

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakokua.com.

Next Meeting. (a) Our Christmas potluck will be held on December 10 at the American Legion Club starting at noon. We will be giving gifts to children (up to 18 years old) of paid up members. Dues must be in the hands of **Ron Wong** by November 30 for children to be on the gift list. Thanks to **Kay Paisley** for volunteering to buy the gifts for the kids. We will have a Christmas Carol sing-along program. Guests are welcome and will be charged \$3/\$2 for adults/children. (b) Our club is scheduled to help the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) commemorate the "Pearl Harbor" day on Wednesday morning, December 7 by contributing hot coffee and cookies/donuts at the Ventura Government Center. If you would like to donate cookies or donuts please deliver them to the commemoration site located at Victoria and Telephone (Government Center) in Ventura by 10 am, but please confirm our involvement with the undersigned (**Mike**). Our contact with DAV is out of town as of this writing and because I have to meet this newsletter deadline, I could not wait for his confirmation.

Past Meeting. (a) Our Thanksgiving luncheon held at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park was very enjoyable with lots of ono food. We all took home leftovers. Our program was listening to Hawaiian music and "talking stories." Eating those onolicious food, listening to good music, and talking stories with good friends was a great and relaxing way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Mahalo to all who brought potluck and especially to **Patty Grossman** for cooking the ham and **Kay Paisley** and **Darrin Ching** for roasting the turkeys. Look at the website photo galley for a group picture of those attending the potluck. A special mahalo to the **Reades, Grossmans, and Trudy Cook** for arranging the use of the clubhouse facility for this meeting/birthday get together and the **Reades** for supplying the boom box and wonderful Hawaiian music.

Membership News. (a) Sad to report that **Travis and Celeste** have moved to Orange County. We are going to miss them and I hope they have many chances to visit us in Ventura. As you all know, **Travis** is a fantastic ukulele player and **Celeste** also plays the ukulele and is a beautiful hula dancer. Good luck to both. (b) As a reminder, if you haven't paid your dues yet please see **Ron**. (c) We have a new member, **Trudy Cook**. Welcome aboard **Trudy!** (d) We are still looking for a 2nd Vice President. If interested please contact **Darrin**. (e) Prospective members interested in joining our club should contact any member or attend one of our meetings. (f) Former member, **Vic Annowada**, of Santa Barbara is recovering in ICU following a fall from cleaning his rain gutter. Our prayers to **Vic** and his family for a speedy recovery.

Hawaii Sports. (a) In a stunning season opener, the UH Men's Basketball team scored a dominating victory over number 4 ranked Michigan State University, 84-62. MSU has four starters returning from last season's 26-7 team that went to the Final Four in the NCAA Tournament. This is one of our biggest upsets in program history. But, auwe, we lost our next game to UNLV.

Hawaiian/Local Tidbits. (a) I recently read an interesting article in the newspaper about 100 of the most influential people in Hawaii during the past 100 years. I remember most of those people listed, some alive and some deceased. The name that brought a smile to my face was radio personality **Hal "J. Akuhead Pupule" Lewis**. I used to always tune in to his morning radio programs and he was so interesting and hilarious. He died in 1983 and was like a radio version of **Johnny Carson**. I wish there were some highlight clips of **Akuhead's** program. **Michael Perry and Larry Price** are current radio personalities who were listed on the top 100 and have a huge following in Hawaii. (b) Mesa Air Group, Inc., the Phoenix-based airline planning to begin interisland service early next year, will sell tickets for about half the price Hawaiian and Aloha airlines now charge. That is welcome news to Hawaii residents. (c) An unconfirmed report has been released stating that kim chee (and sauerkraut) fight avian flu. Further unconfirmed report states that kim chee helps fight cancer. There is a huge increase in the sale of kim chee around the world. Personally, I have been buying kim chee for its taste but if there are side

benefits, all the better. **(d)** Hula Halau “Ka Hale Hula O Pilialoahaokalani O Hilo” is presenting two hula shows on December 3 at Buena High School, at 2pm and 4pm. Tickets are \$10/\$5 for adults/children. Call (805) 486-7518 for tickets. **(e)** Hapa in Concert at Whittier College on December 10 at 8pm, \$35. **(f)** **Herb Ohta, Jr., Daniel Ho, and Keoki Kahumoku** (Hawaiian musicians) will be performing at Buena High School on January 7. Details have not been released yet. They will also be performing at the SOhO Restaurant and Music Club, located at 1221 State St., Santa Barbara on January 10 at 8pm. Price is \$15 for the Santa Barbara performance. **(g)** The Makaha Sons in Concert at Whittier College at 8pm on January 20, \$35.

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Truths

I believe- That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I believe- That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I believe- That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

I believe- That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I believe- That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I believe- That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I believe- That you can keep going long after you can't.

I believe- That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I believe- That either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I believe- That regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place.

I believe- That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I believe- That money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I believe- That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

I believe- That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.

I believe- That sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I believe- That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I believe- That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I believe- That no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.

I believe- That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I believe- That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I believe- That you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.

I believe- That two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

I believe- That your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

I believe- That even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

I believe- That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

I believe- That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.