

The background of the cover is a photograph of a tropical beach at sunset. The sky is a deep blue with wispy white clouds that are illuminated from below by the setting sun, creating a golden glow. The sun itself is a bright, glowing orb partially obscured by clouds on the horizon. In the foreground, several palm trees are silhouetted against the sky. The water in the middle ground is calm, reflecting the light from the sky. Several outrigger canoes are visible on the water, some with people inside. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

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# The Adventures of **Alexander Hume Ford**

By Barbara Del Piano

Some of you may even ask, "Who's Alexander Hume Ford?" Well, in addition to being the founder of the Outrigger Canoe Club, Ford is probably one of the most adventurous and well-travelled individuals that ever lived.

A small booklet titled *World Wanderings* was recently discovered in the rare book collection of Hamilton Library at the University of Hawaii. Written by Ford in his later years while living on Maui, he recounts the incredible journeys he took during his life, traveling to the four corners of the earth. The circumstances he encountered, the people he met, the famous people he knew throughout the world boggle the mind.

But wherever he went, from Algiers to Yugoslavia, from Albania to Yap, from Arabia to Wales, no place in the world could compare in beauty with his beloved Hawaiian Islands, although he did admit that Madeira and Capri came close. As for cities, he ranks Rio de Janeiro a distant second to Honolulu.

Born in South Carolina on a large rice plantation looted by Northern troops during the Civil War, Ford first fell in love with Hawaii when, around the age of eight, he found in his geography book a picture of Sandwich Islanders riding surfboards.

"Then and there" he vowed, "I made up my mind to make these Islands my home and surf riding my one and only sport."

After two years of college, Ford left the South and headed for New York where, through family connections, he hobnobbed with magnates such as J. Pierpont Morgan and Jay Gould. He worked as a newspaper reporter and wrote and produced plays, including some by Mark Twain by whom he was highly acclaimed.

His first venture outside the U. S. was in 1899 when he traveled to Russia to write articles on the completion of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. He spent a year traveling throughout Russia, Manchuria and China before returning to the east coast. On the way he made his first stop in Hawaii where it was love at first sight.

During the years he later spent in Hawaii, in addition to founding the Outrigger, he also established the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club, Mid-Pacific Magazine, Hands Around the Pacific, and the Pan Pacific Union; he was influential in designating Haleakala as a National Park.



OCC Founder Alexander Hume Ford

When forming the Pan Pacific Union, a union of Pacific rim nations, much like APEC is today, Ford travelled to Washington where he convinced President Warren G. Harding, Henry Cabot Lodge, and Prince Iyesato Tokugawa (Japanese Delegate) of the importance of such an organization and garnered their unfailing support.

Ford recalls meeting Sun Yat Sen in China in 1921, and of the lasting friendship that evolved. An inscribed photograph that the Chinese hero gave to Ford saved his life some years later when he visited Amoy. The city was in the throes of a revolution and Ford, along with a group of foreigners, was being mobbed by a hoard of insurgents. He might have been killed, or at the least, badly injured, had he not produced the photo. So revered was Sun Yat Sen, that Ford himself immediately became a hero.

He speaks of a bus trip from Peking to Paris that he made on a bet, and while traveling through the Kyber pass, colliding with a pack of camels. In Afghanistan he was attacked by a knife wielding waiter in the restaurant where he was dining for being an unbeliever.

When leaving the country, he was thrown into an underground cell as a prisoner for not having his passport properly documented. Fortunately, the American Minister to Persia was able to arrange for his release. Ford was royally feted by Chiang Kai-shek who invited him on a travel tour where he unknowingly dined on cobra meat.

For an uncomplimentary article he wrote while in St. Petersburg, he was exiled from Russia, but before leaving,





Ford and an unidentified woman have a drink at the old Club circa 1940s.



Ford (in black suit and white hat) chats with a member at the OCC circa 1908.

he stopped off at Nijni Novgorod, reputed to have the greatest annual fair in the world, except for Maui's, he adds.

How many people have spent the same Easter Sunday in countries thousands of miles apart? Nothing, it seems, was impossible for the inimitable Alexander H. Ford.

