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**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 2:45 AM

**To:** George Balazs <itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: THANK YOU VALERIE--- Fw: Happy Faces! Our In-Person Group Photo- December 1st Get-Together at HPU

George

I heard it was a wonderful event. Congratulations and mahalo for all you continue to do.

I only wish Jeff was here to celebrate this milestone anniversary with us.

Happy Holidays and best to you.

Valerie

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**From:** George Balazs <itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 1:29:28 PM

**To:** Valerie King <Valerie.King@SeaLifeParkHawaii.com>

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**From:** George Balazs <itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 11:26 PM

**To:** December 1st 2023 Get-Together <december1st2023get-together@groups.outlook.com>

**Cc:** Jeannie Manzano HPU Sea Turtle Workshop <jmanzano@hpu.edu>

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Truly the Room and the Zoom Were Filled With Goodwill and Aloha, from start to end!

We deeply thank everyone for their contributions, questions, and answers.

God Bless the People & Honu of Hawaii- and their friends around the globe.

Here's a recent statement issued by the IUCN that we just came across. Nice!

<https://www.iucn.org/news/202310/iucn-species-survival-commission-acknowledges-vital-contributions-botanic-gardens>