

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Mele Kalikimaka!!! Website: www.huilimakokua.com.

Next Meeting. Our next potluck meeting will be held on December 8 at Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Rd, Ventura) starting at 2 pm. This will be our Christmas Luncheon and **Adam and Kim Armstrong** have volunteered to cook the ham. Everybody else should bring a potluck dish to share. We will have a gift exchange program. Attendees should bring one wrapped gift costing about \$10. The gift should be suitable for a male or female. For the program we will have a sing-a-long so bring your musical instruments and voices to the meeting. We may even have some impromptu hula dances so don't miss this special year-end event.

Past Meeting Our past meeting was a huge success. Thanks to **Dirk Boon** for cooking the ono turkey. Mahalo also to everybody else for the potluck dishes. It was an interesting program where each attendee discussed his/her connection to Hawaii. We learned a lot about many members.

Membership. (a) Anyone interested in joining or renewing their Sam's Club membership through the club should contact **Ron**. Cost is \$35 if joining through the club versus \$40 if joining individually. (b) Although we have not received the official word yet, we expect to again serve coffee and other drinks at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Program to be held in the morning of December 7 at the corner of Victoria and Telephone Road, close to the Ventura Government Center. We have been doing this for many years and we have always received the request just before the event. If you are interested in helping or watching this program look for it in the newspaper just before the event or call me (Mike). Wear your club (or red) shirt.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) A poll conducted by the Hawaii Magazine revealed the favorite natural wonders of Hawaii. The top vote-getters were: (1) Volcanoes (Big Island); (2) Napali Coast (Kauai); (3) Waimea Canyon (Kauai); (4) Tie: Haleakala (Maui) and Diamond Head (Oahu); and (5) Tie: Hanauma Bay (Oahu), and Oheo Gulch (Maui). (b) Hawaii is the most isolated population center on the face of the earth. Hawaii is 2,390 miles from California; 3,850 miles from Japan; 4,900 miles from China; and 5,280 miles from the Philippines. (c) Diamond Head's original name was Laeahi meaning 'brow of the tuna', but when British sailors passed by this extinct volcano, they saw crystals shimmer in the sun and looked as if diamonds were in the crater, hence the name Diamond Head. (d) Iolani Palace is the only royal palace in the United States. (e) Molokai has the world's highest sea cliffs. (f) There are 12 alphabets in the Hawaiian language: the vowels are A, E, I, O, and U and the consonants are H, K, L, M, N, P, and W.

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BE THANKFUL

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes, they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.

WORDS TO LIVE BY...

"Sometimes the little things in life mean the most." - **Ellen Hopkins**

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." - **Denis Waitley**

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." - **William Arthur Ward**

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." - **Marcel Proust**

"The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated." - **William James**

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - **John F. Kennedy**

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." **Oscar Wilde**

"If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself." - **Albert Einstein**

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." **Mother Teresa**

"I'm not upset that you lied to me. I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you." - **Friedrich Nietzsche**

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." **Charles M. Schulz**

"The difference between genius and stupidity is; genius has its limits." **Albert Einstein**

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." **Mark Twain**

"Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it." **Nicholas Sparks**

"The tragedy in life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach." - **Benjamin Mays**

"When we can no longer change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." **Viktor Frankl**

"Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together." **Marilyn Monroe**

"By changing nothing, nothing changes." **Tony Robbins**