In 1899 he traveled by train from New York City to San Francisco where he boarded the S. S. China. On the way to Yokohama, the ship stopped in Honolulu on Easter where he attended both the funeral service of Princess Kaiulani and Easter services at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

From Yokohama, he traveled by train to Tokyo where he came upon a parade in which thousands of children were hauling a great Buddhist temple wagon over streets awash in pink cherry blossoms. A few days later he was on his way by steamer to Port Arthur, arriving on Easter Sunday. As Manchuria was part of Russia at the time, the Gregorian calendar was used, placing Easter a full month later than the rest of the world.

Other adventures took Ford to Vladivostok and the Azalia Mountains where the largest tigers in Asia lived. Said to be descendants of the saber-tooth of pre-historic days, these man-eating beasts often came down into the city at night and woe be to anyone wandering the streets in the wee hours. Ford made sure he was indoors after dark.

Oshima Island in Tokyo Bay, a volcanic crater where young disappointed lovers went to dramatically end their lives (somewhat like jumping off the Pali) was also known as Suicide Island. Enticed by a White Russian Boy Scout, Ford and the young boy boarded a boat to the island, then hiked several miles up the mountainside and across a great, wide lava plain before they reached the crater's edge to join a host of other spectators. Sure enough, before long a young couple came along, and holding hands, leaped into the clouds of yellow smoke billowing up from the flaming pit. The escapade was not one of Ford's favorite memories.

When sailing to the Lord Howe Islands in the Tasman Sea, a 70-mile-an-hour gale blew the ship dangerously

close to the high, precipitous cliffs. For two days the ship headed outward, full steam ahead, expecting at any moment to be dashed against the cliffs. Somehow they managed to escape and later Ford tells of being lowered by ropes over this same cliff with a group of youngsters to gather bird eggs from the narrow ledges.

Perhaps his most exciting venture was to the Cannibal Island of Malekoola where his dinner, wrapped in a banana leaf, was a boiled human hand. "Will you have salt and pepper with that?" the Captain asked Ford, who admits he was already outside leaning over the bulwarks. He tells of returning some former inhabitants to the island only to learn that a few hours later they were clubbed to death and prepared for the boiling pot.

Back in New York, Ford talks about his friendships with such legendary stars of the theater as Sarah Bernhart, Lillian Russell, and Ethel Barrymore. As a child of eight, Mae West, dressed in a Fauntleroy costume, sat in his lap. He was in the company of the famous poetess, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, when she wrote one of her most famous poems, "Salvator Won."

Ford introduced surfing to Australian Percy Hunter, the head of the New South Wales Immigration and Tourism Bureau. By 1910, when he visited Australia, Ford noted that there were already several surfboards stashed at Manly Beach. This was a full four and a half years before Duke Kahanamoku visited Australia.

A life more filled with drama, action, and excitement is hard to imagine. These brief excerpts of Alexander Hume Ford's many adventures throughout the world, at a time when travel was difficult and often dangerous, epitomize the man he was and give the reader a sense of his true character. It's difficult for the few of us who remember the man in his latter years, to imagine "Pop Ford" as the daring young man portrayed in *World Wanderings*. Our memories are mostly of a small, slightly hunched, gray-bearded man in a blue blazer, gravy-stained tie, with hands behind his back, strolling around the Club. Yet, we regarded him as someone special, to be admired and respected.



# As the Terrace Turns

Winners of the OCC Photo Contest and members of the Public Relations Committee celebrated their win at a reception in the Koa Lanai. It was a time to get acquainted with each other, tell how they took their winning photos, exchange ideas for future contests and enjoy delicious refreshments.

Photo Contest Chair **Nora Meijide-Gentry** said suggestions for new photo categories surfaced, including cell phones and underwater photography, with a reminder that photos entered in the contest are intended to display our Club so photos must be taken here.

The good news, the PR Committee is planning on holding the contest again in 2012 so start taking photos now and watch for details later in the year.

**Jan Newhart** had two photos in the Clear the Smoke show at Arts at Marks Garage. Although the show has closed at Marks, it will be traveling to other locations in the state. "It's a good show for smokers to check out," says Jan.

Members are invited to contribute items to this column. Items may be left at the Front Desk or emailed to [occmag@aol.com](mailto:occmag@aol.com). Items received by March 25 will appear in the May magazine. Items received after March 25 will appear in June. Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is needed.



General Manager Michael Ako hosted a luncheon for all of the 2011 Employee of the Month winners in the Koa Lanai on January 5 to show our appreciation for the great job they do for the Club. Standing L - R Chung Yi Fong, Tri Van Hong, Sergio Caragdag, Enden Gransback Rico Aglugub, Michael Ako, Marla Nakata, Joyce Nobriga. Sitting L - R Damon Ernst, Jason Ancheta, Chris Ramos, Jason Pohlman, Karen Tatum, Amanda Coyle.



Ron Thoman climbed to the 14,000 foot summit of El Diente Peak in the San Juan Range of Southwest Colorado recently.



Chula Harrison played volleyball with her son-in-law Tyler Hinrichs, against Diana McKibbin and her son Jamison, almost 12, making the age gap of 56 years in a very close and even match.



Ginger and Bruce Plasch continued a family tradition of enjoying a drink at the Club on Christmas Eve. The tradition is 15 years old and going strong.



Sean Nicholson, Erick Ellgren, Tim Herron (playing in Sony Open) enjoyed a beer in the Ka Mo'i Lounge.





UC Berkeley Alum Steve Metter hosted the Cal Women's Swim Team for dinner at the Club.



Photo Contest winners were: front row, seated: June Sullivan, Elisabeth Knoke, Terry Wells. Middle Row: Nora Meijide-Gentry, Photo Contest Chair; Carin Rapson and Mary Caywood, Public Relations Committee; Dede Guss; Jan Newhart; Kristin Bacon; Hazel Haliburn, accepting for granddaughter Tara Watumull. Back Row: Rick Emmerich, Wakefield Ward, Tanner Paultz, Jeff Davis.



Eli Diamond is shown with an elephant seal pup who befriended him during a December National Geographic expedition in Antarctica with his parents, Peter and Leila Diamond.



Fred Hemmings hosted Kenneth McClintock Hernandez, Secretary of the State for Puerto Rico, at lunch at the Club during a recent visit. Also attending the luncheon was Nora Meijide-Gentry.



Tiare Finney shows off a beautiful bone fish she caught while helping with the Wounded Warriors Project, "Healing Waters." In the project the Wounded Warriors learn to fly fish during a monthly outing with experienced anglers.

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# Bill Brooks Elected to Life Membership

By Barbara Del Piano



Bill Brooks

You don't see Bill "Brooksie" Brooks around the Club much anymore. Age and health issues have taken their toll in recent years. Yet, from the time he joined the Outrigger in 1946, throughout the 1990s, C. William Brooks II was a fixture at both the "old" Outrigger and the "new."

At the Annual Meeting held Monday, February 27, Brooks was acknowledged for his many years of active participation in Outrigger sports when he was honored by being elected to Life Membership.

Raised in Lahaina, Maui, Brooks took an early interest in swimming and running, sports that he took part in throughout his active life, serving as captain of his mainland college's track and swimming teams.

After joining the Outrigger in 1946, Bill immediately became involved in the Club's athletic program, devoting his energy into reviving the Club's running team. In the 1960s, Brooks coached and competed on the Outrigger's running team, leading it to three consecutive national running championships. It was he who first initiated the mileage-logging program in the men's locker room, and for many years, personally maintained it. This program is still in practice today.

As Chairman of the now defunct Athletic Sponsors Committee, Brooks arranged the Athletic Awards Banquet, an annual event held to honor the Club's outstanding sportsmen. A firm believer that those who made contributions to the athletic program deserved special recognition, Brooks came up with the idea of honoring the athletes with more than a once-a-year banquet.

He took his idea to the Board of Directors who wholeheartedly supported it and which ultimately emerged as a new standing committee. Called the Winged "O," the name and its logo are attributed to

Brooks who was inducted in 1983.

Over the years, Brooks was a member of, and actively involved in, many of the Club's standing committees, serving on the Admissions and Membership Committee, and during the '60s, '70s and '80s, chaired the Athletic and Running Committees; from 1987 to 1990, he was Chairman of the Winged "O."

A man of great ideas, Brooks was also one who put the time and energy into making his ideas a reality; the Outrigger and its renowned athletic program are beneficiaries of his efforts. After his active participation in Club activities, he could be found for many years doing his daily run in the park or working out in the gym. He was a regular in the men's locker room.

