



Aloha LKOC Members,

All of us at LKOC are looking forward to the coming year. We are hoping to expand the “Learning to Grow” program at the Women’s Community Correctional Facility, and we also have a couple of beautification projects on our agenda that we know will enhance our community for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. We are working with the City and County to start the re-landscaping of the Kailua Central Triangle, an area that has been in sore need of maintenance and repair for some time. We are looking forward to making it an attractive centerpiece for Kailua. Additionally, we will be working with the Board of Water Supply to help beautify the new pumping station structure recently built at the entrance to Castle Hospital. Both of these projects are examples of how the generous support from our members and the community and the dedication of our volunteers have allowed us to work cooperatively with municipal entities in seeing these landscaping projects come to fruition. We will continue to share with you the other projects on our list.

As we have for decades, LKOC has advocated for the protection and preservation of our fragile natural resources and environment. We continued this effort by supporting the “Save Ka Iwi Mauka” effort to purchase and protect 182 acres of land above the Ka Iwi Coast. We also continue to be vigilant in our efforts to preserve and protect the integral part of our Kailua watershed, the Kawainui/Hamakua Marsh Complex.

As many of you may know, The Outdoor Circle has had a recent change in its leadership in which our wonderful Executive Director for the past three years, Marti Townsend, has stepped down. We are very excited to announce her replacement, Winston Welch, whose wisdom and expertise will help guide us forward. At this stage of transition, it is important to reflect on who we are, so included here is a wonderful piece by our long-time LKOC board member, TOC board member, and dedicated volunteer, Paula Ress. Enjoy!

Mahalo from all of us!
Diane Harding, President, LKOC

The Outdoor Circle: A Reminder of Who We Are

The best time to plant a tree was ten years ago. The second best time is right now.



The Outdoor Circle has a simple mission statement to “Keep Hawaii clean, green and beautiful”. But what we do is extremely complicated and cannot be easily explained. We have historical records showing our founders going by horseback up into the foothills to re-forest the hillsides. The situation is much different now. It is difficult to plant a tree today without going through a complicated process. Still, we advocate for planting trees and will work to plant them anywhere we can.

The Outdoor Circle has been in existence for over 100 years. We have been involved with our community in ways that have impacted Hawaii for good and that would not have been done by any other organization. The Outdoor Circle doesn’t plant and run. We follow up for decades, promoting trees and the benefits they contribute. Our organization cares for forests, planted areas, open areas—all the way down to individual trees: tree by tree, area by area, island by island. When a tree is sickly or butchered, we work for the health of that tree. When a tree is in danger of being removed, we work to keep it.

Members of the public expect us to keep Hawaii beautiful and fault the Outdoor Circle publicly if standards are not met. This kind of advocacy requires a great expenditure of time and knowledge. Experience shows there is background that needs to be understood for every incident. Is the tree a responsibility of the state or the county? Does it come under Department of Transportation or Parks and Recreation? Is work being done by a government crew or a contractor? Who is the certified arborist overseeing the work? Who determines whether or not a tree might create a danger? We make sure all this knowledge is at hand because the crew may be maiming or removing the tree as we go through this maze of information. We’ve done such a good job that much of the public takes it for granted.

As important as trees are, they are not the only issue on our plate. The Outdoor Circle is well-known for the nation’s first billboard law. Many would be surprised to know that it took years to rid Hawaii of billboards. Although the bill was passed over seemingly insurmountable odds, it is the only reason signs are not dominating our landscape. It has taken attention to detail and constant pressure to keep from eroding the state and county sign laws. Our vigilance in keeping Hawaii free from sign pollution earns us accusations of being elitist, anti-business, and unrealistic in blocking income to government entities. But after each sign victory, the people of Hawaii breathe a sigh of relief.

