

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) **Special notice.** Our next Hawaii Club meeting will be held on the 4th of July at **Ron Wong's** home (392 Tulane Ave., Ventura 93003). His house is right up the street from Ventura College where fireworks are shot every Independence Day. Dinner will be potluck and we'll start at 6:00 p.m. To get to Tulane Ave from Camarillo/Oxnard, head north off Highway 101 at Victoria. Proceed until you get to Loma Vista (one block past Telegraph Rd.), then turn left. Tulane is just above Ventura College's playing fields. **Ron's** house is the last on Tulane's right side. Please park below his house on Tulane if you can. Bring your plants (1-5) for our plant exchange activity and your instruments for a Hawaiian jam.

Past Meeting. (a) Sorry about the cancellation of last month's meeting. The American Legion had scheduled an event that caused the conflict. We are still looking for a place to meet in the future when the American Legion's lease is over and the building demolished.

Membership News. (a) If any of you have suggestions for programs please contact a board member. Also, as we approach the new fiscal year, please think about running for office. We will announce the nominations committee members in next month's newsletter.

Hawaiian/Local Tidbits. (a) An annual AAA survey ranks Hawaii as the most expensive state for a vacation — estimating the cost of food and lodging for a family of four will average \$650 per day. Hawaii has topped the state list for at least eight years in a row. Wow \$650, excluding plane fare! I guess you have to pay to see the best. Compare Hawaii with North Dakota and Nebraska where a family of four can vacation for less than \$200 per day. Interestingly, New York State is only \$326 per day. (b) Oh, oh, not everything is rosy with the upcoming Hawaii Superferry, which is targeted to become operational later this summer between Oahu, Maui and Kauai. Many people in Maui are protesting the ferry because it can carry 110 vehicles and the Island already has too many cars (hey, maybe cars will go in the other direction). Regardless, the car rental agencies will take a hit. (c) There is another ferry service, involving two vessels (each carrying up to 149 passengers), proposed to be operational late August that runs between Barbers Point and Aloha Tower to help ease traffic congestion on Oahu. (d) Sad to hear that the last of Oahu milk Dairy is closing. Residents of Oahu will have a choice of drinking milk from three dairies from the Big Island or from the mainland. Gee, during my “hanabata” days I remember visiting a dairy on Oahu with a famous cow named “Lani Moo.” When Lani Moo died there was a statue erected in her honor at the front entrance. (e) The Southern California Hoolaulea will take place on July 21 and 22 at Alondra Park, 3850 West Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Lawndale, California. Time: 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and to 4 pm on Sunday. Admission is free. (f) The 37th Annual Ukulele Festival will be held at Kapiolani Park, Waikiki, on July 22 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Admission is free. For all you Hawaiian music lovers, this is a great program if you will be on Oahu at that time. (g) Burger King in Hawaii has introduced the Spam Plate – two slices of Spam nestled between white rice and scrambled eggs for breakfast to rival McDonald's. Burger King also offers the Croissanwich or Biscuit Sandwich with Spam. (h) First Annual Ukulele Festival on July 7, 2007 at 305 W. Torrance Blvd., Suite B, Carson, Ca 90745. Entertainment, shopping, ukulele musicians, food, and drinks. \$10 donation. Call **Lincoln Kaio** (310) 217-0055 for more info.

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UP

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP .

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so.....it is time to shut UP and send this Hawaii Club Newsletter out to y'all..! Aloha.

Oh . . one more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night? U-P