

# **Beautiful Photos for OCC Photo Contest**

By Mary Caywood

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who entered the Outrigger Canoe Club's Annual Photo Contest, with a record 110 photos received from 27 participants.

This year there were so many wonderful photos that the judges had a really hard time selecting the winners, especially in the Nature and Travel categories where they were so many deserving entries.

The Grand Prize winner was Bradley Margol whose photo is featured on the cover of this month's magazine. He says it was "pure chance" that he captured the moment when he saw the Hawaiian monk seal on a cliff at Portlock.

The title of the photo, "You're Getting My Good Side, Right?" is what any subject might be saying to the photographer.

Other winner's were:

#### Clubscape

First prize, "Sun Burst" by Nora Meijide-Gentry, is a favorite sunset view over the ocean from the Club. Nora says a sunset reminds us every day of life's beauty.

Second prize winner is "Kaimana at the Club" by Sherry Harper Wong. She says Kaimana the baby seal with her mother Rocky brought so much joy to so many and it was fun watching them play offshore.

Third prize winner by Brister Thomas is "Ke Ahi," a traditional fire dance that Rodman Muller performed for his wife at the Club Luau. Brister says it was a special moment, fellowship at OCC is a lifetime journey, and our island and our cultures together bring continued joy.

#### Ocean

First prize, "Environmental Damage" by Nora Meijide-Gentry, is the fishing boat that was wrecked on the reef by the Club on October 10th and was still there in December. During early attempts at removal a fire on the boat required special firefighting efforts.

Second prize, "Mana," by Corin Gentry shows lava pouring into the ocean from a flow on Hawaii's Big Island.

Third prize, "Dolphins," by Andy Anderson is a group of dolphins near Makaha.

#### **Sports**

First prize, "I Can Fly," goes to Kent Davenport for a photo of daughter Sarah Davenport at a Long Beach Invitational gymnastics meet. Kent says for fast moving gymnasts, he uses an ISO of 5000, a shutter speed of 1/640 and an F2.8 lens, Canon 1dx.

Second prize is Kawika Freitas' photo "Kings of the Net" in a tournament at Queen's Beach. Club members: James Ka (left) and Kanai Akana (right). Center player is a non-member.

Third prize is for Peter Caldwell's photo "OHCRA Championships" of OCC Men's Crew in the *Leilani* at Keehi Lagoon.

#### **Travel**

The prize photo is "Fresh Milk" by Wakefield Ward. The photo of a woman drinking milk from a saucer with cows in foreground was taken in Jodhpur, India in 2008.

Second prize is "Picture Perfect," a snow scene in Whistler, Canada by Nora Meijide-Gentry. Color adjustment was made to photo.

Third prize goes to "Family Roots" by David Wadsworth. David says the photo taken in Kalaupapa, Molokai of tree roots growing around a small coffin is a reminder of the time when the very young were there too.

#### Nature

First prize goes to "Beauty Is in the Eye of the Beholder" by Nora Meijide-Gentry-for a picture of a unique lizard she saw on Cayman Island in the Caribbean.

The second prize is for "Stolen Kiss" by Jan Newhart, showing a pair of white terns perched in a tree in downtown Honolulu.

The third prize goes to Taeko Skinner



Grand Prize winner by Bradley Margol.

for "Mother's Love," a photo of whales taken on a swim with whales excursion at Moorea, French Polynesia.

#### Selfie

A new Selfie category did not attract viable candidates for the current concept of selfie photos, thus competition was not held for prizes. However, an honorable mention in that category goes to Jan Newhart for initiative in thinking of and submitting a "Surf the Wave" photo of herself taken more than 10 years ago using a tripod and self-timer.

The photo shows Jan holding a surf board in front of a painting on a wall of "The Wave," the name of a bar on Kalakaua at that time and reminiscent of a famous Japanese woodblock print, "The Great Wave of Kanogawa."

Sponsored by the Member Relations Committee, the contest is open to Club members and their families. Winners include some who have entered before as well as newcomers to the contest.

