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On the cover:

Two of OCC's Club Captains, Billy Pratt (current) and Brendan Bradley (former), out on the water, doing what they love.

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Pratt on an OC-1 and Bradley on a C4 Waterman stand up paddle board. The two share a wave and a passion for the ocean, this island and this Club.

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by Tommy Pierucki



ALOHA!

It's such an honor to have been voted in as President of the Outrigger. My personal history with the Club is unlike that of many past presidents, most of whom played on the OCC beach as children and/or raised their children at the Club. My passion for the ocean, the Club and the OCC family came when I returned home after 20 years on the mainland.



I am deeply grateful for all the OCC experiences and relationships I've made and am committed to giving back in a small but hopefully productive way.

The 2022 theme that the Board and I have agreed upon is not fancy, nor particularly creative, but we believe it's vital: **To continue to preserve the OCC legacy.** The high-level direction as set forth in our Strategic Plan is to lay the foundation for the Club's future. Our

job is to not make any sharp left or right turns, but to follow the Mission and Goals set forth. The Strategic Plan is available on the website and I encourage anyone interested to take a look.

Every year, there are Board initiatives that roll forward from the past year and this year we have several critical issues we'll continue to pursue:

- **Elk's Lease Extension.** Through much healthy debate, the Board identified a handful of facts that need to be clarified in order for the membership to make an informed decision. A Board sub-committee is pursuing the facts and our goal is to bring those facts back to the membership in May for a vote.
- **Sea Level Rise (SLR).** SLR is a long-term issue that we and all nearby landowners will face in the next 10 - 20 years. The Long Range Planning Committee (LRP), will focus on two aspects of SLR.
 - **SLR Impacts:** As the experts continue to study this in the next several years, we must continue to assess what the impact will be, when it will take place and what our options are.

- **SLR Funding:** We don't know exactly how much this will cost the Club, but it will be substantial. We must start now to ascertain multiple options for funding SLR such as a Landowner Coalition, a Planned Giving Program, a Capital campaign, etc.
- **Membership Engagement.** The last several Boards have continued to ratchet up communications through focus groups, Town Hall meetings, social media, email blasts, digital signage, etc. But this is not enough. We'll be sending out a Membership survey, which has been delayed for two years due to COVID-19, to better understand membership satisfaction and our opportunities for improvement. Additionally, we will be holding Open Forums the second week of every month to allow members to engage in direct dialogue with the Board.

Over the next several months, Committees and the Operations team will be identifying their specific initiatives to support the OCC's Strategic Goals which will be shared as they are developed.

One of the most important things we can do in 2022 is to return to the Club we all know and love. As I write this, we are working on these plans for the year and with the blessing of the City & County and State, you should see more signs of normalcy in the near future.

Thank you again for your confidence in me and this awesome Board.

Laurie Foster
President



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General Manager's Corner

ALOHA OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB OHANA,

In lieu of my usual column, I'd like to present a recap of my General Manager's Report from the Annual Meeting. I think it summarizes the accomplishments we had during 2021 and the goals we have for 2022 and beyond.



I'd like to start off with a resounding thank you!—for allowing me to continue to be a part of this amazing Club. Thank you to the membership for all of their support last year, to the committees for all of their hard work in 2021, to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. A special thank you to Jon Steiner, to Michelle Luxton and our incredible staff.

I'd to highlight a couple of the Club "wins" in 2021. Club safety was obviously a focus last year. With ever changing City & County guidelines, we were nimble and able to make good decisions to keep everyone safe. In regard to Club finances, obviously we had a really great year. Food & Beverage operations, led by Rede Eder and Mark Gedeon, have really gone in a great direction.

We welcomed 152 new members to the Club last year! Hats off to Steve Auerbach, Emily Porter and the A&M Committee for their tireless efforts. As far as Club communications, our Communications Director Autumn Woods worked in partnership with the Member Relations Committee to take a 360-degree approach to communications to make sure we are reaching out to our members on all platforms. We partnered with Surf Rider Foundation, Women's Fund of Hawaii and held a successful Waterman's Hall of Fame for the ODKF. In addition, the seawall project was completed—great job to Chris Laird, Curt DeWeese, Joe Donahue and the entire Buildings & Grounds Committee. We also had some great events. The Historical Committee and the Entertainment Committee showed they were willing to think outside the box again last year.

With all this being said, I really feel that the Club is well positioned for 2022 and beyond. When you look at the strength of our membership, the

strength of our balance sheet, the strength of our staff, there's really nothing we can't do as we move forward.

Some of our goals for 2022 include a three-, five-, and seven-year look at our infrastructure. We plan to build out our IT to support future success and growth. We'll also be looking at Club security, partnering with ZMANA to help us better monitor the beach.

Some of the goals for Food & Beverage are to continue to look at ways to be innovative and provide "Best in Class" service, as well as reopen lunch and brunch service, and get back to in-person events. We plan to continue with community partnerships, looking for ways the Club can give back. We've got some big projects with Buildings & Grounds, as we're looking to finish the Fitness Center expansion and looking at the Logo Shop as well, to see what can we do to modify and improve that space.

Hats off to Member Relations for reimagining the New Member Orientation program. With 152 new members, we've got some work to do to make sure they know all the benefits of being a Club member, learn about the culture and what makes our Club so special. Operations will also continue to support the goals of the strategic plan, along with the Board of Directors and the Standing Committees as we move forward.

In summary, I'd like to again say thank you! It's really great to be a part of this amazing Club. I'm proud of what we've accomplished and even more excited about what we are going to do.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club!

Tyler Roukema,
General Manager



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CLUB HAPPENINGS,
CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS



From left, front row: Dave Shoji, DC Eichelberger, Evie Black, President Laurie Foster, Emily Porter, Lissa Guild Eveleth. From left, back row: Curt DeWeese, Art Mallet, Glenn Perry, Jon Bryan, Marc Haine, Chris Laird (not pictured Kevin Greenwell)

Annual Meeting 2022

With 355 voting members present via Zoom Webinar or by proxy to meet quorum, Jon Steiner called to order the Outrigger Canoe Club Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 8. Parliamentarian Steve Glanstein was invited to preside over the meeting for the second year in a row.

