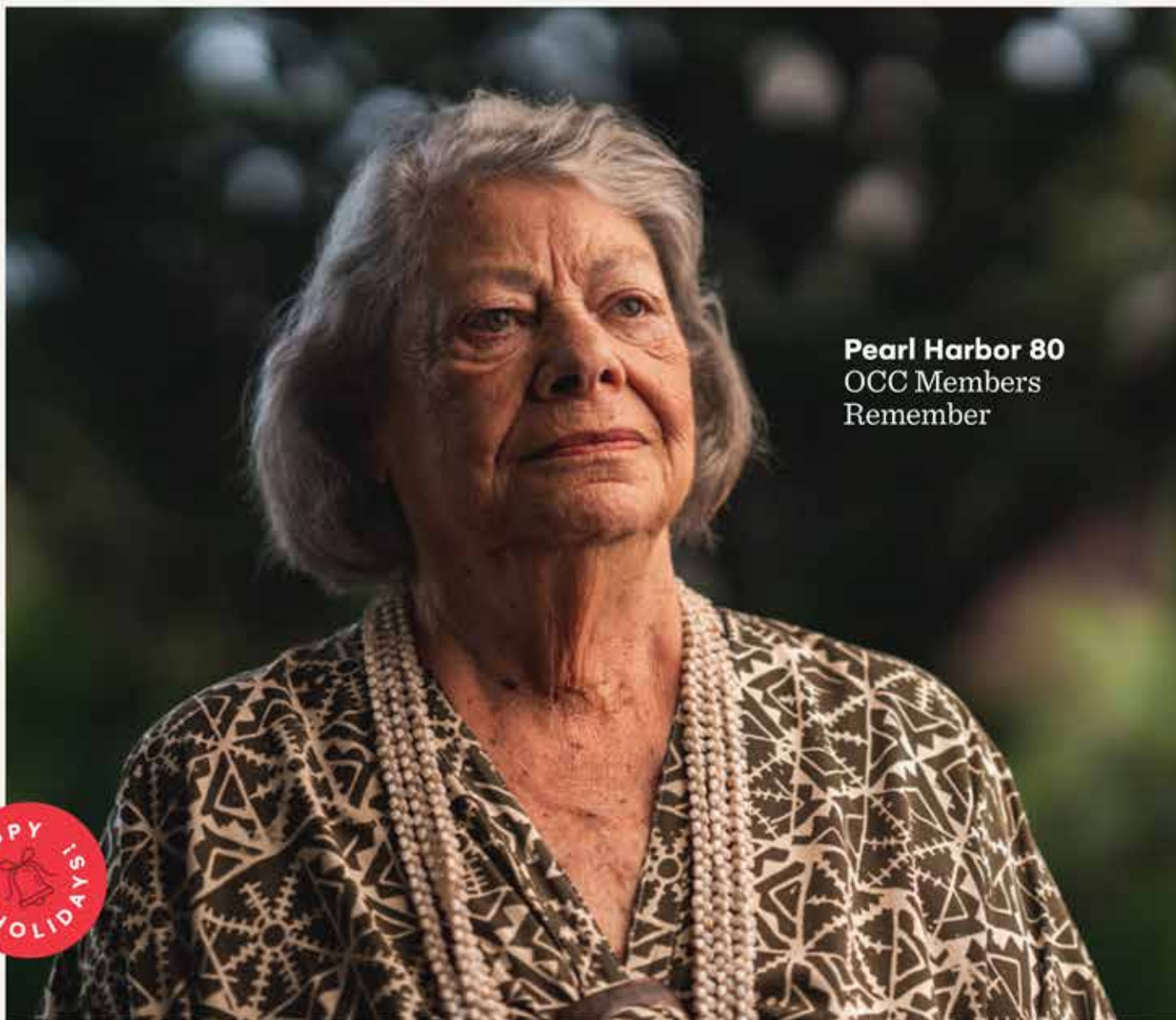


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From the President's Desk

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on. Rather, it is owned by our neighbors, the Elks Lodge, which leases it to us under a long-term lease that began in 1956. For the first 50 years of that lease, the Club paid just \$20,000 per year. In 2006, the rent was reset by arbitration to \$830,000 per year. While at the time this was a significant additional expense, the amount of rent that was awarded in the arbitration was significantly less than the Elks Lodge sought, which was more than twice what the arbitrators determined. Under the terms of the lease, the Club has the right to enjoy that favorable lease rent until 2055, when the lease terminates.

That may seem like the distant future, but from a real estate perspective, it is right around the corner. The Club's Long Term Planning Committee ("LRP") and the Board of Directors have been planning for years on how to address what will happen when the lease terminates. The LRP, led by past President Bill Meheula, has also been in negotiations with the leadership of the Elks Lodge for many years. In 2018, with the approval of the membership, the LRP offered to purchase the land

for a price that was above what our experts told us it was worth. When the Elks Lodge informed us it was not interested in selling the land, the LRP explored the alternative of extending the current lease. The outcome of those negotiations is a potential deal to extend the lease for an additional 50 years, if that deal is accepted by the memberships of both the Outrigger and the Elks Lodge.

The details of the potential deal are beyond the scope of this message. However, the Board and the LRP will be providing details, analysis, and their recommendations in a series of mandatory Town Hall meetings that will be held in late 2021 and early 2022, prior to our Annual Meeting. I call these Town Hall meetings "mandatory" because this decision is possibly the most important one that the Club has ever faced. Thus, while you do not face any penalty for not attending, it is critical that all voting members understand the proposed deal and come to a conclusion as to whether or not to approve it. The vote will take place at the Annual Meeting, and a procedure will be set up for each member to have the opportunity to vote in favor of or against the deal, regardless of whether they are able to physically attend the Annual Meeting.

In closing, I strongly encourage each and every member to attend the Town Hall meetings (either in person or virtually), learn about the deal, and to reach out to me or the Board if you have any questions. Hopefully by the time of the Annual Meeting, you will be sufficiently educated to make an informed vote on this critical issue.

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General Manager's Corner

ALOHA OCC OHANA AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS. It's hard to believe that as you are reading this, we are starting the holiday season. Soon, the Club will be sparkling with lights and festive décor. We'll be welcoming family members back home and celebrating the simple joys of being together and sharing meals. This time of year is also a time of reflection, of looking back and planning for the future.