It's difficult to write about "Brooksie" without mentioning that he was also a truly handsome man and his social connections were awesome. Over the years, his dinner guests at the Club included such celebrities as Lana Turner, Red Skelton, Dean Martin, Chuck Norris, and Jackie Kennedy, causing many a jaw to drop as he escorted them into the Dining Room.

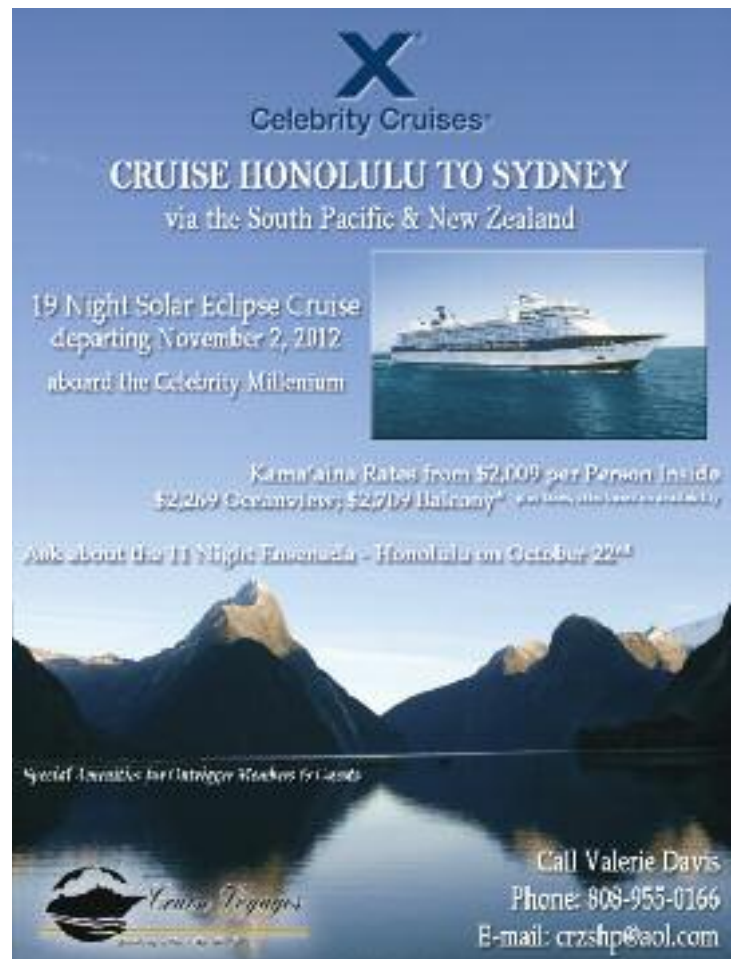
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# Free Junior Paddleboard Clinics Set for April

By Kristin Lee

The OCC Paddleboard Committee has scheduled two free paddleboard clinics for members under 18 years of age. The clinics will be held on Sundays April 15 and 29 at 9 a.m. Boards will be provided.

These clinics will provide traditional/prone paddleboard instruction only, no stand up paddle.

Novice paddleboarders will be able to try the sport under the watchful eye of the Club's top paddleboard athletes. More experienced paddleboarders will receive advanced instruction.

These clinics are to provide Junior 'Riggers with exposure to the sport and serve as the jumping off point for the new OCC Junior Paddleboard team.

Registration is required. Sign up forms are at the Front Desk.

More information about the OCC Junior Paddleboard Team will follow next month.



## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

### 'The Art of Surfing'

By Peter Brown

On Monday, March 19, surf historian and professional photographer Timothy DeLaVega will offer a rare glimpse of his unique archive collection of superb graphic images of surfing from the very first known etchings to the black and white photography of the early twentieth century. The presentation is part of the Historical Committee's classic stew-rice evenings.

As the writer of two authoritative books on the history of surfing, *Surfing in Hawai'i 1778-1930* (including a chapter on the Outrigger Canoe Club) and *200 Years of Surfing Literature, An Annotated Bibliography*, Tim is respected not only for his meticulous research but also his unalloyed enthusiasm for the subject that has captivated his imagination for decades.

Joining Tim will be a select group of renowned watermen and women who will read excerpts from classic literature on surfing, ranging from ancient Hawaiian chants to Herman Melville, Alexander Hume Ford, Jack London and Hawaii's John Clark. Make your reservations today for a rewarding evening tracing the remarkable history of a unique sport born in Hawaii and now at home around the world.

