

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: [www.huilimakoua.com](http://www.huilimakoua.com). HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!!

**Next Meeting.** Our next potluck meeting will be held at **Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Rd, Ventura) on Saturday, May 12, starting at 2 PM.** Members who have unfinished ipus can continue to work on them at this meeting. Others will have the opportunity to watch a Hawaiian-related DVD program.

**Past Meeting.** Because of the bad weather last month, we decided to cancel the Easter Picnic and have the potluck meeting at the Parish Center, Our Lady of Assumption Church. I hope you all got the word of this change. Sorry for any inconvenience on this last minute change. Mahalo to **Darrin Ching** for preparing the ono tri-tip. Many members started to work on the gourds at this meeting. By the way, we usually have our meetings at Hurley Hall at the church. Once in a while we may get preempted because of church functions in which case we sometimes end up using the Parish Center which is located about 200 yards west of Hurley Halls next to St. Bonaventure High School. Be sure to check the Parish Center if you don't find anyone at Hurley Hall.

**Membership News.** (a) On March 29 **Juanita Pendergrass, Laurie Gregory, and Noelani Gregory** (Grandmother, daughter, and granddaughter) performed at the **Joyce W. Stewart** Memorial Award Ceremony, on the Naval Base Ventura County. They represented culture and strength passed to women, from generation to generation. **Juanita** played the uke and sang, **Laurie** played the uke, and **Noelani** played the ipu heke. They were each awarded with Certificates of Appreciation from the Commanding Officer. Congratulations! (b) **Kim Nishimura** donated \$300 to the club on behalf of her late husband, **Kats**, who passed away on January 25. Mahalo for your generous donation, **Kim**. (c) Welcome to **Kristin Stiles**, who just joined the club. **Kristin** originally hails from St Louis, Missouri but now lives in Ventura. (d) If any member has a son or daughter graduating from high school this year please let **Ron Wong** know so that the club can provide him/her with a gift. (e) The board voted to donate \$100 to Our Lady of Assumption of Church for the use of their facilities.

**Hawaiian Tidbits.** (a) What are the top 5 favorite must-have Hawaii foods that you crave immediately upon arrival in the Islands? According to the Hawaii Magazine poll results, the top 5 vote-getters are: 1.- Shave ice; 2.- Malasada; 3. Tie. – Poke and Pineapple; 4. – Kalua pig; 5. Tie - Loco moco and Plate lunch. In the islands it is called shave ice, not shaved ice and not snow cone. Even **President Obama** indulges in shave ice when he visits the islands. Malasada is a Portuguese donut hole covered with sugar. Poke is usually a raw fish salad served as an appetizer. The traditional kalua pig was cooked in the ground. But now we can conveniently cook it in the oven or slow cooker. Loco moco is a local dish in which a hamburger patty is placed on a bed of rice, topped with fried eggs, smothered with gravy. Usually plate lunches come with 2 scoops of white rice, a scoop of macaroni salad, and an entrée. (b) May Day is lei day in Hawaii. Many of us who grew up in Hawaii still remember the May 1<sup>st</sup> festivities held in school. We wore simple home-made leis to school. Many kids raided the plumeria trees at the local cemeteries to make plumeria leis. Is it any wonder why plumerias are sometimes called "ma-ke" man flowers in Hawaii? Ahhhh, memories. . (c) Some of you who watch Hawaii Five-0 may know **Taylor Wily (Kamekona)**. He is the big guy that runs a food truck in the TV series. Anyway, he was once involved in sumo wrestling in Japan and was a stable mate of another famous Hawaiian - **Yokozuna Akebono**. **Kamekona** was senior to **Akebono** and took him under his wings. (d) Hawaii received approval from the Federal Transit Administration to start construction of the elevated portion of Oahu's rail project. Construction started in Kapolei and will eventually stretch through Pearl Harbor, Honolulu

Airport, downtown Honolulu, then to Ala Moana. Once completed, this 20 mile rail system will ease traffic congestion. The expected completion date is 2019.

**Miscellaneous Tidbits** (a) On Tuesday, May 1st from 9:30-1:00 the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District will host the 6th Senior's Expo at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley St. Camarillo. Over 80 companies and agencies will gather to display the services and activities available to seniors in Ventura County. Additionally health screening will be provided. Free entertainment will be performed on an outdoor stage throughout the event. Hot lunch prepared by Presto Pasta will be served for a suggested donation of \$3.00. (b) A Mothers' Day poem is printed below for all mothers.

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**Heart of a Mother**  
**by Paula J. Fox**

A mother is born in that very moment a child becomes her own.  
And her heart begins to overflow with a love she has never known.

Her focus changes instantly as her heart beats for another.  
It will never be the same again. it's the powerful heart of a mother!

It's a heart of incredible courage with strength and endurance too.  
She fiercely protects and defends her young in ways only she can do.

She sacrifices "self" to give her children what they need,  
developing their character to make sure that they succeed.

Just like a lovely gardener she plants her seeds of love.  
Her heart gives lots of sunshine like blessings from above.

She provides a firm foundation...a peaceful, loving home  
So her children's roots run deep and strong no matter where they roam.

With a heart that nurtures them along to grow in the right direction  
She allows them freedom to blossom and thrive under her wise protection.

They're prepared to face the storms of life, as they learn to stand alone.  
She gives them a sense of value and strength with a confidence of their own.

There's a special beauty in a Mother's love. She's a picture of wisdom and grace  
We honor her with gratitude... No one can take her place!