



Aloha LKOC members and supporters,

All of us at Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle (LKOC) hope you stay well and safe in this very difficult time. As many of you may have heard, due to the current COVID-19 situation, we have cancelled our 28th Annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party which was scheduled for April 26, 2020. We have also cancelled our Spring General Meeting of Membership and Luncheon which was scheduled for late May. Given the nature of our Town Party, which is attended by thousands, and our concerns about potential spread of the virus through contact in large public gatherings, we felt it was necessary to cancel in order to protect the health and well-being of the community at large, our volunteers, participants, and kupuna in attendance. Although our Spring Luncheon is a smaller event, we think it is prudent that we follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to cancel all events of 50 people or more for the next 8 weeks.

In lieu of our Spring General Meeting of Membership, at which we normally elect our new LKOC Board of Directors Officers for the coming year, we are instead holding that election via Action By Ballot, as per The Outdoor Circle (TOC) Bylaws, Section 11.8 (2), whereby you may vote on our slate of officers by mail or email. We have included the ballot with the proposed slate of officers as a page in this newsletter. You may print out the ballot and either mail or email it to us. We hope you will all vote!

This Spring newsletter traditionally contains our Annual Membership Renewal Appeal. We understand this is a difficult and uncertain time for everyone, but we hope you will consider renewing if your membership term has expired or is about to expire. You can find your Membership Term Expiration Date above your address label on this newsletter or in a separate email if you receive your newsletter by email. If you haven’t renewed in the next few weeks or if your renewal hasn’t yet been recorded by the office, you may receive a Member Renewal Appeal from TOC. In either case, when you renew, your membership will automatically renew with our LKOC Branch.

We wish you all the best and hope you all have a healthy Spring and Summer as we weather this current situation.

Mahalo for your support from all of us at the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle!

Diane Harding
LKOC President

“I Love Kailua” Town Party & Spring Luncheon CANCELLED



As mentioned in the President’s message, due to the current COVID-19 situation, the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle has cancelled its 28th annual “I Love Kailua” town party scheduled for April 26, 2020. We greatly appreciate the support of our sponsors, volunteers, and all who support our event, and we look forward to your continued commitment to our mission. For this same reason, the Spring General Membership Meeting and Luncheon that was scheduled to be held in May has also been cancelled. The voting for officers that usually takes place at this event will be completed by mail-in ballot which is included in this newsletter.

Future Citizen Foresters

In November 2019, Diane Harding and Steve Melcher visited the 3- and 4-year-olds at St. Mark’s Lutheran Preschool in Kaneohe. They introduced the children to the coloring book, *Trees of Hawaii*, which contains delightful line drawings of some of the trees found in Hawaii. Each drawing is accompanied by a description of why the tree is significant to Hawaii. The trees depicted are ohia, hala, kukui, monkey pod, coconut palm, lo’ulu palm, plumeria, papaya, and gold tree. Each child received a gift copy to take home. It was difficult to decide who had more fun: Diane and Steve, or the children. The *Trees of Hawaii* coloring books are for sale on our website.

<https://www.lkoc.org/lkoc-store.html>





The Gardener's Corner

Strelitzia Nicolai is commonly known as the giant white bird of paradise. Its leaves resemble banana leaves, and the flowers emerge with white heads, blue tongues and a purplish bract. Outdoors it can grow lots of little keiki in sun or shade. It may grow to heights of 20 to 30 feet in the garden. These plants can also be planted in containers, but do not expect flowers. Indoors they do best in medium or bright conditions. It is best to keep the giant white bird of paradise on the dry side.



FLASHBACK [*The Kailua Drive-In Theatre opened on May 12, 1965 and closed on May 19, 1991.*]

From the Star Advertiser Archives

Back in the day: 11/17/64



The new Kailua Drive-in Theatre sign is now in place overlooking Pali Highway, with the theater scheduled to open in April. The theater's owners originally planned a 500-square-foot sign, but it was reduced to 300 square feet after the **Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle** urged the City Council to pass an ordinance limiting the size of signs for drive-in theaters.

What's New at the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Website

Go to <https://www.lkoc.org/whats-new.html> where you will find:



*a new **video** of LKOC's Beautification Projects in Kailua since 1948. Click on the '*Video of LKOC Beautification Projects*' link at <https://www.lkoc.org/Beautification-Projects.html>

*a new **map** of LKOC's Beautification Projects in Kailua since 1948. Click on the '*Interactive Map of LKOC Beautification Projects*' link at <https://www.lkoc.org/Beautification-Projects.html>

*a new **video** of TOC and its Branches' Tree Planting Projects since 1912. Click on the '*Video of TOC Tree Planting Projects*' link at <https://www.lkoc.org/TOC-Stewardship.html>

*a new **video** of TOC and its Branches' Environmental Stewardship, Advocacy and Preservation efforts since 1912. Click on the '*Video of TOC Environmental Stewardship*' link at <https://www.lkoc.org/TOC-Stewardship.html>

*LKOC's new Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/LaniKailuaOutdoorCircle/>

LKOC Committee News

Beautification: A workday was held on February 22, 2020 at Kalama Beach Park. Several hours were spent working on the parking lot side and then trimming the large heliotrope tree along the path leading to the restrooms. The heliotrope had lots of undergrowth shoots that were chain-sawed away. It looks beautiful now. (As we were doing that, a beach goer came by and hugged the tree, saying she just loves that tree!) The low lava rock wall along Kalaheo had been overgrown with grass, weeds, and hale koa. This was cleared along with the asphalt sidewalk and grass along the road. The small ironwood bushes inside the wall were trimmed, and the two parking lot entrance areas around the gates were weed whacked. All the debris was hauled away. Follow the link for '*Volunteer Opportunities at Kalama*' at <https://www.lkoc.org/volunteer-opportunities.html> to see pictures of this event.