The Grand Prize photo featured on the magazine cover brings a \$200 OCC gift card and first prize photos in each category win \$50 OCC gift cards that may be spent anywhere in the Cub.

Club members, including those interested in nature's wildlife or life in the ocean or who like to travel and share photos, enter professional quality photos that far exceed the number of prizes offered. Winning photos will be featured in the Lobby Display Case this month and we hope to include examples of other outstanding and favorite entries now or later during the year.

## **OCC Photo Contest 1st Place Winners**



**CLUBSCAPE**Sunburst by Nora Meijide Gentry



**NATURE**Beauty Is In the Eye of the Beholder by Nora Gentry



**SPORTS** *I Can Fly* by Kent Davenport



**TRAVEL**Fresh Milk by Wakefield Ward



Environmental Damage by Nora Meijide Gentry

**More Winners Next Month** 

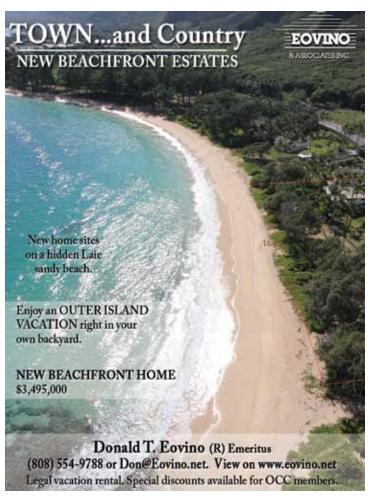
## As the Terrace Turns

Members are invited to contribute items to this column. Items received by January 25 will appear in the March magazine. Items received after January 25 will appear in April. Please leave items for the Editor at the Front Desk or email to occmag@aol.com. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is needed.

Alice Lunt and Michele St. John paddled in Washington DC on the Potomac River. "We paddled out of the Washington Canoe Club thanks to OCC member Coralie Miller who is a member there. Washington Canoe Club was founded in 1904 and is trying to save their historic clubhouse."

Adelaide Kistner hosted a party for Juanita Ewing. Bidding a fond farewell to Juanita are; sitting, Judy Moore, Adelaide and Juanita. Standing are Debra Balfour, Bonnie Andrew and Molly Strode









Genie Kincaid congratulates Brooke Hunter and Nica Nordyke on passing the State Bar exam. Brooke and Nica are holding photos

of themselves while at Punahou elementary. They are graduates

from the Punahou Class of 2008,





Erin, Christa, Elina and Mark Egesdal, and Wendy Wichman, enjoyed the Keiki Party in their striped t-shirts from the Logo Shop.

The Annual Outrigger Bridge Club Christmas Party was held on December 4 on the Koa Lanai. Outrigger members and their guests enjoyed a delightful lunch followed by a bridge game. Left to Right: Janet Feeback, Helena Cence, Bill Dixon, Jocelyn Bradley, Busaba Williams, Vicki Sutton, Edwina Moscatelli, Dolors Judd, Bob Bradley, Pat Dixon, Elsa Wixom, Ginni Van Cleave, Gary Wixom, Claudia Maddalena, Ruby Tschumy, Mary Lou Swope, Susan Kobayashi, Gay Yamagiwa and Candy Taylor.



## **President's Perspective**

By Anthony Hunt, President

Big tides in the evenings, sea spray exploding over the Hau Terrace wall, waves closing our primary steps and much of the sand disappearing are all features of the first few swells to arrive in the Spring. This year the particularly high tides referred to as King Tides exacerbated all of those factors and, in doing so, opened our eyes to some emerging needs. I wrote about several of those in my August article if you want to refer to it on the Club's website.

I want to give you an update of the work that has been going on behind the scenes on a few initiatives relating to our seawall. As you can imagine, we have to be careful with any project connected to our oceanfront and getting agency approvals is something we have to plan for and, where possible, plan around.

