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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome aboard to the two newest members of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hanauma Bay, Leslie Briggs and Ken White. Both Leslie and Ken bring a wealth of experience and share our dedication to the Bay, and we are fortunate to have them on the Board. See more about Ken and Leslie on page 2.

We are looking forward to the 50th Anniversary of the Hanauma Bay Marine Life Conservation District this month! We expect recognition of this important milestone in Hawaii's conservation history from the Governor's Office, State Senators and Representatives and the Mayor's Office. Details of the event will be emailed soon. Many thanks to Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, Hui Nalu Canoe Club and Ka'iwi Coast Run / Walk who joined the Friends in the permit application for the event, and for the consistent support from the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board which reflects the great importance of the preservation of Hanauma Bay is to the Hawaii Kai community.

Dr. Craig Downs from the Haereticus Environmental Laboratory will be measuring the levels of sunscreen in Hanauma Bay in November, and DAR's Dr. Bruce Anderson recently urged the use of reef-friendly sunscreen at Hanauma Bay (28 Sep 2017 HBEP lecture). We hope this will lead to proactive sunscreen education at Hanauma Bay as the Friends, and the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board, have been requesting.

Monthly reports on issues of concern at the Bay continue to be welcome by the City Council Parks, Community and Customer Services Committee. This direct line of communication to our elected City Council officials is keeping them regularly updated on Hanauma Bay and is allowing for a broader discussion of our concerns. We greatly appreciate this generous opportunity.

Thank you to DPR for responding to community concerns by

Schedule of Events

2017 CLEANUPS

Saturday, December 2

FOHB Board Meetings

September 21

October 19

November 16

5:00 pm

Hanauma Bay Classroom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

50th Anniversary Celebration

1:00 pm

Hanauma Bay

HBEP THURSDAY EVENING EDUCATION PROGRAM

October 5 – Science of Making Babies: Can Conservation Breeding Help Save Monk Seals?

October 12 – If a Monk Seal's on a Beach and No One's There to See it – the Use of Remote Cameras

October 19 – Rocky and Kaimana – No Ordinary Popping Event

October 26 – A Monk Seal Citizens Scientist's Legacy

HBEP on YouTube

See Past Thursday Evening Program Talks on YouTube

www.youtube.com/hanaumatalks

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Do Dolphins Ever Do Anything
Accidentally?

No. They Always Do Things On
Porpoise !

instituting new Rules and Regulations Relating to the Sale or Distribution of Expressive Materials in City Parks and Facilities.

We believe these rules will alleviate concerns about First Amendment Permittee's abuses that have been a long-standing problem in our parks and at Hanauma Bay. See more about how you can help on page 3.

Thank you to the Kaiser High School Wipeout Crew and all the community volunteers who helped make our September Hanauma Bay cleanup such a success!

A hui ho kākou,

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WELCOME ABOARD

As mentioned in the President's Report, Ken White and Leslie Briggs have joined our Board of Directors.

Ken comes to us with a long standing interest in ocean conservation. He studied Marine Biology at UCSD and worked at Scripps Institute for oceanography. In addition, Ken has extensive business, marketing and public relations experience.

Leslie brings a background in education, as a special education teacher and high school principal. Retired from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Leslie worked as volunteer and Park Attendant at Hanauma Bay.

Ken and Leslie bring valuable knowledge and experience to the board as we continue to advocate for protection and preservation of the nature preserve and MLCD.

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

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As noted in the President's Report, DPR has written new rules governing items that 1st Amendment permittees may sell. In our parks and at Hanauma Bay these groups have routinely violated the rules of their permits by selling all manner of merchandise that did not comply with the rules governing "Expressive Materials." The Friends and activists in other communities pushed for new rules and support from Representative Cynthia Thielen resulted in new rules that make it easier to hold these groups accountable to stick to the requirements of their permit. Civil Beat was most helpful with two articles by Denby Fawcett. Her most recent article on October 3, 2017, reports that the new rules are in effect. As she notes, we must remain vigilant...

<http://www.civilbeat.org/2016/09/denby-fawcett-city-still-allowing-illegal-vendors-at-beach-parks/>
<http://www.civilbeat.org/2016/03/denby-fawcett-lax-enforcement-allows-illegal-peddling-at-beach-parks/>
<http://www.civilbeat.org/2017/10/denby-fawcett-illegal-park-vendors-are-staying-away-for-now/>

Good job to DPR on the new rules. They can be found at,

http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/rep/site/dpr/rules/Sale_or_Distribution_of_Expressive_Materials.pdf

If you see these vendors selling illegal merchandise at Hanauma Bay, you can notify staff. Or, you can call the police. If you choose to call the police, please be sure to notify staff so they know the police will be coming.

BUTTS, BOTTLES AND OCEAN SAFETY

Our September 2nd clean up was another rousing success. Beside the usual bagful of cigarette butts that were found in the commercial and visitor parking lots, a cache of empty beer bottles was found behind some bushes on the beach. Smoking and drinking are not allowed anywhere in the nature preserve but beside the fact they both occur on a regular basis, drinking alcohol is an immediate threat to the safety of swimmers, snorkelers and divers.

That threat is DEHYDRATION. Just being in the ocean has a dehydrating effect and drinking alcohol dehydrates the body making the combination of being active in the ocean and drinking alcohol potentially deadly. One study found that 21% of snorkelers who died had alcohol in their systems.
<http://archive.rubicon-foundation.org/xmlui/handle/123456789/7670>

Alcohol's dehydrating effect is hastened when a cold one (or two, or three) is had in the hot sunshine, especially if it is windy, an important factor that can quicken the onset of dehydration. Dehydration can occur on the beach (even without alcohol) and the condition can lead to drowning since the body does not function normally when it is dehydrated. Combine drinking alcohol and being in the ocean and disaster looms.

So drink lots of water before you arrive at the beach and while you're there. If you're sweating or your mouth is dry or you're really thirsty or you're feeling light headed or your heart is beating a little more noticeably than usual, or if you're making trips to the facilities and not much is happening, you could be dehydrated. If so, stay out of the ocean and see a lifeguard.

If you're coming to Hanauma Bay leave the alcohol at home. The lifeguards have enough to worry about and our clean up crew has plenty to pick up without all those bottles and cans.

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CATCHING RAYS ...

This eagle ray was spotted in Sandman's Patch. Friends member Anke Roberts was there to document the event. Nice Picture, Anke !



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