

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

**Next Meeting.** Our next potluck meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9, starting at 2 pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church (**Parish Center**) located at 3175 Telegraph, Ventura. **Please note the new place. Parish Center** is located about 200 yards west of Hurley Hall where we normally meet. **Dirk Boon** was scheduled to educate us on the sacred kalo (taro) plant but he will unexpectedly be out of town on that day so we will reschedule him to a later date. So, we plan to have a sing-a-long. Bring your musical instruments, song books/sheets and let's kanikapila (jam). We will also practice a couple of songs for our upcoming luau to be held later this year. One of the songs will be "Hawaii Aloha" in key of C. The other song will be selected later.

**Past Meeting.** Our potluck picnic was held on **Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Camino Real Park in Ventura.** About 25 members and guests attended the picnic under good weather. The day started of a bit cold but warmed up quickly. **Darrin** again cooked the ono tri-tip. **Ron** brought the prizes for the games, while everybody else brought potluck dishes. There were egg hunts conducted for the children and adults. Besides games, we also played ukuleles and sang some Hawaiian songs. A fun time was had by all. **Kehua**, former member, also visited us from Stockton with her 3 children. **Linda, Kehau's** mother and former member, also joined us the picnic.

**Membership News.** (a) **Kyle Eckhart**, swimming for Oxnard High School, won the 50 and 100 free style titles in times of 22.28 and 48.99, respectfully despite running a fever and having chills at the Ventura County Swim Championships held on April 9 at Ventura College. Those were meet record times. To put **Kyle's** time in perspective, **Mark Spitz'** 1972 Olympic and the then world record time for the 100 meters was 51.22 seconds. Good luck in college next school year, **Kyle!** (b) With heavy heart I have to mention the passing of Hui member, **Betty Day.** **Betty** died on March 9. She was my good friend and mentor. She got me started playing the ukulele. I first met **Betty** in September 1994 when she invited the Hawaii Club members to her house to learn to play the ukulele. Hui Club members and former members who went to Betty's house were **Juanita Pendergrass, Leandra Castroni, Celeste Lowe, Travis Harrelson, Barbara Watson, Darrin Ching, Ted Wakai, Stan & Annette Takahashi, Gwen & Gerry Wong, Paulette Peterson, Sylvia and Nani Edgar, Pricilla & Kathy Magallenas and Mike Nakamura.** Plus there were many others who were not affiliated with the Hawaii Club. **Betty** was such a beautiful soprano singer. She sang like a bird and was the best singer I have ever had the privilege of playing with. For eight (8) years we went to **Betty's** house every Monday evening to kanikapila. Rest in peace, **Betty.**

**Hawaii Tidbits.** (a) The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lei Day Las Vegas 2009 – Polynesian Festival will be held on May 2 & 3 at the Californian Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas. There will be food, booths, Polynesian arts & crafts, and live entertainment. (b) The **Brothers Cazimero** will perform at the **Ruth B. Shannon** Center For The Performing Arts, Whittier College, on May 23 at 3 & 8pm. (c) The Southern California's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hula & Chant Competition (E Hula Mau 2009) will be held on the Labor Day Weekend – September 4, 5, & 6, 2009. (d) On March 7, I went to Ventura Harbor to buy some fresh fish (tuna and opah) straight off the boat. The tuna filet was selling for \$7 a pound and the opah for \$6. I ate the tuna sashimi style and grilled the opah. The fish will again be on sale either on the first or second weekend in May. If you like fresh, delicious, and reasonably priced fish, visit the Ventura Harbor. The weekend sale starts at 8 am, cash only. There are also other kinds of fresh fish and crabs for sale.

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# *Too True, Too Often*

*Too often we don't realize  
what we have until it is gone  
Too often we wait too late to say  
"I'm sorry - I was wrong."  
Sometimes it seems we hurt the ones  
we hold dearest to our hearts  
And we allow foolish things to tear our lives apart.*

*Far too many times we let  
unimportant things into our minds  
And then it's usually too late  
to see what made us blind.  
So be sure that you let people know  
how much they mean to you.  
Take that time to say the words  
before your time is through.*

*Be sure that you appreciate  
everything you've got  
And be thankful for the little things  
in Life that mean a lot.  
Growing old surrounded by those we love  
is a privilege denied to many  
Never leave behind regrets.*