

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) Our next potluck meeting will be held on December 12, 2009 starting at 2 pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church, **Parish Center** (not Hurley Hall), 3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura. The **meeting for November has been cancelled**. The board is planning the program for December so be there to enjoy the surprise program. (b) The Disabled American Veterans has asked our club to again help them commemorate the “Pearl Harbor” day on Monday morning, December 7, by passing out hot coffee and punch at the Ventura Government Center. We need a few volunteers. If interested, call **Darrin** at 388-1544.

Past Meeting. (a) Our regular monthly meeting was held on October 10. Thanks to the new officers for supplying the rice and stew and to the members for bringing side dishes and desserts. For the program **Ron Wong** conducted the bingo games and everyone took home prizes. Also, **Ted Wakai** showed us the magic for baking a cake. Thanks to both **Ron** and **Ted**. (b) Our annual mini luau was again a huge success. Thanks to all the members who worked tirelessly in making this event a success, especially **Juanita Pendergrass** for chairing this event. We had initially made available 100 tickets for this event. Because of huge demands, we sold a total of 120 tickets. Names of the cooks and all the contributors to the luau are listed at the end of this newsletter. My apologies if I missed any names – so many people to thank. When you have the chance, give the commercial donors some business in appreciation for their support of the Hawaii Club. In addition to the donations, many people helped during the luau, too many to acknowledge individually but mahalo for your kokua in setting up, cleaning up, decorating, serving food, various forms of entertaining, etc. Thanks to Our Lady of Assumption Church for allowing us the use of their facilities and **Ron Wong** for making the arrangements. **Laurie** and **Bill** worked extra hard getting donations for our drawings. More than half the attendees took home prizes. Mahalo! If anyone lost a luggage carrier at the luau, please contact me (**Mike**).

Membership News. (a) The board approved three new members into the club– **Bob & Sherry Vockel** (Sherry is the daughter of the late **Betty Day**) and **Daniel Andaya** (son of **Beth Andaya**). Welcome **Bob, Sherry, and Daniel**. (b) I am sad to report that **Auntie Rainbow Kahoonei** died on September 27. At 99, she was the oldest member of our club. I am also sad to report that **Cindy (husband Darrin) Ching’s** father, **Yuk Keung Kwan**, died on September 25 in Camarillo. Our deepest condolences to both families. (c) For those members interested in renewing their Sam’s Club membership, please contact **Ron Wong** by December. The annual cost through the club is \$35, cheaper than if you join individually. (d) **Len Peterson** suffered a minor stroke and is in Pleasant Valley Hospital, soon to be transferred to another facility for rehabilitation. Get well soon, **Len!**

Tidbits. (a) A reminder that Daylight Savings ends on November 1, move you clocks back one hour. I’ll finally gain the hour I lost several months ago. Why doesn’t Hawaii have Daylight Savings?

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Things to Ponder (From Estelle Ichino)

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the road to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are times of fast food and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will soon grow up and leave your side.

Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart, and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember to say "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all, mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

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