

the Outrigger



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OCC Annual Meeting Held



Past President Greg Moss presided over the meeting.



Board members Jon Whittington, Fred Noa and David Buck.



Members filled the Koa Lanai to listen to Club business.



Bill Brooks was elected to Life Membership.



Brad Totherow, Liz Perry and Eric Crispin were all smiles.



Attending the Annual Meeting were Marilyn Haine, Past President Ben Cassidy and Harriet Wedeman.

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Outrigger Canoe Club was called to order by President Greg Moss on February 27 in the Koa Lanai.

A total of 89 members attended in person and 308 submitted proxies.

Gerri Pedesky presented the Judges of Election report. A total of 880 ballots were submitted for the Board of Directors election, about 45 percent of the eligible 1,930 voters. She expressed concern that more voting members hadn't exercised their right, as well as noting how few members were actually in attendance.

Marc Haine, Liz Perry, Byron Ho, Diana Allen, Ann Martin, Jon Whittington and Keahi Pelayo were elected to two-year terms on the Board of Directors. The Board appointed Steve Gilley to serve the remaining one-year term of Jeff Kissel who resigned from the Board.

At an organizational meeting of the Board that followed the meeting, Marc Haine was elected President for 2012-2013.

Members heard reports from the Secretary and Treasurer, and the nine Standing Committees of the Club. Shortened versions of the reports appear in the magazine due to space limitations. The full reports are available on the OCC website: www.outriggercanoecub.com.

Members elected long-time member Bill Brooks to Life Membership. An article about Brooks' contributions to the Club appeared in the March *Outrigger* magazine.

Following the President's Report, members were invited to the microphone to ask questions or give comments.

Peggy Morgan asked the Board to consider eliminating the Food & Beverage mini-charge for members who are older (80 or 85) since they are often unable to eat items on the menu due to dietary restrictions. In lieu of that, she asked that expenditures in the Snack Shop count toward the mini-charge for persons of a certain age.

Ann Bodison complained about the closing of the OCC beach early for private functions. She asked that the Snack Shop be upgraded for private parties so the beach wouldn't have to be used. She also asked that the beach chairs and umbrellas not be removed so early when the sun is still out.

Sid Snyder suggested that the chairs in the Koa Lanai be fixed so that the backs are more comfortable.

Moss promised that the new BOD would look into all the suggestions.

Following adjournment, members were invited to enjoy refreshments.



Enjoying refreshments after the meeting were Jay Pell, Jon Haig and Jim Anderson.



Gerri Pedesky and Gerry DeBenedetti visit after the meeting.



Dave Rochlen is surrounded by members Jen Bossert, Laura Williams, Mahi Riley and Moana Tregaskis.

President's Report By Gregory Moss

Three of the primary goals the Board challenged management to accomplish this year were to improve the dining experience, boost member and non-member revenue, and reduce the growing problem of unauthorized non-member use of this Club.

I personally believe the OCC management team accomplished all three of these goals, and has established long term action plans to further these successes.

As we all know, we hired a new Executive Chef this year, and he has been busy revamping our new menu. The member comment cards clearly show a positive trend and we look forward to enjoying our old time favorites alongside new items.

With regard to the improved revenue goal, the Board is sensitive to the fine line between maximizing our Food & Beverage operation, and negatively impacting member experience, so our Food and Beverage team will continue to fine tune this catch 22 problem.

As for the unauthorized use of our facilities by non-members, the staff need our help because it is we who enable these non-members to be here. I challenge our membership to honor our policy and not invite non-

members to use our athletic and plant facilities more than two times per month.

In summary, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to extend a heart-felt thanks to Mike Ako, his management team, and staff for successfully running our home away from home.

A big mahalo is also due to all of the members who volunteered countless hours to serve on committees, coach athletic teams and dream up hugely successful functions such as our Annual Luau, and the "It's All About The "O" Party".

Special thanks to last year's President Steve Torkildson who chaired our Kalaniana'ole Property Ad Hoc Committee. His law firm has been instrumental in reviewing and negotiating the various Letters of Intent we've received from parties interested in leasing our property.

I also want to formally thank everyone of the Board who has worked together tirelessly to oversee the Standing Committees and other Ad Hoc committees. You all have made my year as President a true pleasure.

Treasurer's Report By David Buck

2011 was a good year for the Club in spite of the weak economic situation. The Club's operating fund generated income of \$622,000 before the change in pension fund liability. Included in this amount is \$348,000 of initiation fees allocated to the operating fund to fund the Club's minimum annual pension contribution.

The Building Fund had income of \$804,000 which includes a \$640,000 increase in the market value of the Kalaniana'ole Property from 2010 and \$196,000 in initiation fees. The Kalaniana'ole Property acquisition loan was refinanced in 2011 and interest rates were lowered by 1%. The loan balance as of December 31, 2011 was \$4,685,000.

The combined net income amounted to \$1,425,000 before the adjustment to the pension liability. The adjustment to the pension liability resulted in \$2,085,000 more expense with the overall decrease in member's equity of \$659,000. At year end the combined member's equity was \$22,095,000.

The unfunded pension fund liability was \$3,489,000 at the end of the year and will have to be funded over

the next fifteen years.

The Club spent \$111,000 on capital improvements, which included necessary spalling work throughout the Club, new carpets in the Garage and Men's Locker Room, and the replacement of the awning in canoe alley. An additional \$318,000 was spent on repairs and maintenance to maintain the Club and the purchase of a new whaler.

Athletic expenditures were \$108,000, which is 2.0% of dues.

The Budget Committee spent a lot of time on the 2012 budget. The Budget Committee decided that in order to meet rising costs and maintain the operations of the Club, a dues increase was needed. I want to emphasize the importance of membership supporting the Club by utilizing our food and beverage outlets as the performance of the food and beverage operations is critical to the continued success of the Club.

An Annual Audit of the Club's records is being conducted by KMH, LLP and a copy of the report will be available in the Manager's office for review by any member by the first of April.

Admissions & Membership Report By Keahi D. Pelayo, Chair

2011 was a busy year for the Admissions and Membership Committee. We interviewed a total of 142 candidates consisting of 57 adults and 85 children. The number of candidates granted membership during the year in their respective categories total 85 and is summarized as follows: Regular, 28; Intermediate, 4; Associate Spouse, 10; Associate, 4; Junior Parent Member, 48; Junior Parent Non-Member, 33; Nonresident, 6; Nonresident Junior, 4; Service, 0; Reinstatements, 5.

We began the year with a total membership count of 4,801 and ended the year with a count of 4,763 for a net loss of 38 members. Though we experienced a net loss in membership, the Membership Committee worked very hard to keep the loss to less than one percent of the overall membership. We remain at or under quota in all significant membership categories.

Our current waitlist for voting members stands at 26 candi-

dates. If you know anyone who may be a good fit for the Club, we encourage you to sponsor them for membership. With wait times of less than a year for regular members, and substantially less for others, now is an excellent time to join the Outrigger.

A & M conducted its first interview via Skype. The outcome was evaluated and the Committee agreed that Skype interviews should only be used after many attempts to meet with the Committee in person.

The Board Policy requiring residency on Oahu for one year prior to application was eliminated; however, the Bylaw requirements are still in place. Given this development, future Admission Committees will need to investigate residency claims and make decisions as to whether or not an applicant will be considered for membership.

Athletic Committee Report By Jen Bossert, Club Captain

The 2011 Athletic Committee consisted of the usual 10 sports and fitness subcommittees; plus, the inaugural debut of our newest OCC subcommittee, Fishing & Boating. Every subcommittee has an active, enthusiastic and hardworking group of members. In June of 2011, all committees were charged with developing and/or enhancing Youth programs in their respective sports. Substantial progress towards that goal has been accomplished.

Our dedicated subcommittee chairs were: Stew Kawakami (Canoe Racing), Sean Parsa (Surfing), Jimmy Austin (Beach & Water Safety), Brad Thiessen (Fishing & Boating), Stefan Reinke (Swimming), Diana McKibbin/Rick Budar (Volleyball), Katy Bourne (Running), Reid Perry (Golf), Bobby Hastings (OC-1/Surfski), Kristin Lee (Paddleboard), Arnold Lum (Fitness Center). On behalf of OCC, we extend a heartfelt mahalo for their service this year.

All subcommittee chairs functioned within their proposed operating budgets. In addition, the Volleyball and Canoe Racing subcommittees raised significant monies to support financial needs unmet by their current budgets. Our athletes performed admirably in canoe racing, national volleyball competitions, local and state surfing and paddleboard and one-man competitions.

The Canoe Racing subcommittee continues to support our largest contingent of participating members, both youth and adult, during Regatta and Distance Season racing. Yet, those numbers have remained static for several years. Given the rising popularity of canoe paddling over the last decade, our competitor clubs have seen a significant rise in participation, resulting in decreased ability for OCC to compete successfully at regattas. This disturbing trend necessitates looking carefully at athlete/member eligibility in the near future.

The OC1/Kayak subcommittee, chaired by Bobby Hastings, completed another year of the watercraft locker and rental agreement system. A new system for members to monitor their logged usage via OCC's website was instituted by Stephen Riede and Evelyn Cagaoan. This committee has successfully established the OC-1 junior program. Volunteer coaches take special time out to emphasize the fundamentals of canoe paddling and respect for the ocean. Mahalo to the Board of Directors for their continued support as this important athletic program develops. In 2011, this

committee also hosted their Hoe Waa Mau solo craft race with 194 participants.

The Beach & Water Safety subcommittee, chaired by Jimmy Austin, has established emergency action plans for future Tsunami like scenarios. Additionally they have guided junior members once again through the annual Ko Kainalu Jr. Lifeguard program. Mahalo to program director Dolan Eversole for his mentorship and Don Isaacs for coordinating the Beach Services.

