advocating for responsible development and preservation of the Kawaiinui/Hamakua Marsh, the members of LKOC remain ever vigilant and ready for action.

To provide funds for our projects, we rely on the "I Love Kailua Town Party". Go to the Town Party page <https://www.lkoc.org/town-party.html> and read "The History of the I Love Kailua Town Party" by Lyn Turner, most recent Town Party Chairwoman and involved since its inception in 1992. How did the name, "I Love Kailua" get started? The first event was held on Valentine's Day in 1992 in the parking lots behind the current Longs and First Hawaiian Bank. Valentine's Day was a busy day for restaurants, so in subsequent years, the dates were moved to April. The event kept getting bigger and in 2004, it became a street party. You need to read the history to appreciate the fun and problems that occurred along the way. There was a mishap when the toilet company missed the date by one week. And a scam artist tried to do his job... but you really need to read the rest of the story.

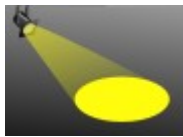


Listed on the menu bar selection More as well as on the Home Page, you will find many more categories of information from which to choose. The subject of Trees <https://www.lkoc.org/trees.html> is one that the public seems to think belongs to the Outdoor Circle. When a tree is being cut down, people turn to us to find out if it has been approved. Paula Ress, current LKOC Secretary and Web Master, has written a compelling article in this section about "...Maintaining our Urban Tree Canopy." She is one of the Citizen Foresters who began volunteer training and work in 2016. A census of trees in Hawaii was started then, and it began in Kailua. To view the tree plotter map of Kailua, click on one of the hyperlinks [labeled "here" in blue] or go to <https://pg-cloud.com/KailuaHI/>. Click on the yellow circle on Kailua, and then click "Load Trees" or "Show All Trees". You will see a list of some of the types and numbers of trees currently

found in the public spaces of Kailua. Scroll in and you should be able to find your home. Scroll back out and you will see the thousands of trees that have been mapped already.

Also on More on the menu bar, you will find access to past newsletters <https://www.lkoc.org/newsletter.html>.

Our LKOC Website is so extensive that you will not be able to read it all at once, and it will continue to be updated. It is something that you may want to come back to again and again to see how so many people and programs continue to contribute to keeping Kailua clean, green, and beautiful!



## In the Spotlight

On the last Saturday in August, The Outdoor Circle (TOC) had its Annual Membership Meeting at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. TOC board members and branch members from all over Hawaii were in attendance. At this occasion, the staff and president gave their annual reports, and guests were treated to very informative presentations by our Waikiki Branch President and our TOC Programs Manager, Myles Ritchie. Garden tours of the Hale Koa grounds and the heritage trees on the expansive Fort DeRussy property were given before and after the event. This year's president of TOC is Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle's (LKOC) Steve Mechler. Also serving on the Board of Directors is Paula Ress, secretary for both TOC and LKOC, Kathleen Bryan, treasurer for both TOC and LKOC, and Diane Harding, Advisor at TOC as well as the LKOC representative and President of LKOC. Diane also is available to give general information about any of TOC's branches.

The staff gave awards to Circle members who have helped them throughout this year. Winston Welch, Executive Director for TOC, gave his award to LKOC member Kathleen Bryan. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the luncheon. Jackie Wah, Operations Director for TOC, gave her award to LKOC member Diane Harding. LKOC and TOC are fortunate to have such hard-working and generous members on their boards.



Board Members of both The Outdoor Circle and Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle: L to R – Diane Harding, Steve Mechler, and Paula Ress. Kathleen Bryan was unable to attend.

## LKOC and the WCCC

The hard working Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) volunteers at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) are looking for a few good volunteers to deliver the lettuce that is grown in the hydroponics garden and sold at Foodland stores. Drivers are needed to deliver two boxes to each of two stores ONLY ONCE A MONTH. Please kookua! We need your help! Contact Terry Beuret at [terrybeuret@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:terrybeuret@hawaii.rr.com).



The goal of the LKOC volunteers at the WCCC has been to make the inmates take on more responsibilities in the Learning to Grow garden. Several inmates have now taken positions as overall manager, assistant manager, harvest leader, nursery leader, and hydroponics leader. The women have collectively developed their own job descriptions. This should provide excellent leadership and working skills that many of them have not been exposed to before. In this picture our LKOC volunteers and WCCC inmates are shown with Governor David Ige when he visited the Learning to Grow garden. On his Facebook page for Sept. 13 he said, [www.facebook.com/GovernorDavidIge/posts/876697255839001](https://www.facebook.com/GovernorDavidIge/posts/876697255839001) "One of the most memorable tours [at WCCC] was through their [hydro]ponics & agriculture program. They are growing organic lettuce and selling their produce, which you can find in all Foodland locations."

The current Small Business Administration (SBA) series of classes provided to select inmates is entitled "Breaking the Cycle: From Poverty to Financial Security" with Helen Wai. This is the final set of classes that will be funded by our Harold K.L. Castle Foundation grant. This series of classes has been an excellent introduction for the women in the workings of small businesses. After the Castle funding, we hope to continue classes with volunteer teachers and with financing from the lettuce sales and our Learning to Grow fund. Thanks to all who have contributed.

