



Aloha LKOC Members,

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on how proud I am to be a member of an organization with such a rich history of ‘giving’. That is what The Outdoor Circle does. We give, without expectation of acknowledgement or reward, of our time, our support, and our hearts. We give not just for ourselves, in this moment, but for all of those to come. Ours is a remarkable group of individuals, and I am honored to be a part of it.

As supporters, you should all be very proud of your contribution to our success over the years, and you should also take pride in the fact that what we do has really made a difference in the lives of everyone in Hawaii.

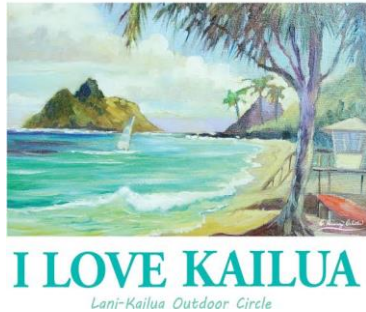
Over the past year, LKOC has had significant successes, some of which are mentioned in this newsletter. For example, with help from outside forces, the Pohakupu Fountain is running again, the Women’s Community Correctional Center has a brand new functional hydroponics system, and students there are now attending certified Hydroponics and Horticultural classes, and a class on How to Start a Small Business. We have accomplished a much needed beach park cleanup to remove invasive species, and Mr. Mynah has returned to help teach youngsters about the benefits of trees.

Additionally, you should all be very proud of our members who made a substantial contribution to upholding one of our core missions: to stand firm against any legislative action to weaken or undermine our existing sign laws. A recent effort on the part of the City Council to weaken the sign laws was met with our strong opposition. This led to the deferment of a bill that would have significantly altered the visual landscape around us through the introduction of commercial advertising in public venues and on city assets.

Your membership expiration date is shown above your address in this newsletter. We hope you will consider renewing if it is getting close or has expired. Thank you again for your support from all of us at LKOC. We are looking forward to a productive future!

Diane Harding, President, LKOC

I Love Kailua Town Party



The 24th Annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The winning art design for the T-shirts and buttons was created by Connie Hennings-Chilton. For more information, watch for an e-mail flyer and a tab at our LKOC.org website.

Outdoor Signage Laws in the News...Again

On February 29, 2016, The Outdoor Circle sent an Action Alert to its members asking all to voice their opposition to Bill 78 which would allow commercial signs on all city assets including facilities, vehicles, equipment, programs and parks. The word “sign” in the bill was changed to “sponsorship recognition” and “sponsorship message” but a commercial sign by any other name is still a commercial sign.

If Bill 78 is passed, we could have “commercial sponsorship recognition and messages” on signs at Kailua Beach Park, the Kailua District Park Rec Center and at our iconic Boettcher Estate at Kalama Beach Park. Our Lanikai-Kailua community would have NO voice in regulating the type, size or placement of these commercial messages since these decisions are outside the jurisdiction of the Kailua Neighborhood Board. Over ninety city parks around the island would be impacted in addition to Blaisdell Center, rail cars and stations, Foster Botanical Garden, Ho’omaluhia and Lili’uokalani Botanical Gardens to name a few.

In response to the Action Alert, the City Council Budget Committee was inundated with e-mails and phone calls opposing the bill. Members showed up to testify against it. Special thanks go to LKOC Board Members Diane Harding and Kathleen Bryan for addressing complex legal and financial issues raised by the Budget Committee, to Leigh Prentiss for her expertise in sign laws, and to Paula Ress who related from personal example that individuals (and thus presumably corporations) can adopt a park without the need for public recognition in the form of signs. The Budget Committee voted to “defer” the bill making it inactive unless reintroduced in the next two years.

To review the March 2, 2016 City Council Budget Committee Agenda and Bill 78 CD1 go to the link below. This bill with amendments could be reintroduced at any time.

<http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-177396/B%2078%2c%20CD1.PDF>

The Outdoor Circle and its branches will remain vigilant and committed to protecting the sign laws that have helped keep Hawai’i “Clean, Green, and Beautiful” since 1927. Thank you to all who participated, and welcome to all who want to join our ongoing opposition to commercial sponsorship signage on our city’s public assets.

Pauline MacNeil, LKOC Public Affairs

Did you know? Currently, four states—Hawaii, Alaska, Vermont, and Maine—have prohibited billboards. Hawaii’s territorial law went into effect in 1927 and the statewide ban followed in 1961; Alaska’s law went into effect upon its achievement of statehood in 1959; Vermont’s law went into effect in 1968; Maine’s law went into effect in 1977.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
Spring Luncheon & Annual Meeting
Friday, May 13, 2016, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Kaneohe Yacht Club

44-503 Kaneohe Bay Dr.