The details:

**Monday, March 19**  
**Classic Stew & Rice Buffet**  
5:30 pm. No-host bar  
6 p.m. Dinner  
7 p.m. Presentation  
\$16.50 plus tax and tip

## For the Record

### Canoe/Surfski

#### Kanaka Ikaika Race 1

1/14/12 Makai Pier to Kailua Beach Park

Michael Beyer, 2nd, M30-39, SS, 1:03:25

Andrew Glatzel, 2nd, M40-49, SS, 1:05:17

Mary Smolenski, 1st, W40-49, OC1, 1:17:27

Al Darling 14th, M 40-49, OC 1, 1:26:27

#### Kanaka Ikaika Race 2

1/22/12 Hawaii Kai to Kaimana Beach

Michael Beyer, 3rd, M30-39, SS, :53:30

Andrew Glatzel, 5th, M40-49, SS, :54:40

Kala Judd, M50-59, SS, :56:03

Jimmy/Kimo Austin, MOpen, OC2, :59:23

Chris Kincaid, M50-59, OC1, 1:03:01

Mary Smolenski, F40-49, OC1, 1:06:22

Paula Crabb, F50-59, OC1, 1:07:03

Al Darling, M40-49, OC1, 1:13.25



# Backward Glances

**47 Years Ago, March 1965**

**Thomas J. S. Muirhead, President**

A new and vitally important committee, the Outrigger Canoe Club Athletic Sponsors was formed. It was composed of members, formerly sportsmen and now prominent in the business community, who were dedicated to the preservation of the OCC image as an institution devoted to the development of youth through healthful athletic activities and to the perpetuation of the sports of old and new Hawaii. Bob Allen was chair. Other members were Staff Austin, Peter Dillingham, Kenneth Pratt,

Ronald Higgins and Chris Cusack.

Cline Mann was named Club Captain. Assistant Club captains were Paul C. MacLaughlin and Wally Young.

**45 Years Ago, March 1967**

**Tom Arnott, President**

Howard Goss, Thad Ekstrand, William Brooks and Tom Arnott modeled the new Club blazers with beautifully embroidered Club medallions in the *March Forecast*. The navy blue blazers were available to members of 10 years or more membership, or past presidents or directors, and could be had in either the traditional single breasted style or in double-breasted.

**44 Years Ago, March 1968**

**Howard Goss, President**

Photos from the first annual athletic awards banquet appeared in the *March Forecast*. More than 300 members and guests witnessed the first presentation of the Winged "O" award for outstanding athletic participation. The first recipients of the award were Duke Kahanamoku, Mark Buck, Ron Sorrell, Albert Lemes, Cline Mann, Tom Haine, Tom Arnott and Wally Young.

The evening featured a special presentation to the Club by Larry Doheney of a Stuben glass sailing trophy in recognition of the Club's sponsoring of Larry's boat the *Kamalii* in the 1967 Transpac Yacht Race.

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# At the OCC



## St. Patrick's Day

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*Historical Committee Presents*

## The Art of Surfing 1778-1930

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**Monday, March 19.** Stew & Rice Buffet \$16.50++  
No Host Cocktails 5:30 PM, Buffet 6 PM, Presentation 7 PM  
*Koa Lanai*. Reservations at the Front Desk. 923-1585

## Cribbage Tournament

Join the fun at the 2012 OCC Cribbage Tournament in the *Koa Lanai*. You may bring a partner or be paired with someone at the tournament. The event is free and refreshments will be provided. Sign up at the Front Desk. Contact Margie Howe at 924-1815 for more information.  
**Saturday, March 24, 11 AM**

## Wine Club

The *OCC Wine Club* is our monthly gathering of friends to sample wines from around the world.

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.  
Brunch \$29.95++ Dinner \$39.95++  
**Reservations 921-1444**

## 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

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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.