➔ **President Steiner** reviewed the strategic plan set in motion in 2021, highlighting the six core values that support the Club's Mission. A summary of his presentation is as follows:

Culture: Honor the core values, history and traditions of the Club while embracing the future. The Entertainment Committee, led by Siana Hunt and Candes Gentry, put on amazing events that brought members together and were flexible during the pandem-

ic restrictions. The Historical committee, led by Jimmy McMahon, honored our OCC Olympians and presented 11 Stew & Rice online events, engaging members on a variety of fascinating topics. The Member Relations Committee continued their support of the Club's Ama magazine, which has continued to grow and reflect the Club's values. The Committee, co-chaired by Cassidy Tepper and Joe Bock, also developed a new member video that shares Outrigger's history and culture with

new members.

Finance: Ensure financial sustainability of the Club. The Club met this goal in 2021 with a positive net cash flow, which included fully funding the Capital Improvement Fund and depreciation. Director Art Mallet worked closely with Finance Chair Brad Tothorow, the Finance Committee and Controller Jocelyn Apo to realize this success. A dues restructuring initiative was put into place after significant work from the Ad Hoc Committee that included Directors Laurie Foster, Emily Porter, Mallet and Evie Black. The restructuring provides for the future stability of the Club facing changing demographics.

Membership: Acquire high quality new members while enhancing existing member experience, satisfaction and loyalty. With the leadership of Steve Auerbach, the Admissions & Membership Committee brought in a record amount of initiation fees, vetting and interviewing quality new members in all categories, all while operating with the challenges from COVID-19. The waiting list is robust, with more applicants waiting to become members.

Operations: Create a "Best in Class" operation that continuously looks at ways to enhance the members' experience at the Club. Kudos goes to General Manager Tyler Roukema and his staff who continued to navigate the challenges and changing restrictions during COVID-19 while keeping our members safe. The House Committee, led by Jon Bryan and Jeff Zimmerman, did a great job to elevate the member experience this year. The Building & Grounds Committee oversaw the completion of the seawall repair project, along with keeping the Club in good repair. Thanks went to Joe Donahue, B&G Chair, along with Directors Chris Laird and Curt DeWeese.

Governance: Execute a highly functional Club governance process with transparency, efficiency, communication and membership participation. In 2021, the focus was on transparency and communication, holding nine focus groups and two Town Halls regarding dues restructuring. In early 2022, there were six Town Hall meetings on the Elks' lease proposal, with more to come. Both the Board and the membership are to be commended for their participation.

Athletics: Strive for excellence and sportsmanship in athletics by providing opportunities and support. Thank you to Walter Guild, Anthony Hunt and Tracy Phillips for keeping a vital paddling program going during COVID-19. A thriving Na Kama O Kapua junior women's program, and a strong showing by three crews at Catalina are highlights of the program's success. Max Clini, Volleyball Chair, along with the coaches had a great year. Both the junior girls and boys teams are thriving. The Club held the Daddy Haine tournament for the first time since 2019. The revived Canoe Sailing

program is going strong, along with Swimming, Golf and other sports. Thank you to Athletic Director Shannon Pelkey and outgoing Director Michelle Luxton who as acted as CD for Athletics for many years.

President Steiner concluded his reflection with a brief discussion of the Elks Lease Proposal. While the vote has been postponed until early May, the new Board along with Long Range Planning will continue to research the various issues and questions that were raised in the Town Hall meetings and hold informational sessions for the membership. In closing, he stated that the state of the Club is strong and he thanked his fellow Board members and the membership for the honor of having led the Club this past year.

Treasurer Art Mallet presented the Treasurer's Report including a review of the Club's Operating, Capital Improvement and Building Funds for 2021. GM Tyler Roukema then reviewed operations for 2021 and the goals for 2022 (see his recap on page 6). He also announced the 2021 Employee of the Year: Warren Florendo (see page 28).

The Chair of the Judges of Election Committee Amy Woodward reported on the election for the Board of Directors. There are 1,865 members eligible to vote. There was a total of 963 valid ballots, of which 501 were paper ballots and 462 were cast online. There were ten candidates slated to fill the six vacant positions. Chair Woodward thanked the other patient and hard-working members of the Judges of Election: Gerri Pedesky, Murray Hixson, Arden Moore, Tina Larson and Angie Dolan.

Incumbents Emily Reber Porter, Laurie Foster and Kevin Greenwell were reelected to two-year terms while Dave Shoji, Marc Haine and Jon Bryan were newly elected to two-year terms. Glenn Perry was appointed to fill the remaining term of resigned Director Wendell Brooks, Jr. as he was the candidate with the next highest number of votes. They join Evie Black, Curtis DeWeese, D.C. Eichelberger, Lissa Guild Eveleth, Christopher Laird and Art Mallet.

President Steiner turned over the gavel to incoming president Laurie Foster, who thanked President Steiner for his leadership. She also thanked outgoing Director Michelle Luxton for her six years of service to the Board. President Foster outlined her priorities for 2022, an overview of which can be found on page 4.

Director Lissa Eveleth Guild introduced the nominations for Life Membership, overviewing the exceptional contributions of Barbara Stehouwer and Fred Hemmings, Jr. The membership unanimously granted Life Membership. Thank you to Marilyn Kali and the Historical Committee for the presentation. Please see page 10 for details.