Tickets: \$30.00

We will be selling “I Love Kailua” Town Party T-shirts. A fabulous lunch buffet will be provided by Naupaka Caterers. And after the annual meeting there will be a plant raffle.

Fashion Show

We are pleased to present a fashion show at our luncheon this year. The fashions that will be presented highlight the designs of Ginger Leong. Kamehameha graduate Ginger has been designing clothing, household items, and jewelry for 25 years. Now she is combining fashion and home décor fabrications under one name—Ginger Leong Made in Hawaii. We hope you will enjoy her designs with a local flair.



Name: _____ # of tickets: _____

Guest Names: _____

**Make checks payable to LKOC to be received by May 9 to:
LKOC, P.O. Box 261, Kailua, HI 96734 ATTN: Paula**

Teaching Children about the Benefits of Trees

Our LKOC Education Committee recently visited a local preschool to teach youngsters about the benefits of trees to the environment around them. They were so excited to hear about how trees help them breathe better by cleaning and cooling the air, how trees can actually ‘speak’ by sending out chemical alerts to trees around them when under attack, and how and why we should protect them. They participated in a lively group discussion and tree coloring contest. Much to their delight, Mr. Mynah made a surprise appearance as well. LKOC will continue this important outreach program.



WCC Scholarship



LKOC donates \$6,000 annually for agricultural and environmental scholarships at Windward Community College. Claudia Webster, Scholarship Chair, and Diane Harding, President, presented the funds for the 2016 – 2017 academic year. Accepting the funds were WCC Chancellor Doug Dykstra and UH Foundation Executive Director of Development KC Collins. “With these scholarships the next generations are being educated to keep Windward Oahu clean, green and beautiful,” said Webster.

New LKOC Bylaws

The LKOC Board has revised our Bylaws (last updated in 2010) to better reflect the current structure of the branch organization and our current branch practices. We are presenting these new **Restated and Amended Bylaws - 2016** to the general membership for ratification, at the May 13 Annual Meeting.

You can view a full copy of the **Restated and Amended Bylaws** on our website at LKOC.org (or view a hard copy at the Kailua Public Library). In these views, all the changes are highlighted for easy reference.

The significant changes include:

1) Elected Board

- Reduce the number of required Vice Presidents to 1 rather than 4.
- Include only the Nominating Committee Chair as an elected officer, not the full Nominating Committee.

2) Standing Committees

- Restate the definition of Standing Committees to better reflect the current operating structure.

3) Meetings and Quorum

- Reduce the number of required general membership meetings to 1 per year, not 2.
- Reduce the quorum needed for LKOC Board meetings to 40% (not 50%).

4) General

- Where necessary, restate language to comply with current TOC Bylaws and policy.
- Where necessary, remove references to activities or practices no longer conducted.

**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 13 meeting.]

The General Membership Meeting of the Lani-Kailua Branch of The Outdoor Circle (LKOC) will be held on May 13, 2016 at the Kaneohe Yacht Club, 44-503 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe, HI 96744 at 1:30 p.m. for the purposes of:

- (A) Electing members of the Board of Directors,
- (B) Ratification of Amended and Restated LKOC Bylaws

ONLY IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, please sign and date the proxy form below and mail so it is received by May 9, 2016 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 and voted in favor of ratification of the Amended and Restated LKOC Bylaws.

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 matters:

- (A) 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:	Lynn Rogers	_____
Advisor:	Joan Fleming	_____
Advisor:	Leigh Prentiss	_____
Advisor:	Lyn Turner	_____

- (B) Ratification of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Lani-Kailua Branch of the Outdoor Circle: **Approve** [] **Disapprove** []

PLEASE SPECIFY CHOICES ABOVE, SIGN AND DATE BELOW. RETURN BY 5 P.M., May 9, 2016

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Print name and address:

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

LKOC Beautification

The Beautification Committee, chaired by Lynn Rogers, in many ways is the heart of LKOC. This is where the plans and actions are created and executed to keep the Lani-Kailua area clean, green, and beautiful. Lynn could use a co-chair to assist her in this important task. Please contact Lynn Rogers at 262-3820 if you are interested in helping.