#### Seawall

As I wrote in my August article, the first order of business is getting our current seawall shored up. We are using one of the foremost companies in Hawaii for this project and they have given us a detailed timeline for the work along with a revised budget. There is some variability in the cost due to State and County requirements in the execution of the work, but the price tag is relatively modest and the result of the work will shore up our wall for an estimated 30-40 years.

The work to date on this project is entirely in the paperwork and municipal approvals but we have already had a major breakthrough with the State. A few months ago we received a letter from them formally acknowledging our seawalls as both "non-conforming" and "grandfathered" as currently constructed.

For those familiar with the nuance of dealing with politically sensitive issues like seawalls, you can appreciate that this is a fantastic piece of news as it protects our current seawalls. For context, we would likely not be allowed to construct the seawalls you see today. Having this precedent set formally protects us.

We still have about nine months of entitlement/approval work to complete before the physical work can begin but the team we have assembled is steadily moving forward.

#### **Backsplash**

This time of year we don't have issues with sea spray exploding over the Hau Terrace portion of the wall, but in the Spring and Summer we frequently lose the front row or two of seating because diners get soaked. Ideas over the years on how to mitigate this issue have never materialized. Part of the problem is the daunting prospect of dealing with the State on getting a blacksplash or breakwater approved. Furthermore, there is no guarantee those approaches would work.

An internal team of members who have experience in this area were assembled and have been working on possible solutions. This includes what it would take in terms of approvals to roll out a solution. As part of this process you may see various experiments implemented on the seawall over the coming months as they test some design options.

#### **Main Stairs**

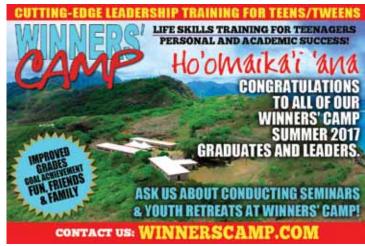
The same team working on the backsplash project is simultaneously working on a plan for the main stairs. In talking with the DLNR, there was an ordinance discovered which may provide a path for us to construct a modest extension of our main steps. Clearly this is great news and the group is actively working on ideas we can consider while staying within that ordinance.

The current thinking is to construct an extension similar to the improved stairs near the beach desk but with a bulkier substructure. It would be engineered with capacity sufficient to haul six-man canoes up/down them and be the full width of the current stairs.

At certain times during the year a large portion of the stairs may be covered in sand – that is okay. When the sand gets pulled away in the Spring and Summer, the stairs will be in place and provide a safe transfer to and from the water for our members. The team is working to have this constructed and installed by March 2018.

We are excited about the progress being made along our oceanfront and improving our member's ability to safely enjoy some of our Club's greatest assets – the best beach and ocean in the world!







## General Manager's Corner

By David Robinson, CCM

While I am writing this column, Margaret Puder and her crew of elves are finishing the final touches of what appears to be a holiday wonderland here at OCC! In my many years of private club management, I have to admit that the holiday dècor here at the Outrigger is superior to anything I have seen.

The ladies (along with the help of our maintenance staff and their ladders) spent days working on the dècor, starting on the day after Thanksgiving. I hope that you had many chances to bring your friends and relatives to the Club to see what the ladies worked so hard to accomplish.

The arrival of the new chairs for the Hau Terrace received nothing but positive reviews! We have received so many compliments on the comfort and appearance of the chairs, along with the new furniture in the Ka Moi Boathouse. The replacement tables have been ordered for some time, so delivery is expected very soon.

## Pergola

Speaking of the Hau Terrace, we experience a great deal of interrupted service when rain falls on our outdoor dining area, which is the entire Hau Terrace. Even though half the space is

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covered by the pergola and hau tree canopy, it is still exposed to Mother Nature, and of course—the birds.

To reduce the rain days under the pergola at least, we are researching the possibility of installing a "louvered" roof, which would exist above the canopy, and be virtually invisible from below. We will continue to keep the canopy trimmed so that branches would not interfere with the opening and closing of the roof, which would happen only during a rain event.

