

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hauoli Makahiki Hou!!! Website: www.huilimakoua.com.

Next Meeting. Our next potluck meeting will be held on January 12 at Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Rd, Ventura) starting at 2 pm. Our program will be BINGO. Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon and win some prizes.

Past Meeting Our past meeting was a huge success. Thanks to **Adam and Kim Armstrong** for baking the ham. Mahalo also to everybody else for the potluck dishes and the musicians for the festive and entertaining afternoon.

Membership. (a) Congratulations to **Arlene Fraser** for being elected as a Board member to the Oxnard Harbor District. Perhaps at one of our future meetings she can share with us the importance of the Harbor District to our local economy and the cargo being processed through the Harbor. Many years ago when I worked in Port Hueneme I saw a lot of cars and bananas being unloaded from huge ships. Has it changed? I guess more important is what is being exported to what countries. (b) Anyone wanting to join Sam's Club through our Hui, please declare your interest to **Ron Wong** ASAP. The cost is \$35 and because it is a business membership, it allows you to get in earlier than regular members. (c) If you haven't paid your annual membership dues please see **Ron Wong**. Our fiscal year runs from October to September and the dues are \$15/\$20 for single/family. New members are charged a one time initiation fee of \$10. (d) Our club again helped at the Disabled American Veteran's sponsored Pearl Harbor Commemoration in Ventura on December 8th. The program was moved from its normal date of December 7 probably because of the parking situation and the expectation of more people on a weekend. We served drinks (punch, coffee, tea, and cocoa) and helped pass out sandwiches to the roughly 200 people in attendance. Mahalo to **Gerry & Gwen Wong, Debbie Pezzini, Dirk Boon, Ron Wong, and Kay & Mike Nakamura** for helping at the event. (e) **Ling Gee Wong** was in a car accident in which her car was totaled. She is recovering nicely now. (f) The club donated \$100 to the Bellringers and \$150 to Our Lady of Assumption Church. (g) Welcome to **Veronica Lara** who just joined the club. **Veronica** lives in Oxnard and enjoys cooking, dancing, and taking pictures.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) Hawaii is going green! On Oahu's North Shore near Haleiwa town construction of Hawaii's latest clean-energy effort is completed and commercial operations are under way. At full output, the 69 megawatt Wind Project has the potential to meet up to 10 percent of Oahu's annual electrical demand and thereby avoid the annual burning of some 300,000 barrels of oil. Hey, why not construct nine more sites like this or harness the wind power at the pali lookout? (b) Notre Dame linebacker **Manti Te'o** (a Punahou High School graduate) has won 7 national awards in December. He was also the runner-up for the prestigious Heisman Trophy. If you want to find out more about this young, outstanding football player, ask **Ron**. (c) Talking about football, University of Hawaii ended its season with a disappointing 3-9 record. I wonder why we couldn't have kept **Manti Te'o** in Hawaii after high school. But I have high hopes for first year **Coach Norm Chow** to turn the UH football team around and make us all proud. You just wait! (d) **Shane Victorino**, originally from Maui, signed a \$39 million, 3 year contract with the Boston Red Sox after playing with the San Diego Padres, Philadelphia Phillies and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He has played in the Major League for the past 10 years.

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Dare to Be...

When a new day begins, dare to smile gratefully.

When there is darkness, dare to be the first to shine a light.

When there is injustice, dare to be the first to condemn it.

When something seems difficult, dare to do it anyway.

When life seems to beat you down, dare to fight back.

When there seems to be no hope, dare to find some.

When you're feeling tired, dare to keep going.

When times are tough, dare to be tougher.

When love hurts you, dare to love again.

When someone is hurting, dare to help them heal.

When another is lost, dare to help them find the way.

When a friend falls, dare to be the first to extend a hand.

When you cross paths with another, dare to make them smile.

When you feel great, dare to help someone else feel great too.

When the day has ended, dare to feel as you've done your best.

Dare to be the best you can -

At all times, Dare to be!"

By: **Steve Maraboli**, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*