The Running subcommittee, ably chaired by Katy Bourne, continued to participate, and place highly, in the Hana Relay, Swamp Romp, and various marathons. In addition, the committee instituted a new monthly Running/Hiking Adventure that has proven very popular with the membership.

The surfing subcommittee will reorganize for the 2012 year. Any member interested in volunteering, please contact the Club Captains.

During the latter half of 2011, the Volleyball program underwent re-organization; developing a Program Philosophy Statement, new program policies, an equipment inventory program for cost control, and are currently working to initiate a Developmental Training program designed to serve a larger percentage of Outrigger members. The membership can expect to see additional tourneys and "Beach Days" as 2012 progresses.

Our OCC Golf subcommittee scheduled well-attended monthly golf outings for 145 participating members. They have also committed themselves to initiating a Junior Golf program in 2012.

Our newest subcommittee, Boating & Fishing, sponsored OCC's Inaugural Annual Fishing Tournament in October, 2011. They hope to see increased participation in 2012.

During 2011, Arnold Lum, Fitness Subcommittee Chair, lead numerous initiatives from equipment upgrades to fitness classes on the koa lanai. Thanks to this committee a variety of exercise programs aimed at improving overall health and fitness are now available throughout the week from yoga to zumba.

The Swimming subcommittee, under the leadership of Stefan Reinke, successfully hosted two races, the annual Castle Swim and the OCC Invitational, the latter drawing more than 120 participants.

Building & Grounds Committee Report By Mike Cote

The buildings and grounds committee has met monthly over the past year to ensure that the Club's facilities remain in excellent condition for the safe use and enjoyment of our members and guests now and for years to come. As you can imagine our beautiful building is not unlike a boat, that is, maintenance is constant combating the effects of our ocean front environment.

This last year we accomplished the following; repair of garage spalling, Elks wall collapse, Canoe Alley awning installation, beach restoration (sand bags) in front of our canoe stairs, garage stairs and walkway carpet replacement, and installation of energy effi-

cient lighting in the garage.

In addition, we contracted Alan Buick Bears to provide us with an updated Facilities Assessment Report allowing us to better understand our present and future needs.

For 2012, we have the following major items to be addressed; volleyball deck water-proofing, men's locker shower valve replacement, bar renovation, volleyball court fencing, and men's and boy's locker repair or replacement.

Thanks again to Mike Ako and his team for keeping our beautiful Club operating smoothly and efficiently.

Entertainment Committee Report By Connie Sutherland, Chair

The Entertainment Committee put on one event in 2011.

The "It's All About the 'O'" party held on December 2 was uplifting for the Club. The members, all ages, the employees, every department, and our magnificent Club all came together to reflect on what the Outrigger, the "O" means to all of us. The party reminded us of how precious our history and future are. The staff and members had fun and it brought the whole Club together.

Designed as a fundraiser to aid under funded programs we netted more than \$20,000 at the auction and cleared more than \$13,000 on the party itself. Proceeds from the auction will benefit our Historical and Public Relations Committees and Club athletic projects.

Entertainment will continue to be an important part of the Club's heart and soul.

Finance Committee Report By Brad Wagenaar, Chair

The biggest accomplishment of the Finance Committee this year was to facilitate a third party review of the Club's defined benefit and defined contribution plans. The third party review found that although there are areas for improvement both plans were being managed well.

In efforts to reduce the Club's liability in managing the retirement plans, the Committee received approval from the Board of Directors to retain a full service investment advisory firm that will contractually share in the Club's fiduciary liability. The Committee is currently reviewing proposals on this matter.

The Committee is currently reviewing the Building Fund investment policy statement and working on recommendations to modify the policy to incorporate investment in real estate and to

possibly adjust the investment allocation percentages. The market value of the Building Fund investments, including the investment in real estate, amounted to approximately \$19 million at year end.

The Committee reviewed the Club's insurance program renewals and recommended to the Board that the program presented by our broker's be put in place.

Early 2011, the Club's auditors, KMH LLP, presented the results of their audit of 2010 to the Finance Committee. They reported that the audit went smoothly and did not find any material weaknesses in the Club's internal controls. KMH LLP has been retained for the 2011 audit and is making good progress.

Historical Committee Report By Ja-ne de Abreu, Chair

This year we were able to move almost all of our original archives out of the Board Room and into a tsunami-safe zone storage unit. We appreciate the help from several non-members of our committee to move the archives the night of the tsunami and organize the storeroom.

It was a fun way for non-committee members to learn more about the valuable history of our Club. We encourage more Club members to interact with our committee. This is a great accomplishment that we have been looking forward to for many years.

We again held successful and informative "Stew N Rice" special events during the past year and have more exciting events to come this year.