The canopy would ideally blend in with the roof structure, making it look as one. Keep an eye out for some renderings and story boards soon. Of course, feedback is welcome!

#### **Kitchen Closure**

One project that has been approved and will affect member usage for a short time is the refinishing of the Club's kitchen floor and installation of a new dish machine. You may not know, but our current machine is 24-years old, and many of the parts are no longer in existence.

Through the years, we figure that the machine, which runs approximately 15 hours a day, seven days a week, has washed over 37 MILLION pieces of china/glassware/flatware, in its lifetime!

In order to complete this project, the entire kitchen will have to be shut down, eliminating service to the front of the House, from Saturday, January 27 through Saturday, February 3. During this time, the Snack Shop will operate normal hours. We will resume full service on Sunday, February 4, in time for Super Bowl Sunday!

During this construction closure, we will also be refinishing the surface of the circular drive, in front of the Clubhouse, and installing a pedestrian walkway from the garage to the street, which will provide a safe entry/exit for our walking members and guests.

The specific schedule for this project is being finalized as I type, and we will be sure to communicate the schedule in various means, once it is complete. We appreciate your patience during these projects, as we continue to improve the facilities of your Club.

## **BOD Election**

Lastly, you should be receiving your ballot for the upcoming election, in the mail, and to your email address (if we have it on file). You are encouraged to vote using either form, but I must remind you only one form will count. If you complete a paper ballot, and vote online, your online vote will be counted and your paper ballot will be disqualified.

We do hope you take advantage of the ease of online voting, and look forward to improving our "voter turnout". Reminder, the deadline for completing the online voting OR returning your completed ballot to the Club is Friday, February 9 at 5 p.m. The Annual Meeting is Monday, February 12.

Until next time, Mahalo and Happy New Year!

## Who Knew?

Beloved Hawaii songwriter R. Alex Anderson composed a song for the Outrigger Canoe Club in 1980 to celebrate the Club's ocean history. A member of the Club since his childhood, Alex was the brother-in-law of George "Dad" Center who coached Outrigger members in swimming, canoe racing, basketball and volleyball for decades.

In 1986, the popular Teves Trio, who performed nightly at the Club during dinner, recorded the song with Alex directing the recording.

If you've never heard the song, check out the OCC Sports website:

http://www.outriggercanoeclubsports.com/occ-archives/outrigger-song/

## SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The Ka Mo'i Boathouse will offer drink and pupu specials.

Trivia contest and prizes.

Kickoff scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

## 'Riggers Book Club

By Gerry DeBenedetti

The 'Riggers Book Club will kick off the year on Friday, January 5, at 10 a.m. with a discussion of Pamela Rotner Sakamoto's book *Midnight in Broad Daylight*.

This will be followed on Friday, February 2, with James Dooley's book, *Sunny Skies, Shady Characters: Cops, Killers, and Corruption in the Aloha State.* 

The authors will be present for both book club meetings. There are ample copies in the library of each book.

All Outrigger members are invited to attend the book club free of charge.



# The Outrigger Canoe Club Historical Committee Presents: Stew & Rice



## **Bruce** Black

Will tell stories of the Hokulea as it traversed from across the Atlantic to Brazil on its Malama Honua worldwide voyage.

Monday, January 22 - 5:30 PM Koa Lanai

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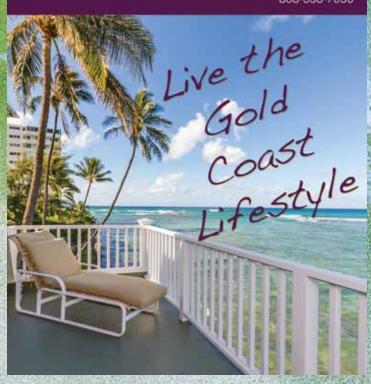
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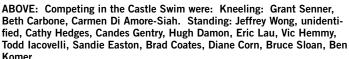
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## 100th Anniversary of the First Castle Swim

By Todd Iacovelli





TOP RIGHT: The first three men to finish were Bruce Sloan, Stefan Reinke and Ward Saunders.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The first three women swimmers were Diane Corn, Sandie Easton and Candes Gentry.

