

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. Our next meeting will be our annual election and installation of officers. The meeting will be held at City Buffet on **Saturday, September 11 starting at 1 pm.** City Buffet is located at 1600 Ives Ave., Oxnard, 93033. This installation luncheon buffet is free for all adult members. Guests will be charged \$10 and children under 12 will be charged \$5. Nominees for the next fiscal year officers are: President: **Darrin Ching**; 1VP: **Juanita Pendergrass**; 2VP **Daniel Andaya**; Treasurer: **Ron Wong**; Recording Secretary: **Estelle Ichino**; and Corresponding Secretary: **Mike Nakamura**. Further nominations may be made from the floor at City Buffet

Annual Mini-Luau. Our annual club mini-luau will be held on **Saturday, October 9** starting at noon at Assumption Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church. **Juanita** 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. Ticket are priced reasonably at \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, and \$5 for children under 12. We will have Hawaiian food, entertainment, and good fellowship. Get your tickets from **Ron** early. When buying/selling the tickets, please circle the price on the ticket, i.e., \$10 (for member), \$15 (for nonmember) or \$5 (for children). **Ron** will be collecting money for the luau tickets already sold at the next meeting. We will need volunteers for this luau so please call **Juanita**. We will have drawings for gifts at the luau so if you have any donations (crack seed, macadamia nuts, restaurant/store certificates, etc.) please bring them at the next meeting. Last year more than half the attendees received door prizes. We will be preparing for the luau on Friday, 9am, on October 8, at the Parrish Center if you can help. We also need help to setup the tables/chairs starting at 9am on the morning of the luau. In addition, members are asked to donate desserts for the luau. Mahalo for your kokua. Let's make this luau a success.

Past Meeting. Our last picnic held at Camino Real Park in Ventura was very enjoyable. Thanks to **Darrin** for cooking the tri-tip and the rest of the attendees for their potluck dishes. We had a wide assortment of very ono potluck dishes, one of the best I recall. I overheard **Ron** say, "I wish I had more room to eat some more." Thanks also for the kanikapila music led by **Juanita**.

Membership News. (a) Our new fiscal year will start on October 1 so **Ron** will be collecting dues - \$15/\$20 for single/couple. Past officers and chairpersons of major events pay half price. Give or send dues to **Ron** at 392 Tulane Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003. For your information, starting in October, new members will be charged \$10 initiation fee instead of \$5. (b) On a sad note, former member **Travis Harrelson** passed away from cancer on August 1. He and his wife, **Celeste**, moved to Seal Beach several years ago. **Travis** was a wonderful ukulele player, witty, and a very charismatic guy. He will be missed. (c) Ventura County Fair winners. **Noelani Gregory** received three first place, two second place, and one third place ribbons for various water colors that she entered. **Laurie Gregory** received a second place ribbon for her only entry, a beaded doily. Congratulations to the **Gregorys**!

Tidbits. (a) If you are interested in recipes from "back home," check out this Hawaiian Electric Company link: <http://www.heco.com/portal/site/heco/menuitem.ad8ed92a8bcc8b8c19138e11a0a38a0c>. Mahalo to **Ray Nakata** for sharing this info. (b) The US Postal Service will issue stamps of the Hawaiian Rain Forest in September. The painting of this Rain Forest stamp was done by **John D. Dawson** who lives in Hilo. The rain forest is located near the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the painting depicts 24 species of plants and wildlife, many unique to Hawaii.

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Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your own use. However, the prize has rules, just as any game has certain rules. The first set of rules would be: Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day. The second set of rules: The bank can end the game without warning at anytime, it can say, "It's over, the game is over." It can close the account and you will not receive a new one. What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself but for all the people you love, right? Even people you don't know because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent and use it all, right? Actually, this game is reality. Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank. We just can't seem to see it. The magical bank is time. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us. What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning. So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about that and always think of this: Enjoy every second of your life because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, enjoy life. Here's wishing you all a wonderful, beautiful day. Start spending.