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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aloha everyone,

I begin my first President's Report of 2017 by extending our sincere gratitude to Elizabeth Reilly, founder of Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, and to the Oahu Club for their wonderful support of our December 2016 annual meeting and potluck. Elizabeth's excellent presentation on the genesis of Livable Hawaii Kai Hui proved once again how one person, or a group of dedicated volunteers, can make significant and long term contributions to preserving and protecting our communities and natural environment.

The Friends begins its 26th year of supporting the mission of Hanauma Bay by welcoming Councilmember Ann Kobayashi as the new Chair of the City Council's Parks, Community and Customer Services Committee.

DPR will host a public hearing on Feb 22, 2017 on its proposed new rules and regulations on the sale and distribution of expressive materials at City parks and Hanauma Bay. The draft rules can be found on the DPR website under Public Hearings www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dpr/dpr_docs/Expressive_Activities_Proposed_Rules_Link_.pdf They are an improvement over the current rules, but we continue to urge DPR to *ban the sale* of these materials in our parks and at the Bay. We encourage everyone to attend the Public Hearing and/or provide testimony in this matter. The public hearing will be February 22, 2017, in the Mission Memorial Building, 550 South King Street, 1st floor conference room, 2 - 4 pm.

We are working with DLNR to draft a proclamation honoring October 23, 2017 as the 50th Anniversary of Hanauma Bay's establishment as Hawaii's first Marine Life Conservation District.

Schedule of Events

2017 CLEANUPS

Saturday, March 4

Saturday, June 3

Saturday, September 2

Saturday, December 2

NEXT FOHB BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

The O'ahu Club

5:00 pm

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Honolulu Aquarium

Mauka to Makai

Watch For Details

IT'S BAAAACK !

HBEP THURSDAY EVENING

EDUCATION PROGRAM

HAS RETURNED

THURSDAY 6:30 – 7:30

February 9 – The Mysteries and Marvels of Miniature Marine Monsters

February 16 – Coral in a Changing World: Who You Partner With Matters

February 23 – How an Eye Can Work Like an Ear: the Visual Systems of Mantis Shrimp

2017 FOHB Board

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

What Did the Cetacean Say
When Asked if She Likes Hanauma
Bay?

DOLPHINATELY !

We are supporting legislation to ban or significantly diminish the use of coral toxic sunscreens in Hawaii. One bill, HB600 recently advanced in the House of Representatives <http://www.civilbeat.org/2017/01/bill-banning-many-sunscreen-products-advances-in-house/> See page three for more information.

We continue to work with the City to resolve our concerns over its management of the Hanauma Bay Fund.

Our first 2017 quarterly clean-up of the Bay is March 3. Please come out and meet the great volunteers who come out every quarter to help preserve the Bay!

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WELCOME ABOARD

We are happy to announce that Ron Bregman has joined the Board and has offered to serve as Treasurer. Ron brings a wealth of knowledge about the ocean and safety issues. We're happy to have you, Ron.

THAT TIME AGAIN

It's that time again. We hope you will renew your membership or if you are not a member would like to join. Lets put our new Treasurer to work !

Please join or renew at one of the following levels:

Llio Holo I Ka Uaua / Hawaiian Monk Seal	\$200
Honu / Green Sea Turtle	\$100
Uhu / Bumphead Parrotfish	\$ 50
"Awela / Christmas Wrasse	\$ 20
Humuhumunukunukuapua'a Reef Triggerfish	\$ 10

Note – Humuhumunukunukuapua'a is our special membership level for HBEP volunteers

Please see our website www.friendsofhanaumabay.org to renew electronically or you can send a check to our mail address at the left of this page.

It's Not a Park ... It's a Nature Preserve

Momentum is building to ban the use in Hawaii of sunscreen products containing oxybenzone. We have been helping research scientist Dr. Craig Downs (<http://www.haereticus-lab.org/index.html>) get the word out about the harmful effects of oxybenzone on coral. Dr. Downs plans on making presentations in Hawaii and we'll keep you posted on the where and when. There are fourteen bills before the legislature regarding oxybenzone. You can find them by going to www.capitol.hawaii.gov. When the page opens, type "oxybenzone" or "sunscreen" in Keywords. We're learning more about the legislative process and will keep you posted.

Lisa and Bob attended a presentation by Pat Lindquist of The Napili Bay and Beach Foundation on Maui <http://www.napilibayfoundation.org/>. The mission of the Napili Bay Foundation is to "Protect and Improve the Health of Napili and Kapalua Beaches and Bays." Sound familiar? Pat is leading an effort at Napili Bay to educate visitors about sunscreens with oxybenzone.

Pat's presentation was created by Dr. Downs. You can see this and another slide about oxybenzone levels on O'ahu on our website www.friendsofhanauabay.org



We were shocked when estimates of the amount of oxybenzone that goes into Hanauma Bay every year is about TWO TONS !!!

We are very happy to note that the gift shop at the Bay no longer carries sunscreen with oxybenzone and that some information has been posted at the beach kiosk and by the computer station in the visitor center. We encourage and hope more training and information about the harmful effects of oxybenzone on coral will be forthcoming.

SUNSCREEN CONTINUED ...

Malina Fagan and Lynn Pelletier, Co-Founders of Fagan Films, a family owned company that creates documentaries, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIZKozLuO4E> contacted the Friends with an interest in documenting the use of sunscreens at Hanauma Bay. Lisa and Bob participated in this fascinating project. We'll let you know when and where to see it. Here is Lisa offering her knowledge while Bob reflects on the matter during filming near Portlock Beach.



HELP WANTED

We Are Looking for a Volunteer or Volunteers to Help

1. Develop and Maintain Our Website and Social Media Activities
2. Coordinate Community Activities Such as Clean Ups and Presentations.

As a volunteer you would work closely with our Board of Directors but do not have to be a member of the Board. Or, if you would like to join the Board and help us in our interesting and challenging work of helping to protect and preserve Hanauma Bay, we would welcome your participation.

If you have an interest in volunteering or joining the Board, please contact

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HANAUMA BLOG SPOT

By Larry Winnik

This Rockmover Wrasse is Giving the Fish Equivalent of the Shaka Sign

(Is that a frogfish the rockmover is sideling next to?)



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