Outrigger's oldest athletic tradition, the Castle Swim, was held on Saturday, November 25. The swim, now 100 years old, traces back to the first Castle Swim on the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 1917. The course goes from the Club's original Clubhouse in Waikiki to our present Club site, reversing the original course.

The rainy morning transformed into a beautiful sunny race start. The Castle Swim received a special exemption to swim around the boat wreckage off of Kaimana Beach. This gave swimmers a fun and very unique racing experience.

The race ended up slightly longer than the normal 1.2 miles because of the very large vessel that swimmers needed to swim around.

As the race developed, Sandie Easton established a large lead. Her final margin of victory was almost five minutes. Many great swimming performances followed, with Ward Saunders using his swimming strength and navigating skill to win the men's title.

After showering off and warming up, swimmers enjoyed a wonderful brunch and received awards. In addition, the Swim Committee sold stocking stuffers to members. Those long sleeved Outrigger swim shirts are perfect for our Hawaii winters!

A huge thank you to all those who participated and to the Swim Committee for volunteering their time and energy in making this race a success. Special thanks to Shannon Pelkey who helped us organize and coordinate with the Coast Guard!





## Castle Swim Results November 25, 2017

Overall Name		Place/Division	Time
1.	Sandie Easton	1st, F 45-49	33:28:00
2.	Ward Saunders	1st, M 60-64	38:14:00
3.	Stefan Reinke	1st, M 55-59	39:08:00
4.	Bruce Sloan	1st, M 65-69	39:11:00
5.	Diane Corn	1st, F 55-59	39:17:00
6.	Candes Gentry	1st, F 40-44	39:22:00
7.	Jeff Wong	1st, M 40-44	42:13:00
8.	Eric Lau	1st, M 35-39	46:29:00
9.	Anne Perry	1st, F 60-64	46:36:00
10.	Hugh Damon	2nd, M 55-59	47:10:00
11.	Cathy Hedges	1st, F 50-54	48:33:00
12.	Grant Senner	1st, M 45-49	50:05:00
13.	Beth Carbone	1st, F 55-59	53:09:00
14.	Carmen Di Amore-Sial	n 2nd, F 60-64	53:24:00
15.	Victor H Hemmy III	1st, M 70-74	53:43:00
16.	Brad Coates	1st, M 65-69	54:54:00

## WE WON! We Got the Aikane Cup Back

By Mariann Tesauro

This year the OCC Golf Group hosted the Annual Aikane Cup Challenge, against the Pacific Club on October 17. The tournament was held at beautiful Klipper Golf Course on the Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe.

The course was soggy due to rain the night before, but more importantly the wind which was blowing 25+ mph, made the course play longer. The team hoped this would work in their favor seeing that their opponent's handicaps were quite high.

OCC was giving an average of seven strokes per match, with a high of 15 strokes in one match. The odds were definitely against us going into it and the team all knew they had a huge hurdle to overcome in order to capture a win.

The Aikane Cup is based on the usual Ryder Cup format. A rules committee meeting is held before the tournament to discuss and confirm the rules of the tournament and any possible changes prior to the matches. Each team is made up of 12 players, with one alternate.

Twelve players compete in a total of eight matches, consisting of one Alternate Shot, three Fourball and four Singles Matches. Our team was handpicked by the captain, Jarriel Tuinei, and the Golf Committee. The lineup and results were as follows:

#### **Alternate Shot**

John Conway/Harry Kersten: Lost 1 down

#### **Four Ball**

#1 Jarriel Tuinei/SE Lee: Won 6 and 5 #2 Charles Everest/Sean Ginella: Halved #3 Scott Meichtry/Mark Thomas: Lost 3 and 2

#### **Singles**

#1 Eric Tema: Halved#2 Jordan Chouljian: Won 1 up#3 Cana Day: Won 1 up#4 Hargon Holland: Won 2 and 1

Alternate: Chuck Jones OCC GM Rep: Marie Hicks Final Score: OCC 5, Pacific Club 3

It definitely came down to intense singles matches, with most matches either being down or tied with four holes to play. Tema made a huge putt on the final hole to scratch out a half point and, Jordy held off in the end to give the team a full point.