If 2020 brought unknowns and a "new normal," how do we describe 2021? "Variable change"? I would like to thank the membership and the staff for their patience and understanding as the Club has navigated the ever-changing waters and emergency orders that arose this year. From masks and table sizes to vaccination cards and negative tests, 2021 often brought more questions than answers. Those questions were analyzed and addressed by the Board of

Directors and the management team in an effort to always follow the City and County guidelines. Our true north has always been the unwavering desire to keep our membership and staff safe. I would like to thank our members, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, the operations leadership team, and all of the employees for their help and support in another trying year. Although challenging, the Club continues to flourish and grow stronger because of everyone's "Love of the Club."

Even with everything going on, the Club continues to thrive. Several of our paddling teams

competed in Catalina in September and represented the Club very well! Our boys and girls' volleyball seasons are just kicking off. Our Food & Beverage team continues to deliver amazing meals that surprise and delight our members. The Member Relations Committee has helped to produce a new member video that will make you proud to be a member. In true Outrigger fashion, the Club is always looking for ways to improve your experience.

The holidays are all about friends, family and fellowship, and where better to find all three than at the Club. Come and enjoy cocktails with friends, laughter with family, and create memories at the Club this holiday season! Be sure you make your reservations for our holiday events and leave room in your stockings for new limited-edition holiday shirts from the Logo Shop!

Personally, I am thankful again this year to be part of such an amazing Club and thankful to the entire membership and staff for their steadfast commitment to this wonderful place we all call home!

Happy holidays from my family to yours,

Tyler Roukema,
General Manager

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California Dreamin'

Outrigger Canoe Club makes a mark at the Catalina Channel Crossing

➔ After a pandemic gap year, the Catalina Channel Crossing US Outrigger Championships were back in action Sept. 11 and 12. And thanks to the support of the Club Board, for the first time since 2011, Outrigger Canoe Club crews were in the mix.

Nā Kama o Kapua—the Junior Girls—had a memorable race experience. Under the guidance of coaches Darren Orr, Rachel Kincaid and Anthony Hunt, the crew took first place in the Women 19 & Under Unlimited Division and thirteenth place among all women's crews. NKOK also toured the Newport Aquatic Center, where they met high-level athletes and got to see what is possible on a larger scale in collegiate athletics. The event was the culmination of a full year of training, beginning with Solo Craft Season in January, with the program taking a major stride forward in 2021 despite the Covid-19 circumstances.

The past few months the Open Women's Program has rolled with the punches. The Catalina Crossing was the first opportunity since 2019 to represent the Club in

the paddling community, and the crew was ready to take on the challenge. Race day on the poignant date of Sept. 11 showed clear, sunny skies, and a running current coming up from the south. Past race participants said it was some of the nicest conditions in recent memory. As the race started, the crew set its eyes on Dana Point Canoe Club, which had reportedly been winning all season in their racing organization. It was a battle of pulling even and falling away, staying true on the rhumb line or covering the crew just ahead. It all came down to the last few miles approaching Avalon, where a northerly wind picked up strength and gave the further north crew of Dana Point Canoe Club the confirming lead into the harbor.

The Open Women's crew fought hard and finished a close second, and fourth overall. Our women, coached by George Wilson, Kaihe Chong, and Tom McTigue, knew they paddled their best race and were proud to walk away knowing this was the result of a season shadowed by pandemic challenges.

The Open Women's crew was honored to compete in

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a championship race in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11. As they watched the memorial at the finishing ceremony, they reflected on the lives lost and hoped their performance paid respect to their sacrifices.

After training for a year and a half, the opportunity to compete in the Catalina Channel crossing was exciting for the Master Men. Coach Tracy Phillips devised a training plan to prepare nine of the 50s/60s men's group (and one alternate) for the 30-mile race on September 12.

Sunday morning was clear and sunny, but paddlers soon became aware of rough conditions in the channel; with current, wind and swells that hadn't been seen in this race in at least 20 years. Winds were directly on the ama, causing multiple experienced crews to flip, some more than once. And one crew suffered a damaged 'iako.

All crew members did a great job, coming in fourth place in their division and 17th overall out of 40 competitors. With efficient technique and Twain Newhart's solid iron steering performance on a great north line, the crew made its way across the channel with few hiccups. The swells resulted in a continuous in-rush of water into the boat, and everyone was grateful for a reliable bilge pump. It was a major relief when they hit the calm waters close to Newport Harbor.

All the crews are extremely grateful for the support of the Board and Club. It is always an honor to race for Outrigger. ■

Catalina Channel Crossing Results

Nā Kama o Kapua, Junior Girls
1st place: Women 19 & Under Unlimited Division
13th place of all Women's crews

Open Women
2nd place: Women Unlimited Division

Master Men
4th Place: Master (40) Unlimited Division

Read more about the Club's illustrious paddling history at outriggerscanoecclubsports.com.



Winning wahine: (left to right) Anthony Hunt, Gavriella Graves, Malia Winter, Emma Simmons, Taraina Kamakawiwo'ole, Lockley McElroy, Skye Eversole, Kaela Yasuhara, Taihere Thompson, Hie Louie, Kaiona Orr, Darren Orr.



Super Women: The Open Women's crew celebrate a great ending to the season. Back row: Anella Borges, Jennifer Fratzke, Liat Portner, Nakohu Keala, Malia Kamisugi, Donna Kahakui. Front row: Jennifer Raams, Rachel Kincaid, Mary Smolenski



Beach boys: (left to right) John Eveleth, Boogie Black, Vik Watumull, Joe Donahue, Ruben Cabaniero, Tracy Phillips, Scott del Rey, Al Darling, Mike Fine, Gunner Schull, Twain Newhart.

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Spirit of '66

In 1966, the Hawaii All Stars crew, which included Outrigger Canoe Club members, competed in the Catalina Channel Crossing. The race's committee boat was John Wayne's famed *Wild Goose*, and the Duke himself was aboard. The Hawaii'i crew went on to win, and pulled it off again the following year.

Pictured here is the crew about to board a Pan Am flight to California. Front row: Toots Minvielle, the father of modern-day long-distance racing, Baby Bell, Mark Buck, Rabbit Kekai, unknown, Hal Burchard, Sarge Kahanamoku. Back row: unknown, Gary Murakami, unknown, unknown, Harry Ho.



Ginger dreams: Pastry Chef Vivian Wu with last year's re-creation of the Club (above) and her 2018 design.

house requires dough that is a little sturdier than your average cookie. "The ratio of flour and wet ingredients is different," explains Wu, "so that the cookie is edible but harder. I use the same amount of spice so it still smells really good throughout the entire time it is on display—even with a coating of lacquer spray to protect it."

Along with the slabs of gingerbread for walls, Wu baked bases from graham crackers, and fashioned palm trees and rocks from gum paste and fondant, used brown sugar as sand, and made an icing ocean.

Because of the humidity, the Club's gingerbread houses require special maintenance to ensure they hold up through Christmas Day. "It needs to be in a cool place overnight, so at the end of each day, we roll it into our office space—a refrigerator or freezer would be too cold. And just before service, we roll it back out for everyone to enjoy. It really did take a whole village to make that village last year."

Wu says another influence on the gingerbread house is the Keiki Christmas theme, which can help guide color and tone. For example, 2019's theme was Winter Wonderland, which inspired her to go with a classic blue and white.

Whatever direction Wu decides to go in, you can be sure the perfectionist in her will come up with another memorable feat of gingerbread engineering. ■

Gingerbread Engineer

Pastry Chef Vivian Wu takes a holiday baking tradition to new heights

By Lesa Griffith

➔ **As the holidays approach**, Pastry Chef Vivian Wu has been brainstorming with colleagues on ideas for the Club's gingerbread house. "I don't know how to top last year," she laughed during an interview in September.

For the 2020 holidays, Wu and her team built more than a gingerbread house—they created the entire Club, complete with beach and cutouts of staff members populating the amazing spread. She had set out to fashion the original Club in gingerbread, but when she learned it was "just a hut," the ever-ambitious Wu decided to do the current Ossipoff-designed complex, "and I just started to make it more complicated." Before she knew it, she was constructing the Koa Lanai, Snack Shop, front desk, and even the kitchen and signage.

"We reopened from the shut down, so I wanted to make it as festive as possible," says Wu. "It was a good thing to see people back—it was a little emotional to have everyone around again." Taking photos of staff and incorporating them into the gingerbread Club was a way to celebrate.

To get such an elaborate project right, Wu built a cardboard model, making it as accurately to scale as possible. A gingerbread

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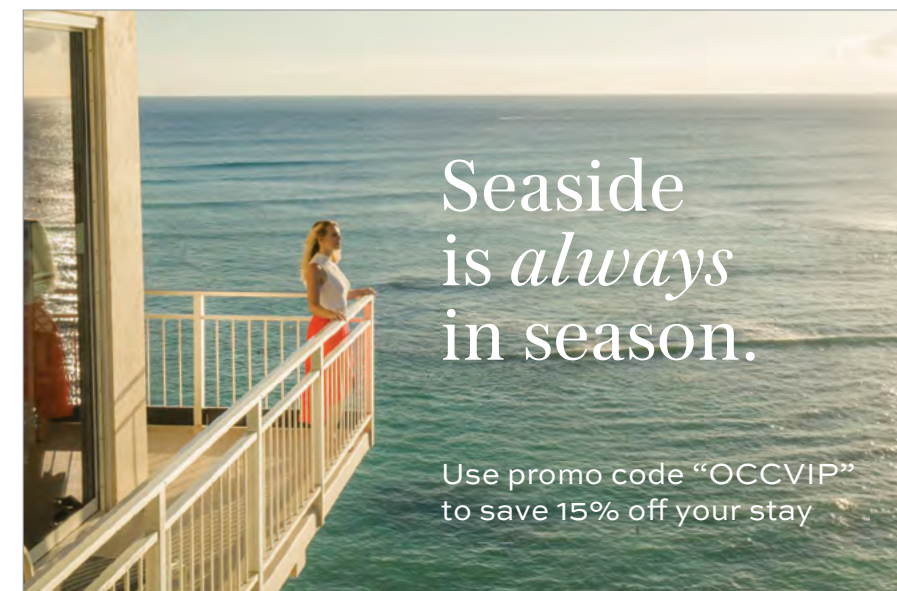
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➔ **The Annual Board of Directors election** is right around the corner. Please look for the candidates posted in the Lobby on December 1, and the ballots in your email or mailbox in early January. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8. Meeting details will be updated pending City and County gathering guidelines.



Keiki Christmas

This year, Santa Claus is coming to town in his red canoe and you can view his arrival from the comfort of your own home via video stream! He'll be sharing a special message for you and your family to enjoy! In addition, the Entertainment Committee will have a cheerful holiday craft package for your keiki to pick up and OCC will provide a video craft demo followed by a book reading of a holiday favorite—*The Polar Express*. Stay tuned for more details in the weekly Enews.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Dinner: Dine-In or To-Go

As this issue goes to press, Chef Mark and his culinary team are putting together the final details for our traditional Christmas dinners. There will be a to-go package as well as a four-course seated and plated dinner offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Reservations and menu details will be announced in an upcoming Holiday Edition of the weekly Enews.

Holiday Events

Thanksgiving Dinner: Dine-In or To-Go Thursday, Nov 25

Executive Chef Mark Gedeon and his team will once again offer the choice of a delicious, multicourse “seated buffet” or a Thanksgiving meal to enjoy at home. Both versions feature roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and your favorite holiday sides. The seated buffet will be served in courses, with the option to add prime rib, OCC mahi and more to your meal—at no extra charge. Of course, dinner will end with delightful seasonal desserts from Chef Vivian Wu.

Employees of the Month



On the frontline and behind the scenes, these employees have been recognized for their outstanding performance.



AUGUST Malia Pao

Malia Pao was once again honored as Employee of the Month for her outstanding efforts in the Business Office. She

not only excelled at her regular duties, but handled coverage for coworkers on vacation or on medical leave. As always, Malia faced these additional responsibilities with a professional approach and enthusiasm. Thank you for your continued positive attitude and ability to take on new challenges.



SEPTEMBER Christian Bumanglag

Christian joined the Snack Shop in June 2019 then moved to the kitchen as a cook five months later.

He is September's Employee of the Month for bringing new ideas to the kitchen—the popular Shrimp Scampi dinner special was one of his creations. Chef Mark Gedeon notes that Christian also puts in the extra effort to hone his skills and is focused on performing his job at the highest level. Congratulations, Christian—we all look forward to sharing a taste of your success.

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Creating Christmas

The Club gets a delightful seasonal makeover every year. Here's how the Decorating Committee does it.

➔ In the first week of October, Mary Moriarty Jones headed to Sand Island to harvest holiday magic. That's where the Club has a storage space that holds its cache of decorations. With the help of Athletic Director Shannon Pelkey, she hauled down plastic-wrapped waist-high nutcrackers, yards of palaka and a giant wreath of banyan rootlets made by Kristin Watumull.

