

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2010

Website: www.huilimakoua.com.

Next Meeting. (a) Our next **potluck picnic** will be held on **Saturday, August 14, starting at 12 noon** at Camino Real Park (next to the tennis courts) in Ventura. The park is located behind Lowe's Hardware Store in Ventura. The club will furnish tri-tip (cooked by **Darrin**), rice, punch and service. Bring a dish to share and chairs or blankets to sit on and umbrellas or sunscreen for protection. Bring your uke and guitar so we can jam, and games to play/share. (b) For September's meeting we plan to have election and installation luncheon at one of the local buffet restaurants. The luncheon is free to all paid-up adult members. More information will be provided next month. (c) Our annual club mini-luau will be held on October 9 starting at noon at Assumption Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church. **Juanita Pendergrass** will again be chairing this event. This luau is for members, family and friends only. Only 100 tickets will be available and tickets will not be available to the general public. We will need volunteers for this luau so please call Juanita. More information will be published next month but reserve your tickets early with **Ron Wong** -\$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, and \$5 for children under 12.

Past Meeting. Our past potluck meeting was very interesting. **Daniel Andaya** did a great job in educating and teaching us about plaiting. If you are interested in ordering lauhala supplies to make those things taught by **Daniel**, check out this website: <http://www.kihalani.com/>. **Daniel**, mucho mahalo.

Membership News. (a) Welcome new members **Jim and Gail Kashima** from Camarillo. Both of them were born and raised in Hawaii – **Jim** from Kona (Big Island) and **Gail** from Kaimuki (Honolulu). (b) **Gwen Wong** had a mild heart attack a few months ago. I'm glad to report that she is fine now. She even attended the last couple of meetings. By the way, **Gerry and Gwen Wong's** grandson, 14 year old **Devin Wong**, recently earned his 1st degree black belt in karate. (c) The Ukulele Club of Ventura County, led by **Juanita**, will perform at the Ventura County Fair on Senior Day (August 10) starting at noon. At 1pm immediately following the ukulele performance, Ka Mele Wai O Ke Anuenue Hula Halau will perform. **Juanita** is a member of that halau. Seniors over 62 (and handicap personnel) will be admitted free on that day. The Fair will be held from August 4 – 15.

Tidbits. (a) Following the death of 92-year old Senator **Robert C. Byrd** of West Virginia on June 28, Hawaii Senator **Daniel Inouye** was sworn in as the Senate president pro tempore. In this new position, Senator **Inouye** ranks third in line of succession in the presidency, after VP **Joe Biden** and Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi**. (b) The Point Mugu Air Show is scheduled for August 7 and 8. The Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron will headline the show. Admission and parking is free. (c) The 2010 Wings over Camarillo Air show will celebrate the 30th anniversary of air shows at Camarillo Airport on August 21 and 22 from 9am to 5pm. Planned is an expanded flight demonstration program. There will be a variety of vendors of food, drink and aviation themed items. (d) The Reader's Digest recently published the states for the best roads in the US. Ranked in the top 3 were Kansas, Wisconsin and Montana. The bottom three were California at number 48, Hawaii at 49 and in last place was Louisiana. The ranking was based on data collected from the Federal Highway Administration. (e) E Hula Mau 2010. Southern California's 16th Annual Hula & Chant Competition, August 27, 28, 29 at Terrace Theater, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA. Admission. (f) **Darlene Ahuna** (Hawaiian singer) will perform at the Happa Restaurant at 7:30pm on September 17. Address is 1641 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena 90217 and cost is \$15. (g) The Dallas Cowboys, National Football League team, will practice at the River Ridge park, Oxnard, during August 14 – 26. Practices are open to the public.

Mike Nakamura, Corresponding Secretary, 482-1740, monakamura@aol.com

'I Hope You Dance...'

This was written by an 83-year-old woman to her friend.

Dear Bertha,

I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time working.

Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them. I'm not "saving" anything; we use our good china and crystal for every special event such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, or the first Amaryllis blossom.

I wear my good blazer to the market. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for clerks in the hardware store and tellers at the bank. "Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now

I'm not sure what others would've done had they known they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted. I think they would have called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favorite food was. I'm guessing; I'll never know.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days. Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and parents often enough how much I truly love them. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, tell myself that it is special.

Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God.

"People say true friends must always hold hands, but true friends don't need to hold hands because they know the other hand will always be there."

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.