There was no New Business presented and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Contributions to OCC

Board of Directors
 1975 Coordinating Director, Athletics
 1976 Coordinating Director, Entertainment

Surfing Committee
 1968 Member
 1970 Member
 1977 Member
 2000 Member
 2001 Member

Club Captain
 1972

Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation
 1990 Member, Board of Directors

Canoe Racing Committee
 1969 Member
 1970 Member
 1971 Member
 1972 Member

Head Coach
 1972 Canoe Racing

Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 4	Friday	Reading 'Riggers
March 17	Thursday	St. Patrick's Day
March 24	Thursday	Matteo's Pop-Up Dinner
APRIL 1	Friday	Reading 'Riggers
April 17	Sunday	Easter
April 30	Saturday	100 Years of Lū'au
MAY 6	Friday	Reading 'Riggers
May 8	Sunday	Mother's Day
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day

Life Membership

A Life Membership, reserved for members who have made extraordinary contributions to the Club over the lifetime of their membership, is the highest honor that can be bestowed on an Outrigger Canoe Club member. The Historical Committee puts forward candidates to the Board of Directors, which then presents its recommendations to the Membership at the Annual Meeting for voting.

Fred Hemmings Jr.

➔ **Fred Hemmings Jr.** has been a long-time member of the Club, becoming a member at age 10, when the "old Club" was located in its original site in Waikiki. He fondly recalls learning to canoe surf and steer in the Lio Kai, a little three-man koa canoe. He started surfing around the same time, and would soon prove to be an excellent athlete on the water, as well as on land.

Considered one of the most accomplished big wave surfers of all time, Fred had a successful career in professional surfing throughout the 1960s and 1970s.

In 1958, when he was 12 years old, Fred entered the Makaha International Surfing Championships for the first time and finished third place in the Junior Men's Division. He went on to return in '62 and '63, and won first place both years. In 1964 and 1966, he came in first place in the Senior Division. Fred entered the World Surfing Championships in 1965, finishing in fifth place, and in 1968, he took home the crown. As a young surfer, Fred became a member of Duke Kahanamoku's Surf Team and eventually accompanied Duke on goodwill tours around

the world in 1966 and 1967.

Fred was also an incredible paddler for Outrigger, steering and paddling crew after crew to victory. He served as captain of both record-breaking Molokai crews in 1968 and 1975, as well as Club Captain in 1975. He ran a very impressive 3:41 time for the OCC Marathon team, won a handful of Club Surfing Championships and was known for being as hard as nails when he played for the Outrigger in the rugged touch football league.

No one doubts Fred's athletic abilities, but he was awarded the Winged "O" in 1968 based on much more than just his athletic accomplishments. Throughout the years, Fred has served the Outrigger as a committee member, coach, Club Captain, twice as a member of the Board of Directors, and as a Trustee of the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation in 1990 and 1991.

Over the years, Fred has met every challenge in athletics, business, politics, and community involvement. This year, we recognize him for his exceptional dedication to the principles and mission of the Outrigger Canoe Club.



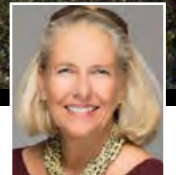
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Contributions to OCC

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| <p>Board of Directors
2002 Coordinating Director Buildings & Grounds
2003 Secretary
2004 Secretary
2005 Vice President Operations
2006 President
2007 Coordinating Director Elks Ad Hoc Committee</p> <p>Historical Committee
1981 Member</p> <p>House Committee
1982 Member
1983 Member
1984 Member</p> <p>Building & Grounds Committee
1985 Member
1986 Chair</p> | <p>Admissions & Membership Committee
1987 Member
1988 Chair</p> <p>Long Range Planning Committee
1990 Member
1992 Member
1994 Member
1995 Member
2006 Member
2007 Member
2009 Member</p> <p>Nominating Committee
2009 Chair</p> |
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Barbara Stehouwer

➔ A contributing member for the past 70 years, Barbara Stehouwer is one of the Outrigger Canoe Club's longest members. She joined on her tenth birthday, but before joining, she came to the Club with her parents so her association with the Club goes back even further.

As a youth she participated in the usual activities of the Club: surfing, paddling, volleyball and hanging out. Over the years, she and her husband Ken dined and entertained here, and together they raised their daughters here at the Outrigger.

Barbara's three decades of Club service began in 1981 when she joined the Historical Committee. That expanded to serving on the House Committee, serving on and chairing both the Buildings & Grounds and the Admissions and Membership Committees, and then finding her home on the Long Range Planning Committee.

After declining several times, when her work schedule finally permitted, she agreed to run for the Board of Directors and won her seat in 2002. She served as a Coordinating Director, Secretary as well as Vice President of Operations. In 2006, Barbara was elected as President of the Club, becoming only the second woman to service

in that capacity. In her final year on the Board, she was Coordinating Director for the Elks Ad Hoc Committee.

"Barbara Stehouwer succeeded me as President in 2006," says former President Alan Lau. "I became the Chair of the Elks Ad Hoc Committee and reported virtually daily to Barbara on the comings and goings of the negotiations, which then turned into arbitration. During the course of those proceedings, Barbara and I became very good friends with great mutual respect for each other's commitment to ensuring the Club got the best result possible in the Elks' matter."

"Together, we worked long hours with the Elks Ad Hoc Committee and the attorneys representing the Club," Lau added. "When the favorable award came out from the Arbitrators, it was a huge relief as well as great satisfaction in what was accomplished. To this day, I truly believe that Barbara did not receive enough credit for the job she did as President during that very important year in our Club's history."

There is no one more deserving of Life Membership in the Outrigger Canoe Club than Barbara Stehouwer. ■

Reading 'Riggers

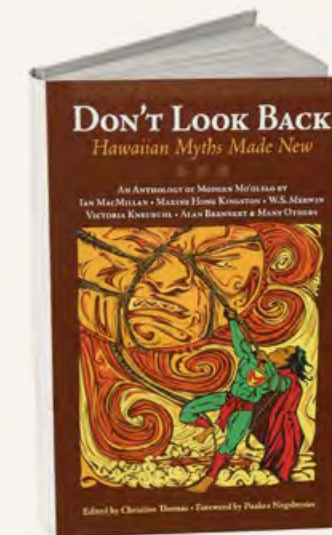
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By Gerry DeBenedetti

TIME / DATES: 10:00 a.m.
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➔ As we navigate the ever-changing guidelines of the COVID-19 pandemic, Reading Riggers is plugging along, meeting in different venues, reading varied genres, but the unifying factor in our selections is that there is some Hawai'i connection, either by subject, by author, or both.

