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One of the Top Honolulu Condos A Great Place to Live!

Thanks to everyone who sent in their proxies, a quorum was established, enabling us to conduct business at the March 14, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Apartment Owners of Honolulu Park Place. Board President **Rick Baldwin**, reported on the important accomplishments since the last annual meeting.



The closed loop chiller installation, which supplies our air conditioning and accounts for about 30% of all electricity consumed by the common elements in the building, has been completed. The result is more efficient use and a significant cost savings.

The Energy Efficiency Committee began working on the Heat Pump Project in Dec 2016. After extensive data logging and analysis, the engineers at Notkin Hawaii Inc. designed and recommended the replacement system. When the initial bids came in higher than expected, we entered into additional negotiations with the low bidder – Honeywell Building Solutions. We received extensive support from HPP General Managers **Garry Belen** and **Walters Miranda** and agreed to a complete system replacement. Board Member **Dennis Padlock** was acknowledged for his thorough and tireless work on both the chiller and heat pump projects.

HPP also has a new tennis court which also serves as the roof of our parking structure. The old court which was nothing more than paint on concrete, is now an actual cushioned surface for tennis that is approved by the International Tennis Federation. Sadly, the the new surface has already been stained by thoughtless residents. Please remember that **bicycles, tricycles, roller skates, scooters, skate boards, strollers or hard-soled shoes** are not allowed as they will leave scuff marks. Thanks to Board Member **Craig Williams** who took charge of the tennis

court resurfacing project.

The HPP Board named a new general manager, **Walters Miranda**, who had a 3-month overlap with Garry Belen. Additional responsibilities have been given to Director of Security, **Nate Dudoit** plus there is a new Maintenance Supervisor, **Emilio Alvarez**, making for a truly professional team.

An Exceptional Team!

The following letter was recently sent to Thomas Heiden, our Managing Agent, from long-time HPP residents, **James and Sally Stuart**:

As an original owner at HPP, we have had the opportunity to value all of the excellent managers and staff over the past 27 years. However, in our opinion, we now have an exceptional operational team in place to successfully take HPP forward for the next several years!

With Walters Miranda leading this team, with his low-key demeanor, he sets a great example as a manager with integrity, trusting character, and combined with his attentiveness to the owners is a big plus! His Chief of Security, Nate Dudoit, and dedicated security staff are all very professional, vigilant and friendly. I have personally noticed that most of the security staff seem to know the residents' names and use them in address(ing) them that way in their interactions!

Please let the staff and management know that there are owners that value, appreciate, respect and recognize each of their dedication and professionalism in their daily service to all of us at Honolulu Park Place.



Reminder

All residents are required to sign the **Club Liability Release Form** before using the Club facilities. A copy may be obtained from our website or from the administrative office.

Guests who use Honolulu Park Place Club facilities are required to sign the **Guest Liability Release Form**.

Handy Phone Numbers

Real Food Cafe, 271-7052

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Meet your Neighbors

Janice Churma and Greg Stoddard



Greg Stoddard, Janice Churma and their dog, Koa

Their Year-Long Travel Adventures

From early May, 2016 to the end of May 2017, husband and wife **Greg Stoddard** and **Janice Churma**, and their beloved companion, Koa, traversed 48,000 miles by van throughout the continental USA with brief visits to Canada and Mexico. A liberating aspect of their trip was

that they were able to capture and savor all the experiences they desired without being bound by a fixed, pre-planned schedule!

Greg and Janice, accompanied by Koa, hiked, biked, kayaked, and swam, relishing all the beaches they came upon. They stayed in hotels, motels, cabins, camping grounds, B and B's, yurts, and the homes of relatives and friends.

Among the 20 national parks they visited including the Waterton National Park in Alberta, Canada, their favorite picks are Acadia, Big Bend, Bryce Canyon and Glacier National Parks.

The rich and diverse landscape of their travel experiences included food festivals and farmers' markets, music festivals and concerts, visits to museums, libraries, exposure to wild life including the howling of wolves while they were camping in Minnesota.

What stand out in their memory are the "nice people" they met throughout the country, and they have kept in contact with some of them. It was a warm experience for them to meet people who had resided in Hawaii. One of them taught at an elementary school on Kauai and currently manages a Railway Museum in Washington state. She had as one of her students, celebrated surfer, Bethany Hamilton, who lost an arm in a shark attack.

While Janice and Greg had an unforgettable year-long traveling experience, they appreciated returning to the comforts of their home at Honolulu Park Place.

In Fall 2017, Greg put on his traveling gear again and went on a two-month trip on the Mainland. In June this year, Janice will embark on a 500-mile walking trip on the Camino del Norte route, Spain.

Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa; Photo by Gary Everest

New Board Members

Congratulations to the following who have been re-elected to the HPP Board of Directors: **Kelly Brehm, Katherine Crosier, Rebecca Friedman, Trappeur Rahn, Christine Trecker, and Craig Williams.** Remaining on the board are **Rick Baldwin** and **Dennis Padlock.**

Welcome to new member **Melanie King.** Melanie is a tax partner at the Honolulu accounting firm, CW Associates CPAs. She is a Certified Public Accountant who received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Hawaii at Hilo and a Master's degree in Accounting at the UH Manoa. She has lived at Honolulu Park Place since 1996, first as a renter and now as an owner. Welcome aboard, Melanie!

A Friendly Reminder

The trash chute is for regular household rubbish only—no big or bulky items! That means:

NO mattresses or frames!
NO shower rods! NO furniture!
(all of which has had to be retrieved from the trash chute!)

Are you covered?

Seeing the water leak posters that have been up recently has caused me to wonder about my condo insurance coverage. Water damage is the most common insurance claim and, depending on the circumstances, can be challenging to understand who is responsible for covering the loss. If you haven't had an insurance checkup with your Insurance Agent recently, it might be a good time to review your coverage. Addressing gaps that exist between your HO6 policy and HPP's Master Policy will protect you financially and give you peace of mind in the event of any peril.

-Rebecca Friedman

Meet Christina

Five days a week, **Christina Ornellas** may be seen energetically dusting, sweeping, and mopping the front area of the lobby as well as the club area including the residents' lounge and the gym. By example, her mother instilled in her the love of and pride in good housekeeping. In



her prior work experience, she provided home health care for the elderly.

Christina appreciates the work environment at Honolulu Park Place including the team spirit of her fellow workers and the

residents of different ethnic backgrounds. She has high regard for her first supervisor, **Walters Miranda**, and her present supervisor, **Emilio Alvarez.** Her motto is to do the best she can each day. She walks to work from her home in the Punchbowl area. Christina also enjoys walking with her dog, Honeyboy. Her hobbies include arts and crafts and drawing (predominantly in the field of animation). Her long-term avocational goal is to write two children's books to encourage individuality among children.

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