

Subject: 1999-2008 Timeline of early Malama Na Honu by Joanne Pettigrew and Others

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Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 5:34 AM

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Happy this is turning out so well! Please know (recall) that my web page has historical information under the sub-heading "Honulani the Turtle Beach of Laniakea"- at:

<https://georgebalazs.com/honulani-the-turtle-beach-of-laniakea/>

In fact this entire string of messages (above and below) is so historically valuable that in coming weeks I'll pdf them, give an appropriate title, and place at the above link. History 'In the Making'. With Appreciation and Aloha, George

PS I renew my open offer- if anyone would like to be a recipient of our Oceania-Pacific Islands Mail Group

<https://georgebalazs.com/oceania-pacific-islands-mail-group/>

Simply shoot me a short message-- simple to be added and simple to be taken off whenever you want.

From: Debbie Herrera <kuuipo4kc@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 9:06 PM

To: laniakea1@aol.com <laniakea1@aol.com>

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Joanne

I will be sure to share all this when I do the VIP past to present information. We will also get any corrections needed to the website done and add this to the site. Historical info is very valuable when keeping organizations on track.

Debbie

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On Nov 13, 2023, at 10:08 AM, laniakea1@aol.com wrote:

Thank you, Don, and Mahalo for sharing the entire thread to the MiNH board of directors.

Please let me know if I can be of help in any way for our honu.

Aloha,

Joanne

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On Monday, November 13, 2023, 7:11 AM, Donald Porter <donporter@ltol.com> wrote:

Joanne,,

Mahalo for all that you do. As our group continues to grow it is so easy to lose track of our history. It is important to capture it for future volunteers and board members .

Don

On Nov 12, 2023, at 10:03 AM, laniakea1@aol.com wrote:

Thank you, George.

I appreciate your kind words.

When I read the 2007 date in the article it triggered a thought that I had never written down an early timeline for anyone. If anything, the blame falls on me. Well..better late than never.

I'm hoping, going forward, what I summarized today could be useful for Malama I na Honu, whether it be for training, outreach, a volunteer newsletter post, or a section on their website.

I have been long overdue in writing this down.

Mahalo for your response.

Aloha Joanne

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On Sunday, November 12, 2023, 9:47 AM, George Balazs <itsahonuworlindhawaii@hotmail.com> wrote:

Deeply appreciated, Dear Jo. If anything Ashley wrote in error was because of me, I apologize. I did say your name prominently more than once during the hour-long interview. And I referred her to some of the archived history materials on my web page. Please know, to set the record straight, I will PDF your message here and put it forever on my page, for the sake of an accurate history.

Overall, I was appreciative of her article and feel it's likely Gavin will be too (cc'ed here but in Norway these days). To me, the most glaring error was saying that the 10-ft no-walk zone had legal/regulatory and hence some science basis. It doesn't. I made up a 6 ft distance, purely shooting from the hip. And the red ropes in the sand recommendation (for more gentle demarcation than flagging tape up in the air), with no weight of law. It's unfair to the public to portray 10 ft as carrying any semblance of authority with it. Not Pono, Not Aloha (at least not the Pono and Aloha I've lived and loved for going on 60 years now.

Happy Day, GHB

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From: laniakea1@aol.com <laniakea1@aol.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:40:33 AM

To: Don 🟢 Porter <donporter@litol.com>; Debbie Herrera <kuuipo4kc@yahoo.com>; Honu World <itsahonuworlindhawaii@hotmail.com>

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Aloha,

I've read the SFGate article, "Emotions run high as sea turtles take over popular Hawaii beach." The article states volunteers started daytime shifts and collecting data in 2007, which is incorrect, so as our nonprofit's Historian, I feel a need to clarify the timeline of our early Malama na Honu days:

1999- Brutus comes up to bask at Laniakea. I contacted George Balazs at NOAA's Marine Turtle Research Program

1999-2003 George frequents Laniakea often and as new turtles arrive, George microchips the basking turtles and has me scan turtles for their tags. George starts "Show Turtles Aloha," installing banners, signs and offering hand outs.

George rented a studio behind my cottage on the estate as his research station for several years. He and I volunteered on weekends, offering outreach to the beach goers and roping off the baskers. I began collecting data in 2002 and submitting it to George each month. (I gave all of my early basking data sheets to Joe Murphy several years ago).

2004-2005 Malama na Honu starts actively recruiting volunteers with newspaper ads, flyers, signs and a televised PSA. We had a strong response and three shifts a day were manned by newly trained Honu Guardians. George graciously supported and advised us as we transitioned from Show Turtle to Malama na Honu and thereafter.

2005-2006- We formed a Board of Directors and pursued our goal of gaining nonprofit status.

2007- Since we did not qualify to submit grants as we were still unincorporated, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce stepped in to be our fiscal agent. We were awarded our first grant of \$30,000 from the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

2008- Malama na Honu receives tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS.

George, feel free to add or edit the above!

Thank you to entire Malama I na Honu board of directors and volunteers for expanding, improving and continuing to enhance our original vision for our beloved turtle program.

Aloha nui loa,

Joanne

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