The process of sprinkling the Outrigger with seasonal cheer starts with the Decorating Committee setting the design theme the year before, so when decorations are put back into hibernation, they are arranged to make next year's items easily accessible. Then as the holidays approach, Jones dives in to select what she needs and transports them to her home studio where she gets to work refreshing, reworking and repairing.

When longtime holiday decorator Margaret Puder announced she planned to retire from the position, the Club invited Jones to take over in 2019. It was an inspired choice. As co-owner of Hele Mele Botanicals, Jones is a design professional, bringing an assured sense of style and knowledge of flora to the Club's holiday look. She also was well trained—for two seasons she was one of Puder's hard-working elves.

Jones spent two solid days getting rid of stuff when she took over leading deco-



Christmas at the Club

Mary Moriarty Jones (above, left) and "elves" Nora Meijide-Gentry and Candes Gentry with their handiwork

Kristin Watumull (right) adds finishing touches under the wreath she made



rations. With the storage space located between an auto shop and a waste disposal facility, it was hard work. "You're sweating and smelling trash, it's pretty crazy."

In the process of culling the trove, she has made some great finds, like a set of eight-inch-long wood canoes, painted the Club's signature red and white. "I thought they were really cool," she says, adding that they inspired this year's color theme. Some of the canoes were damaged, so Jones fixed them up in her studio. She also used that palaka to sew new sails for the vessels—look out for the complete set in December.

Reusing things like the canoes is a priority for her. "We add new stuff and recycle stuff from past years," she explains. "Partly for cost and partly for environmental reasons. We didn't want to keep buying things and throwing them out. We want quality goods that can be reused in a several-year cycle. We have things that have been in rotation for 25 years."



Making Holiday Magic

Clockwise from top: Mary looks over the miniature canoes she discovered last year; Nora Meijide-Gentry; Lori Shigekane, Patty Pian, Kim Smith

She finds inspiration everywhere. "I see what we have in stock in storage. For example, last year's colorful, flower-focused theme was inspired by the many flowers in our supply. Plus, we added on more, which will be on rotation for future events," she explains.

The team has also been busy organizing the trove of decorations that have accumulated over decades. "We started putting small materials in clear plastic bins, rather than cardboard boxes and trash bags, so you can see them," says Jones. Now she and her crew can easily identify what is available.

In another case of streamlining, the visual theme for Keiki Christmas, organized by Candes Gentry and Jackie Guild, now ties in with overall Christmas décor.

Those elves working with Jones are the dedicated volunteers Judy Dobovan, Nora Meijide-Gentry, Candes Gentry, Jackie Guild, Patty Pian, and Lori Shigekane. In addition, a crew of junior members helps out, too. They'll all be at the Club in force the week after Thanksgiving, turning the place into an island winter wonderland. ■

IN MEMORIAM

Lyle Phillips, Jr.
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Armand V. Gagner
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Member: 43 years

Michael Schwinn
DECEASED: AUGUST 14, 2021
Member: 34 years

Alexander Gaston
DECEASED: AUGUST 19, 2021
Member: 24 years

Paul R. Cassidy
DECEASED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
Member: 73 years

William C. Dixon
DECEASED: OCTOBER 1, 2021
Member: 12 years



Member James Baker (far left) with Olympians Michael Grady, Andrew Reed, Anders Weiss, and Clark Dean.

Members' Notes

Olympic Visitors

Member James Baker invited US rowers headed to the Tokyo Games to the Club

➡ In July, the US Men's Olympic Rowing team made a week-long pit stop in Honolulu on its way to Tokyo. They trained on the Ala Wai Canal to acclimate to the heat and humidity they would face in Japan, as well as adjust to a new time zone. While they were here, member James Baker, who was captain of the Harvard rowing team in 1990 and on the US National Team, hosted four of the visiting Olympians for dinner at the Outrigger.

It turns out that two members of the Olympic men's four—Andrew Reed and Clark Dean—rowed at Harvard. In fact, Dean is still an undergraduate there. So when Baker found out they would be training in Hawai'i, he connected with them through his Harvard rowing coach Charley Butt, who is still with the university and was named the Bolles-Parker Head Coach for Harvard Men's Heavyweight Crew this year. Also at the dinner were Michael Grady, who rowed at Cornell and won gold in the eight at the 2018 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, and Anders Weiss, who rowed at Brown and competed in the Rio Games in 2016.

The crew was tapped to win a medal in Tokyo, based on their impressive heat finish, but came in fifth in the Olympic finals when their skeg broke 150 meters into the race. That meant they couldn't steer straight unless two of the rowers took their pressure down to

about 75 percent. Baker, who is based in California and still rows and paddles (for Lanakila Outrigger Club) competitively there, spoke to them after the race and they said it was gutting not to be able to put their best performance out there after so many years of training. Baker suspects at least three of them will try to make the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

"The training venue, hotel, climate, and food were all exactly what we needed in preparation for Tokyo," Weiss told Baker. "The canal was a straight course with buoys and it allowed us to do the training and pieces we needed to push ourselves for that last second of speed. Most importantly, the people we met were incredible and incredibly welcoming. That week of training was the best week of training I've had in the past five years, and I would count myself incredibly lucky to get another chance to train in Hawai'i."

For Reed, "training on a 2,000-meter course in the heart of Honolulu then walking a few minutes to the beach to swim with sea turtles was an experience like no other. We heard there used to be a Royal Hawaiian Rowing Challenge and would be in full support of that returning." He and his teammates also enjoyed talking to paddlers they saw training on the Ala Wai and comparing techniques.

"Over dinner at the Club they all expressed a strong desire to try outrigger canoe paddling," said Baker. "One of them said, 'It would be fun to face forward to see where we were going for a change!'"

After dinner, Baker and his guests visited the wall of Outrigger Olympians next to the Front Desk. "They spent quite a while reading all the names and absorbing the impressive record of the Club athletes," reports Baker. "They said the most impressive was Duke's record of making the Olympic swimming team in 1912 and then again 20 years later on the water polo team in 1932." ■

Holiday Gift Guide

Tis better to give than receive, and here's a roundup of items to help you finish checking off that list—supply chain woes begone! The Club's Logo Shop is always a great place to start, from iconic T-shirts to stylish resort wear to watersport essentials. We complete the guide with select options sure to please the lights of your life of every age.



