

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) Our next potluck meeting will be held on March 9 at Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Rd, Ventura) starting at 2 pm. **Arlene Fraser** will be discussing her newly elected position as a Board member to the Oxnard Harbor District. She will be explaining her job and the role of the Harbor District. She was officially installed on January 14, 2013. We are so proud of her. (b) We are planning on having an Easter picnic on April 13, stay tuned for more information.

Past Meeting **Daniel Andaya** did a wonderful job as a substitute to ailing **Amy Takeshima** in teaching the attendees the art of making happy faces on musubis. So kudos to **Daniel** for doing a great job and to **Amy** for teaching **Daniel** the technique. Visit our website to view pictures of this event. It is so nice to have club members volunteer to conduct programs at our monthly meetings. Anyone else have ideas?

Membership. It was nice to have an "old" member visit at the last meeting. The "old" member is **Greg Wong**, son of **Ron Wong**. He remembers quite a few old timers and the many activities he participated in during his young days. **Greg** now lives in Florida. Come visit us again. In fact I hope more former members would visit us at future meetings.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) A recovering global economy, stable oil prices, more flights and marketing campaigns helped bring a record number of tourists to Hawaii last year. Nearly 8 million travelers (7,998,815 to be exact) visited the islands in 2012, up 10 percent over the previous year. The previous record was 7.6 million visitors in 2006. (b) Hawaii leads the nation in longest life expectancy while California is third according to a 2010-2011 census. Minnesota is ranked 2nd while New York and Connecticut rounded up the top 5. The life expectancy in Hawaii is 81.5 years. (c) The University of Hawaii will finally end its somewhat confusing nicknames for their intercollegiate sports teams. The school had allowed each team to pick its own team name. This has led to the current situation where the basketball, swimming and diving, and tennis teams have retained the team name of "Rainbow Warriors"; the baseball team adopted the name "Rainbows"; and the football, golf, and volleyball teams have adopted the name "Warriors". Effective in July of 2013 all Men's Teams will go by the "Warriors" and all Women's Teams will go by "Rainbow Wahine." (d) I did not remember this: "**Elvis Aloha From Hawaii**" Concert was performed in Hawaii on January 14, 1973, the same day the Super bowl VII was played in Los Angeles. The showing of the concert to the U.S. audience was done on April 4, 1973, but was broadcasted live (adjusted for primetime) to other countries. Hmmm, interesting. (e) This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival to be held in Hilo (Big Island) from March 31 to April 6. This festival features world-class hula competition, exhibitions, musical entertainment, arts-and-craft fairs, and a parade through downtown Hilo. (f) Historically, Hawaiians gave leis to their local *alii*, or chief, as a sign of affection. Warring chiefs who wanted to make peace sat down to weave leis together. Ancient Hawaiians believed that the heavier a woman, especially a chieftess, the more beautiful she was. (g) Don't forget to change your clock (spring forward) on March 10. (h) Do you know the name of the Mayor of Honolulu? What about the Mayor of your own city? OK, the answers are: **Kirk Caldwell** (Honolulu), **Mike Tracy** (Ventura), **Tim Flynn** (Oxnard), and **Charlotte Craven** (Camarillo).

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**An excerpt from *The Right to Lead*
by John Maxwell**

What Gives a Man or Woman the Right to Lead?

It certainly isn't gained by election or appointment. Having position, title, rank or degrees doesn't qualify anyone to lead other people. And the ability doesn't come automatically from age or experience, either. No, it would be accurate to say that no one can be given the right to lead. The right to lead can only be earned. And that takes time.

The Kind of Leader Others Want to Follow

The key to becoming an effective leader is not to focus on making other people follow, but on making yourself the kind of person they want to follow. You must become someone others can trust to take them where they want to go. As you prepare yourself to become a better leader, use the following guidelines to help you grow:

1. Let go of your ego.

The truly great leaders are not in leadership for personal gain. They lead in order to serve other people. Perhaps that is why Lawrence D. Bell remarked, "Show me a man who cannot bother to do little things, and I'll show you a man who cannot be trusted to do big things."

2. Become a good follower first.

Rare is the effective leader who didn't learn to become a good follower first. That is why a leadership institution such as the United States Military Academy teaches its officers to become effective followers first—and why West Point has produced more leaders than the Harvard Business School.

3. Build positive relationships.

Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less. That means it is by nature relational. Today's generation of leaders seem particularly aware of this because title and position mean so little to them. They know intuitively that people go along with people they get along with.

4. Work with excellence.

No one respects and follows mediocrity. Leaders who earn the right to lead give their all to what they do. They bring into play not only their skills and talents, but also great passion and hard work. They perform on the highest level of which they are capable.

5. Rely on discipline, not emotion.

Leadership is often easy during the good times. It's when everything seems to be against you—when you're out of energy, and you don't want to lead—that you earn your place as a leader. During every season of life, leaders face crucial moments when they must choose between gearing up or giving up. To make it through those times, rely on the rock of discipline, not the shifting sand of emotion.

6. Make added value your goal.

When you look at the leaders whose names are revered long after they have finished leading, you find that they were men and women who helped people to live better lives and reach their potential. That is the highest calling of leadership—and its highest value.

7. Give your power away.

One of the ironies of leadership is that you become a better leader by sharing whatever power you have, not by saving it all for yourself. You're meant to be a river, not a reservoir. If you use your power to empower others, your leadership will extend far beyond your grasp.