

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Website: www.huilimakokua.com.

Next Meeting. (a) Our next meeting will be held at the Oxnard American Legion Hall located at 2639 Wagon Wheel Road starting at 6:30 pm on Saturday, October 14. Guests are welcome. For this meeting, the new board members will provide rice and stew. Members may bring a side dish (salad or dessert) if you wish. For the program we will have a Halloween costume decoration contest. Please wear a costume. There has been a change in policy regarding bringing liquids to the meetings. Because the American Legion is allowing us the use of their room for free, they are asking that we buy all liquids consumed on the premises at their bar. Therefore the Hawaii Club and individuals may **NOT** bring any kind of liquid to the meeting, including water. (b) We need a Chairperson for our Thanksgiving meeting. If interested please contact **Juanita** at 652-1753.

Past Meeting. (a) The following officers were elected to serve during the new fiscal year starting October: Pres. **Juanita Pendergrass**, 1VP: **Mario Castroni**, Treasurer: **Ron Wong**, Corresponding Secretary: **Mike Nakamura**, Advisor: **Darrin Ching**. Mucho mahalo to the departing officers: **Darrin** (Pres), **Ken Reade** (1VP), **Patti Grossman** (Recording Sec), and **Gerry Wong** (advisor). Special thanks to **Darrin** for his outstanding presidency for the past 3 years. Mahalo to **Len Peterson** and **Kay Paisley** for serving on the Nominations Committee. Also a welcome to **Juanita** as a President again. See the Photo Gallery in our website for pictures of the meeting. (b) Mahalo to **Juanita** and the Ukulele Club of Ventura County for providing the music (ukulele & singing) and for the hula dancers **Michelle Vivenzio**, **Loesje Akau**, **Kay Nakamura** and **Juanita**. Ukulele/singers included **Juanita**, **Leandra Castroni**, **Flo Fuchi**, **Dirk Boon**, **Don Sun**, **Kay & Mike Nakamura**. Thanks to **Juanita** and **Leandra** for providing table decorations.

Membership News. (a) Congratulations to **Lita Eckart** who was selected as the Teacher of the year for the Hueneme School District. (b) A reminder as we kick off a new fiscal year – pay your dues to **Ron Wong**, \$20/\$15 for couple/single. He will not be at the next meeting so mail your dues to him at 392 Tulane Ave., Ventura, CA 93003. (c) If anyone has ideas for programs, please inform a board member.

Quote. (a) If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right. (**Henry Ford**)

Hawaiian/Local Tidbits. (a) The annual Southern California Ukulele Festival will be held in Cerritos on October 7. There will be workshops for all level of ukulele players, hula dancing, arts and craft, a concert, luau, etc. For more information: www.ukulelefestival.org. (b) **Daniel Ho**, **Herb Ohta, Jr.**, **Keoki Kahumoku**, and **Kimo Hussey** Quartet will be performing on October 8th, starting at 3 pm at the Ventura County Church of Religious Science at 101 S. Laurel St. (and E. Santa Clara St.), Ventura. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 (\$20 at door). (c) Also during the same weekend (Oct 7 and 8) the Polynesian Festival will be held at the Oceanview Pavilion, 575 E. Surfside Drive, Port Hueneme, 93041, from 10 am till 4:30 pm. Food, entertainment, arts and crafts. See www.oceanviewinfo.com. (d) The Aloha Festival is underway in Hawaii. Most of us old timers remember the Aloha Festival when it was called Aloha Week. Now this event extends well over a month and is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. If you are in Hawaii you can attend many of the festivities till, for the most part, the end of October. (e) According the Harvard School of Public Health, Hawaii has the highest life expectancy in the country (California is 10th). Hawaii could be even better if it weren't for the 2 scoops of rice, macaroni salad, loco moco, malasadas, etc.

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Dog And Cat

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I just realized that while children are dogs -- loyal and affectionate -- teenagers are cats. It's so easy to be a dog owner. You feed it, train it, boss it around. It puts its head on your knee and gazes at you as if you were a Rembrandt painting. It bounds indoors with enthusiasm when you call it.

Then around age 13, your adoring little puppy turns into a big old cat. When you tell it to come inside, it looks amazed, as if wondering who died and made you emperor. Instead of dogging your doorsteps, it disappears. You won't see it again until it gets hungry -- then it pauses on its sprint through the kitchen long enough to turn its nose up at whatever you're serving. When you reach out to ruffle its head, in that old affectionate gesture, it twists away from you, then gives you a blank stare, as if trying to remember where it has seen you before.

You, not realizing that the dog is now a cat, think something must be desperately wrong with it. It seems so antisocial, so distant, sort of depressed. It won't go on family outings.

Since you're the one who raised it, taught it to fetch and stay and sit on command, you assume that you did something wrong. Flooded with guilt and fear, you redouble your efforts to make your pet behave.

Only now you're dealing with a cat, so everything that worked before now produces the opposite of the desired result. Call it, and it runs away. Tell it to sit, and it jumps on the counter. The more you go toward it, wringing your hands, the more it moves away.

Instead of continuing to act like a dog owner, you can learn to behave like a cat owner. Put a dish of food near the door, and let it come to you. But remember that a cat needs your help and your affection too. Sit still, and it will come, seeking that warm, comforting lap it has not entirely forgotten. Be there to open the door for it. <BR

One day your grown-up child will walk into the kitchen, give you a big kiss and say, "You've been on your feet all day. Let me get those dishes for you."

Then you'll realize your cat is a dog again.