

SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR JOANIE



On Sunday, July 15, Kihei Canoe Club and scores of other friends said goodbye Joan Diane Cannon. Who passed away at her home Friday, July 6, 2007, after a valiant 7-year battle with cancer. She was 65.

A traditional Hawaiian paddler's service was followed by bagels and her favorite friendship drink -- three parts champagne, two parts thoroughly chilled orange juice and a ripe, red strawberry.

Born Joan Otteson in San Francisco May 11, 1942, she was the only child to Norwegian parents Otto and Ingrid. She graduated from

Lincoln High School and attended San Francisco City College.

She married Paul Cannon and raised three children: Veronica Cannon of



Lake Tahoe, Kevin Cannon of Las Vegas and Vanessa Cannon who moved to Kihei last year.

Joan moved to her beloved Maui 12 years ago. Paddling with KCC, playing tennis, Bunko and mahjong, visiting with friends, and helping to build Kihei Lutheran Church have been the among most significant aspects of her life in Maui.

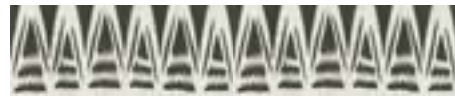
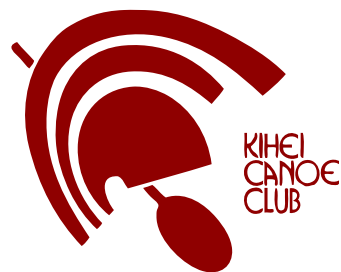
Throughout her life, she constantly made new friends in church, the canoe club, tennis groups -- even making friends while walking her dog Loki on the beach.

Children continued to be an integral part of her life. She taught Sunday School and delivered the Keiki Message at Kihei Lutheran Church. She also volunteered for several youth programs across the island.

She is survived by her children and granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Auntie Joan's Playground at Kihei Lutheran Church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Your Board of Directors meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of each month in the conference room of the Makena Surf Condominiums. All members or others with an interest in the club's activities are welcome to attend simply to listen or to make a statement relevant to the club's activities.

VISITOR POLICY

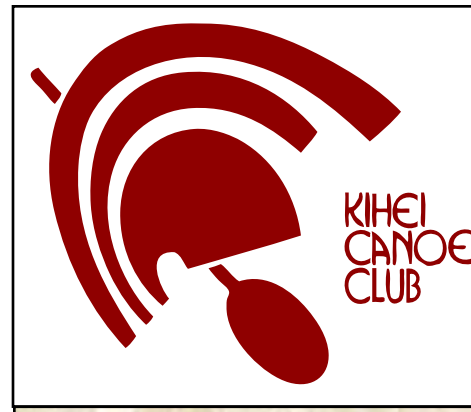
Each member is invited to bring one visitor per month to our Tuesday-Thursday visitor paddling days. The member must accompany the guest. Please arrive by 7:15 a.m. Additional visitors will be asked to make a contribution to support our operating expenses and our youth program.

TWO BOATS ON THE WATER

For safety reasons, KCC maintains a policy of having at least two boats on the water at any time. Any exceptions must have prior approval from the Board of Directors.

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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO KIHEI YOUTH PADDLERS

Application deadline August 15

The Kihei Canoe Club is offering three young paddlers \$500 each to continue their education at any post-high school institution. Candidates must have paddled with the club during their high school years and meet other criteria.



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- Be 21 or younger.
- Graduated from a Maui high school.
- Paddled for KCC while in high school.
- Submit an essay of approximately 500 words describing how paddling has influenced his/her life.
- Provide community service to KCC.

"The community service aspect of the scholarship is unusual but one that KCC hopes will help instill positive principles in our youth," said Lea Giddens, club president. "We teach them to paddle but we also try to instill Hawaiian values like laulima (cooperation), lokahi (unity) and aloha towards all. These scholarships add to that effort.

"This is just another way to show our youth paddlers how much we respect and support them," said Kaleo Evangelista, Na Opio coach. "We hope this scholarship will help them get a better education and come back to contribute to our Maui community."

To qualify for the scholarship, each applicant, with the guidance of an appointed mentor, will identify and work on a component of community service needed by the club.

Applicants will also be asked to write an essay describing how their paddling experience influenced their lives.

"Kihei Canoe Club wants to support our youth paddlers in their pursuit of higher education," said Denise Guerin, a KCC board member involved in creating the scholarship program. "The essay requirement hopes to show the applicant's heart and the service component encourages applicants to share their talents."

More details and application forms are available by calling Kihei Canoe Club at 879-5505 or going to www.kiheicanoeclub.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

LEA GIDDENS

Ashes to Ashes With aloha from KCC

With regatta season nearly over, perhaps it makes sense to focus on some of the things that make KCC different from any other outrigger - racing club. That includes our year-round recreational paddling program, our special visitor days and, perhaps least known to our members, our aloha service of distributing the ashes of both friends and strangers in the waters off Maui.