The purpose of our committee is to organize, conduct research and protect the valuable records and artifacts that are part of the history of the Outrigger Canoe Club. It is also our responsibility to share this information and provide reasonable access to the membership of the Club. Our efforts over the years have amassed a great deal of historical information, trophies and artifacts. Our

digitization project is a large one and is progressing well.



House Committee Report

By Bruce Liebert, Chair

The House Committee plays an essential role in Club operations overseeing affiliated clubs, Club appearance, food and beverage, and the retail shop. Because all of these directly affect Club finances, it is essential to strive to maintain excellence.

We are highly sought after from other clubs around the world. Eleven clubs requested reciprocity with us this past year and three were approved by the Board: the Granite Club, Toronto; the Leander Club, UK; and, on a case-by-case basis, the Yacht Club of Monaco. One additional club is pending: the Prospectors Club, Reno.

The most popular clubs with our members are the New York Athletic Club, the Olympic Club in San Francisco, the Jonathan Club in Santa Monica, and the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco. For the second year in a row, our most popular foreign destinations were the Manila Polo Club and the American Club, Singapore, followed closely by the American Clubs in Hong Kong and Tokyo.

We received the most visitors from the Olympic Club in San Francisco, the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle and the Jonathan Club in Santa Monica/LA. Internationally, the City Tattersalls Club of Sydney and the Tokyo American Club were tops.

The OCC staff have kept the Club functioning and in good condition. There were no major items that needed replacement. The Men's and Women's Locker Rooms are in good order. Concrete spalling is a continuing issue that needs to be continually watched to avoid more costly replacement. The beach restoration

was completed with bags of sand put down at the last step leading to the beach.

Pigeons have been a problem for some time. Management has secured a contract to trap the birds with a Humane-Society-approved company.

We strive to make this Club safe and a most beautiful place to visit.

As with the previous year, 2011 brought a multitude of changes to the Outrigger dining experience. We bid a fond aloha to Chef Manfred Pirscher and Catering Manager Liz Ventura and are truly grateful for all of their years of dedicated service to the Club.

By summer, we were poised to welcome Chef Adam Kekahuna on board, who literally hit the ground running from day one. A native of Hawaii, Chef came to us following a highly successful career on the mainland, including work in the Roy's Restaurants operations and in critically acclaimed venues in the Pacific Northwest, including his own.

Together with Food and Beverage Director Jason Pohlman, Chef and the entire F & B staff set out to revamp the member dining experience. Highlights included the wholesale overhaul of the Catering, Hau Terrace, and Koa Lanai menus. Much to the delight of members, old favorites were retained and a new, creative spin was placed on other items.

Today, the focus remains on fresh, healthy and innovative offerings that reflect the best available meats, seafood and produce, with an emphasis on local sourcing whenever possible. Jason's efforts in the front of the house did not go unnoticed as the staff has continued to refine the level of service in our food and beverage outlets.

Popular beverage promotions have kept the Ka Moi Lounge active, as always. From an aesthetic standpoint, we now enjoy the return of cloth napkins, upgraded stemware and high end table mats and linens. The department has worked hard to uphold its commitment to sustainability, and such efforts range from the significant reduction in use of disposables and paper goods table side to the presence of fresh herbs grown on site.

Catering continued to provide the Club with excellent revenue opportunities and allowed many members to entertain in one of the most gracious and beautiful locations on our island. From beach birthday barbeques and weddings, to baby luaus and formal dinners, the Club's Food and Beverage department went above and beyond in delivering new and wonderful event experiences.

We anticipate continued excellence in this area as we welcome Lily Coufalik as Catering Manager. Lily brings years of experience with events and restaurant operations, and is readily assuming the challenges of growing this exciting aspect of the Club's operations.

This coming year will undoubtedly bring more change and more opportunities for the food and beverage operations to grow and improve even further. Our committee is grateful for the enthusiastic member feedback and participation, and remains hopeful that such stakeholder interest continues throughout 2012.

The Wine Committee met monthly, reviewed the Club's current wine list to find any areas that were lacking, and sampled wines that might fill these gaps. The intent is to have a wine list

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that has a range of prices, represents each variety of wine and region, and offers our members the chance to try out new wines. Vendors were invited to bring wine samples and make suggestions. The wine list was reformatted to make it more "user friendly".

Each month, we reviewed the previous Wine Club events and planned upcoming ones. The addition of wine flights to our menu was another of the committee's additions. Red and white flights were offered, as well as a sparkling wine flight during the holiday season. Members are now allowed to "build their own flight" by choosing three wines from our by-the-glass wine list.

Retail in Hawaii was very tough this year with most of the retailers forced to take major sale markdowns just to get even close to the projected sales, much less make a profit. We are blessed with a great Logo Shop manager who makes the most of serving our members and reciprocal guests.

Brenda has worked very hard to shop the market and bring new items into our shop. This year the shop was budgeted to make \$526,200 and our sales were \$496,700, about 9% below budget. Overall it was a great year for our shop and produced a nice profit for the Club.

