



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aloha Friends and Supporters of Hanauma Bay,

This has been a very busy summer for your Board of Directors. Unfortunately Dick Baker decided to leave the post of President of the Friends of Hanauma Bay Board. Dick has been a guiding force for the Friends for many years and will be sorely missed. I am thankful that I can still bounce things off of him from time to time and I sincerely appreciate his counsel.

The Board has undertaken a major effort to review the finances of Hanauma Bay, the way it has been managed by the City, and the need for immediate repairs that in some cases are more than eight years overdue.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, who has long been a strong supporter of the Bay, recently introduced a resolution in the City Council to make the Bay semi-autonomous. Although it was tabled, it put the spotlight on the troubles at the Bay. The Board is thankful that the Mayor is now open to address the numerous problems at the Bay and discussions have begun that will bring about a final and comprehensive solution to problems that have plagued the Bay.

One of the projects that Dick took on before leaving the Board was updating the Friends' By-Laws. The update is now complete and will be up for a vote at our annual meeting on October 30, 2014, at the Oahu Club in Hawaii Kai. Also, at the annual meeting, we will be voting on a slate of directors for the Board. The nominating committee is working on the list and if anyone is interested in being on the Board, please let me know by October 1st.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions please e-mail me at president@friendsofhanauabay.org. I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Mahalo,

Sid McWhirter
President

Sept. / Oct. 2014

Dates of Interest

Next FOHB Board Meetings

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 6:00 pm at Sid's
See Directions on Page 3**

**Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:00 pm at Sid's
See Directions on Page 3**

Next Cleanup - TBA

**HBEP Sunday Education Program
Schedule**

**Sept 28 – The Apocalypse Scenario:
Foreign Introduction into Hawaiian
Monk Seals**

**Oct 5 – Minerals, Fisheries and Food
Webs: The Many Connections
Between Hawaii and the Deep Sea.**

**Oct 12 – Oceans and Human Health:
Exploring Microbial Connections to
the Sea**

**Oct 19 – Reef Corals and the Threat
of Global Climate Change.**

**Oct 26 – Admiring the Seascape: A
Regional Scale Perspective of
Hawaiian Coral Reef Community
Dynamics Using Satellites, Statistics
and Supercomputers.**

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Changing of the Guard

On August 1st, Dick Baker stepped down as President and as a member of the Board. He told the Board that his year and a half in the job, mostly taken up with the struggle with the City and County over the finances of the Preserve, had been a very wearing experience, compounded by back surgery in July of last year and the subsequent rehabilitation period (still not over).

Dick expressed optimism and confidence that the Friends are, at long last, on the road to a resolution with the City. Sid McWhirter, former Vice President has taken the presidential reins for the rest of the year. Sid has been primarily responsible for the research on the budget records that has put the Friends in position to reach agreement with the City on a plan that will effectively maintain the Bay. Sid is an energetic and effective advocate for the mission of the Friends and the Preserve. Dick wished the Board and the Friends all the best in the next stages of our campaign.

Thanks, Dick, for your hard work and dedication.

Sid first came to Hawaii over three decades ago, and has been a regular visitor ever since. It was natural that he chose to retire here. While volunteering at the Aquarium a posting for openings came up at the Hanauma Bay Gift Shop and Sid took the job. While working there Sid saw that the needs of the Bay were many and became involved first as a volunteer, then a member of the Friends and after conversations with Dick about what could be accomplished, joined the Board, became Vice President. and now, President. Whew ! What a ride ...

Interested In Joining Our Board of Directors?

We are seeking to expand our Board of Directors with people who want to help improve conditions at the Bay. Our principal current goal is to understand how money in the Hanauma Bay fund is being used and free it up so that Bay management can use it to effectively maintain the facility. We're also working in other arenas to advocate for the Bay, support the Hanauma Bay Education Program and nature preserve staff and management, support the advancement of marine related research and promote the creation and expansion of other marine protected areas.

Help Needed

We continue to need assistance in maintaining our website and e mail system. We would appreciate help from anyone with these skills. We would also be grateful for volunteers to help with fundraising, legal matters, event planning, and membership.

*Protecting the
natural qualities
of Hanauma Bay*

Electronic Update

We are continuing to work on our web page and e mail addresses. You can now use these email addresses to contact board officers.

president@friendsofhanaumabay.org	(Sid)
vicepresident@friendsofhanaumabay.org	(Bob)
secretary@friendsofhanaumabay.org	(Micki)
treasurer@friendsofhanaumabay.org	(Mimi)

We've been asked to clarify some confusion experienced by members who are interested in participating in clean ups. Several people have e mailed their wish to participate in clean ups to Hanaumabaycleanups@friendsofhanaumabay.org This is NOT the correct address to do so. This is the list serve address of all people who receive notices of the clean ups. E mailing your message to this address will be read by about 100 people.

If you wish to help out with clean ups, contact president@friendsofhanaumabay.org or hbvp@hanauma.edu (the Hanauma Bay Education Program)

We'll keep you updated on our progress.

Hanauma Bay Blog Spot by Larry Winnik



These critters are called "Bluestripe Pipefish." They have set up a 'cleaning station' in a puka in the inner reef not too far from Sandman's Patch. They have been there for the last 6 months functioning not unlike the drive thru car wash at the local Shell Station (no pun intended).

Every morning I see a queue of assorted fish patiently waiting their turn to be cleaned of parasites. They run the gambit from Surgeonfish to Moray Eels. I'm guessing that the tactile interaction with the Pipefish, not unlike the head massage my barber used to give me back in the day, is also "value added," and keeps them coming back for more!