Perhaps the best connection of all is that we seem to have an abundance of OCC members who have written books. In 2021, we had four OCC authors: Sara Ackerman,



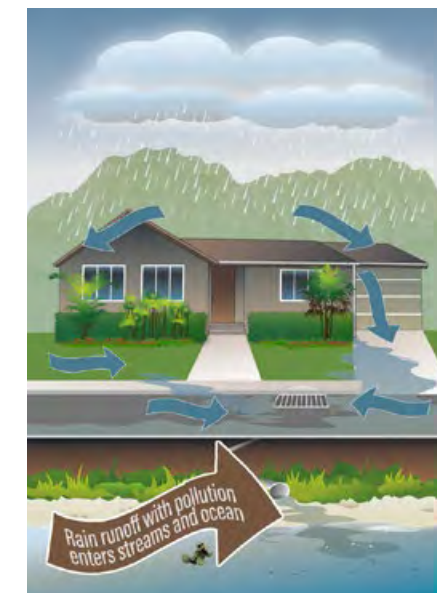
March 4
Don't Look Back: Hawaiian Myths Made New edited by Christine Thomas Greenwell
A collection of 17 tales of old Hawai'i—lovingly re-imagined and retold for the 21st century. The author, an OCC member, will be present.

April 1
Kona Wind and Red Dirt by Scott Kikkawa
Fictional noir murder mysteries set in 1950's Hawai'i. The author will be present.

Brad Coates, Fred Hemmings and Carol Wilcox. For 2022, we also have four OCC authors scheduled thus far: Tri Bourne, Christine Thomas Greenwell, Wendy Johnson and Sara Ackerman (who has also promised us her untitled fourth novel, soon to be published).



In the January/February issue of *Ama*, the article about Alice Guild's reading of "Besieged By Paradise," stated that the "late" Frank B. Shane provided the music. The Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winner is very much alive and an active member of the Kula Arts Community. Frank did not do the music for the video; however, he did voice-over the introduction to the play. His many fans will be happy to know that he's still alive and thriving, and can be reached through his website at frankbshaneart.com. We sincerely regret the error.



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OCC EVENTS

Say Aloha to 100 YEARS OF LŪ'AU

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Take a moonlit stroll back in time to old Waikīkī as we celebrate 100 years of lū'au as only the Outrigger Canoe Club can! We're thrilled to host an evening of tradition, history and hula. Put on your best aloha attire and join your Outrigger ohana for a festive night we won't soon forget.

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Highlights From Years Past



1955
The luau was sold out and a complete success. Proceeds helped send Junior crews to Kona.



1961
Nearly 500 people showed up at the new (current) Club site for the annual luau, which raised money for the Catalina races.



1995
Lei were available at the Lei Stand by Amelia Bailey and Conne Sutherland. The imu was started early on the Club beach to roast the pig and other items. Then Rodman Muller's fire dance brought down the house.

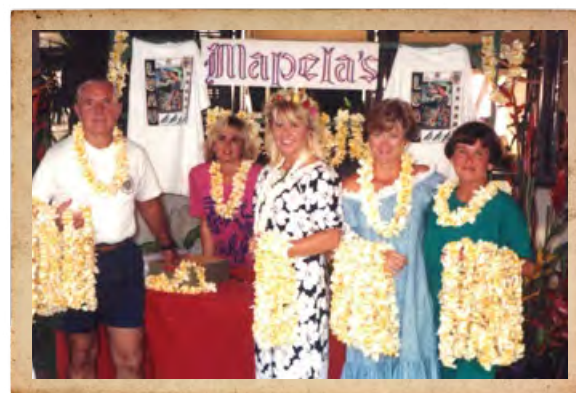


1997
The Brothers Cazimero performed. Jesse Brown and Mikey Cote, winners of the 1997 Ukulele Stand Up Shootout contest, also wowed the crowd.

1998
Thanks to Henry Ayau, the mastermind behind the Club's annual Luau, and with a little help from his friends, most of the meal—including the 500+ pound pig—was cooked in an imu on the Club beach. Stew Kawakami and his group played music during the imu ceremony. Later that evening, Halau Na Mamo O Ka'ala danced while Kanilau III performed.



1987
Alice Guild danced hula.



1991 The Entertainment committee greeted guests with plumeria lei. Kualoa provided entertainment.



1999
Outrigger President Jimmy McMahon honored Henry Ayau for chairing the luau for the fifth straight year. Candes Gentry, Gloria Keller and Coordinating Director Greg Moss presented the plaque.



2003 Kawika Kapahulehua sang the Hawaiian Doxology during the opening ceremony. Other entertainment included Aaron Mahi, George Kuo and Martin Pahinui, as well as Hookena and Stew Kawakami.



2008 Emcee Mike Buck welcomed members to the Club's Centennial Lū'au. Holonape entertained while more than 600 members found their tables and enjoyed a mai tai. Joe Recca, Roland Cazimero, Vicky Hollinger, Robert Cazimero and Kiaha entertained throughout.



2010 Hapa Folk entertained, and Corin Gentry Balding and Candes Meijide Gentry got into the spirit of hula.



2011 Vice President Marc Haine and President Greg Moss presented Outrigger's Kumu Hula Cathy Ostrem a plaque of appreciation for her artistic direction of the Hawaii Calls themed lū'au. Wahine O Ke Kai impressed the crowd.



2015 Outrigger's own Jake Vaughan, Kula, and Pokii Vaughan serenaded members, and OCC paddlers were as graceful with their hands and hips as they are with their paddles.



