

# Kalapana Seaview News

*Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Aina I Ka Pono*

2002 Newsletter

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## Letter from the President

Dear Seaview Owners and Residents,

You may recognize me, Garry Hoffeld, as your past president from 1998-1999. At the 2001 AGM meeting a new Board was elected. That board selected Pat Davis as president for 2001-2002. Pat is responsible for starting many new projects, including establishing a budget, relocating the playground equipment to the pavilion park and the purchase of a new computer. Unfortunately, Pat and three other board members resigned their positions before their voluntary obligations were completed. The remaining board members, according to the Bylaws, appointed me, Helen Noble, Athena Peanut, and Val Vaughn to finish their vacated terms.

On behalf of the past and present Board, I would like to thank those who paid their \$25 annual park maintenance fees and encourage everyone to do so this year. Your continued support allows us to sustain park facilities and equipment, pay taxes, secure insurance and provide guidelines for positive use of the parks to benefit the community, thereby ensuring property values for all owners.

Our new computer now contains what we believe to be the most current addresses and information for all Seaview lots. To keep our records accurate, please inform us of any new changes or corrections.

Our Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. We picked this date to provide sufficient notice to all owners of it's time and agenda. Items to be addressed will be election of four new board members, by-law amendments, guidelines and projects for the upcoming year. I would like to invite all residents and owners to attend this meeting. Our Community is growing with homes being built and new neighbors to welcome. Please come, enjoy, get involved and share in your parks program.

*Warmest Aloha, Garry Hoffeld*

## Hawaiian Dictionary

*Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Aina I Ka Pono*=The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness, *Pule*=Prayer, *Kahu*=Minister, *Kanaka Maoli*=Hawaiian Aboriginal Person(s), *Kokua*=Care for/Help, *Aloha*=Love, *Keiki*=Child/Children, *Kupuna*=Grandparent(s), *Mahalo*=Thank you.

## Paradise Here and Now

There are many exciting things going on in our community. We hosted a holiday dinner in our pavilion. Thank you Helen, Ruby, and all those who prepared the feast, served and cleaned up. Our dinner opened with a *pule* by *Kahu Manu*, a *kanaka maoli* neighbor. Such a wonderful time was had by Seaview residents and their guests, we named this the "First Annual" and hope to host a December dinner yearly.

The "Kokua Club" ( Helping with *Aloha* ) is one of the best things going in Seaview. Many neighbors come together just like a barn raising. Some do construction and manual labor, others prepare food for the work crew. One clever neighbor provided participants with "Crew Kokua" tee shirts. The group recently worked on the *keiki* playground and ended the fun for all work day with an ice cream social. This is an excellent example of how we help each other to accomplish big projects. We are planning more community *Kokua* projects and events for next year. If you would like to get involved, please join with us, and continue to contribute by paying your small annual maintenance fee.

*Aloha and Mahalo for your Kokua, Lorraine West (Board Member)*

## Seaview Survey

On my daily walk I counted 98 Houses, 10 under construction, 30 alternative structures, 160 adults and 26 children, 59 dogs, 1 parrot, 1 macaw, 2 goats and cats too numerous to count.

*Helen Noble (Board Member)*

## Volcano Update

As the earth's most active volcano, Kilauea has been spilling molten lava into the ocean since January 1983. Although conditions change daily, you can usually see the flow for yourself. The park service has opened a new access road at the end of Highway 130. There has been a noticeable increase in traffic as tourist and residence come to view this spectacular site.

*David Hoffeld (Resident)*

## Greetings from the Hiccup Circus, Your Bellyacres Neighbor

Thanks to a Department of Health grant, the Hiccup Circus has brought circus fun activities to kids and adults for the past year in the Seaview pavilion. We have taught stilt walking, juggling and unicycle skills and have been able to build stilts for each of our kids to take home. Brother Joe came to teach a large turnout of community members to weave hats and panels from coconut palm to decorate our parade float. Theresa sewed a wonderful string of flags. Pat, Bud and Samantha made stilt costumes and sewed the beautiful Seaview banner. On December 8th we had our biggest turnout ever for the "Pahoa Winter Parade". Carlisle drove our proud seniors on board our "Castaways" float followed by our contingent of joyful and colorful circus kids. We were the hit of Pahoa town that day.

