

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakokua.com. HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!!!

Next Meeting. Our next potluck meeting will be held at **Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Rd, Ventura) on Saturday, June 9, starting at 2 PM.** For the program **Patty Kreider** from the Wood Carving and Gourd Art organization will discuss her gourd art (background, process, focus) and a traditional Hawaiian gourd decoration technique. Before the meeting starts, **Debbie Pezzini** will lead us in a short, gentle exercise program. We will start the exercise at about 2 pm after we set up the tables and chairs.

Past Meeting. Our last potluck meeting was held on May 12 at the Hurley Hall. For the program we watched the DVD on the Ukulele Festival of Northern California held in April. We saw the Ukulele Club of Ventura County, under the direction of our own **Juanita Pendergrass** perform.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) Hawaiian Coffee news: A few months ago, three Kau area coffee farms were ranked among the top 10 in the Roaster Guild Specialty Coffee Association of America's Coffee of the Year International Competition for 2012. Kau district is located on the Big Island of Hawaii. The other winning coffees come from farms in Honduras, Columbia and Ethiopia. More than 250 coffee samples representing 26 countries vied in the prestigious competition. A panel of experienced coffee judges blindly evaluated the sensory attributes of each coffee and issued score for fragrances and aroma, taste, flavor, acidity, aftertaste and body. (b) The 34th Annual Alondra Park Hoolaulea will be held on July 21 and 22. (c) The free 42nd Annual Roy Sakuma Ukulele Festival will be held in Waikiki on July 22. (d) I have not kept up with my old alma mater, University of Hawaii, since I graduated many years ago so I googled the school just to see what was happening there. The UH has 10 campuses, including 7 Community Colleges in the islands (I have been away from the islands so long that I don't know where these campuses are located, other than the Manoa and Kapiolani Campuses). The total enrollment is 60,000 and the yearly tuition cost for undergraduates is roughly \$10,000 for Hawaii residents (\$26,000 for non-residents) plus books. This cost compares to UCLA's tuition of roughly \$14,000 a year for California residents. (e) Can you imagine that Arizona's Secretary of State sent people to Hawaii in May 2012 to verify that **President Obama** was born in Hawaii? I thought this controversy was over a long time ago. Needless to say, **Obama's** birth certificate was verified and his name can now be on Arizona's election ballot. What a waste of time and money! Or maybe that was a vacation? (f) Former University of Hawaii Quarterback, **Colt Brennan**, will be playing football for Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League. The UH Quarterback before **Brennan, Tim Chang**, has recently signed to become the Graduate-Assistant Coach at SMU under his previous Coach, **June Jones**.

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I Believe...

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 love each other.

That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

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.

That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

That you can keep going long after you think you can't.

That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

That either you control your attitude or it controls you.

That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.

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

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 birthdays you've celebrated.

That it isn't always enough, to be forgiven by others. Sometimes, you have to learn to forgive yourself.

That no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.

That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but, we are responsible for who we become.

That you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.

Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

That your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

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.

That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything they have