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**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.  
**March 31, 6 PM, Hau Terrace**



## E News

The weekly E-news from the OCC is the best way to keep up to date on all that is happening at the Club. If you are not receiving it, please update your e-mail address in the directory on the members' website or contact Stephen Riede in the Executive Office at 808.921.1404 or [sriede@outriggercanoecub.com](mailto:sriede@outriggercanoecub.com)





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# Bill Morris Is Fundraiser Extraordinaire

By Barbara Del Piano

At the recent annual banquet of the Aloha Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, held at the Sheraton Waikiki, long-time Outrigger member Wilmer C. "Bill" Morris was honored as "Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year." This much deserved award comes to Bill after more than six decades of donating and raising funds for schools and non-profit organizations in Hawaii.

Nominated for the award by Hawaii Pacific University, Bill has personally raised more than \$800,000 for the institution since 1989. He served on the University's Board from the 1970s until 2009.

Most people cringe at the thought of soliciting money, but Bill has no qualms about it... just one prerequisite....that the cause is one in which he truly believes, such as providing a sound education for the future leaders of Hawaii.

A good example is the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation with which he has been associated since its beginning and to which he has devoted countless hours.

Bill is also deeply concerned about the preservation of Hawaiian culture and has worked tirelessly for Bishop Museum, on whose Board of Directors he served from 1981 until 2011, and for which he raised more than \$1 million.

Bill was involved in the formation of The Friends of Iolani Palace, the organization responsible for saving it from what seemed like inevitable demolition. He served on its first Board of Directors in 1966, and was involved in planning, administering, and raising funds for the enormous restoration project which has made Iolani Palace one of Hawaii's most esteemed cultural treasures. After serving for more than 12 years on the board, he was elected Director Emeritus in 2009 and is still unofficially involved to this day.

Other recipients of his generosity and diligence in soliciting others to give are Punahou and Iolani Schools and Mid-Pacific Institute, as well as the Community Chest/AUW.

The comical story of how Bill came to join the Outrigger is coincidentally related to fundraising. A Punahou student at the time, Bill joined the Club in 1940 when a new Clubhouse was desperately needed but no funds were available.

The OCC president, Walter Macfarlane, had come up with the idea of selling bonds to pay for construction costs and soliciting new members. According to Bill's oral history, Walter Mac and Herman Von Holt came to visit Bill's grandmother.

After the usual pleasantries were exchanged, Walter Mac got down to business and said: "Aunt Martha, we want you to join the Outrigger." "I've never been to the beach in my life and I'm not starting now at my age... I wear a hat when I go outside. I'm not interested," retorted Aunt Martha.

At that fortuitous moment, Bill, then a student at Punahou, walked into the room. Walter Mac looked at

him and said, "What about your moopuna?" "How much for him?" she replied. With an initiation fee of \$10 and dues of \$1 a month, how could she possibly refuse? Bill has been a dedicated member ever since.

Bill is the son of a Naval Officer and a hapa haole descendent of Captain Samuel Dowsett, a British sea captain who came to Hawaii in 1828. Later lost at sea, Captain Dowsett left behind his wife and four children, the oldest of whom, James Isaac, Bill's great grandfather, is said to be the first "anglo saxon non-missionary" child born in Hawaii.

Bill was born in Chicago, and returned to Hawaii at the age of two when his father died. He attended Lincoln, Hoolehua on Molokai, Iolani, and Punahou schools. At Punahou, from whence he graduated in 1941, Bill began life-long friendships with Outrigger members Bill Rolph and Cline Mann.



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# Paddling Season Is Approaching

By Alice Lunt

The 2012 paddling season is fast approaching. Our dates this year for registration are:

**March 24 OCC Boardroom, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**April 21 OCC Boardroom, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**May 5 Register and Rage,  
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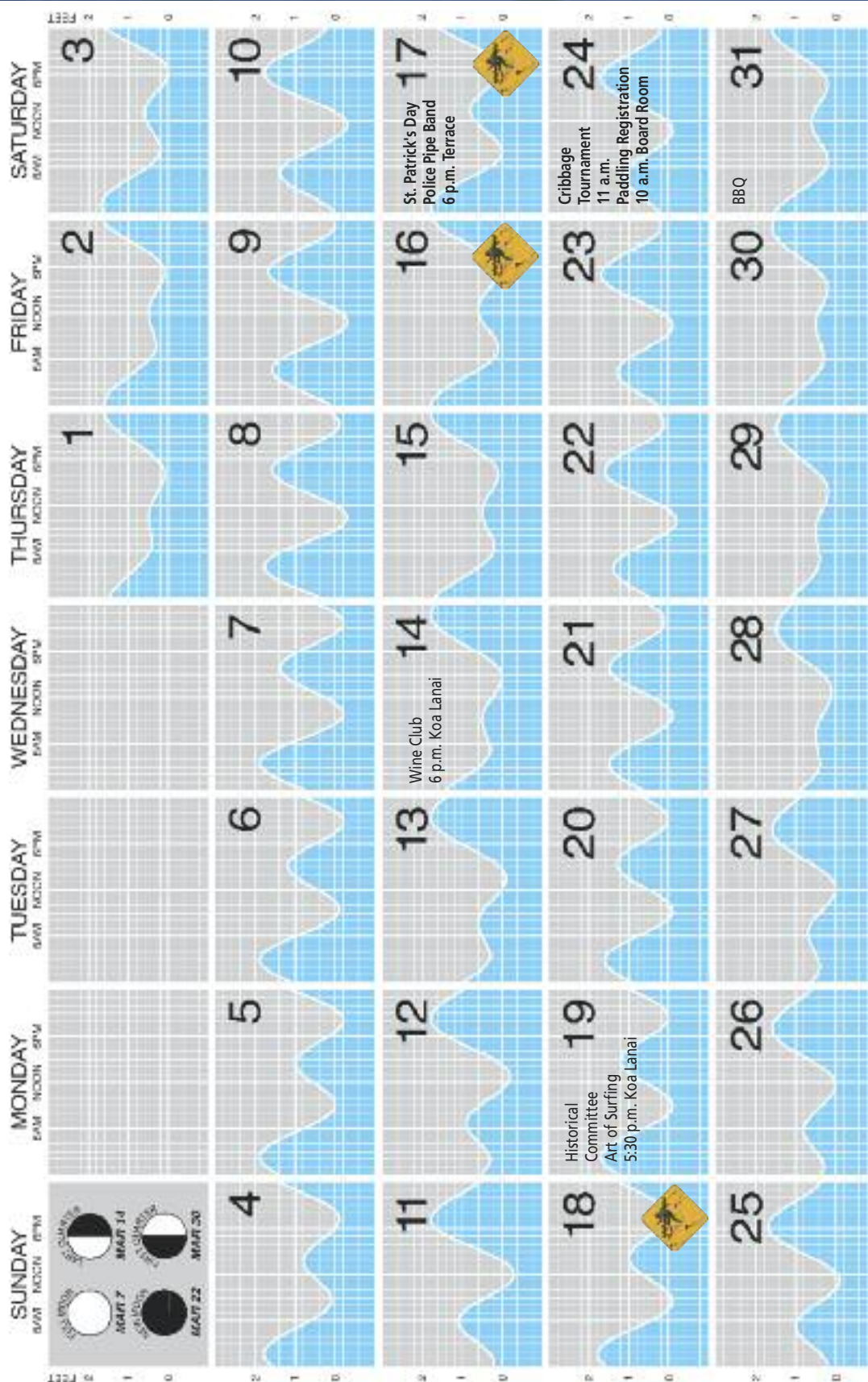
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## Employee of the Month

Damon Ernst

By Stephen Riede

Beach Services Attendant Damon Ernst was chosen Employee of the Month for December. Damon started with the Club in July and quickly became a much appreciated member of the Beach Staff. Recreation Director Don Isaacs states that Damon has pride in his work, a strong desire to help others, is a self starter, and is always accommodating to the needs of the department.

Damon has been on Oahu for six years, working at NOAA as a fisheries observer for three years prior to coming to the Club. He has traveled extensively in Central America, the Pacific, and Indian Oceans. He enjoys hiking, surfing, and canoeing. Damon is grateful to be working with and learning from the Club's world class "watermen" and truly enjoys his work at the Club.

On the Cover: "Boats at Rest" is the name of this photo submitted by member Elisabeth Knoke

## OCC PHOTO CONTEST



This photo by Wakefield Ward won second place in the OCC Photo Contest. The photo which appeared in the February magazine was inadvertently credited to another photographer.