Pohakapu Fountain

Thanks to impetus from local newscaster Howard Dashefsky, the Pohakapu Fountain is running again! LKOC has been working behind the scenes for several years to try to get it fixed, and we are thrilled to see it finally in working order again! We have had a history with that fountain, as some may remember, when it was in deplorable condition decades ago. It is wonderful to see it once again as a welcoming sight as you enter Kailua.



Kalama Beach Park Invasive Species Cleanup

LKOC and volunteers from the Pali Lanes Lions Club were out in force at Kalama Beach Park to remove invasive species that had overrun parts of the landscaping there. In particular, the naupaka, which LKOC had replanted 10 years ago, was being strangled by ivy gourd and other vines, as well as being invaded by Christmas berry and other unwanted shrubbery. Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, the naupaka on the makai side of the property has now been revitalized and should start to thrive again! Thanks to Paula Ress for coordinating the event with City and County officials, and to Jay Floan from Pali Lanes Lions for generously offering the services of their crew of volunteer members.



FLASHBACK from the Honolulu Star Bulletin, May 2, 1950

“Women of Outdoor Circle Go Into Action on Sky Advertising”

The women who knocked the billboards right out of Honolulu and off of Oahu are now going after night sky advertising. The Outdoor Circle has warned persons interested in flying illuminated signs at night that they will combat this new form of open air advertising which, says the Outdoor Circle, is disfiguring. Last Friday night, Island Aviation, Ltd., put on a flight for a brand of whiskey. The plane carried neon billboards into the skies of Oahu. Immediately the Outdoor Circle and others got protests. Protests came both from residents and from visitors. They declared that the beauty of Hawaii’s tropic skies at night is being marred by these “sky-riding billboards.” The Outdoor Circle has now given “friendly warning” to both the plane owner and the whiskey importer that, unless the sky advertising is canceled, the ladies will fight the scheme with every resource in their power.

[Note: Three weeks later, the whiskey company agreed to give up their “sky-sign” campaign even though they were breaking no law at the time. The Honolulu Star Bulletin reported that “they understood the logic of the principle of successful business—‘You can win an argument and lose a sale.’” The city banned aerial advertising in 1978.]

WCCC/LKOC Back on Track

Thanks to generous grants from the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation and Hawaiian Electric Company, the Learning to Grow Program at the Women's Community Correctional Center is up and running after severe storm damage last spring. And the Community Work Line is fully functional again after the loss of equipment due to a theft last spring.

For the Learning to Grow Program our volunteers and facility students were able to repair the existing hydroponics lines and construct a fifth line. The whole system is now fully functional producing lettuce for the facility cafeteria. The students are receiving certified instruction in Hydroponics and Horticultural skills and will soon start a class in How to Start a Small Business. These classes have been extremely well received by the participants who have found them very enriching. Thirteen students have graduated from the first Hydroponics class! Our volunteers are developing plans to sell additional lettuce in the local community to help make the program self-sufficient.



The Community Work Line women have new weed whackers to more effectively continue their landscape maintenance of public areas around Kailua and Kawainui Marsh. Since 1999, LKOC has provided all of the work equipment and other support features for the Work Line.

Volunteers are needed to help with these vital programs at WCCC. Two volunteers are needed to help assist the women learn horticulture skills and grow hydroponic vegetables for commercial sales. Another person is needed to help with marketing the produce. If you are interested in helping with these programs, call Terry Beuret at 389-0188.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Board Roster 2016-2017



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: Lynn Rogers
Advisors: Joan Fleming, Leigh Prentiss, Lyn Turner

Website:

<http://www.lkoc.org>

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E-mail:

Lani-kailua@outdoorcircle.org

Committee Chairs

Beautification: Lynn Rogers>262-3820
Communications: Teddi Baumgartner>888-9977
Education: Betsy Connors>261-8839
Historian: Ann Latham>254-2249
Kailua Town Party: Lyn Turner>254-5477
Membership: Barbara Krasniewski>261-8133
Public Affairs: Pauline MacNeil>261-6423
Scholarship: Claudia Webster>262-6243
Signs: Leigh Prentiss>263-6121
TOC Rep: Diane Harding>262-1826
Volunteers: Cheryl McIlroy>783-3382
WCCC Partnership: Terry Beuret>389-0188



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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
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- Holiday House Tour Hostess
- Workday Projects
- I Love Kailua Town Party
- Plant Exchange
- Beautification
- Public Affairs
- Education Outreach
- Recycling/Litter Control
- Publicity/Newsletter
- Sign Control
- Telephone/Clerical



On occasion, can you supply?

Flowers Greens Baked Goods

Other: _____