Long Range Planning Committee Report By Jeffrey Dinsmore Chair

The Committee refined the Long Range Plan this year. The relevant sections of the plan will be distributed to the appropriate committees for their use during the upcoming year.

The Committee also worked closely with the Kalaniana'ole Property Ad Hoc Committee in overseeing the property management issues. As you were informed last year, Watabe Wedding Corporation signed a lease and began the process of obtaining approvals to conduct weddings on the property. Unfortunately after receiving opposition from a neighborhood community group they decided to discontinue the project and terminate our lease agreement in July.

We have had discussions with other interested parties to lease the asset but have not reached any agreements. We will continue to evaluate the financial needs of the Building Fund for this important asset. The property is currently being leased to a residential user for one year.

The Finance Committee was successful in negotiating an interest rate reduction in our loan which will save us approximately

\$35,000 annually.

The Building & Grounds Committee completed a physical survey of the property with replacement cost estimates. The Committee will be using this in evaluating and formulating the long term financial needs of the Club.

The Committee will be implementing the following procedures during the upcoming year as follows:

- The Long Range Planning Committee will conduct a training session for incoming committee and subcommittee chairs. The purpose of this training is to familiarize the individuals with the content of this Plan and seek their input.
- The Committee recommends that that Board and management conduct a member survey to determine member satisfaction levels and determine areas of need and concern.
- The Committee recommends that the Board and Management continue to build the relationship with our neighbors to find mutually beneficial solutions to concerns and establish good working relationships.

Public Relations Committee Report By Kehau Kali Berquist, Chair

This past year our committee has made great progress with new initiatives and current projects and most importantly, we have really come together as a committee.

Under the leadership of Kellie James, and the Board of Directors and management we have hosted four Orientation Receptions for our new members and encouraged them to play an active role in our Outrigger community.

These have been a great success and the Board budgeted funds to continue them in the future. We have found that these are a vital part of helping to initiate new members, ensure that they understand Club policies and safety rules, know how to get involved with the standing committees and athletic programs and feel included in our Outrigger ohana.

We have also initiated a series of monthly workshops for members in conjunction with Don Isaacs and his team. These workshops are fun and for beginning skills level to advanced. Our first workshop, co-hosted by long time member Todd Bradley, offered members the opportunity to try out stand-up paddling and for the more experienced members, tips for building expertise. Look for additional workshops throughout the year.

In collaboration with the Entertainment Committee, we co-sponsored the "All About the 'O'" event last December, which

built upon our successful Treasure Chest sale from the previous year. It was a huge success, and we heard rave reviews from participants. A portion of the auction proceeds supported our annual Photo Contest.

We have continued to produce monthly issues of the Outrigger magazine that continue to provide that "WOW" factor. I'd like to thank former committee chair and member, Barbara Del Piano, for contributing her exceptional articles to the magazine.

Once again we sponsored our annual Photo Contest, under the enthusiastic leadership of Nora Meijide-Gentry and her assistant, Candace Meijide-Gentry. More than 45 entries were received in six categories.

For the Record

Biathlon

Valentine Biathlon

2-12-12 Ala Moana Park

Don Eovino, 1st, 120-130 Friends, :53.14
(Don, swimmer; Janice Zakin, Runner)

As the Terrace Turns

Members are invited to contribute items to this column. Items may be left at the Front Desk or emailed to occmag@aol.com. Items received by April 25 will appear in the June magazine. Items received after April 25 will appear in the July magazine. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is needed.



Kahala Schneider holds the HHSAA State Canoe Paddling championship trophy. This is the second title in the past three years for Kahala and the PAC5 varsity girl's crew. Shown with Kahala is proud mom, Pi'i Schneider. The race was at Hilo Bay this year.



Marc Haine, Tim Guard, and Todd Bradley hosted sailors from the *USS Chung-Hoon* providing them with a taste of canoe surfing, SUP, and OCC hospitality. The *USS Chung-Hoon* (DDG 93) belongs to the U.S. Pacific Fleet and is home-ported in Pearl Harbor.

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Wine Club

The **OCC Wine Club** is our monthly gathering of friends to sample wines from around the world. Enjoy the wonderful sunset ambiance and chat with fellow members and friends. **Tastings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM** in the *Koa Lanai* and include featured wines and a sampling of OCC appetizers. Each tasting is \$20 for *Wine Club* members, \$30 for guests. See the Front Desk to join the Wine Club.



Easter

Easter Brunch or Dinner at the Club has always been a tradition that everyone enjoys. Join us for a delicious buffet and a visit from the Easter Bunny at Brunch! *Koa Lanai & Hau Terrace*, Sunday, April 8.
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Administrative Professionals Day

Treat your favorite Administrative Professional to lunch at the Club. We'll be offering a **special luncheon buffet** on Wednesday, April 25.
Buffet \$19.95++ Reservations 921-1444

Ko Kainalu for Adults

OCC Beach Services will be offering ocean awareness and enrichment classes for adult OCC members, similar to the junior summer *Ko Kainalu* Program.