The list of establishing and protecting parks and view planes goes on and on. The impact of The Outdoor Circle is hard to comprehend. But we all agree on the importance of all we do. We have gone through several evolutions in our management, but we survived because we knew it was necessary. We are in it for the long-haul and are working as vigorously as possible for the issues we have stood for, our very foundation, for so long.

Paula Ress, The Outdoor Circle Board of Directors

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
Fall Membership Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, October 23, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Kaneohe Yacht Club

44-503 Kaneohe Bay Dr.

Tickets: \$30.00

Lunch Buffet by Naupaka Caterers: *Caesar Salad *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Platters *Pasta Prima Vera Salad *Oven Roasted Sage Chicken *Garlic Mashed Potatoes *Grilled Seasonal Vegetables *Rice Pilaf *Raspberry Chiffon *Gourmet Brownies *Ice Tea *Coffee

Before Lunch: Watch Mary Yannell from Kaneohe Outdoor Circle do a short demonstration on lei-making techniques. Also, we will have the beautiful I Love Kailua 2015 T-shirts on sale.



Guest Speaker: Joshlyn Sand is Chair of the Mayor's Arborist Advisory Committee (AAC) on Exceptional Trees and the Horticulturist for the Honolulu Botanical Gardens. She graduated with a BS in Horticulture from University of Illinois – Urbana and received her Master of Public Administration from UH – Manoa. She has lived in Hawai'i for 27 years. She is excited

to speak to LKOC about the Exceptional Tree Program which celebrates and protects our island's most majestic and historic trees. We hope you can all join us for what promises to be an extremely informative and entertaining event!

Name: _____ # of tickets: _____

Guest Names: _____

Make checks payable to LKOC and mail by October 15 to:
Diane Harding, 167 Ainoni St., Kailua, HI 96734

I Love Kailua Town Party

The 23rd annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party was held April 26, 2015 in downtown Kailua. This street fair, put on by the Lani-Kailua Branch of the Outdoor Circle, celebrates the diversity of Kailua with local crafters and artists, food vendors, plant sales, souvenir T-shirt sales, live local music and dance, and a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy. This year, thanks to our wonderful sponsors, an enthusiastic crowd, and the hundreds of dedicated LKOC volunteers who make this happen, it was a great success!



Businesses Which Have Helped LKOC This Year

Many thanks to the following businesses which helped the Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Town Party with their generous donations.

Alexander & Baldwin

Buzz's Lanikai

Kailua Sailboards and Kayaks

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Champa Thai of Kailua

Kailua Town Pub and Grill



Calling All Windward Artists!

The 24th annual I Love Kailua Town Party, to be held on April 24, 2016, is seeking original art (**no photographs**, please) for the T-shirt design contest. The contest is open to all Windward artists. We are looking for bright colors, and perhaps a whimsical note that will show the special place that is Kailua and will translate into the silk screen process used for printing the T-shirts as well as the entry buttons. Artwork must be original and should contain no more than six colors. Light and dark of the same color count as different colors. The design should be at least 5" x 7" and no larger than 9" x 12". The winner of the selected design will receive an honorarium of \$100. The publicity is priceless. The artwork becomes the property of LKOC for one year after which time the artwork may be returned to the artist. LKOC reserves the right to modify or change the artwork as deemed suitable for the silk screen process. Deadline for submission of artwork is November 16, 2015. Selection will be made by December 1, 2015. E-mail to tutujoan@earthlink.net or mail your artwork to Town Party Art Chair, LKOC, 695 Milokai St., Kailua, HI 96734. Please include your full name, address, phone number, and e-mail address with your art so that we may contact you. If you want your art returned, please include a mailer with sufficient postage.

Ka Iwi Coast Preservation

The "Save Ka Iwi Coast Mauka to Makai" fundraiser reached and surpassed its goal to raise \$500,000 (\$681,598 was collected)! Work is now underway to finalize the purchase and transfer these lands to the community through the nonprofit Livable Hawaii Kai Hui. Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle's \$1000 donation along with numerous members' donations helped to make it happen!