SECOND PLACE Winners

## newmembers

### Regular

Janine Clifford  
Monique Hsia  
Jeffery Oyster  
Michele Carbone

### Associate

Brigitte-Gregoria Russo  
Duncan Hsia  
Elizabeth Carbone  
Corinna Hughes

### Intermediate

Brandon Sassone

### Junior

Carson Miyachi  
Ella Van Deventer  
Maiana Cataldo  
Isabella Yerton  
H. Carter Mesker



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Borthwick  
Nonresident



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Bradley  
Junior



Luke  
Bradley  
Junior



Sam  
Bradley  
Junior



Suzanna  
Bradley  
Junior



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Intermediate



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Foy  
Junior



Grady Howe  
Nonresident  
Junior



Estelle  
Kelley  
Regular



Peter B. H.  
Kim  
Regular



Bryndall  
McAluney  
Junior



John  
McAluney  
Junior



Tate  
McAluney  
Junior



Wilder  
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## In Memoriam

### Kenneth R. Brown

Deceased: January 6, 2012  
Club Member: 40 Years

### Paul A. Dolan

Deceased: February 1, 2012  
Club Member: 67 Years

### Richard H. Rodby

Deceased: January 28, 2012  
Club Member: 43 Years



# BOARD BRIEFS

Board Briefs is taken from the minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Membership Count:** The Membership Count was 4,763 as of December 31, 2011.

**Dues Structure:** The Board discussed researching an adjustment to the dues structure so that the increase in dues for the Intermediate member finishing school would be more gradual... The Board would also like to revisit the qualifications for the Senior category and discussed increasing the qualifying age... The Board approved a motion to ask OCC Controller Joyce Nobriga to prepare an analysis of a revenue neutral change in the schedule of dues. In addition they would like an ad hoc committee from A & M to review the structure.

**Building & Grounds:** The Board approved a recommendation from the B & G committee to transfer \$270,000 in budgeted monies from the Locker replacement project to the Bar renovation project and the Volleyball court waterproofing project. (\$100,000 to the Bar project, \$170,000 for the waterproofing project.)

**Athletic Committee:** The Board approved the recommendations by the Athletic Committee and Club Captain to appoint the following to the Canoe Racing Committee: Kulani Jones, Chair; Alice Lunt, Jared Watumull, Byron Ho, Kim Darling. Also appointed: Men's Head Coach, Steve Scott; Women's Head Coach, Shelly Wilding; Youth Head Coach, Mike Lum. . . The Board also approved eliminating the requirement that members must be a voting member for at least five years in order to sign up for a surfboard locker.

**Honorary Membership:** The Board renewed the Honorary memberships of Ruby Yabiku, Marie Riede, Annie Halliwell, and Gordon Smith for 2012 per Bylaw, Section 31.

**ODKF:** There is continuing discussion at ODKF about dropping Outrigger as part of the foundation's name to expand the pool of possible donors. The Board has no objection.

**Financial Statement:** Ending Net Operating Fund Income for December was \$44,380 and year to date \$13,967. YTD \$548,150 in initiation fees have been collected of which \$200,150 will remain in the building fund and \$348,000 will be reflected in the Operating Fund to offset the 2011 pension contribution.

**Service Issues:** The General Manager discussed Hau Terrace service issues related to the open table system in the

Hau Terrace and members not wanting to change the "no reservations/seat yourself anywhere" policy. Management is working on improving server speed and efficiency in both restaurants. The Board requested that the House Committee study extending the Snack Shop hours to relieve pressure on the Hau Terrace and main kitchen at sunset.

**Kalaniana'ole Property:** The Board would like an additional line item showing the principal payments on the Kalaniana'ole property income and expenses summary.

**Committee Training:** The Board discussed implementing a training program for committees and chairs. There was some concern that committees may not be aware of equal opportunity regulations and may need guidance regarding appropriate questions to applicants.

**House Committee Report:** The House Committee is requesting Club management develop a plan for lunchtime Koa Lanai buyouts. . . The Board approved a third Koa Lanai evening buyout in April. . . The committee is also asking management to address the problems encountered at the 2011 Member Open House. Proposed solutions include more food stations, wrist bands, and more publicity. It was suggested that a venue for children be added to allow members with children the opportunity to attend. The House Committee would like to be consulted about menu selections.

**Consul Membership:** The idea of allowing an honorary OCC dining membership to consuls on Oahu was discussed. This would provide additional income for our F & B operation. The A & M committee will be asked to discuss.



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