

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting.** (a) Our next monthly meeting will be our annual Thanksgiving Potluck to be held at **Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church, Ventura**. **Dirk Boon** has volunteered to roast the turkey. In order to have a variety of side dishes, it is suggested that attendees from Ventura bring mashed potato, yam, stuffing or gravy. Camarillo residents should bring salad, vegetables, condiments, cranberry sauce or rolls. Oxnard and Port Hueneme residents should bring desserts. For the program we hope to have former military members discuss their experience while in the service. (b) For your information we are scheduled to have a Christmas Potluck Luncheon on December 14. We will need a volunteer to bake the club furnished ham. Contact **Darrin Ching** if you are interested in cooking the ham. The December 14 Potluck will be held at the Santa Cruz Room (aka "Parish Center") at Our Lady of Assumption Church. Stay tuned for more information on the Christmas Potluck in next month's newsletter.

**Past Meeting** Our annual mini-luau was a tremendous success. Mahalo to Chairperson **Kaimana Pendergrass** and her hard working crew of volunteers, too many to mention by name. Thanks to all you members who helped in so many different ways to make this luau a success. We have heard many good comments from attendees, many of whom are waiting for next year's event. The kaukau was ono and the entertainment great. We served just over 100 plates and made enough money to donate \$150 to Our Lady of Assumption Church and \$100 to the Bellringers. A pleasant surprise at the luau was seeing **Gerry Wong** who now lives in Fremont (near San Francisco), with his son and daughter-in-law, **Steven and Cindy Wong**. **Gerry** was accompanied by **Cindy** since **Steven** was recuperating at home from surgery.

**Membership News.** (a) Not only did **Gerry Wong** renew his membership, **Steven and Cindy Wong** joined the Hui. Welcome! Renewing her membership is **Sheryl Vockel** who lives in Millbrae, close to San Francisco. **Sheryl** donated \$75 to the Hui on behalf of her late mother, **Betty Day**, a former member. Mahalo **Sheryl**. For those who have not paid their dues for the new fiscal year, please see **Ron Wong**. Cost is \$20 for couples and families (including children 18 and below) and \$15 for singles. New members are charged a one time initiation fee of \$10. (b) Something new - people interested in joining the Hawaii Club can now obtain an application from our website, under the "home" tab.

**Miscellaneous.** (a) A recent report from CNBC found that Hawaii for the second consecutive year was the most expensive state in which to live. The top five were: Hawaii, Alaska, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Hawaii ranked near the top in most of the categories measured by CNBC, but was in a league of its own in terms of energy costs. The average energy bill in Hawaii of \$333.51 was 32 percent more than the next highest bill of \$252.39 in New Jersey. (b) "U.S. News & World Report" recently ranked UH-Manoa as the 158<sup>th</sup>-best school in the nation out of 201 rated public and private universities. The list covers institutions that offer a full range of undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs along with an emphasis on faculty research. The publication said it uses up to 16 indicators of academic excellence to rank schools. UH-Manoa's programs earned 36 out of a possible 100 points. Among public universities, UH-Manoa ranked 85<sup>th</sup> best in the nation out of 117 schools. (c) Teriyaki spam is now being sold in Hawaii. Sorry folks, only in Hawaii. Spam has been around for 76 years and still going strong. (d) Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3 so turn back your clock one hour.

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## Boy's Weakness

A 10-year-old boy decided to study judo despite the fact that he had lost his left arm in a devastating car accident.

The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was doing well, so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training the master had taught him only one move. "Sensei," (Teacher in Japanese) the boy finally said, "Shouldn't I be learning more moves?" "This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you'll ever need to know," the sensei replied.

Not quite understanding, but believing in his teacher, the boy kept training. Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged; the boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.

This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the boy appeared to be over-matched. Concerned that the boy might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened. "No," the sensei insisted, "Let him continue." Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy had won the match and the tournament.

He was the champion. On the way home, the boy and sensei reviewed every move in each and every match. Then the boy summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind.

"Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?"

"You won for two reasons," the sensei answered. "First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm."

The boy's biggest weakness had become his biggest strength.

Moral: Sometimes we feel that we have certain weaknesses and we blame God, the circumstances or ourselves for it but we never know that our weaknesses can become our strengths one day. Each of us is special and important, so never think you have any weakness, never think of pride or pain, just live your life to its fullest and extract the best out of it!"