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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aloha everyone,

It is with deep regret that the Friends of Hanauma Bay have retained legal counsel to redress the City's long-term and ongoing misuse of the Hanauma Bay Fund. For over ten years, many of you have been actively involved in urging the City to make much-needed repairs and maintenance at Hanauma Bay. In the last three years, our advocacy for the Bay has uncovered and documented the City's mismanagement of the Hanauma Bay Fund. All of our claims are based on reviews of the City's own financial records.

Mayor Caldwell has publicly denied any mismanagement of the Fund on several occasions. In a February 2015 meeting, Managing Director Amemiya refused to consider any repayment to the Fund and made no commitment to correct the ongoing irregularities in its management. Nor would he commit to an audit of the Fund. Denials and inertia don't alter the facts or fix the problems.

In July 2014, BFS Director Koyanagi confirmed that the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports do "... not in any way compare the legal obligations and the stated purpose of the Bay to the actual outcome" (of expenditures). In fact, the City does not seem to have any accountability protocol, study, method or agency to examine whether the City meets its fiduciary responsibilities to Hanauma Bay or even if it complies with the two Federal Court Orders and its own ordinance governing the use of the Fund. Therein lies the problem.

We all share a very small island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Members of the Friends, City employees and elected officials are neighbors and friends. We see each other in restaurants, grocery stores, and at school events. Our children are friends. I would prefer not to spend the next ten years trying to convince the City to obey the law. Let's park our egos at the

## Schedule of Events

**NEXT CLEAN UP**  
Saturday, November 19, 2016

**FOHB BOARD MEETINGS**  
5:00 PM  
Hawaii Kai Library  
Tuesday, October 18  
Monday, November 14

**ANNUAL DINNER**  
Tuesday, December 13  
Details To Follow ...

## HBEP SUNDAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

October 2 – *Toxoplasma gondii* infection in Hawaiian monk seals: How a parasite from cat feces puts native seals at risk

October 9 – 60 degrees North: A monk seal biologist's journey to study Arctic ice seals

October 23 – Film: BBC Earth: Ocean Giants

October 30 – 2016 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands monk seal field update: Debris, Eels, and Buckets, Oh My!

## 2016 FOHB Board

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### PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Where Do Killer Whales Go To Have  
Their Teeth Checked?

To The Orca - Dontist

door, roll up our sleeves, and work cooperatively to resolve this problem once and for all.

On other issues, we had another great turnout for our August 20 clean-up (more on page 5) and look forward to seeing veteran and new volunteers come out for our upcoming November 19 clean-up. The passionate support of our clean-up volunteers since 1991 has allowed the Friends to hold the record for a longer adopt-a-park commitment with the City than any other organization.

Bob and I were privileged to share the history of the FOHB with the Hawaii Kai Chapter of the Lions Club on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you again President Roy Aoki, Cynthia Chun, and the Friends' own Dave Iwana for your gracious invitation and hospitality!

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, we had the wonderful opportunity to host a seminar on box jellyfish and the best ways to treat jellyfish stings presented by Dr. Angel Yanagihara. (More on page 3) Our follow-on discussion on how to improve the safety of visitors during the monthly influx of jellyfish to Hanauma Bay produced some excellent recommendations that we will forward to appropriate City Departments. Mahalo Angel and everyone who attended the seminar!

Repair of the parking lot lights is underway and we look forward to resumption of the Thursday evening lecture series at the Bay.

We have emailed DPR Director Nekota and Dr. Darren Okimoto requesting that sunscreen education outreach be started at the Bay, and that the gift shop sell only coral friendly sunscreen products. (more on page 5)

Finally, two valued members of our board, Anke Roberts and Pam Weiant, have stepped down. We are looking for someone to help coordinate our quarterly cleanup. Please contact us if you are interested in helping us continue our 25 year tradition of service to the Bay (more on page 6).

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## JELLYFISH PRESENTATION AND PLANNING SESSION

On September 28, Dr. Angel Yanagihara presented her experience and research findings at a talk hosted by the Friends about Hawaii's box jellyfish. We learned a lot. Did you know, for example, that a box jellyfish sting is NOT the same or similar to that of a bee and should not be treated as such?



The meeting was intended not as just a learning session but also as a tool to discuss ways to improve safety at the Bay on jellyfish days. Stakeholders at the nature preserve were invited. It was disappointing that no one from DPR, Hanauma Bay or HBEP attended but an excellent discussion with knowledgeable and experienced folks who did attend resulted in a better understanding of problems and possible solutions that would better protect visitors. We will forward a summary to City departments.

## RECOGNITION

Recognized for our knowledge of Hanauma Bay, the Friends were invited by mayoral candidate Charles Djou to participate in a discussion about the use of sunscreens containing oxybenzone. Lisa, Bob and Micki attended. Two graduate students also attended as well as Senator Gil Riviere who also has an interest in improving our ocean environment.

Having helped the Bay while a City Councilmember in 2007, Mr. Djou was interested in our ongoing work to improve conditions at the Bay, especially the use of the Hanauma Bay fund. Subsequent to our meeting, he held a press conference at the Bay and stated his support for our actions and for developing a public private partnership that could better manage the nature preserve and return it to world-class status.