2019 Tihati performed and the Entertainment committee (and all members!) came dressed to impress.

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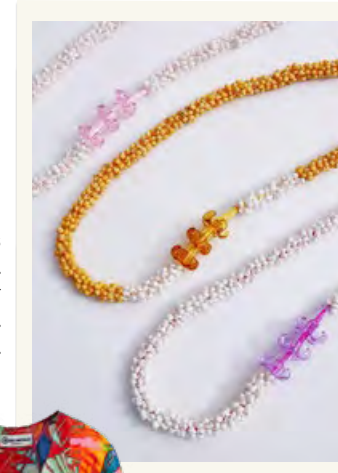


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In search of the perfect wave:
Bradley and Pratt wait patiently for their next ride.

➡ **Brendan Bradley and Billy Pratt**, the most recent and current Club Captains, respectively, are two watermen whose passion for this island, the ocean, this club, its members and each other is palpable. Together, and thanks to the men and women who served as Club Captain before them, they continue to make the Outrigger Canoe Club's athletics program robust, competitive and beloved.

By **JASMINE CHAGNON** | Photography by **TOMMY PIERUCKI**

“We are both quite grateful for the wahi pana [celebrated place] that OCC is, and for all of the opportunities that we have both been able to enjoy in pursuing multiple disciplines of ocean sports at the Club,” says Pratt, a 30-year member who transitioned into Club Captain at the beginning of this year.

The Club Captain role has evolved over the years, perhaps most significantly in the last five or so. From 1908 through 2016, the athletic program was under the direct supervision of a Club Captain, who was either elected to the position (until 1932) or appointed by the Board of Directors, but due to the Club’s expanded athletics program, in 2016, the Athletic Director position was created. Since then, Athletic Director Shannon Pelkey has brought energy, organization, fiscal responsibility and planning to invigorate the Athletic Committee and develop a wide variety of improvements and changes to Club policies and athletic programs. Though Pelkey’s not at it alone: “I am so grateful for the Club Captain, this person works as the liaison between members and operations, and is key for the operations side to succeed,” she believes.

From 2017-2018, former Club Captain Dolan Eversole worked with Pelkey to develop the new role, and helped create its current job description. By 2019, Eversole was ready to pass the torch to Brendan Bradley, who became the youngest Club Captain in the OCC’s history. Bradley has been a member since he was 10 years old, and his passion for passing down the Club’s traditions to the next generation was immediately evident at the Athletic Banquet that introduced him, and still is today. Though he served as Chair of the Surf Committee prior to becoming Club Captain, he went into his new role asking himself new questions: how can he best utilize what OCC already had to become better? How can he share what we know of this place to ensure that what is core to us is taken care of?



Navigating the changing tide: One of Pratt’s goals is to provide a greater depth of ocean knowledge to all OCC members.

Many roles within the Club Athletics were in transition when Bradley joined as Club Captain, including the Athletic Director position. Both positions were being redefined as Bradley and Pelkey took them on, but they worked closely together to navigate the gray areas and fulfill the high expectations for their respective positions. The pair’s ability to work together gave Pelkey the chance to get her bearings in her new role while Bradley filled in the gaps, focusing on new programs and exploring opportunities that are still in effect today. “Between her strengths and mine, we struck a good balance, and that is something I am quite proud of,” said Bradley.

Then he—and the rest of the world—was faced with an exceptional challenge: the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, Bradley managed to inspire new and existing members, and reinvigorate the Club’s traditions.

In 2020, for example, there were big plans for the Athletic Banquet, which would take place in November of that year and honor the Athlete of the Year. Then on March 23, everything shut down. The Club reopened in early June, but

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—Brendan Bradley

as we’re all too familiar, nothing looked the same. All activities required special safety and sanitation protocols. However, following CDC guidelines, Bradley managed to create and organize the inaugural 4th of July Macfarlane Club Jam (in lieu of the Macfarlane Regatta), where members could participate in a virtual one-mile swim, a Junior Coed four-man volleyball tournament, a four-man surf canoe race in front of the Club, and a surf canoe contest. He also spearheaded the creation and launch of an “athletic swag” program, that included athletic logos, and promoted the subcommittees to design and create swag that is specific to each sport, in design and style. With that, came a new fundraising policy that later became a Board policy where athletic subcommittees are encouraged to fundraise through

swag sales and now have a process for approval, for logo designs and funds allocation. A new process was also created that allows subcommittees to carry over funds at the end of the year and use them at a later date.

With all his successes and accomplishments, Bradley is still as humble as they come, giving much deserved credit to Pelkey and the subcommittees who took the new plans and procedures in stride and welcomed the changes that were happening within the Club, and throughout the world. “I felt so much of what we accomplished over the past few years was already set in motion by previous boards and captains—I just stirred things to the surface.” He continued: “There are so many hands working to ensure the Club continues to foster these quality memories we all share, and the simple acknowledgment of the time and effort that goes into it can make all the difference for those behind the scenes.”

Of all the challenges Bradley faced as Club Captain, he says the decision to resign was the hardest part, as he believes athletics are truly the lifeblood of the Club. After all, the community that forms around all the sports is what

makes being an Outrigger member so meaningful—whether you’re an athlete or not, and regardless of if your sport of choice is paddling, surfing, volleyball, etc. “Being so intimately involved in the athletic programs that have such a rich history not only at the Outrigger Canoe Club, but in Hawai’i, gives me great pride and I’m grateful to have had that opportunity to be involved.”

Bradley was honored to follow Eversole’s tenure, and though stepping down may have been a hard decision, after his three years of service, he’s excited to have a successor



like Pratt. “With the new shape this role has taken on, I can’t imagine anyone better,” Bradley said.

Pratt has competed with—and against—some of the world’s best athletes, and is thrilled to share the waterman culture and ethos he’s developed over his 30 years at OCC. He’s recently served on five athletic subcommittees including



Stay stoked: Pratt and Bradley excited to start their day in the ocean.

OC1 & Kayak (Chair), Volleyball, Fitness Center, Beach & Water Safety and Canoe Racing, and continues to serve on four of those as he takes on his new role as Club Captain. Serving in this role, doing his part to foster, promote and perpetuate the water sports and land sports of old Hawai'i, "is an honor and a privilege," said Pratt. "We are very blessed to live in the most beautiful place in the world, and there's nowhere better than being in the sand and sea."