## Newsletter Save-A-Tree Program



THANKS to all who have agreed to read your newsletter through email. If you would be willing to read your twice-yearly newsletter online, please send us an email telling us that we can take you off our postal mailing list. Simply email us at [Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org](mailto:Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org). You will be able to view the newsletter in color, and you will be able to click on hyperlinks in the newsletter and go directly to the online sites. In addition to saving trees, you will also be reducing our printing and postage costs. **So think about viewing newsletter pictures in color, going directly to hyperlinks, saving trees and money, and read your newsletter via email!**



## Keeping Lani-Kailua Clean, Green, and Beautiful

Our Beautification Chair, Steve Mechler, has been keeping his fingers on several projects around town. It takes persistence to make sure the trees and landscaping get their necessary care. Thanks to Steve's tenacity, the Pali Palms coconut trees have been trimmed, the water to that triangle has been turned back on, and a small group of LKOC members have trimmed around the sign at the entrance to Kailua. In the future, he hopes that the WCCC work line will include the upkeep of the sign landscaping as part of their job when they are weed whacking the Kailua Road median. Still on his list that he constantly checks, and various authorities have told him they will get done, are the replanting of kamani trees on Kuulei Road, the up-lighting and trimming of the monkey pod trees in front of the former Macy's, and better care of the newly planted monkey pod tree in front of the Salvation Army. He is also working with arborist, Steve Nimz, to generate a list of specimens from the many trees that are being relocated from along the rail line and could be installed at Kailua Beach Park to replace those recently removed.



It is time for the pruning of the four Exceptional Trees located outside the grounds of the Women's Community Correctional Center. LKOC has been paying to have these very special monkey pods pruned every two to three years since they achieved the Exceptional Tree status fifteen years ago. Look for them when you drive by on Kalaniana'ole Highway.

The triangle across from Kalapawai Store near Kailua Beach Park is going to be turned into a roundabout. Work will begin in October and will take about six months to complete. Our Beautification committee met with city engineers, construction firm engineers, and Steve Nimz at the project site. The banyan located in the middle of the triangle had been previously treated for stem and leaf gall wasp but is currently doing fairly well in large part due to the irrigation we maintain there. LKOC developed the original landscaping on the triangle in 1969 in honor of Herbert M. Dowsett who planted the original five gallon potted banyan tree in 1954. We re-landscaped the triangle in 2010 and continue to professionally maintain the area. While work goes on, the construction group will protect the tree and landscaping, make sure the irrigation system stays functional, and fix any irrigation damaged in the construction process. The landscaping company that LKOC employs will continue to have access for maintenance.



## Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle in the Fourth of July Parade

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) participated in the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Kailua Fourth of July Parade. The theme of the parade this year was "Liberty and Aloha for All". A large potted ficus was decorated with small American flags, and plumeria lei and laua'e fern decorated the outside of the LKOC float. Notable figures walking near the float were the Statue of Liber-Tree, Anti Litter and Mr. Mynah, mascots representing LKOC.



### Other Activities in 2017



Speaker Paul Brennan, President of Kailua Historical Society, at May luncheon



LKOC work crew at Kalama Beach Park

## Save the Dates

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| November Plant Sale<br>Kailua Elementary School<br>Sat., Nov. 25, 2017 | December Luncheon<br>Kaneohe Yacht Club<br>Wed., Dec. 13, 2017 | I Love Kailua<br>Town Party<br>Sun., April 29, 2018 |
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### **FLASHBACK** [*Some critters never go away.*]

From the Windward Oahu Reporter, Thursday, April 26, **1951**, “Giant Snail Discovered in Kailua; Free Extermination Help Ready”

The giant African snail, destroyer of crops and plants, now is in Kailua. The Board of Forestry and Agriculture is combating the scourge in Kaneohe, where it first appeared more than a month ago. Its services are also available free to any area affected by the mollusks.

First indication of their invasion [in Kailua] was on Hualani St. in Coconut Grove. A small specimen was brought to the Kailua Hardware store two weeks ago, Alphonse Labreque, the proprietor said.

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle swung swiftly into action on the belated report of the snails’ presence. Yesterday, Mrs. John H. Brittain, the Circle’s president, arranged with the Board of Agriculture and Forestry to provide free **arsenic-treated rocks** [*Flashback’s emphasis*] for eradication of the pests. [*Check your local hardware store, garden center, or the Internet for safe ways to eradicate the pests.*]



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

##### **Website:**

<http://www.lkoc.org>

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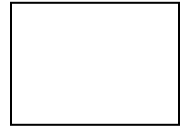
#### **Committee Chairs**

**Beautification:** Steve Mechler>341-1802  
**Communications:** Teddi Baumgartner>888-9977  
**Education:** Betsy Connors>261-8839  
**Historian:** Ann Latham>254-2249  
**Kailua Town Party:**  
**Membership:** Barbara Krasniewski>261-8133  
**Programs:** Carole Arnote>261-8342 & Pam Ross>754-0257  
**Public Affairs:** Pauline MacNeil>261-6423  
**Scholarship:** Betsy Connors  
**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  
**Website:** Paula Ress>261-9438





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**MEMBERSHIP**

Student/Senior: \$25 per person annually

Individual: \$50 per person annually

Organization: \$100 per entity annually

Lifetime: \$2,500 per person

**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  
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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?
- Flowers    Greens    Other:



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