 <p>SAVE KA IWI MAUKA</p> <p>Please donate kaiwicoast.com</p> <p><small>Ka Iwi Coalition 1994-2015</small></p>	<p>Windward Fundraiser Thursday, August 20, 2015, 5:30-10:00 p.m. Olomana Golf Club 41-1801 Kalaniana'ole Highway</p> <p>\$25 (keiki 5 & under free) – <i>Hawaiian music & hula, pupu, silent auction, door prizes, no-host bar</i></p> <p>Entertainers: Maunalua, Moke Boy Kamealoha & more</p> <p><i>For the August 20 event, make checks payable to "Ka Iwi Coalition"</i></p>	
<p>Presented by Na Kua'aina o Waimanalo Contact: Kari Kalima, 722-6642</p> <p>For residents of Waimanalo, Kailua... & Everyone!</p> <p><i>Join the fun and help The Trust for Public Land and Livable Hawaii Kai Hui raise the last 20-30% of \$500,000 needed to purchase and protect 182 acres of mauka land above the Ka Iwi Coast. City and State funds have already been allocated for \$3.5 mil. of the \$4 mil. purchase price.</i></p> <p>Once acquired, the land – from mauka to makai – will remain open and undeveloped forever.</p>		 <p>Mahalo!</p>

Fourth of July Parade 2015



The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle participated in the Kailua Fourth of July Parade with a float depicting their lettuce-growing program at the Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC). Along the parade route volunteer marchers, along with Mr. Mynah and Auntie Litter, passed out 1,000 packets of Manoa lettuce seeds with planting instructions. LKOC hopes to motivate people to grow their own lettuce and other vegetables. The seed packets were assembled by the volunteers at the WCCC who are in the “Learning to Grow Program”, a project of LKOC.



FLASHBACK

From The Windward News, July 29, 1948, “Inside the Circle”, by Kay Duker

About 150 of the women of Kailua and Lanikai got together the other evening in the Kailua school to hold the third meeting of the local branch of the Outdoor Circle. We had a pretty interesting meeting, if we do say so as shouldn’t [we] and we only wish that more of you had been there. 150 is pretty good, but after all this community is supposed to have about 8,000 homes and supposedly there is a woman in every home.

We know that every woman wants to see her own home beautiful and to feel pride in living in a lovely community. And that’s all it takes, my friends.

The Outdoor Circle wants 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.

The membership committee is having a hard time convincing some of you folks that this isn’t a restricted social club or something. It definitely isn’t.

A few people alone just can’t do the job that we are hoping to do. It’s going to take you and you and you, and the only requirement is that you too are interested in seeing your home and your neighborhood made more attractive.

LKOC Spring Luncheon Highlights the Native Hawaiian Hibiscus



The Lani-Kailua branch annual meeting, held at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens on May 15, 2015, was highlighted by a talk on the historical significance of hibiscus in Hawaii. The featured speaker was Jill Coryell, the "Hibiscus Lady", who has devoted the last few decades to researching and continuing the hybridization of native hibiscus in Hawaii which started early in the last century. Her fascinating, informative, and entertaining lecture gave us all a unique perspective on the hibiscus, incidentally depicted in our original Outdoor Circle logo. We learned that most hybrid hibiscus everywhere are descendants of the Native

Hawaiian hibiscus. The Hawaiian native white hibiscus is the ancestor of all hybrid hibiscus with fragrance! Jill demonstrated how we could hybridize hibiscus in our own back yards, for color, fragrance and other features, and brought numerous examples of her unique specimens.

****Watch for**** – news about the Fall Plant Sale coming in November.

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle Board Roster 2015-2016



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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
- Garden Circle
- I Love Kailua Town Party
- Plant Exchange
- Beautification
- Public Affairs
- Education Outreach
- Recycling/Litter Control
- Publicity/Newsletter
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