



# HOLOMUA NEWSLETTER

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## Sixth Annual Membership Meeting

It's hard to believe that six years have passed since we held our first annual membership meeting. I still remember that first meeting where it was standing room only and enough candidates running for the Board of Directors so that candidates gave speeches and an election was held. Although we have a handful of residents who faithfully attend meetings, ask important questions, express concerns and keep the board informed, we're always hoping to increase the numbers. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month. The next meeting will be on May 8 at 7pm in the Activities Room on the seventh floor.

At the last meeting on March 13, the following officers were elected and the terms of office were determined. The new officers are: Robert Okano, President, (2021), Serge Krivatsy, Vice-President (2020), Ray-nelle Cobb, Secretary (2019), Dennis Inouye, Treasurer (2019). The Directors are: Dwayne Maki (2021), Kevin Shimizu (2021), Lena Wang (2020), Linette Tam (2020), and Melissa Otaguro (2019).



## And Linette Tam Makes Nine!

It has been a few years since we had a full board with nine members. We would like to welcome the newest director, Linette Tam.

Linette graduated from the University of Hawaii with a BBA degree in Accounting and Travel Industry Management. She recently retired as a realtor. Her husband is also recently retired and they enjoy spending time listening to jazz and classical music. They also have a passion for food and love trying out new wines. Their son works in New York City so they are empty nesters.

We're ecstatic about Linette joining the board with her exciting ideas and enthusiasm to serve.



## March for Our Lives Movement

Many of us have followed the news of guns being used to kill students. From the 1999 Columbine High School shootings, to the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre where 20 first graders lives were extinguished, we have been shocked and have seen many adults who have lobbied to bring reform to our nation's gun laws. They have found that the NRA has been a formidable foe. Until February 14, 2018 - - when 17 students and teachers were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in a span of six minutes by a former student who used his AR-15 to kill. Students were outraged! They were instrumental in organizing walkouts in schools in every state a month later. Even more impressive was their March for Our Lives in Washington D.C. on March 24 that attracted 800,000 people; more than the population of our Nation's Capitol! Over 800 cities and towns across our nation and in other countries rallied for this cause of "Never Again".

Remember the names of Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg, Cameron Kasky and Jaclyn Corin. These teenagers showed just how significant and influential they could be. There will be changes because these four, along with thousands of other teenage activists have made it their mission to do something. No, they will not be ignored. They will be voting in 2018 and in 2020. They will be screening candidates carefully to find out what their records on gun control are and will make this a factor in who they vote for. They believe that politicians must put lives before money. They have suggestions too: ban AR-15s and bump stocks, close gun show loopholes, have stronger background checks, and conduct more mental health screenings.

This is the generation that is savvy when it comes to social media and how to use it to get the message out. Their next big push will be encouraging students to register and to vote. Can you imagine the powerful voice of 3.2 million high school seniors if all cast their vote?

## Home Sweet Home

Happy Fifth Anniversary to those who moved into the brand new Holomua condominium in 2013! This is where we call home. Frequently we see many new faces coming and going. Sometimes it's hard to distinguish visitors from residents.

When it comes to safety and your security, it is important that you do not allow unfamiliar individuals access into our building. There has been recent incidents of unauthorized individuals entering through the garage and lobby. Unless you personally know the individuals "tailgating" behind you, please do NOT allow them to follow you in. Remember: **\*\* NO FOB = NO ENTRY \*\***



## Design Review Committee Opening

We are looking for a replacement for the chair of Holomua's Design Committee. Anyone who has a background in construction, building, or design experience would be greatly welcomed. An owner must submit a design proposal (e.g. installing hardwood floors, cabinets, counters, window tint, air conditioners) and obtain approval from the Design Committee before making any renovation. Please contact a Board member or leave your name in the office if you are interested in volunteering.

## Vandalism and Break-ins

If you experience a break-in or vandalism to your personal property, please report it to Philip Yee in the office (phone: 426-7659 x-30). Other residents can then be warned and help keep watch for suspicious activity. Additionally, you are urged to file a police report so statistics can be maintained in our district and police patrols can be stepped up.

## Mahalo

A big Mahalo to Gilman Hu for the beautiful ikebana floral arrangements he shares with us on a regular basis in the lobby. The sweet-smelling narcissus bulbs he displayed during Chinese New Year certainly brought back memories of ancestral celebrations. Seeing beautiful flowers throughout the day brings peace and joy to all of us.



## Notes & Reminders

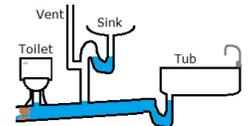
**RECYCLING:** There are blue recycle bins at every parking garage entry door as well as a large bin in the trash room on the bottom floor adjacent to guest parking. Please rinse bottles and cans and flatten all cardboard containers. Large boxes should always be flattened and taken down to the trash room and not left on parking level 2-7.



**SECURITY:** Hours for evening security are from 10:00pm to 6:00am seven days a week. If you need assistance during this period, please call Andrews International Security Services at 291-8283.

**CLOGGED DRAINS:** Several Holomua residents recently required professional clearing of their clogged drains in their bathroom and kitchen. To ensure free-flowing drains, heed the following suggestions:

- Dispose of cleansing wipes, feminine hygiene products, hair, baby wipes, etc. in trash receptacles. Do not flush. Even "flushable" cloths don't easily break down and can cause major blockage in pipes.
- Equip sinks and drains with strainers and regularly clear out hair and debris.
- Bathe using shower gels and liquid body wash. Bar soaps are culprits for producing hard scum and clogs.
- Use cold water when running the disposal. Then run hot water for a few seconds to clear the trap.
- Add baking soda to your drains and follow with hot water. Vinegar is another great natural cleaner for drains.
- Pour discarded cooking oil and grease in a plastic bag lined with newspaper or absorbent material. Toss in trash.



**SMOKING:** House Rules prohibit smoking of electronic devices (e-cigarettes) and tobacco in common areas, including all lanai, lobby, hallways, corridors, elevators, and stairwell areas.