

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) Our next potluck meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2011, starting at 2:00 pm at Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church**, (3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura). The new Board will provide “stew” and rice while the rest of the membership should bring salads and desserts. At 2 pm **Susan Halverson** will lead us in gentle yoga for several minutes before we start eating. For the program we will show a movie about a famous Hawaiian Princess. **Laurie Gregory** will bring the movie so come, sit back and learn a little about Hawaiian history. **Dirk Boon** will provide the TV. We will start viewing the movie shortly after we start eating. This is an interesting flick for us Hawaiians and Hawaiians at heart.

Past Meeting. We had a wonderful luncheon at the City Buffet in Oxnard. We elected officers for the new fiscal year. They are President: **Darrin Ching**, 1st Vice President: **Juanita Pendergrass**, 2VP **Daniel Andaya**, Recording Secretary: **Debbie Pezzini**, Corresponding Secretary: **Mike Nakamura**, and Treasurer: **Ron Wong**. The new board met right after the buffet luncheon and appointed **Dirk Boon** as the Advisor. **Dirk** served as 2nd VP a couple of years ago. Congratulations to the new board and mahalo to the following outgoing officers: **Estelle Ichino** (Recording Secretary), **Mario Castroni** (Advisor), and **Leandra Castroni** (Aloha Chairperson). The outgoing officers all did outstandingly in their respective positions. The new Board welcomes suggestions for future programs.

Membership News. (a) **President Barack Obama** signed S.1055, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II. The actual presentation of the medal will take place in Washington DC this month and our venerable **Ted Wakai** will attend this ceremony. Perhaps **Wakai** can tell us a little about this once in a life time occasion in November. (b) At the recent Ventura County Fair Talent Contest, **Wakai** won a blue ribbon and a trophy for his illusion of **Clark Kent** doing his reporting and then entering a red British phone booth, which he designed and constructed himself. **Emily Noelani Gregory** also won several blue ribbons for her art entries in the Ventura County Fair. Congratulations to both. We have a talented bunch of members. Did I miss any other winners? (c) **Herb and Debra Roitblat**, attended our luncheon at City Buffet for the first time and they promptly submitted their application and check for membership into our club. They will officially become members when they attend the next meeting. Welcome aboard! (d) As a reminder, the new fiscal year starts this month so if you haven't paid your dues please see **Ron Wong**.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) Football season has started and the University of Hawaii has won one game and lost two so far. I'm still hopeful that the Warriors will end the season in a bowl game. Go Warriors! (b) Hawaii Five-0 started its second season last month. At first I watched the program for the background scenery and then I got hooked on the program. Question - which is better, the original Hawaii Five-0 or the current one? (c) October 1 (3pm and 8pm) “Aloha Series” Music Concert, featuring **Led Kaapana, Dennis Kamakahi, Mike Kaawa** and **Nathan Aweau**. Whittier College's **Ruth B. Shannon** Center, (562) 907-4203. In my opinion **Led Kaapana** is the best slack key guitarist in the world (**Daniel Andaya** may dispute my opinion).

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A Creed to Live By

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Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others,

It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem important,

Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart

Cling to that as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or the future.

By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give

Nothing is really over ... until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect,

It is the fragile thread that binds us to each other.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks,

It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find.

The quickest way to receive love is to give love.

The fastest way to lose love is to hold on too tightly,

And the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your Dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope.

To be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget where you've been,

But also know where you're going.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored every step of the way.