No one remembers how this first

came about, but in the last two or three years, it has become increasingly popular with club members providing the service once a month or more.

My first reaction was to think a service like this would be too depressing. In fact, the opposite is true. Just ask Bud and Dottie Nykaza who head the team that performs these ceremonies.

“You can see an enormous difference in the mood of these families,” Bud explained. “They come onto the beach crying and sad. After the ceremony, they are smiling and hugging each other and our paddlers. It’s really a joy to be part of this.”

“It’s an honor to share our aloha with grieving families,” added Dottie. “We sing we chant, we toss

flowers on the water and paddle in a circle around the blossoms while the families say goodbye.”

We owe a special mahalo nui loa to Bud and Dottie, Uncle Kimokeo and all the other members of Halau Maui Nui O Kama who perform these ceremonies on a regular basis.

Ashes ceremonies for friends and families of club members are free although donations are accepted. Others are asked to make a donation of \$300 for the two-boat minimum (usually the double-hull canoe) and \$150 for each additional boat.

For more information on ashes ceremonies, weddings or other special events write to jackie@kiheicanoecub.com or call her at 573-1935.



MESSAGE FROM THE COACH

KAWIKA WILLIAMS

I’m really proud of our great regatta season.

Our paddlers worked so hard and displayed a positive, winning attitude in every race. We took an impressive crew to the State Championships and did our best to show them what KCC is made of.

I also want to say mahalo nui loa to all of the club members who helped with the nitty gritty of making each race a success. I’m not going to start naming names because I’ll miss someone for sure, but we all know who the workers are. They are the ones who trailer the boats, take care of

the boats, order and distribute shirts and other gear, organize the food and drink and much more. We also appreciate the way the recreational paddlers get involved in supporting our race program.

We’re stepping up our long distance efforts this year. We’ve been practicing every Saturday since June and are already up to two and a half hours on the water. Long distance season is so demanding...one season is like three regatta seasons. You learn so much about yourself and your teammates.

All our long distance paddlers are working to raise money to help with the huge expenses that go along with distance racing, especially the

ever-increasing costs of the escort boats. They need our help any way we can give it.

Our board of directors is looking to provide some direct help with some of the expenses. Board Member Stephen (Tree) Luksic and Joe Ferguson have put together a great sponsorship package. Each of us should be thinking about taking this package to our employers, our favorite restaurants, family businesses...anyone who can benefit from the positive exposure that comes with sponsoring a boat or a team. For a sponsorship package, E-mail: Tree@kiheicanoecub.com.

TWO NEW CANOES ON THEIR WAY TO KCC

Kihei Canoe Club is getting two new outrigger canoes ---- and each of them has a special story to tell.

First to arrive should be a new Bradley Striker purchased to replace the Lele Manu Kaiko`o which was damaged beyond repair last year after unknown persons pushed it into the water late one night. Half the canoe was later found on Kaaholawe and

returned to the club.

Lele Manu Kaiko`o was originally acquired in honor of Jeannie Trusty, a Novice B paddler who lost her life in an accident some years ago. The new Striker, which will carry the same name, was paid for in part by the club and in part by money raised by Tracy Trusty, Jeannie’s husband and his employers, Betsill Brothers Construction and Kimokeo Kapahulehua. The boat costs just under \$10,00 and is expected to be delivered by November.

The second new canoe is a gift and legacy from Joan Cannon (see related story). At the end of her life, she told the club she wanted to buy a canoe. The club chose a Mirage with ama, iakos, canvas and hoops all included in Joan’s gift valued at more than \$11,000. A name has not yet been chosen, but will reflect Joan’s wish that it honor her granddaughter Serena.

With these purchases, KCC will own a total of 19 canoes, including the koa



KIHEI WOMEN TOP NEW PLATINUM DIVISION

What does it take to produce a 100% winning record during Maui’s regatta season? That’s a question best posed to the first women to race in the over-sixty Platinum Division.



women from age 55 to nearly 75 got together to enjoy Sandy’s hospitality, generate enthusiasm and commit themselves to building the best possible teams.

“From the beginning, we wanted to build a sense of teamwork, commitment, camaraderie,” Sandy explains. “Some members of our crew know each other and have paddled for years, a few are really newcomers and we

It probably started back in March when veteran paddlers Lea Giddens and Sandy Bell proposed a pre-season “gold bonding” party. Some fifteen

wanted to bring them into the fold.”

“We’re willing to push ourselves, to work a little harder,” added Platinum paddler Diane Wetzel. “We realized that our flat water morning practices were nothing like the conditions we face on race day, so we added an afternoon practice. We’re proud of how we’re doing so far, but we know the real test will come during state championship races on Kaua`i.



Sandy also pointed out that nearly all the members of the team volunteer time to the club beyond racing, with Sandy, Diane, Victoria Smith and Judy Martter working as officials and Renee Riley helping with food and drink.

All the team members praised their coaches, Kawika, Rob and Biggie for their guidance and support.

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