We are continuing our weekly circus for one and all, spreading the joy that comes from having fun and learning together. We believe that a happy community is a healthy community. May your days be filled with happiness.

*Graham Ellis (Hiccup Circus Ringleader)*

## Seaview: An Unintentional Community

Seaview's greatest asset is the incredible social diversity packed into a small land division of approximately 1/4 mile wide by 1 mile long. We have elders with Grandma Florence in her 93rd year claiming position of senior *Kupuna*, new born babies, young adults and everything in between; millionaires and paupers, working people, entrepreneurs, single parents, artists, writers, healers, surfers, hunter/gatherers, farmers, retirees, and even circus performers!

By virtue of being a close neighbor, for many years I was able to observe and support two of the longest surviving intentional communities in the United States. To me, the underlying weakness of those communities was the glaring lack of socio-economic diversity. On the one hand, "Community" seems to be what most spiritually motivated people are searching for in today's troubled times and on the other, experience often leads us to believe this goal may be unattainable.

However, we are all members of unintentional communities. These invisible communities exist everywhere...in urban neighborhoods and distinct geographical areas such as towns and subdivisions. Here in Seaview, the secret life of the unintentional community is becoming visible. Magic happens when we recognize the geographic fact of the community's place and then begin to work together toward common goals. Acceptance of all who live in the village as members of the same community facilitates the quantum leap past individual likes and dislikes. It is easy to acknowledge a neighbor as a village mate even if we never can be intimate friends with that person. There is a place for everyone in the big picture and people from all walks of life have found a home in Seaview. Life here is a micro image of the macro world at large. Life is good in Seaview. I love Seaview.

*Athena Peanut (Vice-President)*

## Greybeard Speaks

There has been much discussion this past year about how we can keep the parks and common areas maintained nicely on a limited budget. It came to light that we really did not have a style or plan other than a vague idea to achieve a neat appearance by more mowing. We are currently preparing a master plan to address this issue.

The Imperial Palace grounds in Tokyo demonstrate the potential and illustrate the varieties of art, style and science that can be considered in our parks. On a tract of land approximately the size of Seaview, centuries old gardens have been meticulously maintained to the exacting standard of "Shibui" or astringent beauty. Concurrently, other large areas of the palace grounds are allowed to thrive in their natural state to maximize biodiversity and wildlife habitat.

I would encourage member volunteers to adopt a small plot of ornamental or edible plants, or even a single tree and tend it for a lifetime if possible. I suggest the association collectively strive to keep the broad meadow-like areas mowed and let wild places unfold according to the master plan of nature.

*Greybeard (Scribe and Volunteer Pavilion Park Caretaker)*

## Alternative Dwelling

In Puna, Hawai'i, we are favored with the finest weather possible. There is just the right mix of rain and sun to keep the flora lush and green. The temperature is always mild. The trade winds keep it cool without becoming a harsh tropical blow. This means one can be comfortable without building the standard "California" house. Some folks, my wife and I included have elected to have alternative housing. Examples of alternative housing are as limitless as your imagination. Many Seaview residents also have chosen alternative energy systems making use of our tropical climate by using solar and wind power.

For the most part, the "Traditionals" and "Alternatives" in Seaview co-exist harmoniously, and I hope that we will continue to do so.

*Grant Jones (Treasurer)*

## 2001 Financial Summary

Opening Checking Balance on 01/01/01	2398.46
Total Income from Maintenance Fees, Donations, & Interest	12,657.37
Total Office Expenses (inc. Newsletter & New Computer)	3,230.54
Total Maintenance Contract & Associated Expenses	3,134.98
Total Legal Expenses	311.32
Total Insurance & Taxes	1,800.97
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	522.79
Closing Checking Balance on 12/31/01	6,055.23
CD Savings Account	5,000.00