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Sand chic
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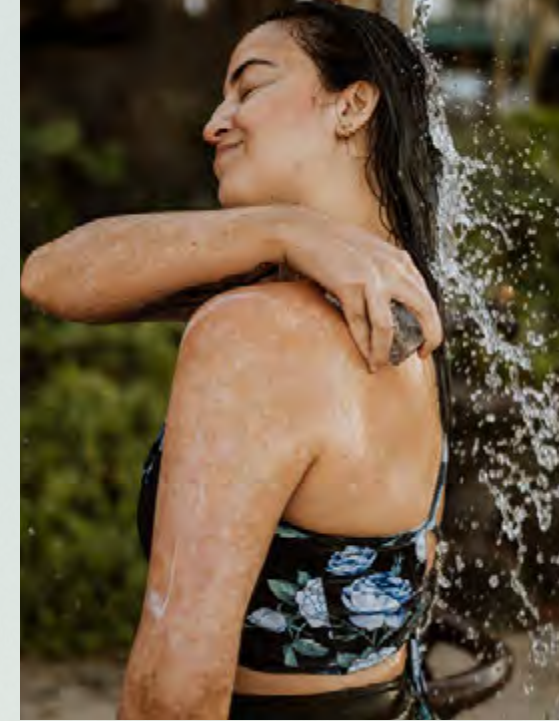
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THIS IS NOT A DRILL



Alice Flanders Guild holds a triptych of childhood photos. She was seven on the day of the attack.

On the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, three members share their memories.

BY CHRISTINE THOMAS | PHOTOS BY SEAN MARRS

On that lazy, sunny December morning, many O‘ahu residents were sleeping in or heading to church services. Some, like Duke Kahanamoku, were at the Outrigger Canoe Club for an early morning swim and breakfast at the snack bar. Back then, members would have entered the Club from Kalākaua Avenue next to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, winding through an arcade of shops including Flanders Store for Men and into the building designed by architect Charles Dickey. Though the territory had been holding practice blackouts the previous three years and people were accustomed to stockpiling food and necessities as part of wartime contingency plans, at first it was still difficult to believe that the sounds of bombs heard from the Club, which looked makai to the south, were not just practice maneuvers. But the news of Japan’s attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor and strafing of other island airfields on December 7, 1941, soon trickled through the Club and all O‘ahu communities, immediately changing the course of daily life for years to come.

What you saw or heard on that day, starting at 7:55 a.m., depended in large part on the neighborhood you were in. Some saw planes fly over mountain ridges or deep in valleys, others heard bombs or anti-aircraft fire, and some saw the smoke from the Harbor itself. People switched on their radios to hear repeatedly, “This is the real McCoy!” and only much later learned that more than 2,300 servicemen were killed

that morning, over half on the USS Arizona alone. All soon knew that Hawai‘i and the country were then at war, and the disruption that followed now echoes the fear and uncertainty of the pandemic. Local schools were closed, barbed wire was erected on beaches, food and fuel were rationed, and Hawai‘i was placed under martial law.

The Club faced its own uncertainty at the time, with initial impacts to income and staff. Soon, hours were limited to daylight, ocean access was temporarily prohibited, but the Club continued to provide recreation and entertainment not only to members but also to enlisted and commissioned servicemen

eventually residing next door after the Royal Hawaiian Hotel was transformed into a Navy R&R facility. The morning that changed the path of history remains seared in the memories of those who experienced it. Three current Club members who were children on December 7, 1941, share their recollections, taking us back to the day of the attack and revealing how everyday life changed 80 years ago, never to be forgotten.

CHARLES BLACK

Age 6 on day of attack

“My memories go back to Pearl Harbor very clearly—six Japanese planes dropping their bombs and then coming straight at us, followed by anti-aircraft fire. Why we didn’t get blown off the mountain or strafed I don’t know. I could see the Japanese plane clearly—the cockpit was slid back and I could see the Japanese pilot with his helmet and ear flaps. He didn’t strafe us. We were in much more danger of being hit by the anti-aircraft shells chasing them.

“We had been on our way to church when a neighbor called and told us to turn on the radio. Of course, we heard: This is not a drill. We couldn’t see anything from our house on Tantalus, so we drove to the Hog’s Back, a one-lane bridge at the edge of the



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—Wendell F. Brooks, Jr.

mountain ridge where we parked. We couldn’t even see the Wai’anae Mountains for all the smoke from the bombing. There was a low stone wall and several Japanese caretakers crouched below it, scared to death.

“As a child I was aware of the anxiety of the adults but didn’t know what it meant. The adults were not convinced that this was the real thing until those planes flew right at us. They were less than 100 feet above us. It was a mess—clouds, explosions. Then they knew. We were immediately told you can’t have lights showing in your house, and we had blackout curtains up within two or three days. There were neighbor patrols, and you had to drive up and down Tantalus with just the parking lights on. We didn’t go to Waikiki or go anywhere until things settled down—we thought we were going to be invaded.

“As a six-year-old, my understanding was there were scary people out there who might come and hurt us. We were kept off the streets and I was home schooled the rest of that year. It was a different kind of threat than we are experiencing now, not something you could put your hand on. It was there, we were definitely aware of it, but it was a way of life.”

In the months that followed, Charlie and his friends started a roadside stand selling candy bars and Bireley’s Orangeade on historic Tanta-



Wendell F. Brooks remembers his mother boiling water with her friend due to a rumor about the water system being poisoned.

lus Drive. “Admiral Nimitz would walk his staff around Tantalus once a week, and he would stop at our stand and buy things for everybody on his staff and even bought us things from our stand so we could enjoy them,” says Charlie. “It taught us to be entrepreneurs at an early age. If it wasn’t for the war, we may not have learned that. There’s opportunity everywhere. Sometimes it smacks us in the face and sometimes it taps us on the shoulder.”

WENDELL F. BROOKS JR.

Age 6 on day of attack

“On December 7, I was six years old—I’m 86 now. My mother and father were divorced at the time and my mother, Martha, and I were living in Mānoa. My mother was making breakfast and the radio was on—there was

with bottled water, which seemed strange to me at the time. The rumor was that Japanese residents of Hawai’i loyal to Japan had poisoned the water system, so we boiled water to be sure we had water to drink. That turned out not to be true, but it caused a lot of commotion at the time. I hid under the bed most of the day with Mahie’s youngest daughter, Kamuela Brown.

“The other rumor floating around was that Japanese paratroopers were parachuting into the back of Mānoa Valley, which of course turned out not to be true as well. But it was conceivable because in 1941 Mānoa didn’t look like it does today—there was even a golf course far back in the valley that would have made a perfect landing space for paratroopers. So, it wasn’t out of the question, but it wasn’t true.

“Everyone was scared. There were blackouts and curfews. There was a concern at official levels that troop ships might be on the way and there would be an invasion by sea. That lack of certainty resulted in curfews and blackouts. We all had black cloth over our windows and wardens would come around, and if there was a sliver of light coming through they’d admonish you to fix it. Some wardens were society people that signed up to walk the streets at night looking for escaping light.