For this next chapter, Pratt is most excited to have the opportunity to share the waterman culture and ethos that he's developed over the years here at OCC. "The Club is an athletic haven, and I consider it a great privilege to be able to share my mana'o [ideas] with our young athletes," Pratt continued, "I'd like to consider it an investment in OCC's future."

To that end, Pratt believes that in order to make a significant contribution, there must be an investment in the education of our keiki. "Each and every one of us has benefitted from mentoring at some point in our athletic careers," he said. Therefore, he has big plans to provide significant resources and experiences toward OCC's youth involved in paddling, surfing and volleyball. Instilling the spirit of aloha while competing, performing and playing is also something he hopes to pass down to the next generation. "This is a unique ideology that we have here in Hawai'i, and we should always do our part to share it with the rest of the world," Pratt continued.

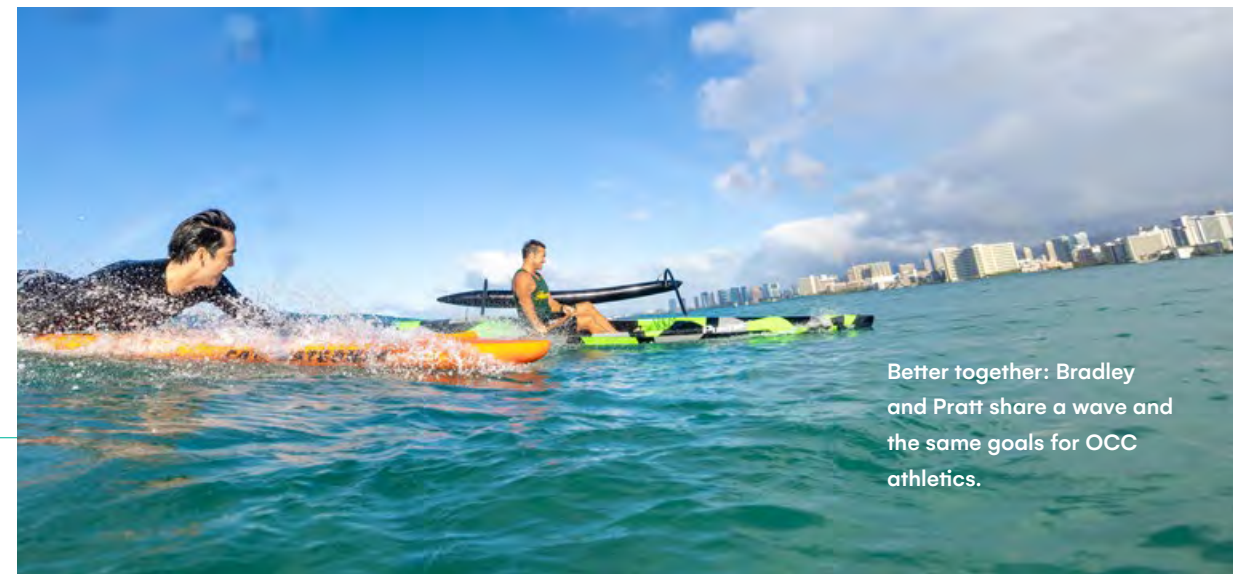
Other goals include creating an onboarding program for new athletes and coaches, which will include an orientation, handbook and training protocols for the volleyball and canoe racing

programs. And be on the lookout for a surfing program at the Club, something Pratt hopes to implement to help promote surfing starting with junior members.

In addition, Pratt wants to increase the knowledge of all of OCC's ocean-going members, regardless of age. He sees it necessary to provide greater depth of ocean knowledge and acumen beyond the expected technique development and training regimen. "Understanding wind directions, tide charts and currents will not only bring greater safety and awareness, but it will also add to the fun by allowing members to use the elements to their advantage."

Of course, Pratt also plans to continue to stay at the forefront of advancements in sports—from technique changes to equipment modernization. "Success requires the ability to adapt. By being open to change, we will have the opportunity to get the most from our talent."

It's clear how these two Club Captain's contributions look to the past to build upon the future, and all those who take on this volunteer position have had a true passion for strengthening OCC's overall mission. "OCC has such a rich history with athletics, but we cannot forget the physical space our Club occupies that is so special to our members' past, present and future. As someone who grew up at OCC, I recognize how unique our privilege is and I believe it is our kuleana [responsibility] as members to perpetuate OCC's mission and be the best possible stewards of our space," continued Bradley, "It starts with athletics, but certainly does not end there." ■



Better together: Bradley and Pratt share a wave and the same goals for OCC athletics.

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—Billy Pratt

Past & Present Club Captains

1908-1910
Kenneth Atkinson

1910
Lorrin Andrews

1911
Ira D. Canfield

1912
Edward P. Melanphy

1913
A. B. Kroll

1914-1929
George David "Dad" Center
*longest serving Club Captain

1930-1932
Albert Gay Harris

1933-1942
George David "Dad" Center

1943
Duke Paoa Kahanamoku

1946-1948
Robert D. Fischer

1949
William Martin Barnhart

1950-1951
Robert D. Fischer

1952
Clyde French

1952-1953
William Prange Sr.

1953-1954
Frederick E. Steere Jr.