Scholarship: Three students at Windward Community College received LKOC scholarships for their environmental program studies in the amount of \$2,000 each for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. Go to <https://www.lkoc.org/scholarships.html> to learn more about LKOC scholarships.

Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC): A part-time (6 hours per week) hydroponics manager has been hired by LKOC for a 4-month probationary period. The funds will come out of the money provided by the sale of lettuce to Foodland. The job will focus on lettuce growth, production, and distribution. To learn more about the LKOC/WCCC Partnership, go to <https://www.lkoc.org/lkocwccc-partnership.html>.

LKOC December Luncheon



Left to right: state Senator Laura Thielen, LKOC President Diane Harding, state Representative Cynthia Thielen, and state Representative Chris Lee.

The annual Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle holiday luncheon was held at the Mid-Pacific Country Club on Thursday, December 12. State Representative Cynthia Thielen was the guest of honor. She was always a great friend of LKOC, and we wanted to celebrate her years in office. She has announced that she will be retiring in 2020 after serving thirty years in the state Legislature representing Kailua and Kaneohe. Her daughter, state Senator Laura Thielen gave a message from her family. State Representative Chris Lee shared several anecdotes about growing up waving signs to support her as well as helping to elect her with his absentee vote from college.

The hard-working luncheon committee, shown at right, made great use of Mid-Pacific Country Club. The main dining room was filled with festively decorated tables and areas to showcase handmade wreaths to buy. One area provided samples of chocolate from the guest speaker. The outside lanai was filled with vendors' displays of items to purchase for the holidays.



Left to right: Gail Hutchinson, Debbie Creps, Gail Dean, Carol Arnote, and Christine Feldman. Pam Ross was unable to attend.



Tamara Butterbaugh, from the Manoa Chocolate Company, was the guest speaker at the luncheon. She and her husband, Dylan, are graduates of Kalaheo High School, and they started the company in 2012.

Kailua is lucky to have these “chocolate makers” in town. They start with the raw cacao beans and forge them into chocolate. Rather than making large mass production batches, they concentrate on smaller batches with fine quality. When they purchase beans from other growers here and abroad, they use the Fair-Trade concept which among other things, ensures that the producers, workers, and farmers have the money they need to invest in their lives and their work.

Look for the colorful mural on their building which is located on the parking lot side near Cinnamon’s Restaurant in Kailua. You can purchase their chocolates there and go on a chocolate-making tour.

**NOTICE OF ACTION BY BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS**

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the General Membership of the Lani-Kailua Branch of the Outdoor Circle (LKOC) will be electing its Board of Directors Officers via ballot for the year starting June 1, 2020. The ballot below is being solicited by the Board of Directors of LKOC for all members in good standing and shows the slate of officers chosen by the Nominating Committee.

Twenty-five (25) members must respond and send in a ballot to reach a voting quorum. A majority (51%) of ballots received must show approval in order to validate the slate of officers shown.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE BALLOT FORM BELOW AND MAIL OR EMAIL SO IT IS RECEIVED BY **Friday, May 15, 2020.**

By order of the LKOC Board of Directors
Secretary Paula Ress

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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:	Nani Vermillion	_____
Nominating Committee:	TBD	_____
Advisor:	Margaret Brezel	_____
Advisor:	Leigh Prentiss	_____
Advisor:	Lyn Turner	_____
Advisor:	Claudia Webster	_____

Signing below indicates that you approve the above slate of officers. If you write in a candidate for an office, cross off the corresponding Nominating Committee Candidate. **Return this ballot by Friday, May 15, 2020.**

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Print name and address:

Please mail your completed ballot to LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI 96734 Attention: Secretary. You may also scan this ballot with your signature and other information completed and email to: Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org.



Aloha 'Oe



We remember **Jane Morris** as a joyful, helpful, generous fighter for important causes. She sat on the Board of LKOC for years. In addition to her Public Affairs committee efforts for LKOC, she hosted many annual meetings in her lovely home and garden. She was extremely supportive of our “Learning to Grow” Program at the Women’s Community Correctional Center where her kindness and cheerfulness made her loved by all. [Note the reflection of the Mokulua islands in her sunglasses.]

Many people remember **Win Bennett** and the beautiful art that she created. She was a wonderful landscape and seascape artist. Win’s family remembers that she always encouraged them to bloom where they were planted. She taught them to treat their friends like family and their family like friends. They have had many blessings in their lives as a result. Her family said that she so loved being a part of the Circle that made Kailua beautiful and as exquisite as it is.



Membership Reminder: Your membership term or expiration date is shown above your address label. We hope you will consider renewing if you are near or past your expiration date. Send in the form on the last page or go to <https://www.lkoc.org/join-the-circle.html>. Email newsletter recipients will be notified through email if your membership is expiring.

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 2019-2020 Officers

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

Website: <http://www.lkoc.org>
Email: 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 House Tour:** Debra Creps>262-0231
- Kailua Town Party:** Diane Harding>262-1826
- Membership:** Barbara Krasniewski>389-2879
- 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
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New Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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)
 You may also go online (lkoc.org) to pay your dues (Join the Circle).

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?
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Email me the newsletter instead of mailing through the US Postal Service.