

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) : Our **Easter Picnic** will be held on **Saturday, April 13th starting at noon** at the Camino Real Park in Ventura (next to the tennis court). The park is located behind Lowe's Hardware Store at 4298 Dean Drive, Ventura 93003. The club will furnish tri-tip (**to be cooked by Darrin Ching**), rice, punch, and service (plates, cups, forks, etc.). Please bring a potluck dish to share. Also bring a chair or blanket to sit on, umbrella or sunscreen for protection, games to play, and musical instruments to jam. We will have egg hunt and an Easter bonnet contest with prizes for winners. (b) For our May potluck meeting **Dirk and Evelyne Boon** will be educating us about Indonesia. I have been waiting for this program for a long time. (c) Our June program will be plant exchange so get your plants ready.

Past Meeting **Arlene Fraser** did a wonderful job in explaining her job as a Port of Hueneme Harbor Commissioner. It was interesting to learn how the port operates and I was pleasantly surprised how much she understands the port operation even though she has been in office for only a couple of months. **Arlene** has offered to arrange a tour of Port Hueneme to members who are interested. So be prepared to ask questions about the tour at a meeting when **Arlene** attends.

Hawaiian Tidbits. (a) Hawaii was named as happiest U.S. state for the fourth consecutive year according to "Healthways Well-Being Index." Colorado and Minnesota were ranked second and third while the bottom three were West Virginia, Kentucky, and Mississippi. California was ranked 18th. (b) 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. The weeklong event honors the legacy of **King David Kalakaua**, who was called the "Merrie Monarch" for his love of the arts, especially music and dance. The hula competition spotlights kahiko (ancient) and auana (modern) hula as well as oli (traditional chanting). Tickets to the hula events have long been sold out but **Debbie Pezzini** will be attending the festival.

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You are Hawaiian or Hawaiian at heart if:

1. The possibility of a longshoreman strike makes you panic.
2. You don't understand why anyone would buy less than a 20 lb. bag of rice.
3. You would serve Spam as a meat for dinner.
4. You can taste the difference between teriyaki and kal-bi.
5. You know what a plumeria is.
6. You don't wear your shoes in the house.
7. You know why there are alphabets on trees or any posts on graduation day.
8. You know what and when "Lei Day" is.
9. You know what a "stink eye" is and how to give it.
10. You know what nationality girl (more than one) would put tape on her eyelids and

why.

11. You can correctly pronounce Kalaniana'ole, Kalakaua, Aiea, Likelike, karaoke, and Pipeline.
12. You know the items in the Big Breakfast at McDonald's.
13. You know what one "huli huli chicken" is.
14. You can name 3 varieties of mangos.
15. You have (or know someone who has) at least one family member whose name is "junior boy" or "tita".
16. The words, "da kine," are a normal part of your conversation.
17. You know the difference between being "hapa" and being "hapai."
18. You give directions using mauka and makai.
19. You know what "Hawaii Pono'i" is (and you know the words).
20. You know what it takes to get into Kamehameha School.
21. Someone says da word "UKU" and your head starts itching!
22. You raise your chin fo say "wassup" instead of nodding.
23. When making "Shaka", the back of your hand is facing out.
24. You say, "Nori" not seaweed paper.
25. You say "Brah," not "Bro."
26. You despise the movie "North Shore."
27. Your jokes are 'bout Portugese people, not Polish people.
28. You laugh at couples wearing cheesy matching Aloha attire.
29. You get one pair "rubbah slippahs" (not flip flops).
30. You e-mail people in pidgin.
31. You know what (and where) "Morgan's Corner" is (and it still scares you!)
32. 70 degrees is "freezing!"
33. You got lickins' with "da rubbah slippah" when you was small kidtime.
34. You can walk through Waianae and no get mobbed.
35. You know that "Kukui nut" is not one mental person.
36. You give Kahi Mohala's numba out to one guy/girl you no like.
37. You call it "saimin" not "Top Ramen" (Sapporo Ichiban mo bettah).
38. The surf report is on your speed dial and you always get one tide calendar on your wall.
39. Your local kids wear slippas and shorts in November in Michigan (inside da house, of course).
40. "Dressing up" means shorts and one Aloha shirt.
41. You call it "shave ice", not snow cone or shaved ice.
42. Rainbow Drive-Inn is a special date.
43. You go Kam, not Aloha, swap meet.
44. You know pineapples no grow in trees.
45. You know what Li Hing Mui is and you put it on everything (or put RED Li Hing Mui in da TEQUILA!!! YAAAAAHOOO!!).
46. You ask for shoyu and not soy sauce.
47. You call public transportation "Uncle Frank's limosine" or "da BUS" (and that's the

official name too!)

48. You need one relative to get one state job.
49. Da Governor is your cousin (or your mother's brother's father's sister's uncle's son).
50. You know what da H3 is, but you scared drive on it cause stay haunted.
51. You search your car for pork before you go over da Pali.
52. You go to Neiman Marcus "jus fo look." (AKA - Needless Markups).
53. You can name da cast of Hawaii 5-O.
54. Da mainland people no can understand when you talk.
55. You ask for "fruit punch" at McDonald's in da mainland. (wat? nomo!).
56. You eat spam musubi on a regular basis.
57. You wear slippahs almost everywhere.
58. You can be wearing boros and nobody tinks nothin'.
59. You like ume, daikon, and kim chee betta than pickles.
60. When you gotta go bathroom, you say "I going shi shi."
61. When you try explain the location of something to your friend, you use landmarks instead of street names.
62. You go Kam Bowl to eat "OX TAIL SOUP"
63. You tink BAYWATCH HAWAII is stupid, cause they dunno how fo ack!
64. You know da difference between sushi and sashimi.
65. You know your hemajang pickup truck going pass da safety inspection cause you know da auntie of da cousin of da uncle of the uddah cousin of da uncle who's your "auntie" (he one mahu) and deyget one bruddah-in-law who work fo da service station.
66. You get one "beach car."

(Editor's note: I dug this out from my old files so they are a little out dated but it is fun to reminisce)