1954-1955
William C. Capp

1956
Frederick E. Steere Jr.

1957-1960
Ronald Glenn Sorrell

1961-1962
Thomas A. Haine

1963-1964
Thomas M. Arnott

1965-1966
John Cline Mann

1967
J. Douglas Kilpatrick III

1968-1970
Peter Adams Balding

1971-1973
Karl Heyer, III

1974
William F. Baird

1975
Frederick M. Hemmings, Jr.

1976
Robert T. Guard

1977-1978
John Beaumont

1979
Robert Neil Kashare

1980-1981
Christian Henry Lass

1982
Lincoln Scafe

1983
Robert T. Guard

1984
Robert L. Moore

1985
Bruce Ames

1986-1988
Paula Carbone Crabb

1989
Ron Li

1990-1991
William Bright

1992-1993
Elizabeth "Liz" Perry

1994-1995
Greg Moss

1996
Ron Li

1997
Kalani Schrader

1998
Marc V. Haine

1999
Tiare Richert Finney

2000-2001
William Danford

2002
Sasha MacNaughton
2002-2008
George Wessberg, Co-Captain

2003-2008
Kristin "Kisi" Haine, Co-Captain

2008-2009
Mike Kane

2009-2012
Jenifer Bossert

2011-2012
Jared Watumull, Co-Captain

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2019-2021
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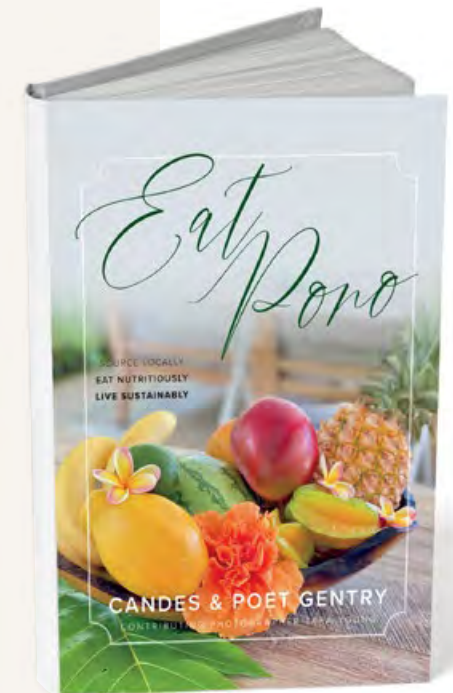
SPORTS RESULTS, EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH & MORE

Members' Notes

Healthy Living, Island Style

OCC's own Candes Gentry—mom, endurance athlete, MBA business leader, recording artist, philanthropist and Miss Hawaii (1999)—recently published a 140-page cookbook.

➡ **Amidst the pandemic**, Candes Gentry's passion project turned into a practical-and-prolific healthy lifestyle guide with the motto: Source Local. Eat Nutritiously. Live Sustainably. "Eat Pono," featuring vibrant photography and delicious good-for-you recipes, was inspired by her nine-year-old son Poet. Her partner and Poet's dad, Steve Shropshire, is a multigenerational farmer who's passed down the love of the land to their son, who then started questioning where food comes from and what provides the necessary nutrients needed for us to optimally function. "Poet and I are now life-long-(food-ie)-learners of mother nature. We are excited to share this conversation with our community so as to broaden sustainable lifestyle practices. Afterall, a core value of our culture is anchored in the shared love of food and stewardship of the land. Our hope is that "Eat Pono" will inspire others to question their own food choices and experiment with these yummy and pono ways to flourish as a healthy ohana," said Gentry. ■



From top to bottom: "Eat Pono" cover; breakfast essentials; Poet harvesting kabocha squash

PHOTOS: TARA YOUNG AND CANDÉS GENTRY



2021 Employee of the Year

Warren Florendo

➡➡ **Warren, or “Rennie”** as she is fondly known, was recognized in January of 2020 and June 2021 as our Employee of the Month for her dedication to keeping the Snack Shop running smoothly during the renovation and an exceptionally busy summer. She’s now been named the Outrigger Canoe Club’s Employee of the Year for 2021! Warren just celebrated her ninth year at OCC and has been an essential part of our ohana, filling in when needed, especially during our busy summer and holiday seasons. She was selected as the Employee of the Year for her positive attitude and her great work ethic. Warren sets an excellent example for all to follow. The next time you are at the Snack Shop, congratulate Warren!

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Employees of the Month

From front of house to back of house, these employees have been recognized for their outstanding performance and hospitality.



DECEMBER 2021 Leiolani Bracamontes

You may recognize the face behind the mask if you’re a frequent diner at Outrigger Canoe Club. As a host, Lei is

one of the first people you will meet when coming into the Club for a dining experience. She is energetic, thoughtful and always looking for ways to satisfy members’ needs. You might also see her in the dining room, assisting servers or preparing tables for the next seating to ensure that flow of the evening goes smoothly. She has become a go-to person in times of need and she always answers the call, despite being a full-time student at the University of Hawai’i. Leiolani joined the OCC Food & Beverage team in March of 2021 with an upbeat attitude and a commitment to teamwork that is highly valued by her supervisors. When you see her at the host stand, or on the floor, please say congrats!



JANUARY 2022 Kellen Hirai

As part of the OCC family for the past nine months, Kellen brings his prior experience from 3660 on the Rise and MW Restaurant to

the kitchen and your dining experience. Since he started, Kellen has trained in multiple stations, is detail oriented and has a high skill level, thus proving himself a valuable addition to our culinary team. Congratulations Kellen! ■

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DECEASED: APRIL 3, 2021
Member: 16 years