“My dad, who was at the time assistant public prosecutor for the City, was also a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve in the intelligence unit in Honolulu. He was put on active duty the next day—bang he was right there. Also on December 8, the Japanese attacked and physically took possession of Guam. You can see why the local military and government would have been concerned because the next day Guam fell.

“In January of 1942, my mother and I were evacuated on a troop ship that zigged and zagged across the Pacific until we got to California, where we moved in with a cousin of hers who lived in Los Angeles. I lived in California until August 1947, and then we came back to Honolulu and I lived with my dad through my Punahou years and college before setting off on my own.”

Alice Flanders Guild remembers the post-attack uncertainty causing a feeling of dread. She holds photographs of herself as a young girl around that time.



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ALICE FLANDERS GUILD

Age 7 on day of attack

“On the morning of Dec 7th, a Sunday, the Japanese planes flew right over our house deep in Nu‘uanu Valley, where we lived on Old Pali Road. We looked up and I think someone made a comment like, ‘My goodness, they’re doing maneuvers.’ Nobody was really disturbed. My mom’s friend called us an hour later and said we’ve been attacked by the Japanese and to get under the house. We had no basement, of course—the house was raised on piers about two to three feet high. My mother pushed a mattress under and we all climbed on and lay there for hours and hours. We finally came out a few hours later and our neighbors, Maner and Alice Hite, came running saying the reservoirs above us had been poisoned by Japanese parachuters. Because their dad was the Secretary of the Territory we didn’t even question it. Then we were afraid to drink the water and it wasn’t for a couple of days until we found out it was okay to drink. I remember being terrified.

“The greatest impact to us was the nightly blackouts, where we had to put blackout curtains on the windows and ate dinner very early so we didn’t turn on any lights. A lot of family and friends arrived at the house, people who lived along the coastline who were concerned about sea invasions, gathering at the bar in a haze of cigarette smoke. At that point everyone assumed Hawai‘i would be attacked again. There was terrible uncertainty and lots of rumors about paratroopers—even those who lived in the valley were afraid a paratrooper might arrive any minute. We were fortunate to board a merchant marine ship to Cal-

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ifornia and went to live with my grandmother in Menlo. It was very stripped down, no railings on the ship just ropes and the decks were slippery and wet. It was ghastly.

“My recollection of that period was dread, not knowing from day to day what was going to happen. As a seven-year-old, things seemed more dramatic than they probably were because life changed so drastically from what we knew. The disruption to our lives was tremendous and of course it lasted for the next four years. It was a sort of rehearsal for major shifts in society and the way we live. Everyone was concentrated on the war effort, it brought people together, there was no doubt about that. People gave up their creature comforts to support the war effort. It was a time when the country came together in a way it hadn’t before and perhaps hasn’t since. Being in the thick of it at the beginning is a life-changing experience because you realize those kinds of things can come to your doorstep even when your doorstep is 2,000 miles away from any land.” ■

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You can read more stories about Pearl Harbor and the war years in *Outrigger Canoe Club: The First Hundred Years* available in the Logo Shop. The milestone publication created by the Historical Committee for the Club’s centennial is an invaluable, comprehensive history.

OCC SOUL

The spirit of volunteerism runs deep at the Outrigger Canoe Club

By Lesa Griffith

Angie Dolan

House Committee

✿ **A 20-year member, Angie Dolan grew up on the OCC beach.** She views the Club as a special place and community and particularly likes “the personal aspect of Outrigger being a canoe club for members, run by members and having the ability to get involved in the areas you are passionate about.”



An athlete, she initially got involved in committee work through sports, driven by wanting to help out in a greater capacity. Angie was on the Canoe Racing and Paddle Board Committee for years, then in 2019,

she joined the House Committee to better understand the operational side of the Club. It’s “very much out of my wheelhouse,” she says, “but I am fascinated by all that goes into creating a positive experience for members.”

Now that she is raising her own children at OCC, she feels “a renewed sense of responsibility to give back and perpetuate the values of the Club for generations to come. There is so much historical and institutional knowledge to learn about Outrigger and I am very passionate about learning about and sustaining its legacy.”

And in some ways, she gets back as much as she gives. She says volunteering “connects me to the OCC community, including employees and members I might not have otherwise known. Everyone I’ve encountered is extremely passionate about the Club and its continued success. It’s always inspiring to be part of a group that cares so much about something.”

Cory Nakamura

Admissions & Membership Committee + Coaching

✿ **“Volunteerism is something everybody should strive for,** especially at the Club,” says Cory Nakamura, because although we have great fulltime staff, without volunteers there are a lot of programs and opportunities



that wouldn’t exist. So volunteering is important and vital.”

Cory joined the Club in 2013 as an athletic member. When he became a regular member two years later, he immediately volunteered to coach the novice paddling program. Then

in 2016 he took the next step and joined a committee. He chose Admissions & Membership, whose members interview prospective Club applicants. He thought it was fascinating to get to meet such diverse people in such a wide age range. In addition, as someone who joined the Club in his thirties, he is aware that the membership process can seem intimidating.

“That first interview gives them a sense of what the Outrigger and its members are like,” says Cory. “It’s been nice to be that person on the board who didn’t come on as a junior member.” He sees himself as a guide to help newcomers integrate into the Club.

“When people see 20 members getting a canoe in the water, they might think they can’t join in,” says Nakamura. “I want them to know everybody’s in the same boat. I encourage them to join novice paddling and let them know it’s accessible. It’s a great way to meet other members.”

He speaks from experience—before he joined the Club he thought it was “so out of my comfort zone.” But after being recruited through paddling, “I ended up loving the environment and have met some of my best friends there.”

Dana Bergeman

Buildings & Grounds

✿ **As the founder of a construction management firm,** Dana Bergeman is a natural fit for the Buildings & Grounds Committee. When fellow Club members encouraged him to sign up, he didn’t hesitate. Leveraging one’s existing skill set for the Club “is an easy way to give back to a place that gives so much to us, and it is also lots of fun,” says Dana.



He agrees that the atmosphere of ‘ohana is strong. “Among the membership as a whole, there’s really a sense of appreciation of the place and the people,” he says. “[The Club] creates a wonderful environment for families

and the sense of community that exists fosters a natural desire to give back to a place that everyone loves. I’m a member of several other private clubs and none of them has the sense of community that exists at Outrigger.”

