

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting.** (a) The next monthly potluck meeting will be held at the Oxnard American Legion Hall located at 2639 Wagon Wheel Road starting at 6:30 pm on Saturday, May 13. We will have a plant exchange program so bring plants or cuttings to exchange with others. Spring is the time to plant your yard so this program is timely and should be fun.

**Past Meeting.** (a) We had a wonderful time at the Easter Picnic at Camino Real Park in Ventura and the weather was great. The food was plentiful and the tri-tip was ono. Thanks to **Darrin** for grilling the tri-tip and to everyone else for bringing potluck dishes. Left over tri-tips were taken home by the attendees.

**Membership News.** (a) Congratulations to **Leandra Castroni** who is about to complete her requirements for her AA Degree from Oxnard College this summer. It has been a long haul for **Leandra** who finally is finishing up her education after raising her kids. (b) Any member who has a son or daughter graduating from high school this summer should contact **Ron Wong** so we can provide a gift for him/her. (c) **Kyle Eckhart**, son of **John and Lita Eckhart**, is having a great swimming season at Oxnard High School where he participates for the varsity team as a freestyle sprinter. **Kyle**, a freshman, has a bright future in swimming and water polo. Make us proud, **Kyle!**

**Motivation Quote.** (a) "Nothing can add more power to your life than concentrating all of your energies on a limited set of targets." - Nido Qubein

**Hawaiian/Local Tidbits.** (a) The annual Northridge Hoolaulea will be held on June 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendar. The Ukulele Club of Ventura County, headed by **Juanita Pendergrass**, will be performing at the Hoolaulea. The ukulele program starts at 9:45 am on Sunday. (b) The 2006 California Strawberry Festival is set for May 20-21. Festivities will be at Strawberry Meadows, 3250 S. Rose Ave., Oxnard, and begin at 10 am. Admission prices are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors 63 and up, and \$5 for children ages 5 to 12. Children 4 and under are free. (c) What is the oldest high school west of the Rockies? I just read in the newspaper that the school is Lahainaluna on the Island of Maui, which just celebrated its 175 anniversary. (d) **Jake Shimabukuro**, master ukulele player, will be performing at the Soho Restaurant and Music Club in Santa Barbara on May 10. Call (805) 962-7776 for more info. (e) Because Hawaii has the lowest unemployment rate in the country many people who are flocking there quickly find out that the cost of living there is very high. Quite a few of us left paradise for that very same reason. Hawaii's unemployment rate is 2.4 percent versus the national average of 4.8 percent. For your information, Ventura County's unemployment rate is 4.4 percent. Am I personally concerned about unemployment? Nah, read below for my reasons. (f) A recent survey indicated that of the 50 states, Hawaii is the most expensive place to visit (California ranks sixth and Nebraska is the cheapest). Gee, if I had visited Nebraska instead of Hawaii all these years I would be a little richer today.

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## Retirees: The Whole Truth, Nothing But...

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: Seven, of course - 6 Saturdays, and 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

If you have not yet retired, look what you have to look forward to.

“Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.”