Bernard Watson

DECEASED: JUNE 13, 2021
Member: 65 years

Richard H. Haacke

DECEASED: OCTOBER 19, 2021
Member: 55 years

Peter B. Nottage

DECEASED: DECEMBER 3, 2021
Member: 53 years

Kimberly McKenzie

DECEASED: DECEMBER 20, 2021
Member: 43 years

Bradley J. Wagenaar

DECEASED: DECEMBER 22, 2021
Member: 31 years

Peter T. Wilson

DECEASED: DECEMBER 22, 2021
Member: 74 years

Moana McGlaughlin-Tregaskis

DECEASED: DECEMBER 28, 2021
Member: 29 years

Donald R Mueller

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Shirleigh Clark

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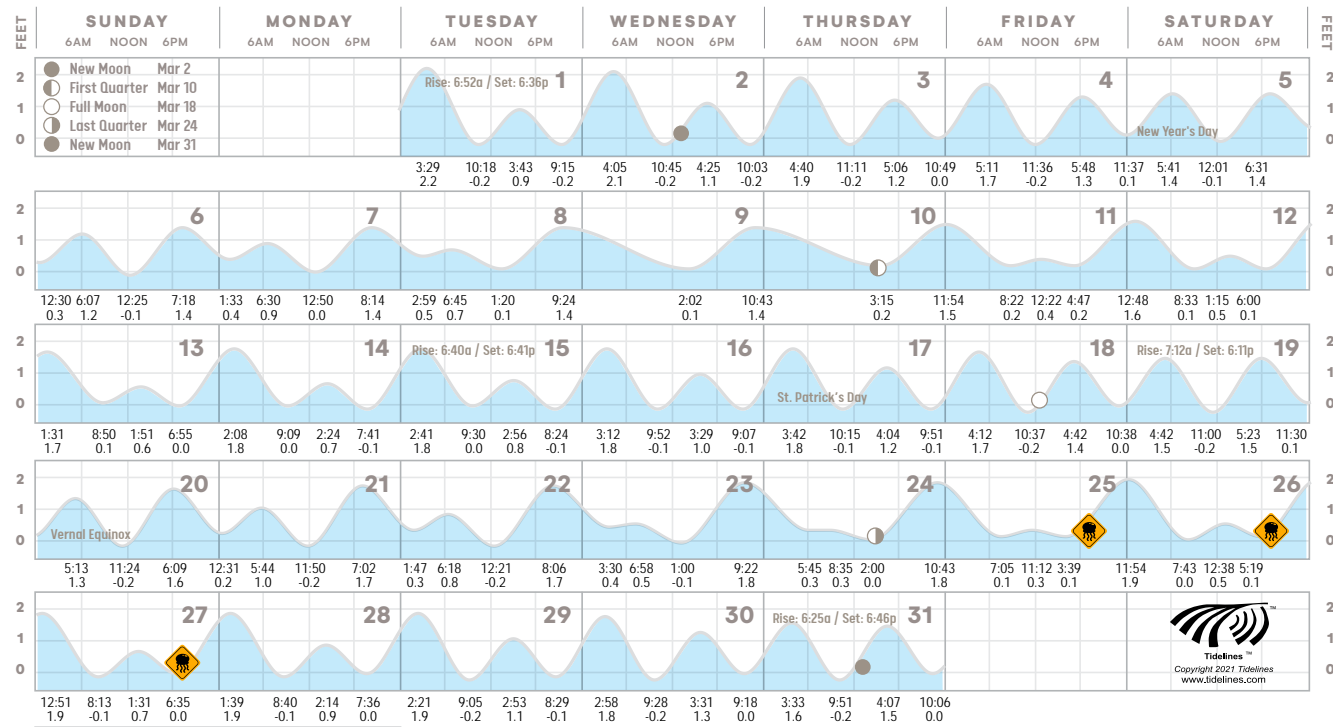
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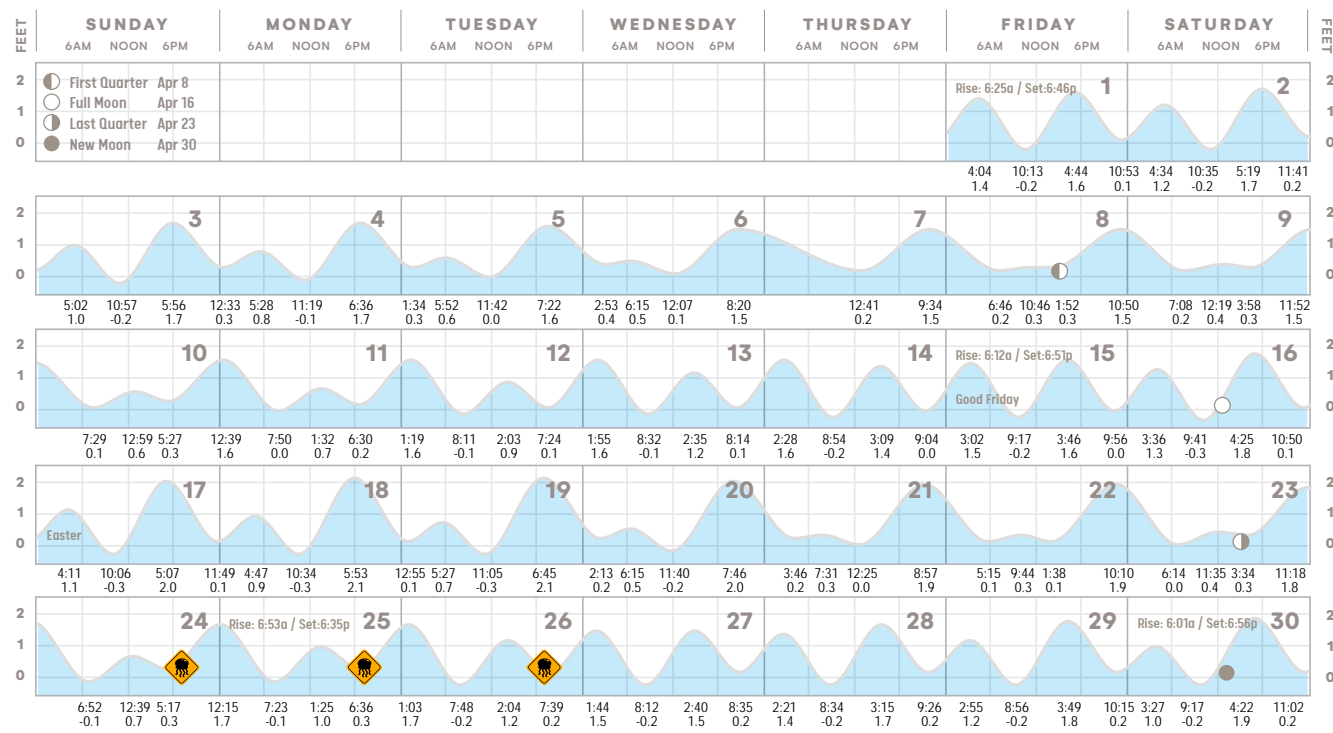
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