

ACTIVE CLUBS OF HONOLULU; THEIR AIMS, OBJECT, HISTORY

ULUNIU WOMEN'S CLUB

The Uluniu Women's Swimming club is situated well forward on Waikiki beach, between the Moana hotel and the Outrigger Canoe club. It is an attractive little building with two wide lanais, an upper and lower one, and many bathrooms for women and children along the back.

Around the building are old kiawes and hau, and clumps of pink oleander, shading the lanais and giving the whole place a tropical look. The lower lanai is set out with tea tables and wicker chairs, and has a good sized kitchen adjoining. Here the club members often have tea with their guests, and swimmers just in from a plunge in the sea sit down to a steaming tea pot before hurrying along home in the late afternoon. Two Japanese servants are always on hand to help serve a tea party or supper party or thirsty solitary members.

An interested chaperone is here and there through the building, helping out where difficulties arise and trying to keep everything comfortable and satisfactory for the members.

The club was founded in 1909. Its prime object was the encouragement of swimming for women. Mrs. F. M. Swanzy, the original president and holding the presidency for many years, offered a cup for the best all-round woman swimmer, to be won three times in succession before becoming the outright possession of

the winner. This cup is still in active competition, Dorothy Waters having won it in the last two meets.

The Uluniu Swimming club has offered a meet annually, at which the Swanzy cup is always competed for, and races held chiefly for women swimmers and youngsters, school relays and so on.

The club's main interest in the swimming is to encourage all boys and girls in the territory to become swimmers, and to offer them an opportunity in their public swimming meets to compete under the best conditions and with a fair program open to all swimmers of all schools and of all clubs. In other words, the Uluniu club wishes to help maintain a standard for swimming as a clean, amateur sport, of which the islands can be proud.

Whenever swimmers of interest, from the states, the Orient, Australia, etc., arrive in Honolulu, the Uluniu club offers them the hospitality of the clubhouse, and tries to have them meet local swimmers or anyone interested in swimming. At other times, when training-ships have been in port, the cadets have been invited in to a generous tea party after an afternoon of surfing. The club hopes to continue its place here both as an attractive swimming center on the beach, and as the helper of young swimmers looking for encouragement.

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