



honolulu park place

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Welcome to New General Manager Walters Miranda

Walters Miranda brings to the position of Honolulu Park Place's General Manager extensive knowledge and experience which enable him to strategically carry out the abilities of his new position. He has over 20 years of hotel engineering experience and 14 years of condominium management experience. He retired in 2001 from the Army National Guard Engineer Detachment as Sergeant in charge of major projects from around the world. He was responsible for putting up structures from the ground up to the completion of the projects including the performance of quality control. This position gave him the opportunity to enhance his experience and knowledge of all the trades.



As Manager of Operations from May 2014 to December 2017, he was supervisor of maintenance and custodial staff and he had oversight of security operations under the supervision of the Chief of Security. One of his goals was to train maintenance staff on proper building techniques and building codes so they can diagnose areas that require repair and provide better service to the residents. He supervised improvement projects such as the installation of the new chiller, new carpet and LED lighting; redoing the landscape of exterior and interior areas; resurfacing the tennis court; regrouting of the jacuzzi; and improving the koi pond filtering system and the jacuzzi jets.

As General Manager, Walters is looking forward to ongoing improvement of the interior and exterior common areas including the cleaning of unit drain pipes; changing the garage fire sprinkler heads; clarifying emergency procedures for residents; improving locker rooms; changing the entrance glass doors to a sliding door to facilitate entry for residents with special needs; renovating the Long House; resealing the tiles fronting the fountain; renovating the security

desk which is termite infested; working with the HPP Board and residents on the functionality and use of the bowling lanes; and maintaining a safe and secure environment for residents.

Walters' overarching goal is to encourage and promote a culture among all HPP staff to move forward as a team to meet the needs of residents. He is quick to give credit to all the HPP staff for the successful implementation of past projects, and he looks forward to working with them to maintain and improve the living environment at Honolulu Park Place.

Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa; Photo: Gary Everest

Are you ready?

If you're like most people, the events of Saturday, January 13, 2018 very likely caused you to think seriously about your emergency preparedness. While Hawaii is a wonderful place to build a life and raise a family, it's also a place that is threatened by many potential disasters, both natural and those made by man. Emergency preparedness in Hawaii means planning for hurricanes, tsunamis, floods, earthquakes and, at least on the Big Isle, volcanos.

It is recommended that you and your family review your emergency planning now. In doing so, you might want to look at www.ready.gov. The State of Hawaii has a good information posted on its Hawaii Emergency Management Agency site: www.dod.hawaii.gov/hiema. That site includes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the nuclear threat from North Korea. Contrary to popular opinion, planning for such an attack is not a futile exercise as much depends upon the size of the weapon and its point of impact.

Whether the threat comes from a natural or a man-made source, your emergency planning should include **a survival kit sufficient for 2 weeks** due to the possibility of a major disruption to maritime transportation.

Turn the unfortunate events of January 13 into a positive by reviewing your preparedness for an emergency. **An emergency preparedness pamphlet is available in the HPP admin office.**

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Board of Directors

Please welcome **Rebecca Friedman**, replacing Dinora Gill. Rebecca has a background in finance and will be a great asset to the Board.

Reminder

Pet owners are responsible for the immediate clean up after their pets in the event of any accident. Pets have urinated and defecated in the common areas of the building and grounds (e.g. the hallways, elevators and loading zone)—please be aware that you will be cited and fined for violations of the pet policy.

Residents were asked: What are your goals for 2018?

Meet Your Neighbors

Mike and Lisa Doss

As is usually the case, Lisa and I have many plans for the New Year. We plan to spend more time with our two beautiful grandchildren, Hana-3 and Benjamin-1. We'll continue to explore Oahu's beauty by hiking the many trails and visiting our parks and beaches. We find it very refreshing to revisit these places through our grandchildren's eyes.



We plan to continue our quest to travel. Domestically, our goal is to visit at least one new mainland city each year. Last year we were able to visit New Orleans and Boston, and this year we plan to visit Austin, TX. Our travel goals also include international destinations. Recently, we were fortunate enough to spend time in Singapore, and Cambodia; and, this year, we hope to visit the Dominican Republic.

Lastly, Lisa and I hope to become better HPP neighbors. We've come to realize that HPP is a wonderful place to live, and we believe that our staff team and fellow owners/tenants are what make HPP such a great place. Consequently, we plan to get to know some of our more immediate neighbors a bit better by inviting them over for dinner.

Jason Woo graduated from emergency medicine residency at John Hopkins Hospital in June 2017. He relocated to Oahu in September and moved into Honolulu Park Place and has met many cool and interesting people. He enjoyed kitesurfing and scuba diving every week in 2017.



Margaret Lu's

treasured gift in 2017 was Lulu, a two-month-old puppy. Taking care of Lulu has required commitment and a high level of responsibility, but she has brought love, laughter, and joy into Margaret's life.



Margaret Lu and her puppy, Lulu.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Meeting

Association of Apartment Owners
of Honolulu Park Place

Wednesday, March 14 • 6:30 pm

**Please send in your proxies!
Six directors are up for election**

All you have to do is ask

Did you know that we have an in-house chef in the person of Heidi Anderson at the **Real Food Cafe**? Say you're hungry for pork chops cooked a special way. Bring the recipe to Heidi and she'll make it for you.

Call the Cafe at 271-7052 to order. Ask about weekly specials, personal chef service, catering and more.

Massage at HPP

Stan Sugai, 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday. Phone 808-536-6979. **Susan Lovinger**, phone 808-342-6402. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 pm-9 pm; Saturdays, Noon to 6 pm. By appointment only. \$50/hour massage; \$80/hour & half. Gift certificates are available.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Marie Dotzler, winner of the HPP Christmas Party raffle! Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Annual Christmas Party a big success.



Mahalo

for your donations to the
HPP Employee Christmas Fund