By nature a problem solver, Dana enjoys finding ways to make the Club more efficient. He is especially proud of the committee’s work on the Snack Shop. “It is one of the crowning achievements in recent years,” he says, “and I hope we can take that success and build on it.”

He joined the Club as an adult (“I’m thankful for those folks that finally pushed us into it”), but his five-year-old son is poised to “be a lifer—I think he likes the Club better than he does our own house,” laughs Dana, remarking how his son plays on the upper and lower beach with his friends.

Perhaps that is why Dana thinks a lot about the Club’s future. “One of the biggest challenges we face on Buildings & Grounds is what to do about our disappearing beach, and restoring the beach, seawall and groin to their prior condition,” he says. “There are no easy solutions. But there are effective solutions that will take careful stewardship.”

How to join a committee

Are you interested in increasing your Club involvement? The best way to get engaged is to join a committee. How do you know which one is right for you? Just follow your passion. Do you love planning special events? Then consider the Entertainment Committee. Are you social media savvy? The Member Relations Committee would welcome your expertise. If you know someone on a committee, ask them about their experience. Each February, a questionnaire is sent out soliciting committee involvement. Fill one out and return it to the Executive Office and your information will be forwarded to the chairs of the committees in which you are interested. Questions? Contact JoAnne Huber in the Executive Office at 808-921-1406 or email Autumn Woods at awoods@outriggercanoeclub.com.

Joe Bock

Member Relations

✿ **“When Joe Bock joined the Outrigger in 2015,** as a new member he wanted to participate to get to know the Club and his fellow members. Two years later, Jon Bryan tapped Joe, general manager of travel media company NMG Network, to fill the seat he was vacating on the Member Relations Committee. He was tasked with helping to revamp Ama and the Club’s communications strategy.



Joe is at the Club multiple times a week and enjoys everything it has to offer. He wants to make sure all members are aware of the rich offerings so they can make the most of the Club like he does. For him, Member

Relations duties are fun—like producing an updated video shown to newly minted members.

“Because at the moment it’s hard for people to come together because of covid, and Club services have changed, the video needed to be updated,” explains Bock. This latest version is especially targeted to new generations of members. “There was focus on how do we educate new, young members so they grow into participatory and thoughtful members as they get older,” says Bock. “That was a big part of the concept for this one.”

The committee has accomplished a lot in the last few years, including adding digital signage and updating the app and website. Bock is proud of making Club information more accessible than ever. “There are so many ways members can receive information. Everyone has their preferred way to get news. Not everybody checks email. With such a diverse membership in terms of age, location and activity preferences, it’s key that we offer multiple solutions to communicate.”

Joe knows there are members who aren’t aware of all the ways to connect with the Club and “trying to bring them into the fold is what drives my interaction with the committee. Everything we can do to let people know what the Club has to offer is important.”

