

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting.** (a) Our next potluck meeting will be held on August 10 at Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura) starting at 2 pm. Our program has not been confirmed yet but we will have a program, so please attend this meeting. (b) Our annual mini-luau will be held on October 19, 2013 at the Mulcahy Center, Our Lady of Assumption Church, so stay tuned for more information. A limited number of tickets will be distributed at our September meeting.

**Past Meeting** Our potluck picnic on July 13 at the Camino Real Park was a great success held on a picture perfect day. The food was terrific, thanks to all the attendees. Special thanks to **Darrin Ching** for again cooking his signature tri-tip BBQ. The weather was great and we enjoyed playing games, playing Hawaiian music and dancing. Many brave people tried the Philippine Bamboo stick dance with varying degrees of success (and laughs). Thanks to **Kaimana Pendergrass** and **Laurie Gregory** for bringing the long bamboo sticks to the picnic. Every family in attendance won at least one prize from **Ron Wong's** bag of gifts. **Kim Nishimura** was the lucky winner when she was the first to select from an array of prizes spread out on the table. Then **Kim** was the first to be called for a scratchers lotto ticket. To top things off, **Kim** actually won a monetary prize from the scratchers game. Maybe **Kim** should visit Las Vegas.

**Membership News.** (a) For the second straight month I am very sad to report that a staunch member of our club passed away. Long time member **Gwen Wong** passed away on June 27 in Camarillo after suffering a stroke. The club gave a sympathy card and a \$100 check to **Gerry Wong** during a memorial service held for **Gwen** on June 30 at Camarillo's United Methodist Church. Aloha **Gwen** on your final journey home. Our deepest condolences to husband **Gerry**, son **Steven**, daughter-in-law **Cindy**, and grandson **Devin**. At this time **Gerry** is living in Fremont, California, with his son and family. We were all pleased that **Steven** brought his family (including **Gerry**) to the picnic in July. (b) Elections for Hui Lima Kokua Officers for the next fiscal year (starting October) will be held in September. Anyone interested in running for office should contact a board member. The election and installation of officers will be held at a yet-to-be determined restaurant. (c) The Ukulele Club of Ventura County under the direction of our 1st Vice President **Kaimana Pendergrass** will perform at the Ventura County Fair on August 6 from 12:30 through 1:30. On this day everyone 65 and over can attend the fair for free. (d) **Ted Wakai** has offered to sponsor our club to attend an evening at Magic Castle in Hollywood where we can eat and watch magic shows. We will seriously discuss this offer sometime early next year, after the Club's luau and the year-end festivities. Mahalo **Ted**! As most of you know, **Ted** has been a Magician for many years.

**Miscellaneous** (a) Allegiant Air, the low cost carrier known for connecting secondary cities to several destinations, plans to offer service between Los Angeles and Honolulu starting October 30. The twice-a-week service offered one-way fares starting at \$99. By the time you read this information, this introductory offer probably will have expired but you should check future fares. (b) Most football publications have UH picked last in the six-member, Western Division of the Mountain West Conference in 2013. The writers tend to agree that UH will be better than their 3-9 record last year. However, the football publications have ranked UH from 105<sup>th</sup> to 119<sup>th</sup> among the 125 schools that will play in the NCAA Football Division 1 level. (c) The Dallas Cowboys are practicing in Oxnard up till August 15. With the lack of a local NFL team, the Cowboys are the closest to being a favorite for us Ventura County residents. (c) On August 19, 1959, Hawaii was admitted as the 50<sup>th</sup> state in the US. But Statehood Day in

Hawaii is celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August. (d) Difficult to believe that Kilauea volcano on the Big Island has been continuously erupting for over 30 years.

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Hello,

An "older" friend sent this to me. When you're young, you think you're invincible and time doesn't really have meaning to you; but when you get "old", you realize that time is a precious commodity and living and enjoying every moment should be your primary goal in your remaining time.

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is ... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise .... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is ... my friends are retired and getting grey ... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me ... but, I see the great change .... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant ... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore ... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will ... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so ... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last ... this I know, that when it's over on this earth ... it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done ... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet ... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

**"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.**

LIVE IT WELL!

ENJOY TODAY!

DO SOMETHING FUN!

BE HAPPY!

HAVE A GREAT DAY

**Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.**

LIVE HAPPY IN 2013!