Cana's match was really exciting as he was down one on 17 and was giving strokes on those last two holes. Making par would not have cut it, but he hit an awesome bunker shot at 17 and ended up with the tap in birdie to win the hole and tied it going into 18. He stuck his tee shot on the difficult Par 3 18th green and, hit another spectacular putt for birdie to win his match and bring a full point into the clubhouse.

Our current Club champion, Hargon Holland, had an up and down match throughout, but in the end, held his ground and showed us why he's our Club champion bringing in the final point for OCC to seal the deal.

This was definitely a tournament to remember, that provided all



Outrigger's Aikane Cup team celebrates its victory in the Ka Mo'i Lounge.

the drama of a real Ryder Cup, here in our own little backyard. Kudos to the Pacific Club, Chuck Reindollar, Ed Shimuzu and their players for a hard fought and intense tournament. Our OCC team stood steadfast under pressure, and brought the Aikane Cup

back to the OCC!



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## **Outrigger Women Paddle Hard in Tahiti**

By Angie Dolan Giancaterino

In late October, six members of the Outrigger Open Women's Canoe Racing Program were fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to Tahiti to race and watch the infamous Hawaiki Nui Va'a Paddling Race under the banner of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

While internationally known for the three consecutive days of racing for the men, the women's race is a one-day, 16 mile lagoon course, similar to the Queen Liliuokalani Race in Kona.

The trip was a huge success for our crew in many ways. Our goal was not only to race, but to immerse ourselves in the lifestyle that is "Tahitian paddling" and learn what it takes to get to that level.

In the days leading up to our race, we got to paddle three times, including a two-hour intensive session with Gerard, the coach who developed the technique we are trying to replicate. Having both him and Johnny Puakea coaching us on both technique and feel was invaluable to our journey as a team.

Then came the men's races. Having spent the last two years obsessed with EDT, Shell Va'a and Paddling Connection technique videos, we were ecstatic to spend three days following the men's race live.

We were immediately mesmerized watching EDT and Shell Va'a calmly but intensely battle for three to four hours with effortless cohesion as a team, as well as their ability to remain calm when under intense pressure. We absorbed everything we could in hopes it would permeate through in our race the next day.

While we knew racing Teva, the top

Tahitian women's team, would be a challenge, we didn't realize an even bigger challenge would come from within our own boat. After a solid start in second place behind Teva, we started to settle and got quickly passed by four or five boats.

We realized as a team that we needed to remain calm but increase our intensity to stay with them. Trying to channel the race demeanor of Shell Va'a, in 45 minutes we were able to walk past four boats and started to make a little ground on Teva, the first place boat.

At that point, the heat and exhaustion from neck and neck racing depleted me and for the first time in my paddling career, I started to have debilitating full body cramps. I remember thinking I didn't know if I could physically finish the race. However, using my perspective in five seat as motivation, watching the rest of the team hammering, I took it stroke by stroke and kept going for the team.

After the race, I was surprised to hear everyone shared similar mental and physical obstacles we faced, with each of us questioning at some point, whether we could finish.

However, collectively we had found the strength we needed in each other to move past our mental barriers and physical limits to complete what we came here to do-and in my mind had made it to that "next level".

A big Mahalo to Outrigger Athletic Committee, the Canoe Racing Committee and Art Mallet for not only help to fund this trip but believing in the potential of our program.



Representing Outrigger in Tahiti were Amy Lawson, Jennifer Fratzke, Nahoku Keala, Kahala Schneider, Angie Dolan Giancaterino and Shannon O'Neill.





