

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Next Meeting. (a) Our next monthly meeting will be a potluck to be held at **Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura 93003) on January 11 (Saturday) starting at 2 pm.** The program will be conducted by **Lisa Zimmerman.** Please read the “Synopsis of Program” at the bottom of this article and I hope this info will whet your appetite and encourage you to attend the meeting.

Past Meeting Our Christmas was a success. Mahalo to **Ron Wong** for baking the delicious ham. Mahalo also to **Kaimana, Leandra, Laurie, Emily, Bill, Kay, and Mike** for playing the ukulele and leading the singing of the Christmas carols. It was fun. All attendee families took home prizes furnished by the club. Thanks **Ron** for purchasing the canned cookies.

Membership News. (a) As a reminder, 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. If you are not sure if you paid the dues, please ask **Ron.** The dues help to promote the Hawaiian culture in Ventura County and we can also put together the 2014 club roster. Thanks. (b) Sams Club has raised the business membership dues to \$45, the same as the individual membership. So the club has decided to drop its business membership. (c) Mahalo to **Ron Wong** and **Debbie Pezzini** for passing out juices at the Disabled American Veteran’s sponsored Pearl Harbor Commemoration at the Ventura Government Center on December 7. The event was held indoors because of the rain. As an aside, a recent episode of the “Hawaii 5-0” featured the Honouliuli relocation camp in existence during WW II. Honouliuli is located near Ewa on the island of Oahu. The camp held many Japanese and Japanese-American civilians.

Miscellaneous. (a) Waikiki’s International Market Place has been closed effective January 1, 2014. Hundreds of tenants have been affected by this closure. A new market place, which will include 360,000 square feet of retail, dining and entertainment space on six acres, is expected to be completed in the spring of 2016. Saks Fifth Avenue will be the anchor store. Sad, Waikiki will not be the same but at least the big old banyan tree will be preserved, thank goodness! (b) The Aloha State was recently ranked as the healthiest state in United Health Foundation’s 2013 America’s Health Rankings. Hawaii stands out for leading the nation in public health funding at \$225 per person and for an 80.2-percent immunization rate for children, according to the report. The report notes that 14.6 percent of adults in Hawaii smoke, an improvement in the past year from 16.8 percent. Nationally, 19.6 percent of adults smoke. Hawaii has one of the lowest obesity rates at 23.6 percent, compared with 27.6 percent nationally. The last time Hawaii was No. 1 was in 2008. California ended up as the 21st healthiest state. (c) The cost of first class stamps is going up from \$.46 to \$.49 effective January 26 so stock up on the forever stamps. Bulk mail, periodicals and package service rates will rise 6 percent. Last fiscal year the Postal Service lost \$5 billion. It is an independent agency that does not depend on tax money for its operations but is subject to congressional control.

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Synopsis of Program for January 11, 2014

(To be Presented by Lisa Zimmerman)

Proverbs are wise sayings that easily teach a simple, but deep truth based on values important within a culture. Those who applied the knowledge passed down through the ages, often flourished. Many truths are universal, and some are specifically understood only within the culture.

You have all heard the Chinese Proverb, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime”. In the early years of America, Benjamin Franklin published “Poor Richard’s Almanack”, which included sage wisdom as “Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise”. However, this saying was actually first printed in 1630 in a book of English and Latin proverbs, but was known as an old wise saying long before it was ever printed. King Solomon, who ruled around 900 BC, was said to be the wisest person in the world. He authored the book of Proverbs in the Bible. In Proverbs, it says: “Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues. (Proverbs 17:28)” and “A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones. (Proverbs 17:22)”

In Hawaiian culture, our wise sayings are known as: “Olelo No'eau” - Hawaiian Proverbs. They were collected by a Hawaiian scholar, born on the Big Island named Mary Abigail Kawena‘ulaokalanialahi‘iakaikapoliopolekawahine‘aihonuaināleilehuaapele Wiggin Pukui. She is often credited with Hawaiian renaissance. She was concerned that with changes taking place post Kingdom of Hawaii, that the old ways would be forgotten, and not preserved for the following generations. So she gathered the sayings from the Hawaiian people. The Olelo No'eau often have a translation, but you must also know the deeper, hidden meaning, or explanation, in order to have understanding. For instance: “He `ōpū hālau.” We know that `ōpū is stomach. Hālau we know as in Hula Hālau, it means Long House. Translated: this proverb means a house-like stomach. But you must understand its deeper meaning, which is “A heart as big as a house. This is said of a person who is kind, gracious, and hospitable.” We will learn more about this wise form of teaching and understanding.

(Editor’s note: Lisa, I am anxiously waiting for this program)