

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST (AUKAKE) 2004

Next Meeting. (a) Our next dinner-meeting will be held on August 14 starting at 4:00 pm (note the new time) at the American Legion Hall located at 2639 Wagon Wheel Road, Oxnard. The theme for this meeting will be Paniolo (Hawaiian Cowboy) Day. The club will provide chili beans, hot dogs/buns, rice, green salad, and drinks for \$2 a person. You may bring dessert if you want. Each attendee should bring a white elephant item wrapped in newspaper for a “fishing” game. We will have steer-roping and the best trimmed cowboy hat contests (decorate your hat-lei at home). Wear cowboy outfit.

Past Meeting. (a) We enjoyed a picture perfect day at Ventura Beach at our last picnic meeting on July 10th. The ocean was calm and there was a slight breeze to keep us comfortable while we ate, fished and talked stories. The winners for the fishing derby held at Ventura Pier: For kids, **Brett Workman** won first prize while **Aaron MacDonald** and **Meg Workman** tied for 2nd. For adults **Ron Wong** came in first, **Gwen Wong** was second, while **Gerry Wong** and **Ollie Akau** were tied for third.

Membership News. (a) A celebration of **Johnny Delgado’s** life will be held from 2 to 7 pm Sunday, Aug 29, at The Crystal Rose, 9300 W. Jefferson Blvd, Culver City, California, 90232. Casual attire. Call me (**Mike**) if you are interested in forming a car pool to attend by August 15, stating if you are willing to drive, and if so, how many people you can transport. **Johnny** died on June 23. **Gerry Delgado** wrote to thank us for our gift, cards, flowers, support, and prayers for **Johnny** during his lengthy illness and also for welcoming them into our hui since they first met us at Ventura Pier. **Gerry**, we look forward to your continued membership with us. (b) If you are interested in running for office for the next fiscal year, contact one of the nominations committee members (**Gerry and Gwen Wong**). (c) Club shirts are available for sale, see Gerry Wong.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) In Anaheim, CA, Aloha Live 2004 with **Amy Hanaiialii Gilliom & Willie K., Makana, Sean Naauao, Makana, and Sistah Robi** in concert 8 pm on August 6. \$35. (714) 712-2700, www.thegroveofanaheim.com. Aloha Live 2004 will also play at The Greek Theatre in LA on Sunday, August 8. See www.greektheatre.com for more information. (b) E Hula Mau (Southern California’s Tenth-Annual Hula & Chant Competition) will be held on Labor Day Weekend (September 3, 4, & 5) at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. Box Office: (562) 436-3661. Cost \$59 for the Weekend Ticket Package (less for daily fees). (c) The Ventura County Fair will run from August 4th through August 15th. On August 10th the Ukulele Club of Ventura County will be performing from 12:30 - 1:30 at the Pepsi Seabreeze Stage. Immediately following the ukulele program, **June “Kehaulani” Rust**, Hula Kumu (teacher) of the Kamelewai O Ke Anuenuue, will be performing at the same stage. There are participants from our hui in both programs. Be there to support the Hawaiian culture. The best part of these programs is that they will be held on senior day when seniors (age 62+) are admitted free into the Fair. (d) NBC has begun taping the cop drama program “Hawaii” which will air in the fall. The series will be filmed entirely in Hawaii. Looks like a follow-on to the popular “Hawaii Five-0.” (e) Do you miss the delicious fresh Hawaiian pineapple? Last week we went to Costco and **Kay** selected a Del Monte Gold Extra Sweet Pineapple from Hawaii that looked a bit over ripe from the outside. When we went home and cut it up, it was one of the most delicious pineapples I have eaten. It was well worth the \$3.29. Gee, how long has Hawaii been exporting these ono-licious pineapples to the mainland? (f) August 21st will mark the 45th year since Hawaii achieved statehood. What were you doing on that date in 1959? (g) KC Drive Inn located in Kaimuki (Honolulu) will be closing soon. **Ken and Betty Reade** love their waffle hot dogs. It was a very popular drive-inn at its former location in Waikiki, corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Ala Wai Boulevard when I was a teenager.

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Oh Dear, I'm older than dirt

"Hey Dad," one of my kids asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him. "All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained. "Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears AND Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, like the sky, and the bottom third was green, like grass. The middle third was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had a lens taped to the front of the TV to make the picture look larger.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a "machine."

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was. All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4 AM every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES from a friend:

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to "sprinkle" clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.
Ignition switches on the dashboard.
Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall.
Real ice boxes.
Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.
Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz:

Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about! Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes with red tips to look like they were lit
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butchers wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (OLive-6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age,

If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are the best part of my life.