

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Aloha,

Next Meeting. (a) Our next monthly dinner-meeting will be held on October 9 starting at 6:30 pm at the American Legion Hall located at 2639 Wagon Wheel Road. Stew, rice, and drinks will be furnished by the new board members. Attendees may bring a side dish, salad or dessert if you wish. For the program, **David Paisley** will talk about Hawaii. **David** (and **Kay**) spent two tours in Hawaii as a minister. They adopted two kids while in Hawaii. You can bring a pumpkin decorated at home for our annual pumpkin-decoration contest.

Past Meeting. (a) Elections were held at the previous meeting and the following members elected: President: **Darrin Ching**; 1VP: **Gerry Wong**; 2VP **Mario Castroni**; Treasurer: **Ron Wong**; Recording Secretary: **Patty Grossman**; Corresponding Secretary: **Mike Nakamura**; and Advisor: **Len Peterson**. Congratulations to the new board and mahalo to the outgoing board. Mahalo to **Ken and Betty Reade** for bringing flowers for the table decorations. (b) The installation luncheon held at Super Buffet King on September 25th was very filling. We all had a lot to eat, some of us had more than others. Thanks to the **Paisleys** for installing the new officers. (c) Forgot to mention that **Kay Paisley** gave a talk on Hawaiian Paniolos at the August meeting. Thanks and sorry for the oversight, **Kay**.

Membership News. (a) **Paulette Peterson** took early retirement last month from the Navy at Port Hueneme as a Contract Specialist. Now she plans to kick back and do some traveling while **Len** continues to work. (b) **Joe and Darlene Schneider** will be moving (temporarily we hope) to Washington DC soon. (c) Our president, **Darrin Ching**, tied the knot last month. His brand new wife is the former **Cindy Kwan**. Her family owns the popular and successful Chester's Asia Restaurant in Camarillo. Chester's was one of 12 or so restaurants in Camarillo when I moved here in 1968. Good luck and congratulations to all those mentioned above. (d) **Shirley Palmer** suffered a stroke last month and is recovering beautifully at home. The Hui sent a get well card and a plant to help speed her recovery and **Shirley** sends her mahalo to the membership. Soon she will be playing her ukulele again. (e) Our new fiscal year starts in October which means that **Ron Wong** is collecting dues for the new year. Dues are \$20/\$15 for family/single membership. (f) **Ted Wakai** sends his mahalo to all who attended his birthday bash in August, especially to the ukulele players who entertained the attendees.

Hawaii Sports. (a) The UH Football team opened its season with a 0-2 record, losing to Florida Atlantic and Rice. The UH was favorite to win both games. (b) The UH Wahine Volleyball team is ranked number 6 in the nation with a 10-0 record. This was supposed to be a rebuilding year after losing 5 of their 6 starters from last year's team. Coach **Dave Shoji** has coached a thousand games for the UH team which won 850 games (the fantastic 85% winning percentage is the best amongst active Division I coaches). **Dave** started coaching at UH in 1975, at age 27.

Hawaiian/Local Tidbits. (a) The 3rd Annual Southern California Ukulele Festival in Cerritos will be held on October 2 at Cerritos Park – 13234 East 166th Street, Cerritos, CA., 90703. Hours: 9 am to 10 pm. Continuous entertainment and workshops during the day with luau and concert at night. See website for information: www.ukulelefestival.org. (b) The Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium pool will undergo a \$6 million dollar repair. The pool was built in 1927 and needs major repairs. I remember spending countless summer days swimming in that pool as a kid. I would catch the bus for a dime and buy bento from the snack bar. (c) Saturday ukulele classes will be held at Ventura College starting October 16. Instructor is **Greg Lebrando**. Separate classes will be held for beginners and intermediate. (d) **Kealii Reichel** in Concert on Oct 9 and 10 at Cerritos Center For The Performing Arts, 12700 Center

Court Drive, Cerritos, California. Information (562) 916-8501. (e) Oct 16 **Na Leo Pilimehana** in Concert at the Ruth B. Shannon Center For The Performing Arts, Whittier College, 6760 Painter Ave, Whittier, California. Box Office (562) 907-4203. (f) Nov 20, **Hookena** in Concert at Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Redondo Beach, California. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Contact: **Lehua Hawkins** (310) 383-3834. (g) **Hapa** in Concert at Ruth B. Shannon Center For The Performing Arts, Whittier College, 6760 Painter Avenue, Whittier, California, on Dec 11. Tickets: \$35; call box office (562) 907-4203. (h) Jan 29, 2005 **Makaha Sons** in Concert at Ruth B. Shannon Center For The Performing Arts, Whittier College, 6760 Painter Avenue, Whittier, California. Time: 3 & 8PM. Box Office (562) 907-4203. (This is my favorite Hawaiian group). (i) The National High School Principal of the Year went to Campbell High School (Ewa beach, Oahu) Principal **Gail Awakuni**. This is the first time someone from Hawaii won this title.

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Thought Provoking Things I have learned ... (Ron Nichols)

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

That money doesn't buy class.

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think that I can?

That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

That love, not time, heals all wounds.

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

That there is nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

That I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.

That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

That when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist, that you are hooked for life.

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you are climbing it.

That it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.