## **Construction to Close Kitchen**

The Club's main kitchen will be undergoing extensive repairs to the flooring, as well as the installation of a new dish machine later this month. As such, we will need to eliminate all food and beverage service to the Hau Terrace, Koa Lanai and Ka Mo'i Boathouse starting Saturday, January 27, through the following Saturday, February 3.

We are unable to utilize the Ka Mo'i Boathouse without providing food service so it too will be closed due to liquor license requirements.

The Snack Shop will be operating under normal business hours, and all other Club services will operate as usual.

In addition, we will be resurfacing the front entry circle driveway during this week, so entry into the parking garage will be limited. The final schedule for the driveway project was not finalized as of this printing, but the schedule will be posted and socialized when final.

The Clubhouse will resume all normal operations on Sunday, February 4 - - Super Bowl Sunday.













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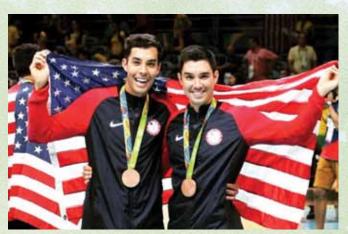
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Erik Shoji and brother Kawika wear their bronze medals at the 2016 Olympic Games.

## Athlete of the Month

## Erik Shoji

By Amy Lawson

While Outrigger is known for being home to many topnotch watermen and women, it is no secret that it has also produced some of the best volleyball players in the world. Enter Erik Shoji.

Erik's CV is second to none. Right now, he is one of the best, if not the best, libero in the world. And though he comes from volleyball royalty, Erik has earned every accolade and honor in his own right.

As a youth, Erik played for Outrigger teams at Junior Olympic tournaments across the country (coached by his dad, Dave, of course). At the high school level, he won three state championships for Punahou before going on to attend Stanford University where he won a NCAA national championship.

While at Stanford, Erik also became the first player in NCAA Men's Volleyball history to be named a four-time First Team AVCA All-American. More recently, in 2016, Erik rounded out his resume by winning a bronze medal with the U.S. National Team at the Olympic Games in Brazil (along with his brother, Kawika and fellow Hawaiian, Micah Christensen).

At this moment, Erik plays professional volleyball in Italy for Top Volley Latina. When he is not traveling abroad for his club team or Team USA, you might find him back here at home, playing some beach volleyball in the Daddy Haine Tournament.

Thank you, Erik, for helping to inspire the next generation of Outrigger volleyball players.

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## **MEMBERS IT PAYS TO KNOW**



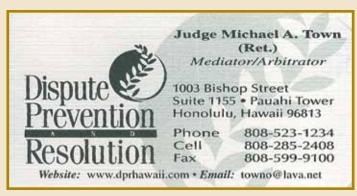
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# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Nanci Funamoto

By Stephen Riede

Hau Terrace Server Nanci Funamoto was chosen as Employee of the Month for October. Nanci started with the Club in February of 2012 and was previously Employee of the Month in March 2015.

Nanci is recognized as a great asset to the Hau Terrace team. She is dependable, a hard worker and very knowledgeable in both food and wine, with the goal of giving our members and guests the very best dining experience possible. Nanci receives numerous positive comment cards from members and works well with her fellow servers. She is a pleasure to work with and we are delighted to have her as a member of the food and beverage operation.

Congratulations Nanci and thank you for your dedication to the Club.

## **OCC** Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar now for the OCC Annual Meeting on Monday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Koa Lanai.

The new Board of Directors will be introduced. The President and Treasurer will present their reports. Candidates for Life Membership will be voted on. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

This is your opportunity to participate in the governing of your Club.

Be sure to submit your ballot for the Board of Directors by February 5, either the paper ballot or electronically.

# Margaret and Her Elves Decked the OCC Halls

We hope you had the chance to enjoy the beautiful dècor around the Club over the holidays. As has been tradition, Margaret Puder rustled up her team of elves and they spent countless hours decorating the Club from bow to stern.