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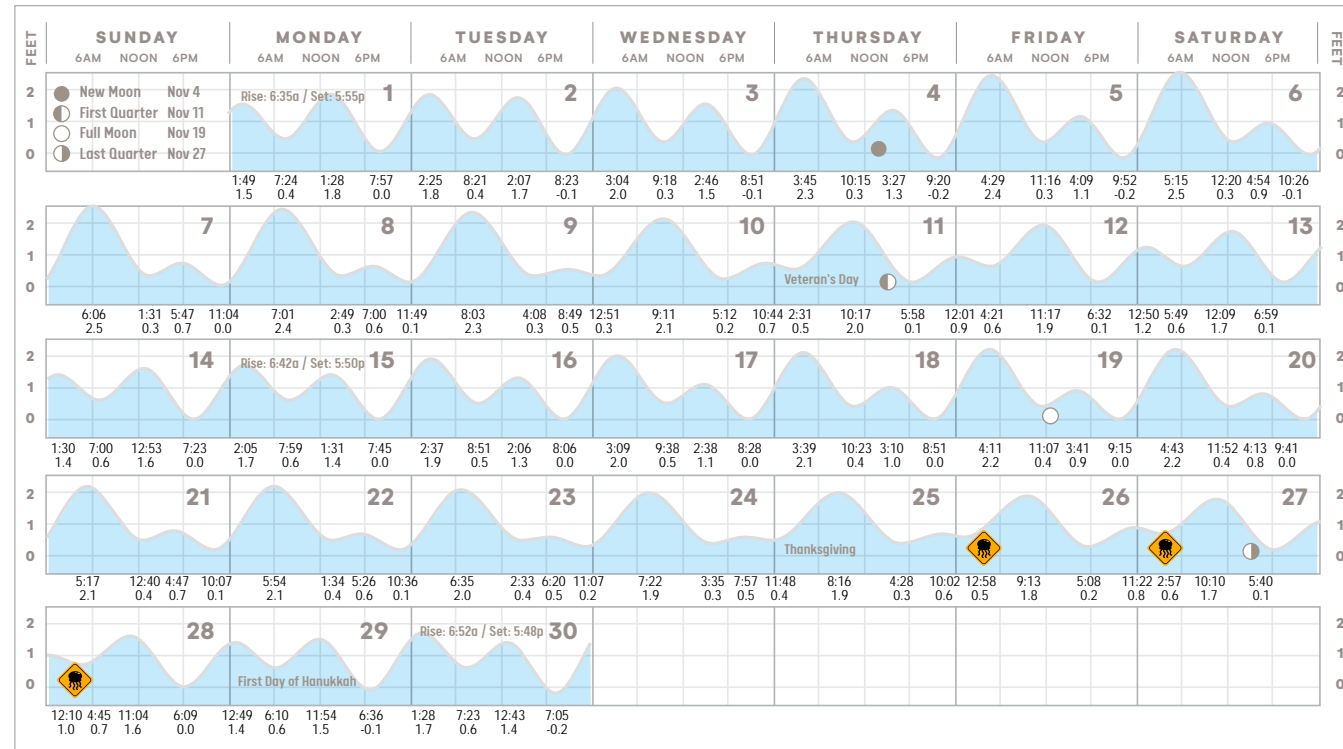
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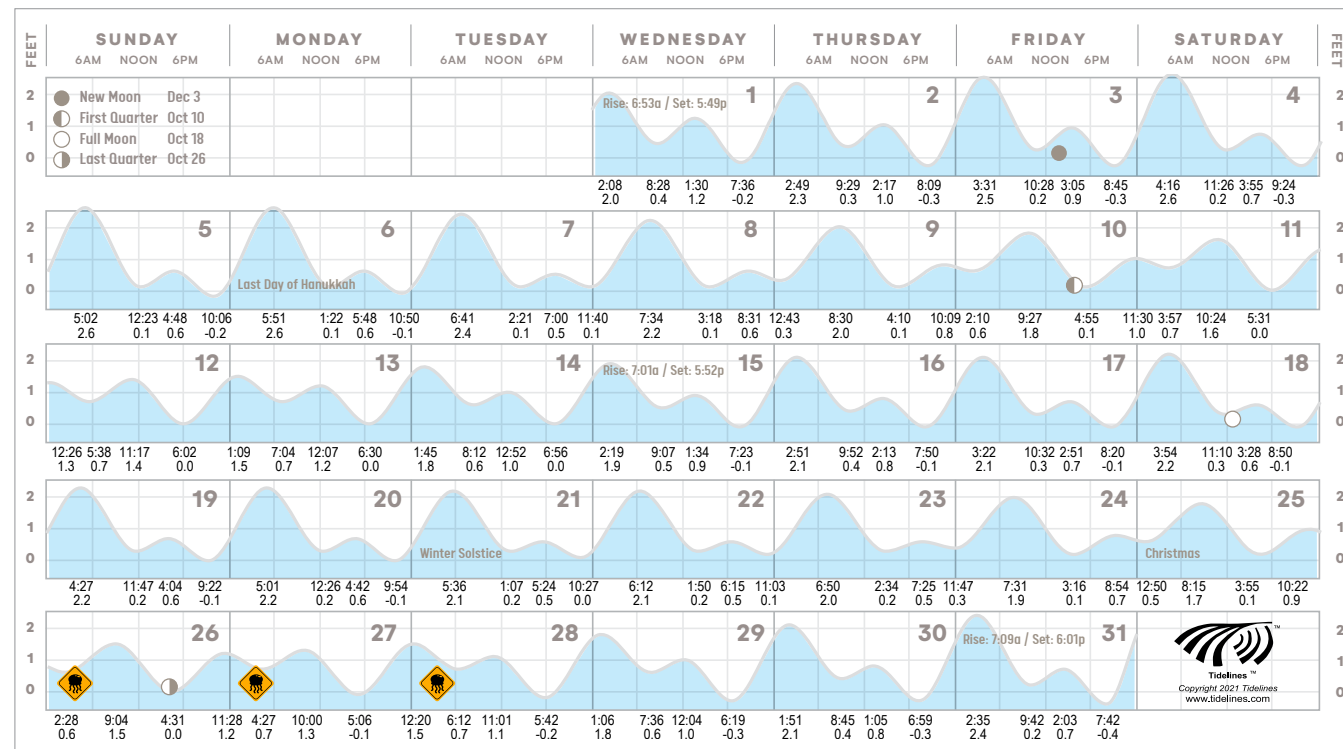
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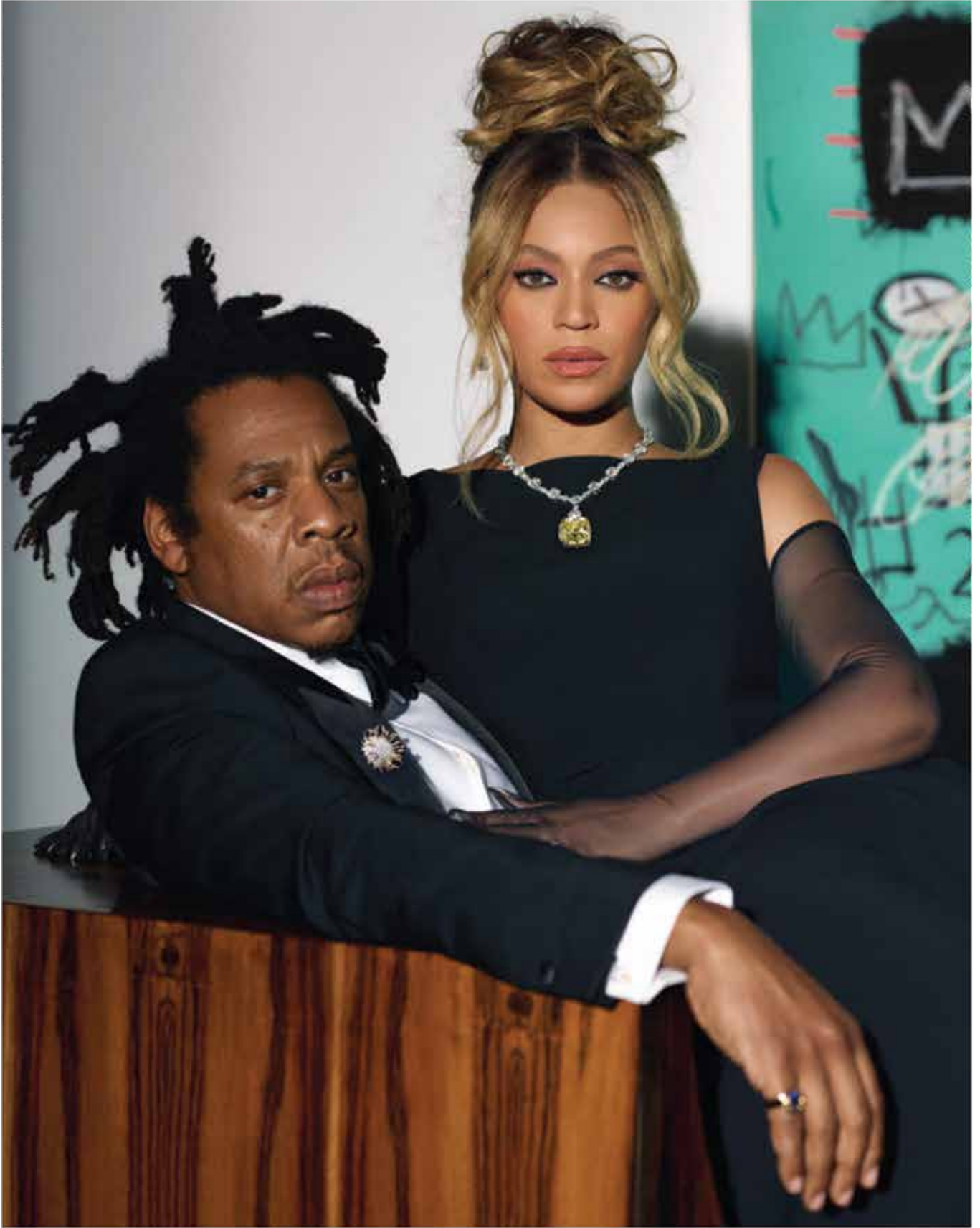
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