

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakoua.com.

Next Meeting. (a) The next monthly meeting will be our Birthday-Thanksgiving potluck meeting to be held on November 12th starting at 12 noon. The potluck-meeting will take place at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park's clubhouse located at 1215 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, 93001. Directions to get to the clubhouse: from the 101 Fwy exit Seaward Ave and head makai (to the ocean), turn left on Harbor Blvd. After about 1.3 miles, make a right on Schooner, then right on Anchors Way to the park entrance. Park next to clubhouse, look for the balloons. If a Ventura Marina Mobile resident should ask, we are there to celebrate **Betty Reade's and Darrin Ching's** birthdays (no gifts, please). The club will furnish rice, drinks, turkey and ham. We need two volunteers, to cook one turkey each. Contact **Darrin** if interested. Attendees from Oxnard and Hueneme should bring salad, vegetable, condiments, cranberry sauce or rolls. Camarillo should bring dessert. Ventura and other cities should bring mashed potato, yams, stuffing or gravy. We plan to play CD Hawaiian music in the background. Anyone who wants to hula (or sing) should bring the accompanying CD - we will have a boom box available. You are invited to bring games. Guests will be charged \$3/\$2 for adults/children. (b) Our club will help the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) commemorate the "Pearl Harbor" day on Wednesday morning, December 7 by contributing hot coffee and cookies/donuts at the Ventura Government Center. If you would like to donate cookies or donuts please contact a board member. More information will be published next month.

Past Meeting. (a) Our Halloween potluck meeting was fun. Thanks to the new officers for supplying the main dishes and others who brought desserts or salads. Thanks also to **Kay Paisley** for decorating the tables. **Betty and Ken Reade** won the best Halloween mask decoration contest. See the website photo galley for a picture of the winning entry. Mahalo to **Ron, Paulette, Ken, and Mike** for sharing some Hawaiian supernatural tales. It was a fun night. (b) It was very thoughtful of **Ted "Wizard of Oxnard" Wakai** for bringing roses for the new officers. Mahalo, **Ted**. By the way, congratulations to **Ted** for being the longest active member in the club (since the 1960s). He is a well known local magician, visit his website: www.wizardofoxnard.com.

Membership News. (a) We are looking for someone to chair our upcoming Christmas Program to include purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts for children of Club members. This potluck-meeting will be held on December 10. The chairperson will be charged half the annual dues for next year. If interested, contact **Darrin**. (b) Now is the time to pay your dues for the new fiscal year. Dues are \$20 and \$15 for families and individuals respectively. Pay the dues to **Ron Wong** at the next meeting or send the check (made out to "Hui Lima Kokua") to him at 392 Tulane Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003. We appreciate those members who are unable to attend our regular meetings but continue to pay their dues. (c) Our application to work a booth at the 41st Point Mugu Air Show on October 22 and 23 was not accepted. Military affiliated organizations were given priority over us.

Hawaii Sports. (a) **Colt Brennan** is **Timmy Chang's** replacement at Quarterback for UH. **Brennan** throws up (vomits) often during the games because of nerves. He does it right there on the field in front of thousands of people. But he just keeps on playing – and quite effectively. At halftime he has to get IV fluids pumped into his body to re-hydrate. He answers to the nickname, "Barf."

Hawaiian/Local Tidbits. (a) Archaeologists have discovered a 10,000 year old cave in Kauai. They are cataloguing the natural history of the island by laboriously looking at the layering of the cave. They have found old, well-preserved fossils of birds, fish, plants, leaves, trees, etc. The site is called the Makauwahi Sinkhole, and is located east of Poipu Beach. This is exciting! I can't wait to read the results or maybe see the cave one of these days. (b) Mobi PCS plans to introduce no-contract, no-credit-check, unlimited local and long-distance wireless cell phone calling plans for under \$50 a month early next year in Hawaii. This sounds too good to be true. I wonder if I can get one of those and use it primarily from California? (c) **Jake Shimabukuro** (ukulele player) will be performing at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center at 8 pm, November 4. Cost is \$20. www.lpac.org. (d) The L&L Hawaiian Restaurant in Janns Mall is now serving daily specials for \$5.99. The specials come with 2 scoops rice, mac salad, veggies, a

drink, a dessert and the choice of one of the following entrees: BBQ chicken, BBQ beef, chicken katsu, and kalua pork. (e) Partly because of the steep price in gas, the Big Island is experimenting with free bus rides for a 90 day period. Ridership has increased. Should this idea be pursued in Honolulu? Maybe it could save \$ in avoiding freeway expansion? Hmmm.

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Proud of my era

My Mom used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning.

My Mom used to defrost hamburger on the counter AND I used to eat it raw sometimes, too. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in icepack coolers, but I can't remember getting E.coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring)--no beach closures then.

The term cell phone would have conjured up a phone in a jail cell, and a pager was the school PA system.

We all took gym, not PE...and risked permanent injury with a pair of high top Ked's (only worn in gym) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built-in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened, because they tell us how much safer we are now.

Flunking gym was not an option...even for stupid kids! I guess PE must be much harder than gym.

Speaking of school, we all said prayers and sang the national anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention.

We must have had horribly damaged psyches. What an archaic health system we had then.

Remember school nurses? Ours wore a hat and everything.

I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations.

And now this iPod thing. It can hold thousands of songs. Problem is, there isn't one song popular today that I care to listen to.

Oh yeah, and where was the Benadryl and sterilization kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!

We played 'king of the hill' on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites, and when we got hurt, Mom pulled out the 48-cent bottle of Mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did) and then we got our butt spanked.

Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10-day dose of a \$79 bottle of antibiotics, and then Mom calls the attorney to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

We didn't act up at the neighbor's house either because if we did, we got our butt spanked there and then we got butt spanked again when we got home.

I recall Donny Reynolds from next door coming over and doing his tricks on the front stoop, just before he fell off. Little did his Mom know that she could have owned our house. Instead, she picked him up and swatted him for being such a goof. It was a neighborhood run amuck.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family. How could we possibly have known that? We needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes? We were

obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!
How did we ever survive?

LOVE TO ALL OF US WHO SHARED THIS ERA, AND TO ALL WHO DIDN'T--SORRY FOR WHAT YOU MISSED.
I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING!!!!