The first class will be held at Kualoa on April 14 and will feature an **introduction to sailing canoes**. Learn some of the skills needed to sail and steer a sailing canoe. OCC member and "surf professor" Ian Masterson will talk about the history, culture, and myths and legends of the Koolaupoko region. Transportation will be available from the Club.

On April 21, the class will cover risk assessment and the lifeguard experience, including a jet ski rescue, life saving skills, and CPR.

May 5 will be devoted to surfing with a historical tour of south shore surf spots on a sailing canoe with Ian Masterson.

Applications are available at the Front Desk. The cost is \$50 per class and is open to OCC members only. Each Class is approximately 4 hours long. **See the E-News for more details and times.**

Sunday Brunch Buffet

Enjoy great food and the gorgeous ocean view at the Club's Sunday Brunch Buffet. There's no better way to spend a relaxing Sunday morning and it's a great value at only \$19.95++.

For lighter appetites, we also offer a complete Breakfast menu.

Buffet 8:30 AM – 1 PM

Breakfast 8:30 AM – 2 PM

Sunday Dinner Buffet

Juicy Prime Rib highlights the Sunday Dinner Buffet. With new entrées offered every week, there is always something delicious for everyone. A huge assortment of appetizers, salads and desserts complete the selection.

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Happy Hour

Enjoy the extraordinary sunset view while sipping your favorite beverage and savoring a delicious pupu item at a very special price. We are offering a 50% discount on select pupu items, all beer and standard well drinks.

**Ka Mo'i Boathouse Monday - Friday,
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

BBQ

Grill your favorite Steak or perhaps a Pesto Chicken Breast, Pork Ribs, Mahimahi or other juicy entrée at the monthly BBQ.

April 28, 6 PM, Hau Terrace



Paddling Registration

Don't procrastinate! Sign up for the Canoe Racing season on Saturday, April 21 from 10 AM – 2 PM in the OCC Boardroom.

Ocean Recreation Activities Planned

By Evan Leong

Don Isaacs, the Club's new Recreation Director and his team have a vision for bringing members closer to the ocean sports that the Club perpetuates.

April 14 brings us an introduction to sailing canoes and history at Kualoa Beach Park. The OCC van may be avail-

able to shuttle members from the Club at 7:30 a.m. to Kualoa and back around noon.

On May 5 from 7:30 am to 11 am, Don, Sam Clemens and their team will introduce members to the history and development of surfing on Oahu's South Shore. Ride a sailing canoe along Oahu's South Shore and learn about surfing's history, culture and the secrets of some of the main surfing spots on the South Shore.

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Paddleboard Committee to Sponsor Junior Program

By Kristin Lee Watumull

What began informally two years ago when a group of OCC junior members' parents saw the benefit of their kids getting some organized water time in the form of traditional paddleboarding, has turned into those same kids participating in year-round organized paddleboard workouts, their own trailer, competing in races and a handful of wins.

The organized training has paid off. Recalling the Duke's OceanFest Race last year, Alan Pflueger notes, "A huge highlight is on average they all finished 20-25 minutes quicker this year compared to last. That's a ton of time and they were all two man teams."

All of the regular Oahu paddleboard races now have Junior Divisions, and in most of the races over five miles, the juniors are allowed to race as a team. A jet-ski escort is required to carry the extra paddler. Up until now, it's been up to the junior participants to cover the cost of the jet-ski/gas, as well as race entry fees.

The Paddleboard committee now has some funding to cover entry fees and jet ski gas for qualified teams, and we are looking for more participants to wear the OCC jersey.

Says Pflueger, "Paddleboarding is a life-long sport. The younger you start the better you can become. The goal is to provide an avenue where our kids can develop a sense of adventure in the ocean and life. When you are that far out in the ocean in a 10 mile race and you look around it's very adventurous. When you've finished you know you've done something big and cool."

With that goal in mind, the OCC Paddleboard Committee is now prepared to formally support a Junior Paddleboard team.

The Paddleboard Committee will host paddleboard clinics on Sundays, April 15 and 29, starting at 9 a.m. for all Junior members interested. Bring a board if you have one, but boards will also be provided.

These free clinics are open to members under 18 years of age, male and female, and any skill level. Novice



Junior 'Rigger Drew Watumull paddled in the Cline Mann Race last summer.

paddleboarders will be able to try the sport under the watchful eye of the Club's top paddleboard athletes, and more experienced paddleboarders will receive advanced instruction. These clinics are to provide the Club's youth with exposure to the sport and serve as the jumping off point for the new OCC Junior Paddleboard team.

These clinics will provide traditional/prone paddleboard instruction only, no SUP.

Registration is required. Sign up forms are at the Front Desk. See you on the beach!

