

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY (MEI) 2004

Happy Mothers' Day (May 9),

Next Meeting. (a) Our next meeting will be a potluck dinner to be held on Saturday, May 8th, starting at 6:30 pm at the Oxnard American Legion Hall located at 2639 Wagon Wheel Road. After dinner we will have a plant exchange session. We are encouraging you to bring plants, cuttings, etc. to exchange and to bring a guest. It would be nice, but not necessary, to name and explain the plants you bring. Come even if you don't have any plants and enjoy the fellowship and food. (b) We are going to discuss possible future events at this meeting so please attend.

Past Meeting. (a) We really enjoyed the potluck Easter picnic at the Camino Real Park in Ventura. Mahalo to **Laurie Gregory** for chairing this event. Also mahalo to **Darrin Ching** who grilled the ono tri-tip and chicken. **Darrin** is such a great chef that I don't know how we can exist happily without him. Also thanks to **Ron Wong** who, with the help of **Juanita Pendergrass**, brought the prizes we all won at the picnic. We all took home prizes for playing various games. **Melanie** and **Ryan** took first place in the egg toss contest. This was a very memorable Easter picnic for all who attended, and the food was outstanding. (b) My hats off to **Ron** for his dedication. **Ron** was in the hospital the day before the picnic to have a stent placed in his blocked artery. And he showed up at the picnic the day after the procedure!

Membership News. (a) If any member has a son/daughter graduating from high school this year please notify **Ron** so that we can award him/her with a graduating gift. (b) **Mario Castroni** is retiring on June 1st. Now you can enjoy some fishing, clamming, ice skating, and more "honey do" projects!

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) The Northridge Hoolaulea will be held on June 5 and 6 at Northridge Park, 10059 Reseda Blvd (one block south of Devonshire), with continuous Hawaiian entertainment, lots of Arts and Craft Booths, and plenty of ono food (teriyaki beef/chicken, shave ice, laulau and poi, malasadas, plate lunch, curry stew, manapua, kalua pork, etc. Free admission. Bring blankets or **low** back lawn chairs and don't forget your sun screen (it will be hot!). Some of our hui members belong to ukulele groups performing at the Hoolaulea on Sunday morning. So come and be entertained for free! (b) Talking about entertainment, I strongly recommend the Tipps Thai Restaurant located at 512 E Main Street in Ventura every Wednesday evening from 6-9. For the price of a dinner, you get to see "Mango" perform. "Mango" is a talented, personable husband-wife singing duo who play Hawaiian as well as all other types of music. **Carl** plays the guitar and ukulele while **Joanie** plays the violin, guitar, keyboard, and bass. Take your spouse, family, significant other, friends and enjoy some good music and ono ethnic food. Tell them **Mike** sent you. (c) Have you voted for **Jasmine Trias** yet? **Jasmine**, from Honolulu, is one of six remaining singers in the popular American Idols TV program performing on Fox every Tuesday at 8 pm. Tune in and vote for your favorite (mine is **Jasmine**). I missed the April 27 show to attend our Hui Board meeting and ended up the night by putting this newsletter together. We will find out tomorrow if **Jasmine** needed my usual 50+ votes. (d) The popular annual Oxnard Strawberry Festival will be held on May 15 and 16 at the park next to Oxnard College. (e) Krispy Kreme Donuts located in Maui is the only Krispy Kreme Store in Hawaii. As a result, passengers flying out of Maui are clogging the overhead luggage bins on planes with boxes of donuts and clogging the arteries of the donut eaters.

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It is a carefully guarded recipe known only to four people. Only one of them is the "brew master." There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year. It gets its distinctive smell from a fragrance that is added to the brew. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. Here are some of the uses:

Protects silver from tarnishing

Cleans and lubricates guitar strings

Gets oil spots off concrete driveways

Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery

Keeps flies off cows

Restores and cleans chalkboards

Removes lipstick stains

Loosens stubborn zippers

Untangles jewelry chains

Removes stains from stainless steel sinks

Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill

Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing

Removes tomato stains from clothing

Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots

Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors

Keeps scissors working smoothly

Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes

Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide

Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers

Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises

Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open

Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close

Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers

Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles

Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans

Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling

Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly

Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools

Removes splattered grease on stove

Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging

Lubricates prosthetic limbs

Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell)

Removes all traces of duct tape

I have even heard of folks spraying it on their arms, hands, knees to relieve arthritis pain. One fellow claims spraying it on fishing lures attracts fish.

WD-40 has been designated the "official multi-purpose problem-solver of NASCAR," a ringing endorsement if there ever was one. Can WD-40 solve the Jeff Gordon problem?

In celebration of their 50th year, the company conducted a contest to learn the favorite uses of its customers and fan club members, (Yes, there is a WD-40 Fan Club). They compiled the information to identify the favorite use in each of the 50 states. Naturally I was curious about Georgia and Alabama and found the favorite use in both states was that it "penetrates stuck bolts, lug nuts, and hose ends." Florida's favorite use was "cleans and removes lovebugs from grills and bumpers." California's favorite use was penetrating the bolts on the Golden Gate Bridge.

Let me close with one final, wonderful use--the favorite use in the State of New York--WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.

No wonder they've had 50 successful years.