

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) Our next meeting will be a potluck picnic to be held on Saturday, August 9, starting at 12 noon at the Camino Real Park in Ventura, located behind Lowe's Hardware Store. The Club will furnish tri-tip, rice, punch, and service. We have invited the San Fernando Valley Ohana Kakou Hawaiian Club to join us. Please bring chairs or blanket to sit on and umbrellas or sunscreens. Bring your ukes, guitars, tennis rackets, or games to play and share. We will have a blast. Directions to the picnic site: Driving from FWY 101 (north or south), take the Main Street exit in Ventura. Turn right on Main Street, then right on Mills (in front of Lowe's). Turn right on Dean Drive, then right on College Drive, then left on Dean Drive. Camino Real Park will be on your right. You can also search Camino Real Park (Ventura, CA 93003) on MapQuest. We should be next to the tennis courts. Guests are welcome. At the picnic, club members will practice singing "I Ola Kakou Na Hawaii" in key of C. We will sing this song at the mini-luau on October 25. Words to the song will be passed out at the picnic. (b) Our annual mini-luau will be held on October 25, starting at noon. This luau will be held at Assumption Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church. We will have 100 tickets available for this event so make your reservations early. Last year we sold out the tickets. The pavilion at the Navy Base was too small so we will have the next one at a bigger facility (Assumption Hall). Good food, good fellowship, and good entertainment. This event is for members and their friends. Tickets will not be available to the general public. The cost for the tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers (friends of members), and \$5 for children under 12.

Past Meeting. (a) Our last potluck meeting was well attended and the food was delicious. Thanks for all who attended and brought potluck dishes. We learned to play our new ipus while **Juanita, Dirk,** and **Leandra** sang. Hey, that was fun. A few more practice sessions and we should be ready to play at the mini-luau. It was so nice to see **Otto** and the **Grossmans** at the meeting. I hope we can see **Ken/Betty Reade, David/Kay Paisley,** and **Barbara Watson** at one of our meetings soon. Hurry back!

Membership News. (a) It is almost time for elections for next year's officers. **Lita Eckhart** has agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Anyone interested in serving as an officer next year can contact **Lita** at 983-3872. Elections and installation of new officers will be done in September. (b) Mahalo to **Juanita** and seven other musicians from her Ventura County Ukulele Group for performing at a luau at Our Lady of Assumption Church on behalf of our Hawaii Club to repay them for the free use of the facilities. Members of our Club who performed for the Church luau in June were **Juanita, Dirk, Leandra, Kay, and Mike.** You can see the Ventura County Ukulele Group perform at the Ventura County Fair on August 5 (Senior Day), at 12 noon at the Pepsi Stage. **Suzanne Sommers** will perform at 1 pm on that same day on the Main Stage. What does she do? (c) Anyone needing a ride to or from our monthly club meetings should contact **Darrin Ching** for arrangements. **Darrin** can be reached at 388-1544.

Hawaiian/Local Tidbits. (a) There will be a Hula & Hawaiian Music 2008 Celebration Concert at Libbey Bowl, Ojai, on September 6, 2008, 1 pm – 4 pm. Tickets are available from **Leandra Castroni** for \$20 (pre-sale). Call **Leandra** at 382-4939 if interested. Tickets at the door will be \$22. Kumu Hula **Sylvia Edgar** is putting on this show which includes **Daniel Ho, Heb Ohta, Jr., Loea Kumu Hula Kawaikapuokalani Hewett,** and Recording Artist **Makena.** Bring low back chair or blanket to sit on. (b) The Ventura County Fair will be held from July 30 thru August 10.

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Hawaiian Humor (received from my Honolulu friend, Jimmy)

Keoki was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up beer and poke". Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Keoki looked up again and said, "Neva mind, I found one."

Father Smith walks into a bar on Hotel Street, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Smith walked up to Keoki and said, "Do you want to go to heaven? Keoki said, "No, I don't Faddah. The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" Keoki said, "Oh, when I die, yeh, but I tought you was getting one group togedda to go right now."

Keoki was in Waikiki. He was patiently waiting, and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay pedestrians". Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Keoki still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Keoki went over to him and said, "Eh Bruddah, wen you going let da Catlics across?"

Keoki opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the Obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend Keoni. Did you see da peppa?" asked Keoki. "Dey say I wen die!!" Yeh, I wen see um!" replied Keoni. "Whea you calling from?"

A Filipino priest is driving to Honolulu and gets stopped for speeding in Aiea. The cop smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking? "Just watear," says the priest. The cop says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The Filipino priest looks at the bottle and says, "Ay Sos. He wen make a miracle again!"

Walking into the bar, Keoki said to Keoni the bartender, "Pour me one stiff one Bruddah - just had annuda fight with the wahine." "Oh yeah?" said Keoni "And how did dis one end?" "When it was ova," Keoki replied, "she wen come to me on her hands and knees. "Really," said Keoni, "now as one switch! What she wen say?" She said, "Come out from undah the bed, you little chicken!"

Keoki staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Keoni. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Emma. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his okole. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Keoki sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed. In the morning, Keoki woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Emma staring at him from across the room. She said, "You was drunk again last night, eh?" Keoki said, "Why you say such a mean thing?" "Well," Emma said, "it could be da open front door, it could be da broken glass at da bottom of da stairs, it could be da drops of blood trailing through da house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly...it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror."