

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Activity. (a) The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 9 starting at 11 am at the Fuji Buffet located at 1301 W. Channel Islands Blvd, Oxnard 93033.** This meeting will be to elect and install new officers for the coming year (October 2017 thru September 2018). Please contact **Darrin Ching** at 388-1544 if you are interested in running for office. The luncheon is free for all paid up members. **Ron Wong** will be distributing Luau tickets at the Luncheon so be prepared to let him know how many tickets you will need. The cost for the Luau, to be held on October 14, is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. (b) Tentative future club events:

September 9. Election and Installation of officers at Fuji Buffet in Oxnard starting at 11 am.

October 14. Annual Luau. This Luau is a club function and we will need your kokua (help).

Kaimana Pendergrass will be the Chairperson again for this event so please offer her your assistance – in the kitchen, on the serving line, food preparation, setting up the hall, cleaning up, selling tickets, etc. Mahalo. The Luau will be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church (OLA).

November 11. Tentative Thanksgiving potluck at OLA Church.

December 9. Tentative Christmas potluck at OLA Church.

Past Meetings. Last month potluck was cancelled because the Ukulele Club of Ventura County went to Las Vegas to take part in the Kumukahi Ukulele and Hula Festival. The Uke Club has participated in this festival for the past 4 years. How did we do? Let me share **Laurie Gregory's** beautiful posting in her facebook:

“Aloha. Had to wait to come back home to post anything about Kumukahi.(unpack, unwind, etc.) We did not bring home an award this year, but what I received from these past few days is very rewarding !!! It seems that every year Kumukahi just gets better, and better. We got there a day early, and to just hang out and watch as all the Hula Halau, Ukulele clubs/ groups, Musicians and familiar faces you see only at Kumukahi, start to fill the lobby, and than the whole hotel/ casino you can't help but feel the excitement and energy thats coming off of everybody !!! I want to Mahalo Aunty [Sissy Kaio](#) and Uncle Lincoln for including Ukulele Club of Ventura County in this most special event, all the Halaus, Ukulele groups, and Musicians ([Vaughn Henry Kalawa](#) and [Josh Kamuelaonapuaokupanihi Chang](#)) to name just a couple, that come from near and far, to my own group who practices very hard for Kumukahi, (Mahalo to my nephew, [Sione Moe Tuitama Vainuku](#) for joining us)Sams Town for their awesome hospitality, to all the event crew that make the whole experience so pleasant, and special Mahalo to the Reactionary Panel, Dr. Taupouri Tangaro, Kekuhi Keali'ikanaka'ole, Keali'i Reichel, Sonny Ching, Pele Kaio, Kehaulani Kekua, Kekaimoku Yoshikawa, Aaron J. Sala, Mel Ogata and Kamalani Johnson, who not only brings their knowledge and our culture to us, but keeps us at the edge of our seats in laughter !!! P.S. I participated in two workshops, one hula, and one chanting, something I never would have done in my younger years, lol !!! I was among beautiful, experienced dancers, including my Mama, and they all made me feel like I belonged ❤️❤️ The words I choose to carry with me from this year's Kumukahi.....Is, to own my day, Everyday !!! I Love Kumukahi, I always come home a winner ❤️ “

Hawaiian Tidbit. (a) **Long Beach: E Hula Mau September 1-3, 2017.** Annual Southern California's Annual Hula & Chant Competition at the Terrace Theater located at 300 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA. Enjoy hula performances from mainland hula halaus, ono local cuisine, workshops, Hawaiian music and entertainment on the plaza outdoor stage, and artisans from across the Pacific and mainland.. Prices range from \$22 up. (b) **R.I.P. Mahi Beamer.** Mahi Beamer, popular Hawaiian musician (singer, pianist, and composer) for over 7 decades passed away on July 14. He is the grandson of the famed composer, **Helen Desha Beamer**. He attended Julliard School in the late 1940s and was inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in 2006.

Sports: (a) The UH Football started its 12 game regular season on August 26 against University of Massachusetts. The team's 3rd game on Sept 9th will be against UCLA. Hope this game will be televised. In his inaugural season last year Coach **Nick Rolovich** took the team to a bowl game. (b) The UH Wahine Volleyball Team began its 2017 season on August 25. The team plays at home for the first 13 games. Its 3rd game of the season will be against UCLA on August 27. Former **Coach Dave Shoji** has finally retired after 42 seasons, all with winning records. First year **Coach Robyn Ah Mow-Santos** will have her hands full following the legendary **Coach Shoji**. But **Coach Robyn** once played at the UH and participated in 3 Olympics. Go UH!! (c) How 'bout the Los Angeles Dodgers? I don't normally follow baseball, except for the World Series, but this year the Dodgers are going crazy with a fantastic record going into the final 1 ½ month of regular games. I just had to jump on the band wagon and cheer them on. Even **Kay** has been watching their games on TV. (d) Here is a list of the top 10 sports being PLAYED in the world: 1-Soccer, 2-Badminton, 3-Field Hockey, 4-Volleyball, 5-Basketball, 6-Tennis, 7-Cricket, 8-Table Tennis, 9-Baseball, and 10-Golf. (e) Here is the top 10 sports being WATCHED in the world: 1-Soccer, 2-Cricket, 3-Field Hockey, 4-Tennis, 5-Volleyball, 6-Table Tennis, 7-Baseball, 8-Golf, 9-Basketball, and 10-American Football. Gee, I gotta admit I don't know anything about cricket and only a little bit about badminton.

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Mike's Rambling Corner

Information for Hawaii Tourists. The top ten most-visited sites in Hawaii (listed in order of most visited) were Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Dole Plantation, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument (includes the Arizona Memorial), Haleakala National Park, Diamond Head State Monument, Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve, Polynesian Cultural Center, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Honolulu Zoo, and Kualoa Ranch.

"Nuts to You." Many people don't need a new reason to eat macadamia nuts. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) recently recognized that eating macadamia nuts could help reduce the risk of coronary disease. Hawaiian growers hope the qualified health claim will raise demand for their products.

K-Mart. The end of an era is over in Hawaii retail. K-Mart, the first big-box discount retailer to arrive in Hawaii, is closing its last store on Oahu. K-Mart will close its Kapolei store over the next two to three months. The closure will leave only two K-Mart stores in the state (one on Maui and one on the Big Island). As an aside but related story, the K-Mart that was next to the Fuji Buffet where we will meet in September was closed several years ago. I guess K-Mart stores will soon disappear.