

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. Our next potluck meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2011, starting at 2:00 pm at Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church**, (3175 Telegraph Rd, Ventura). Since Thanksgiving Day is this month, we plan to have a turkey for the potluck. However, we need a volunteer to cook the turkey (the club will pay for the turkey). Any volunteers? If interested, please call **Darrin Ching** at 388-1544. The rest of the attendees should bring a dish to share. For the program **Ted Wakai** will share his experience on a recent trip to Washington DC where World War II Army Units were recognized and presented with awards.

Past Meeting. (a) We had a wonderful potluck at the last meeting in October. Thanks to the new board for providing stew for the potluck. **Laurie Gregory** agreed to serve as the Aloha Chairperson for this year. Mahalo **Laurie**. Another thanks to **Laurie** and **Dirk Boon** for combining their efforts to show the DVD on "**Princess Kaiulani**." **Princess Kaiulani** (1875–1899) was heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Hawaii and held the title of crown princess. **Kaiulani** became known throughout the world for her intelligence, beauty and determination. Her royal status, talent and double-ancestry (Hawaiian-Scottish) kept her frequently in the press of the day, and newspaper accounts of her comings and goings throughout her life were extensive, often parallel or interconnected with those of her Aunt, **Queen Liliuokalani**. The movie was very entertaining and a moving documentary detailing the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. **Kaiulani** was the hope of a nation, the heart of the people. She died at a very young age. (b) Mahalo to **Debbie Pezzini** for observing Breast Cancer month by providing pink wrist bands to the attendees. One out of every 8 women will suffer from breast cancer in their lifetime.

Membership News. (a) Welcome to **Herb and Debra Roitblat**, who are officially members of the club when they attended their 2nd consecutive meeting. They lived in Hawaii for about 17 years. (b) As a reminder, if you haven't paid your dues please see **Ron Wong**. (c) The board decided that the club will donate \$100 to the Bell Ringers this year. (d) The September 7, 2011 edition of the Ventura Breeze contained an interesting article on **Bill Pendergrass**. I have taken the liberty of extracting some information and presenting it below for your reading enjoyment.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) University of Hawaii football team has won five games and lost three so far. With a winning record we will be eligible to participate in a bowl game. Come on, Warriors! (b) Daylight Savings ends on November 6, so "fall back" your clocks. Hawaii and Arizona are the only two states that do not observe Daylight Savings. (c) Did you know that Hawaii's coastline is approximately 750 miles long, which is fourth in the United States after Alaska, Florida, and California? The State of Hawaii has two official languages recognized in its 1978 constitution: English and Hawaiian. Hawaiian Pidgin is derived mainly from English but also has words from Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Ilocano and Tagalog. During the 19th century, the increase in immigrants from these countries caused many Hawaii's children to pick up pidgin as their first language. Meanings of certain English words were modified. For example, "aunty" and "uncle" refer to any adult who is a friend, or to show respect for an elder. Simplified grammar is used. For example, instead of "It is hot today, isn't it?", a pidgin speaker would say simply "stay hot, eh?" When a word does not come to mind quickly, the term "da kine" refers to any word you cannot think of.

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Excerpts from The Ventura Breeze “The Face of Ventura”

Bill Pendergrass

Bill Pendergrass was born in Ventura and lived his entire 63 years in this county. He graduated from Ventura High School. He delivered the Star-Free Press starting at age 9, buying the paper for six cents and selling it for more to make spending money. **Bill** loved bowling his whole life. In 1966 he achieved the highest series recorded to that date in Ventura County with a 290 game and 716 series score. He still bowls on Wednesday nights at Buena Lanes and goes on his bowling tournament in Las Vegas every year. He has since bowled a couple of 300 games and a 800 series (to achieve a 800 series, one has to average 267 a game!).

Bill has worked at the post office for 42 years, working 22 years at front window and 20 years in the back doing other clerk jobs. He currently is at the main post office on Santa Clara Street in Ventura. **Bill** loves his job. He has tried selling real estate, selling homes in Ventura, Oxnard, and Fillmore, as well as outside Ventura County. He also is a big sports fan enjoying baseball, football and basketball. I have sat next to him watching sporting events on TV and he can get very loud.

Bill has been married to **Juanita** for 37 wonderful years. **Bill** is very supportive of **Juanita’s** hobbies and extra curricula activities such as playing the ukulele, singing Hawaiian songs, hula dancing, cooking, handicrafts, being an officer in the Hawaii Club, etc. He often helps sing or play the ipu when needed. He helps drive **Juanita** to her events and patiently sits through the performances. **Bill** and **Juanita** have been members of the Hui Lima Kokua Hawaii Club for well over 30 years.

The article on **Bill** in the Ventura Breeze contained a portrait of him painted by **Johanna Spinks**. For the beautiful portrait, **Bill** had to sit while Spinks painted him in a single sitting. He looked very distinguished. Congratulations, **Bill**.

Words to Live By:

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself. - **Andy Warhol**

Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm. - **Winston Churchill**

It is not length of life, but depth of life. - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Make failure your teacher, not your undertaker. - **Zig Ziglar**

May you live all the days of your life. - **Jonathan Swift**

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. - **Steven Covey**

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. - **Henry David Thoreau**

Never, never, never give up. - **Winston Churchill**