With the help of the OCC maintenance team, they were able to turn the Club into a Hawaiian Christmas Wonderland. Special Mahalo to Margaret, Judy Dobovan, Cathy Hedges, Tracy Hirota, Lisa Hutchinson, Patricia Pian and Kris Reisdorf.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

## In Memoriam

## Elizabeth B. Stickney

Deceased: September 28, 2017 Club Member: 9 Years

#### **Sherry Holt-Reese**

Deceased: November 22, 2017 Club Member: 35 Years

#### Robert Selleck

Deceased: November 24, 2017 Club Member: 31 Years

#### Margaret A. Hogan

Deceased: November 26, 2017 Club Member: 21 Years

#### Jim Nabors

Deceased: November 30, 2017 Club Member: 21 Years

### Douglas Jocelyn Jr.

Deceased: November 29, 2017 Club Member: 52 Years

**ON THE COVER:** Bradley Margol won the Grand Prize in the OCC Annual Photo Contest with this photo he titled, "*You're Getting My Good Side, Right?*" See story and other winning photos on pages 2-3.

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## **Board Briefs**

Board Briefs is taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on November 16, 2017.

**Membership Count:** The Membership Count was 4,848 as of October 31, 2017.

Board of Election Report: Director Durkin reported that a beta test on the online voting system took place, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. There are some adjustments that are being made and we should be ready to send out by the end of the year. Gerri Pedesky and Amy Lawson are the Co-chairs of Judges of Elections Committee.

**Athletics:** The Board approved the recommendation to rename the OCC Invitational Swim to the OCC Diane Stowell Invitational Swim.

**Finance Report:** The Board approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to continue the Club's 401(k) plan for 2018, utilizing the same percentages as in 2017 and the same employer match of 100% of the employee's pre-tax contribution of up to 3% of the employee's pay.

**Budget:** The Board approved the 2018 Operating Budget, and the 2018 Capital Budget.

**Retractable Roof:** GM Robinson presented an overall review of the proposed retractable roof to be installed over the Hau Terrace pergola. The Board asked that he communicate this to the

membership, and develop a rendering and storyboard for posting.

Operations Report: October Food and Beverage net results, although finishing under budget overall, exceeded the performance of prior year. The numbers were skewed with last year's Luau held in October, and this year it was held in September. . . There were six rain events that affected revenues in the month, as well. . . Total Clubhouse operating performance was better than prior year, and budget, for the month. . . The new chairs for the Hau Terrace arrived to great fanfare and acceptance. We are looking forward to turning the tide with a comfortable dining experience. . . Stew and Rice was held, featuring Fred Hemmings Jr. Fred put on a great presentation, although the count was down. . . Busy time coming up, starting with Thanksgiving into the holidays.

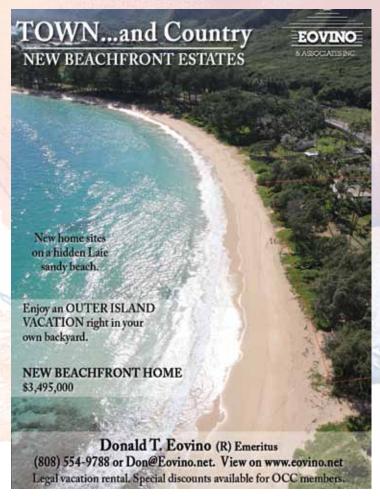
**Buildings & Grounds:** There was discussion regarding the lobby ceiling project, as we are waiting on final samples to move forward.

**Athletics:** Ladies crew did well in Tahiti, and we should be proud of their performance.

**Locker Room Renovations:** VP Sellers reported on the talking point meetings addressing the Ladies locker room renovation needs. Thanked Directors Lunt and Luxton for heading those up.

**Member Relations:** Committee looks forward to socializing the "get out and vote" concept with the upcoming Board election.





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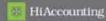
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