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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Aloha everyone, 2016 brings some changes to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hanauma Bay. I am honored to follow Sid McWhirter as President, and am committed to carrying forward and adding to his record of accomplishments. Sid has capably served in his term as President, and will be remembered for selflessly giving his time, broadly sharing our mission to protect and conserve Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve, and for his committed and dedicated perseverance in working to focus the light of transparency on the management of the Hanauma Bay Fund. Under Sid's leadership, the Friends have made great strides in influencing changes within the City's Administration that have directly resulted in improvements at the Bay.

Sid maintains his commitment to our mission by remaining on the Board, as do Bob Kern (Vice President), Micki Stash (Secretary), Pam Weiant, Geoff Johnson, Lucas Myers, and our Emeritus Director, Dick Baker. Joining the Board this year are David Chong, who will serve as Treasurer, and Anke Roberts, who will lead our Outreach Program. I look forward to working with this experienced and highly motivated team to continue the Friends' committed and unwavering advocacy for improved stewardship and maintenance of the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve and transparency of the Hanauma Bay Fund.

We continue to work with and support the Hanauma Bay Education Program, a separate program from the Friends but with a similar mission (see page 4). We encourage you, your family and friends to consider volunteering with them. You'll be amazed at what you'll learn, the great friendships you will develop, and how much fun you'll have!

I look forward to meeting all of you, and please don't hesitate to email me with any suggestions or questions.

**HANAUMA BAY
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Schedule of Events

**FRIENDS BOARD MEETINGS
THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
Feb. 17 Mar. 16
Hawaii Kai Library 5:30 pm**

**NEXT CLEAN UP
Saturday, February 13
8:30 – 10:30**

**2016 CLEAN UPS
Saturday, May 14, 2016
Saturday, August 13, 2016
Saturday, November 12, 2016**

**HBEP SUNDAY EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

February 2016 – Fishing In Hawaii

Feb 7 – Double Screening

**Kau La'au and Ma'ama'a
Traditional Hawaiian Ulu'a Fishing**

**Lightning Strikes Twice
The Real Sequel to Moby Dick**

**Feb 14 – Marine Finfish (Moi) Stock
Enhancement and Fisheries
Management Areas in Hawaii**

**Feb 21 – Hawaiian Sea Cucumbers:
Quick Response to an Emerging
Threat**

**Feb 28 – To Slay the Argus-eyed
Giant (introduced grouper, roi) a
Tale of Doom and the Ultimate
Victory of Hawaiian Coral Reefs**

2016 FOHB Board

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How come algae don't have sex?
Because they have planktonic relationships ...

ANNUAL MEETING, DINNER AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

After a successful year of working to improve conditions at the Bay it was nice to relax and enjoy some time together chatting about other stuff. We appreciate the time Frazer McGilvray spent talking with us.

Two new board members were elected. We are pleased that Anke Roberts and David Chong have joined our board.

Many of you know Anke from her work organizing Hanauma Bay cleanups and as a volunteer with HBEP and David from his time working at the Bay as a Park Ranger. ***** Anke's knowledge as a volunteer and David's knowledge and experience as a former employee at the Bay will help us as we continue to work toward improving conditions at the Nature Preserve.

***** We call them Rangers but their official City job classification is Park Attendant, a title that is in no way reflective of what they actually do. Just compare the job description of Park Attendant with that of a National Park Ranger. They are very much the same. The Friends recognize the difficult job Rangers do keeping the nature preserve running smoothly, protecting the environment, educating visitors and supporting volunteers. Their presence is one of the major differences between Hanauma Bay and other parks and is largely responsible for the high quality visitor experience at Hanauma Bay.

REPAIR REPORT

We are happy to report that repairs are continuing. Bids for the parking lot lights and replacement of the office air conditioning units should open in February and March and the rock fall mitigation project is slated to be finished by the end of June. We understand that the rock fall mitigation project is being paid for from the Hanauma Bay Fund, instead of as part of the issuance of a general obligation bond as has been done in the past. This is an improvement in how the Fund is managed because the project can be paid for when completed without incurring years of interest debt. We continue to work with the City to find new and efficient ways to use the Hanauma Bay Fund.

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AS SEEN ON TV ?

Thanks to HBEP volunteer Mike Feeley for creating a sand sifter that was used during our last clean up. Mike's inventiveness and dedication to the Bay have made it much easier for cleaner uppers to find and remove trash from the sand. See it in action at our next clean up on February 13.

Will we see Mike's invention for sale on TV? BUT WAIT



RECOMMENDED READING

We thank Civil Beat for its excellent series of articles on ocean / snorkel safety that describes hazards faced by visitors to our ocean state. Some of the articles include Hanauma Bay and one, titled "Stand Up or Die" calls attention to the hazards inexperienced swimmers and snorkelers may face at Hanauma Bay. The entire series is titled, "Dying For Vacation." The articles can be found at <http://www.civilbeat.com/projects/dying-for-vacation/>

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

The last year or two have been largely taken up by our work with the city to take better care of the nature preserve. Unfortunately, this has taken away from some other activities we've done in the past that our loyal and supportive members have benefited from. This year, we will do a better job of giving back by getting back to one of our favorite activities – field trips.

We are very happy to announce that the Friends have planned a visit to the NOAA research facility on Ford Island on Thursday, March 24. We'll see the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, the "Science on a Sphere" exhibit, some research labs and other interesting aspects of NOAA's facility. And keep your eye out for our March / April newsletter for pictures of our trip.

There may still be some spaces available. If anyone misses out, another trip can be scheduled at a later date. For more information, or if you have any ideas or suggestion for trips you might like to do contact info@friendsofhanaumabay.org.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ?

In our travels, we continue to find that people are confused about the difference between the Friends of Hanauma Bay and the Hanauma Bay Education Program. Many people believe the two programs are one in the same. Although the educational goals of our programs are similar, the Friends of Hanauma Bay and the Hanauma Bay Education Program are separate and distinct entities.

The Hanauma Bay Education Program operates under the auspices of the Sea Grant program at the University of Hawaii. HBEP's primary function is to provide education to the public and for visitors at Hanauma Bay. Volunteers at Hanauma Bay are recruited, supervised and trained by the Hanauma Bay Education Program. See HBEP's website for more information <http://hbep.seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/>

The Friends of Hanauma Bay is a private, non profit organization dedicated to emphasizing and improving stewardship of the natural resources of the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. The Friends have been appointed by the City and County of Honolulu as the official adopting agency of Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. We do not, as some people believe, run or manage the nature preserve but we do work with management, the City and HBEP to support them as they carry out their roles at the Bay. For more information see the Friends website www.friendsofhanaumabay.org

Confusion continues, too, because HBEP volunteers may or may not be members of the Friends of Hanauma Bay. Likewise, members of the Friends of Hanauma Bay may or may not be volunteers with HBEP. At one time, HBEP volunteers were granted complimentary membership in the Friends but that is no longer the case. Please see our website for our new dues structure <http://www.friendsofhanaumabay.org/membership/>

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Hanauma Blog Spot – Larry Winnik

HELLO ??? 'Publishers Clearing House' here. Anyone Home ?



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