Questions? Email occpaddleboard@gmail.com

The OCC Junior Paddleboard Program will participate in:

Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day Race (Sunset to Waimea, 4 miles)

Saturday, July 7: Cline Mann Memorial / Ko'olaupoko (Hawaii Kai to Outrigger, 8 miles)

Saturday, August 25: Hawaii Paddleboard Championships, Duke's Race (Hawaii Kai to Waikiki, 10 miles)

Sunday, September 2: Haleiwa Joe's Race (Waimea to Haleiwa, 4.5 miles)

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Youth Paddlers Fired Up for 2012 Season

By Mike Lum

Our youth paddling program built up some solid successes last year starting with some strong crew performances at the George Perry Long Distance Race and continuing throughout the 2011 regatta season.

Through their dedication and teamwork during the summer months the majority of our youth crews qualified to race at the state championships last year on Maui.

Our goals as a program this season will be to repeat the same success as last year, and also to have as many of our age group crews as possible vying to either place or win championships during the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regatta and at the state championships which will be held this summer at Ke'ehi Lagoon.

Join OCC's Junior paddling program this summer.



Our training will start earlier this year, so our Junior paddlers can experience pre-season long distance races before our regatta season kicks off in June. We have started to get kids into steering clinics and will be holding additional sessions to teach steering, rigging and paddling.

Assisting with our youth program will be: Mark Sandvold, Genie and Chris Kincaid, Bobby Yoza, Alan Pflueger, Jon Bryan, Casey Kahikina, and Karl Heyer IV.

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Adventure Hikes Continue

By Don Eovino

Twenty effervescent souls showed up on Sunday, February 19 for a hike through the Lanikai Pillboxes. Among those hiking were Katy Bourne, Rich and Rai Turbin, Gerri DeBenedetti, Jim Anderson and Don Eovino.

Amazing how many people have seen these prominent structures which were military gun posts for World War II looming over Kailua and Lanikai beach and never ventured up to inspect them. Even President Obama trekked here on his last visit at Christmas!

At the beginning we looked like Sleeping Beauty's dwarfs- Dopey, Grumpy, Sneezzy and Sleepy, as we sang *Hi Hippy Hop We Go* as we lumbered up the steep slope. At the top, most of us opted for the Katy Bourne extended tour. Katy mapped out a two hour hike that looped over the top and exited at the back of Lanikai down a steep path into the residential area.

We saw views of the entire Kailua Bay, the picturesque twin Mokulus, the abandoned Bellows air strip, the beaches of Kailua, Lanikai and up to Waimanalo.

Standing atop the pillboxes, one could practically feel the adrenalin as your eyes scanned the horizon for invading ships while the wind broke the silence whistling violently over the precipice. At the end we all drove back to the cars then on to Kailua for the ubiquitous buffet pot luck breakfast that followed.

Another weekend, OCC hikers and other friends enjoyed an adventurous, breathtaking simple hike up the Makapuu trail on a paved road to the lighthouse, film site of famous WWII movie "From Here to Eternity".

There is a side trip along the way that isn't known to

most that goes down the rock face zigzag. It is marked with white arrows that you can't

see until you're on it, but takes you down to dramatic tidal pools, sometimes called "Queen's Baths." There you see the Dragon's Breath, a blow hole type of exhaust that spews steamy vapor.

People have filled in one hole so it is not likely to get swept in, but there is one about 4 feet across that is slippery and drops through rocks about 18 feet down that you would have a hard time getting out if you slipped down the slimy sides. The tidal pools were calm and cool, and inviting to go in.

It was a stimulating adventure, easy hike and many stayed afterward for the optional gourmet brunch fired up at Moanalua. Every month we do an adventure somewhere unique and quaint and all you have to do is get out of bed and meet us at 7:30 a.m. Itinerary is posted in the tunnel and calendar, or call Andrea, Katy, or Don.

These islands have so much beauty, and to enjoy them with a jovial group is a real thrill. Join us for these wonderful adventures. Read the E-news and watch the Club bulletin boards for the next hike.



Don Eovino braves the fumes from the "Dragons Breath".

CANOE RACING REGISTRATION

If you enjoy water sports, camaraderie and competition come and join an OCC crew for the 2012 Regatta Season. Registration continues with sign-ups scheduled for Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Board Room. If you are 10 years of age or older, and have your own member number, you can be a part of the fun.

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Employee of the Month

Wilson Ayson

By Stephen Riede

Dining Room Attendant Wilson Ayson is the January Employee of the Month. Wilson has been with the Club for almost 26 years and this is the eighth time that he has been awarded this honor. He was also Employee of the Year in 1993.

Food & Beverage Director Jason Pohlman states: "It is very simple. When Wilson is not here, he is missed. Wilson consistently does an exceptional job keeping the operation running smoothly. He is reliable, knowledgeable, and an essential part of the Hau Terrace team."

Wilson enjoys working with his fellow employees and interacting with the members. When not working, he likes spending time at home with his family and shopping in Chinatown for vegetables and fish. Wilson is married and has four children and eight grandchildren.



