

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting.** Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8 starting at 11:30 am at **City Buffet**, located at 1600 Ives Avenue, Oxnard 93033. The club will pay for members but guests will be charged \$8 (tea or soda included). We will have elections and installation of new officers at the meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should contact **Darrin Ching** at (805) 388-1544.

**Mini-Luau.** Our annual club mini-luau will be held on **Saturday, October 20** starting at 12:30 pm at Assumption Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church. **Juanita Pendergrass** will again be chairing this event. This luau is for members, family and friends only. Only 125 tickets will be available and tickets will not be available to the general public. Tickets are priced reasonably at \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, and \$5 for children under 12. We will have Island-style cuisine, entertainment, and good fellowship. Get your tickets on September 8 for yourselves, family and friends. When selling the tickets, please circle the price on the ticket, i.e., \$10 (for member), \$15 (for nonmember) or \$5 (for children). **Ron** will collect money for the luau tickets. We will need volunteers for this luau so please call **Juanita** if you can kokua. We will have drawings for gifts at the luau so if you have any donations (crack seed, macadamia nuts, restaurant/store certificates, etc.) please bring them at the next meeting or bring them to **Juanita's** house before the luau. We will be preparing for the luau on Friday, 9am, on October 19, at the Church if you can help. Please bring kitchen knife and cutting board to either the kitchen located next to Hurley Hall where we normally meet or at the Parish Center. We need to some ice chests to store the prepared food in case there is no room in the Church's refrigerator. We also need help to setup the tables/chairs and decorations starting at 9am on the morning of the luau. In addition, members are asked to donate desserts for the luau and if you want to contribute to the money lei (for door prize) to be made by **Juanita**, please give her the money at the next meeting. Mahalo. Let's make this luau a success. This luau will take the place of our regular meeting for October.

**Past Meeting.** We all enjoyed a wonderful potluck at our last meeting on August 11. Special mahalo to **Juanita** and **Noelani Gregory** for teaching us to twirl the poi ball. We had fun and a few members showed some poi ball skill. For the second part of the program we learned about the ipad from **Dirk Boon**, the Nook (electronic book reader) from **Daniel Andaya** and **Amy Takeshima**, and the iPhone from **Debbie Pezzini**. Many of us old timers learned a lot from these "youngsters" about today's technology. Mahalo for a very interesting and educational afternoon. We appreciate the preparation you all put in for the program. Mahalo to **June Nishimura** for making a special trip home to bring two floor fans to help cool the members at the meeting.

**Membership News.** (a) The new fiscal year starts in October so **Ron Wong** will be collecting dues. The annual dues are \$15/\$20 for single/couple. Members who are currently serving on the board will pay half price. (b) **Betty Reade** has undergone surgery for a hip replacement in August. Get well soon and hurry back, **Betty**. (c) **Juanita's** Ukulele Group performed at the Ventura Fair on Senior Day and received a lot of positive feedbacks. Hui members in the group included **Bill Pendergrass, Laurie & Noelani Gregory, Leandra Castroni, Lisa Zimmerman, Dirk Boon, and Kay & Mike Nakamura. Juanita, Evelyne Boon, and Debbie Pezzini** danced with their Hula Halau at the Ventura Fair. **Noelani** entered some art works at the Fair and received a first place, 2 second place, and 3 third place ribbons. Congratulation to all! (d) Congratulations to **Evelyne Boon** on her retirement at the end of July as a Vocational Educator for the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility. We are happy that **Evelyne and Dirk** decided to remain in Ventura County instead of moving to Kauai as they once considered.

**Hawaiian Tidbits.** The 18th Annual E Hula Mau returns to the Long Beach Terrace Theater on August 31st – September 2nd, 2012. The Polynesian festivities will feature dynamic live performances, unique arts and crafts, interactive workshops, and a Island-style food. Entrance fee applies.

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**An excerpt from  
An Enemy Called Average  
by John Mason**

All successful people are faithful in the small things. There is power in taking small steps.

Many people are not moving forward today simply because they were not willing to take the small step placed before them. If you have a dream to go into any particular area, you should leap at the opportunity—no matter how small—to move in the direction of your dream. For example: if you dream of being a college basketball coach and are sitting at home waiting for an invitation from Roy Williams at North Carolina University, you should know that call will never come. You need to find an opportunity to coach somewhere, anywhere. Find a young person, a young team. Jump in and coach with all of your heart, like you would if you were coaching at the highest level.

**Don't be afraid to take small steps.** There's something powerful about momentum...no matter how small. Many times the impossible is simply the untried.

I can remember a time in my life when I was immobilized with fear, consumed with what I was supposed to do. It seemed so huge a task; I was unable to bring myself to face it. A friend came to me and spoke *two words* that broke that paralysis in my life. He said, "**Do something!**" I'll never forget that day...taking some small, seemingly insignificant steps. Momentum began to come into my life.

If you are at a point of paralysis in your life because of what you feel you're supposed to do, the words today are, "Do something!" Don't worry about the long-term goal right now; just take the steps that take you past the starting point. Soon you'll get to a point of no return. As you climb higher, you'll be able to see much farther.

As you begin, don't be afraid. Eric Hoffer said, "Fear of becoming a 'has-been' keeps some people from becoming anything." Every great idea is impossible from where you are starting today. But little goals add up, and they add up rapidly. Most people don't succeed because they are too afraid to even try. As incredible as it sounds, they decide in advance they're going to fail.

Many times the final goal seems so unreachable we don't even make an effort. But once you've made your decision and have started, it's like you're halfway there. **Start**—no matter what your circumstances. Take that first step!

It's simple. Grow wherever you're planted.