

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER (KEKEMAPA) 2006

**Website:** [www.huilimakokua.com](http://www.huilimakokua.com).

**Next Meeting.** (a) Our next potluck meeting will be held at the Oxnard American Legion Hall located at 2639 Wagon Wheel Road starting at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 9. The club will furnish ham, rice, water, and service. If you are interested in volunteering to cook the ham (suggest a 5 pound canned ham) call **Juanita** at 652-1753. We will be giving gifts to children (up to 18 years old) of paid up members. Dues must be in the hands of **Ron Wong** by November 30 for children to be on the gift list. For the adults, we will have a gift exchange-grab bag so please bring a wrapped gift costing between \$5 - \$10. We will also have a Christmas Sing-A-Long Program so bring your voices and ukes. Thanks to **Laurie Gregory** for volunteering to chair this Christmas Program. (b) Our club will help the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) commemorate the "Pearl Harbor" day on Thursday, December 7 by contributing hot coffee, water, and punch at the Ventura Government Center starting at 11 am.

**Past Meeting.** (a) Our Thanksgiving dinner held on November 11 was a huge success. Mahalo to **Leandra Castroni** and **Dirk Boon** for cooking the turkey, they were so ono. Thanks also to everybody else for bringing potluck dishes. There was so much food that many of us took home leftovers. Thanks to **Juanita Pendergrass** for decorating the tables. The bingo games conducted by **Ron Wong** and **Bill Pendergrass** were fun with families taking home prizes.

**Membership News.** (a) Mahalo to **Evelyne Boon** for volunteering to become our Recording Secretary. She just joined our club and is already volunteering to serve on the board. (b) If you haven't paid your dues yet, please see **Ron Wong**. (c) If you are interested in joining the Sam's Club, see **Ron**.

**Sports:** (a) UH football team is the first college team to be invited to participate in a bowl game this year. We will play in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl Game in Honolulu on December 24 against a yet-to-be named team from the Pac-10 Conference.

**Hawaiian/Local Tidbits.** (a) The Makaha Sons will be performing at Buena High School on December 10, at 5 pm. Cost is \$25 pre-sale and \$30 at the door. Call (805) 844-1923 for tickets. (b) Someone asked me what they can do when they visit Oahu without taking out a second mortgage on their house. After thinking about this question here are some suggestions. The bus system is very good and it cost \$2 (\$1 for seniors over 64) a trip. Or you can buy a 4-day tourist pass for \$20 or get the \$40 monthly pass. There are free hula shows and entertainments in Waikiki and fireworks on Fridays. Visit the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor with guided tour and a short boat ride for free. The Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center offer free hula and ukulele lessons as well as instructions in Hawaiian quilting and lei making. Free night entertainment is also available at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center. The beaches are available to everybody. You can hike to Manoa Valley Falls or up Diamond Head. Enjoy the swap meet at Aloha Stadium where you can easily spend at least 2-3 hours shopping for all kinds of bargains (wear your walking shoes). Shop at Ala Moana Shopping Center and eat reasonably at the food court (Makai Market). Go to the North Shore when the surf is up and see some exciting surfing. Visit the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) which is located in the crater of an extinct volcano and offers a great view of the city. Listen to the Royal Hawaiian Band starting at noon on most Fridays at the Iolani Palace. Free Sunday afternoon concerts at the Ward Warehouse Stage showcase a variety of Hawaiian musicians. Walk around historic Chinatown in Honolulu. Fly to Hawaii when the kids are still in school. Anybody have other suggestions?

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## **Mouse**

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. What food might this contain? The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose." So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and, she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so, the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock.

To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well ~ she died.

So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

**REMEMBER: EACH OF US IS A VITAL THREAD IN ANOTHER PERSON'S TAPESTRY. OUR LIVES ARE WOVEN TOGETHER FOR A REASON.**

One of the best things to hold onto in this world is a Friend.