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GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT MICHELE

Happy New Year 2023!

It has been 3 years since the pandemic started and our meetings were cancelled. Finally, we can meet again and enjoy our love of orchids and each other's company. Kaimuki Orchid Society has finally signed the documents with the City to permit us to get together again at Kilauea Recreation Center. At our very first meeting in November, at Kaimuki Christian Church, we voted to meet in the day rather than at night because night driving was beginning to be difficult for a lot of members. Dates and times have changed for the better, I hope. Without much choice, *the THIRD THURSDAY for January, February and March have been reserved for us.* The time will be from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please read Alan's section that is more detailed about the changes. I do hope that I get to see many of you at our January meeting. The board is working hard and we are always open to suggestions.

Happy New Year!
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KOS MESSAGE TO MEMBERS REGARDING 2023 LIVE MEETINGS

Happy New Year! Trust that everyone is well and enjoying the new year. Primary purpose of this message is to advise everyone that your Board has been working diligently to reinstitute our live meetings and to inform every one of the details of what has been established.

Meeting Dates - Dates established for the first three months of 2023 are:

January 19, 2023 - Topic: Honohono

February 16, 2023 - Topic: Phalaenopsis

March 16, 2023 - Topic: TBD

Meeting Location – Kilauea Recreation Center, Kilauea District Park. This is the same location and room that has been used in the past. Because of some renovations being done, the available area in the meeting room will be temporarily less than its full capacity but should be sufficient for our purposes.

Meeting Time – 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Several factors influenced the establishment of daytime hours for the meeting. One was a consideration to eliminate night driving which is challenging for many of our senior members. A second was the fact that there are no room use charges for daytime meetings. This will save the club several hundred dollars annually. The plan is to employ the daytime hours for the first three monthly meetings with continuance to be evaluated by the Board.

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KOS MESSAGE TO MEMBERS REGARDING 2023 LIVE MEETINGS (Continued from Pg. 1)

Meeting Site Regulations – The Parks Department has established several new facilities use rules. Members are asked to be aware of and kindly abide by these:

Consumption of Food and Drink - The serving and consumption of any food is prohibited. The serving or dispensing of any drinks is prohibited. Meeting participants can, however, bring their own water for consumption, but it must be in a capped, bottle, or a similar type closed container.

Monetary Transactions - All monetary transactions are prohibited. As such, activities such as collection of due and sales of any items are not allowed.

Parking - Parking is limited to the portion of the lot immediately adjacent to the meeting room. The town side section of the lot is limited to school parking as Kaimuki Middle School will be in session. Street parking is an alternative.

COVID Safety – The wearing of face masks during the meeting is not mandatory but recommended as there are many in our group that are in the high-risk category.

Dues – Dues for 2023 are the same as were established in past years. As we are not able to conduct any monetary transactions at the meeting, members are asked to submit your dues via USPS to the KOS mailing address listed on Pg. 1. Please use the [attached membership application form](#) when submitting your dues:

January Meeting Agenda

Welcome to members and guests

Swearing in of 2023 Board and Officers

Program Topic – Honohono Orchid Culture – a general discussion on this popular plant, including sharing of culture tips, experiences, etc. See attached [culture tips](#).

Plant Sharing – Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite blooming plant (s) to share with others.

Lucky Number Drawing – Plan is to have several plants available for this activity.

Socialization – As friendship is one of the basic tenants of KOS, everyone is encouraged to make new acquaintances and re-new old friendships.

Board Activity - your Board has been diligently working and planning for the resumption of live meetings. Many hours were spent identifying and evaluating potential meeting sites including working closely with the Parks Department personnel to learn the new rules and regulations associated with facilities use. Alternatives to the past evening hours meeting times also received substantial discussion and analysis. In the end it was decided to give a daytime meeting a chance and see how it works out. To accommodate this, a three-month commitment had to be made with the Parks Department. Additionally, a close monitoring of all the requirement (tax filings, post office box subscription, DCCA filings, etc.) to maintain our non-profit business status consumed a lot of detailed attention, even when the club was not meeting. The Board is excited about the re-start of live meetings and is looking forward to this venture

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The elegance of the many varieties of the *Dendrobium anosmum*, popularly known locally as Honohono, make these a favorite of many orchid enthusiasts.