

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) Our next potluck meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 13, 2011**, starting at 2 pm at Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura). The program will be Bingo, conducted by **Ron Wong**, who will bring his bag of prizes to the meeting. The meeting will start at 2 pm with **Susan Halverson** leading us in Tai Chi before we start the potluck line. **Susan** will also be bringing her **Jack Lalanne** juicer so bring ingredients to make juice if you want to take part (suggestions: apples that are washed and stem removed, carrots washed and topped, washed celery ribs, or any other appropriate ingredients you can think of). (b) Because of a conflict on the use of the Assembly Hall at Our Lady of Assumption Church **the club will not have our annual mini-luau originally scheduled for November 5**. We will try again next year. Sorry for the big disappointment.

Past Meeting. Thirty two members and guests enjoyed a wonderful potluck picnic at the Camino Real Park in Ventura on July 9. Mahalo to **Darrin Ching** for preparing the tri-tip, **Susan Halverson** for leading us in Tai Chi, and **Juanita Pendergrass** for leading the ukulele sing-a-long.

Membership News. (a) Welcome to **Linda Gregory**, who renewed her membership in our club. She joined the club even though she lives in Lebec, California, which is about 80 miles away from Ventura. **Linda** is the daughter of **Juanita**. (b) Our club election will take place this September so some of you may want to consider running for office. Our fiscal year runs from October through September.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) August 21, 2011 marks 52 years since Hawaii was admitted as a state. How many of you remember when Hawaii, for years, celebrated the "49th Statehood Fairs," trying to become the 49th state? At the same time Alaska was also trying to be admitted as a state. A bill tying Hawaii and Alaska together for statehood could not pass Congress so it was decided to try for statehood separately. With this strategy, both Alaska and Hawaii gained statehood. Alaska became the 49th state on January 3, 1959 and Hawaii on August 21, 1959. (b) What are the names and nicknames of the 8 islands in Hawaii? Answer: Oahu (The Gathering Place), Hawaii (The Big Island), Maui (The Valley Isle), Kauai (The Garden Isle), Molokai (The Friendly Isle), Lanai (The Pineapple Isle), Kahoolawe (The Target Isle), Niihau (The Forbidden Isle). (c) What is the state motto? Answer: "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono" which means "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." (d) On August 9, 2011, the Ukulele Club of Ventura County, under the direction of **Juanita**, will perform on the Pepsi Stage at the Ventura County Fair starting at noon. This is Senior Day and all seniors will be admitted free. (e) 30-year-old professional boxer, **Brian Vilorio**, from Waipahu beat Mexico's **Julio Cesar Miranda** on July 16, 2011 for the WBO flyweight (112 pounds) championship. **Vilorio** previously held the light flyweight (108 pounds) title. How many of you, besides **Ron**, remember former boxing greats from Hawaii, **Dado Marino** and **Bobo Olson**? (f) The U.S. House of Representatives has recently voted to discontinue funding the East-West Center located on the University of Hawaii campus. Bummer! (g) The unemployment rate in Hawaii stands at 6%, one of the lowest in the country compared to California's 11.8%. Looking for a job? Try Hawaii.

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What I Learned

By: Roger Knapp

I've learned - That you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.

I've learned - that no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back.

I've learned - that it takes years to build up trust, and only seconds to destroy it.

I've learned - that it's not what you have in your life but who you have in your life that counts.

I've learned - that you can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes. After that, you'd better know something.

I've learned - that it's not what happens to people that's important. It's what they do about it.

I've learned - that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I've learned - that either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I've learned - that learning to forgive takes practice.

I've learned - that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I've learned - that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many years you've lived.

I've learned - that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I've learned - that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I've learned - that no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.

I've learned - that just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other and just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I've learned - that no matter how you try to protect your children, they will eventually get hurt and you will hurt in the process.

I've learned - that your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

I've learned - that the people you care most about in life are taken from you too soon.

I've learned - that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.