In addition, a statement was posted on the candidates Facebook page that supports the Friends recent demand to the City that it properly manage the Hanauma Bay fund. The Friends of Hanauma Bay is an organization with non-profit status granted by the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Hawaii. We wish to clarify that, although we welcome positive support, including from political candidates, as a non-profit organization, Friends of Hanauma Bay does not, and will not, endorse political candidates.

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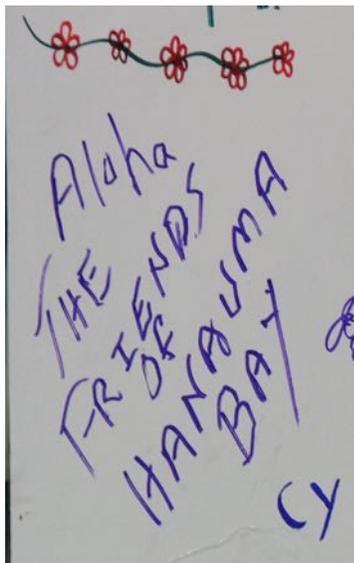
# IUCN

Our offers to help DPR and DLNR at IUCN were not taken up so we went on our own. Below is the wall, signed by conference conservation activists from around the world. We made our presence known, too – below.



What is Lisa pointing at?  
What Else!

The Guy on the Right Said,  
"A Rose Between Two Thorns"  
Who is he, Anyway? Send your guess to  
[vicepresident@friendsofhanauabay.org](mailto:vicepresident@friendsofhanauabay.org)



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## Really, Really Bad ...

More than just the ocean, IUCN is about all things nature, some of them very disturbing. Especially this one ...



### BLOOD LIONS

Micki is looking at a video of how in South Africa and other countries lions are “Bred For The Bullet.” In this truly depraved practice, lions are “farmed,” the cubs taken from their mothers a few days after birth to be raised by humans to whom they become accustomed. When they grow up they are let go on ‘baited’ (fenced) land and “hunters” pay a pretty penny to shoot them.

This isn't hunting. It's collecting. The lions, accustomed to humans, do not flee and may even approach the “hunters” who shoot the innocent, unsuspecting and helpless animal. There's big money in this but the gentleman Micki is talking with says they've made progress. IUCN members voted unanimously against this form of killing and are successfully bringing pressure to stop it. You can read more about this at [www.bloodlions.org](http://www.bloodlions.org).

### ON THE OTHER HAND Google - Lion Whisperer

You don't have to worry about feeling safe from aggressive dogs or bad guys when you're out for a stroll with your lion! (We Do Not Recommend You Try This at Home...)

### SUNSCREEN UPDATE

DLNR is asking people who use sunscreen containing oxybenzone not to go in the ocean. <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/2016/09/05/nr16-184/>

See the IUCN panel on sunscreen at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/2016/09/05/nr16-184/>

If you'd like to sign an online petition (not sponsored by DLNR) go to <https://www.change.org/p/limit-the-sale-of-coral-damaging-sunscreen-in-hawaii>

We'll keep you posted as Senator Espero's bill makes its way through the legislature. Meanwhile, we hope to see information about the use of sunscreens with oxybenzone posted at the Bay.

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## AUGUST CLEAN UP

Another successful clean up in August was made possible by the seventy one volunteers from the C3 Car Club, Canon USA, UBS, Girl Scout Troop 997 and individuals and family members from the community who value the nature preserve. In less than two hours they collected 760 cigarette butts, 90 plastic bags, 50 beverage containers, 337 bottle caps, 161 food wrappers and containers, hundreds of pieces of plastic.



### BUTT WATCH (continuing ...)

Found mostly in the commercial and public parking lots, cigarette butts continue to be the most found items at our cleanups. The question and dilemma this raises has been asked. Should smoking be allowed and receptacles be provided? The idea came up at our July board meeting and at the July Hanauma Bay Advisory Committee meeting. Since people are smoking anyway and enforcement does not occur and is impractical for staffing reasons, why not allow smoking (in the commercial and public lots, not on the beach) and provide receptacles for the butts? There are, of course, differing opinions but it seems at this point like nothing can be done to stop people from smoking and the non smoking nature preserve will continue to be littered with cigarette butts, highlighting the City's unwillingness to recognize and treat Hanauma Bay as anything other than just another park.

What do you think? Should smoking be allowed in certain areas of Hanauma Bay? Email your opinions to [vicepresident@friendsofhanauabay.org](mailto:vicepresident@friendsofhanauabay.org).

### HELP WANTED

With Anke and Pam leaving the board, we have need for help in two areas:

1. Help develop and maintain our website and social media activities
2. Coordinate our community activities such as clean ups and presentations

The person would work closely with our board of directors but would not have to become a member of the board.

If you have an interest in helping or questions email

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## HANAUMA BLOG SPOT – Larry Winnik

Little did she know when she elected "lip augmentation" surgery that it would open a whole new career as a trumpet player in the Bay's all female jazz ensemble, the "Piscine Five."



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