

September

2018

October



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aloha everyone,

October marks the one year anniversary of the establishment of the Friends of Hanauma Bay Scholarship Program benefitting graduating seniors from the Henry J. Kaiser High School Wipeout Crew Environmental Club. This Scholarship Program is an exciting part of the Friends' commitment to protecting, preserving and restoring Hanauma Bay in perpetuity by mentoring the next generation of Hawaii's leaders.

Due to the incredible generosity of our membership and others, the Friends were privileged to award two \$5,000 scholarships in our inaugural year. Shannon Murphy is now attending UH-Manoa, and Azita Ganjali is attending Kapiolani Community College.

As we start the second year of our Scholarship Program, we ask for your continued support. Every dollar donated will be matched. We have a generous pledge of matching donations until December 31, 2018, and hope you will choose to make a tax-deductible contribution to this Scholarship Program that directly benefits Kaiser High School students.

As with updating your annual memberships, you can mail in your scholarship donation or donate via our website: www.friendsofhanauabay.org

Mahalo nui loa for your ongoing support of the Friends and our Scholarship Program!

Lisa Bishop
President

president@friendsofhanauabay.org
lisa.fohb@gmail.com

Schedule of Events

2018 CLEANUPS
Saturday, December 1

FOHB BOARD MEETINGS

Third Thursday of Every Month
5:00 pm Hanauma Bay Theatre
Thursday Oct. 18
Thursday Nov. 15

HBEP THURSDAY EVENING EDUCATION PROGRAM

**October – NOAA Hawaiian Monk
Seal Research Program**

**Oct. 4 – Giving baby seals a
second chance: rehabilitation of
Hawaiian monk seals in the
northwest Hawaiian islands**

**Oct. 11 – When good seals
develop bad habits**

**Oct 18 – How to spy on seals:
citizen science and high tech tools
to help Hawaiian monk seals**

**Oct 25 – Monk seal field camp
update and wacky survival stories**

**For a Complete Listing of Thursday
Evening Talks, go to**
<http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/hanauma-talks-seminar-and-hbep-event-calendar/>

You Can See Past Presentations at
www.youtube.com/hanaumatalks

2017 FOHB Board

Lisa Bishop, President
Bob Kern, Vice President
Leslie Briggs, Secretary
Ron Bregman, Treasurer
Sid McWhirter
Steve Oppenheimer
Dick Baker, Emeritus

E-mails

For General Information
Info@friendsofhanauabay.org

Lisa
president@friendsofhanauabay.org

Bob
vicepresident@friendsofhanauabay.org

Leslie
secretary@friendsofhanauabay.org

Ron
treasurer@friendsofhanauabay.org

SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS

Friends of Hanauma Bay
PO Box 25761
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825-0761

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why are Pirates Pirates?
Because the AARRGGHHH

Seal the Deal

On September 20, Jon Gelman of Hawaii Marine Animal Response attended our board meeting. HMAR are the folks who come when called if a seal is on a beach. There have been some changes to NOAA's recommendations for dealing with a seal on a beach to be aware of.

Research over the past decades has shown that seals no longer need the same level of protection from humans when on a beach. Research has shown there is no effect on seal populations due to incidental human interaction and many seals are not disturbed by close contact with humans. This does not mean that when a seal is on the beach you should purposely approach, touch, distract or try to interact with it. Such intentional behavior is illegal. It does mean that if you see someone accidentally approaching a seal or has to retrieve a personal item the seal is resting near, there is no need to yell at them to move away. In fact, yelling at or scolding people to accidentally approach a seal is not helpful a learning tool. People are far more receptive to learning if approached calmly. So, in a situation where someone inadvertently approaches an animal, it is better to calmly talk with them to and explain / educate them about proper etiquette.

At many beaches you may no longer see barriers surrounding a sleeping seal. It is now thought that if a seal feels uncomfortable around people, it would not haul out where people are. But unlike most beaches, Hanauma Bay is different in that the beach is relatively small and there are a lot of people. HMAR's expectation is that when a seal is on our beach, cones, signs and ropes should be placed but it is not necessary to ensure that someone is guarding the seal.

The Friends understand this and recommend that a Bay, HBEP staff person or volunteer always be stationed near the animal if not to guard it, but to take advantage of Hanauma Bay's exceptional opportunity to educate so many people when a seal is on the beach.

If you see a seal on a beach or in the water, contact HMAR right away at (888) 256 9840. We have posted a "True, False or Maybe" information sheet and a Hawaii Monk Seal Information and FAQ on our website www.friendsofhanauabay.org.

October is Seal Month for HBEP's Thursday evening education program and the Friends are planning to put on a presentation in the community following up on this information. We'll keep you posted.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS ...

On this very special day, October 11, 2018, three seals graced the beach. Two males vying for the attention of a female put on nature's finest for visitors from around the world. And resident's loved it, too. What better place to come and spend the day for seals and people alike. Well, we're both mammals, aren't we ...?



FROM DPR'S WEBSITE

"Not a 'beach park' for beach sport, but a Nature Preserve dedicated to safeguarding the fragile marine life in the Bay, Hanauma is the first Marine Life Conservation District in the State. We welcome you to be part of our effort to protect and preserve the Bay."

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

AND THE SURVEY SAID

On September 8 & 9, NOAA's Dr. Arielle Levine, with the help of UH students and Friends Board members Lisa, Bob and Leslie, surveyed about one hundred visitors regarding their knowledge and use of reef safe sunscreens. The data Dr. Levine collected will help understand the current knowledge and use of sunscreen by visitors to the Bay and Hawai'i in general. We are hoping that having been granted a permit to conduct the survey signals DPR's readiness to begin a proactive sunscreen education program at the nature preserve that would include adding sunscreen information to the video and having HBEP include sunscreen education in its new volunteer training program. The survey may be continued. If you are interested in participating please let us know.

We'll let you know when the results of the survey are in. In the meantime, enjoy these pictures of the surveyors in action. From left to right: Bob, Dr. Levine and Leslie conducting survey's of visitors and in front of the coral display is Dr. Levine with Lynette Liu, Hanauma Bay's new Recreational Specialist. Welcome, Lynette. We're happy to see a smiling face at the nature preserve.

Bob Surveying

Dr. Levine surveying

Leslie surveying

Dr. Levine & Lynette, having fun



THANK YOU, DPR

In recent month the Parks Department has been criticized for not taking steps to save water in its parks. We've commented, as well, that a lot of water is wasted at the nature preserve showers because they are often left running when not in use and because they are used all day long, every day.

New faucets were installed on the two main shower stations but due to extremely heavy use, haven't worked so well. Undaunted and to its credit, DPR is continuing to look for solutions lessen water use at the nature preserve.

To the right a newly installed shower station that hopefully will successfully solve the problem. Thank you DPR for continuing to look for ways to save water at the preserve.



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

Night Gallery

The Blue Line Butterflyfish is Endemic to Hawaii.

Photo by Bob Kern



CONTACT US

For General Information, Comments or Suggestions info@friendsofhanauabay.org

Lisa	president@friendsofhanauabay.org
Bob	vicepresident@friendsofhanauabay.org
Leslie	secretary@friendsofhanauabay.org
Ron	treasurer@friendsofhanauabay.org

Or visit our web site	www.friendsofhanauabay.org
Facebook	www.facebook.com/hanauma

Or Snail Mail to: Friends of Hanauma Bay
 PO Box 25761
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96825-0761

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