Employee of the Year

Marla Nakata

Employee of the Year Marla Nakata received plaque and check from President Greg Moss.

Front Desk Receptionist Marla Nakata is the OCC Employee of the Year for 2011. Marla is known for her cheerful, friendly, and helpful personality. As the first person members and guests encounter when entering the Club, Marla does a great job providing information, answering questions, and describing our procedures to guests and reciprocal members.

Even when the Front Desk is extremely busy, she maintains a professional and efficient presence as she issues guest cards, takes messages, greets members, and routes phone calls to the proper department. Marla has been with the Club since 2005 and is an essential part of our OCC Ohana.

Congratulations on this well deserved honor.

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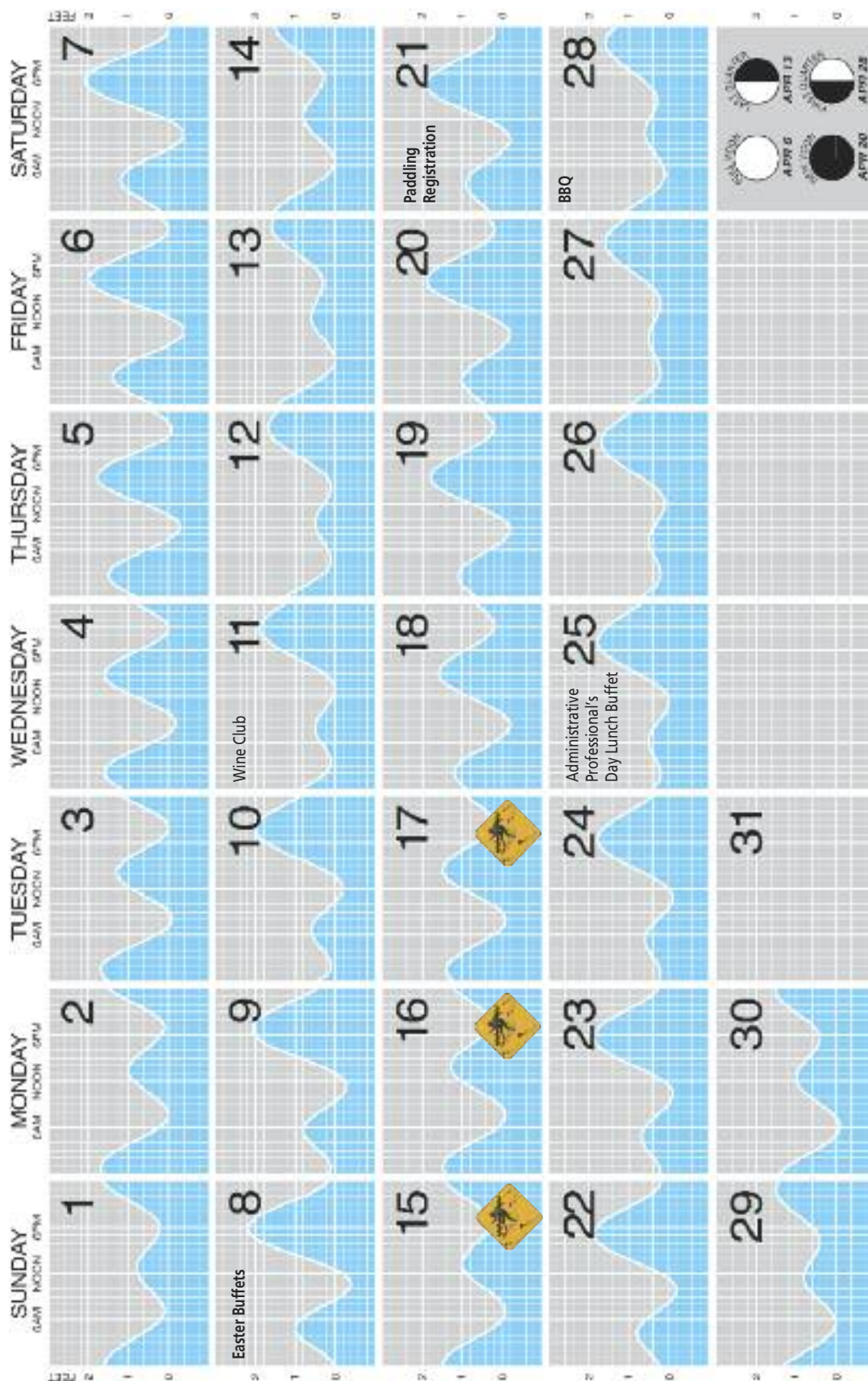
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On the Cover: The new Outrigger Canoe Club Board of Directors includes, seated: Liz Perry, Ann Martin, Diana Allen, Marc Haine. Standing: Eric Crispin, David Buck, Steve Gilley, Byron Ho, Jon Whittington, Fred Noa, Brad Totherow, Jeff Dinsmore, Keahi Pelayo.

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