

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) The next potluck meeting will be a **picnic to be held at the Camino Real Park in Ventura (next to the tennis courts) starting at noon, June 14.** The park is located behind Lowe's Hardware Store at 4298 Dean Drive, Ventura 93003. The club will furnish tri-tip, rice, punch, and service (plates, cups, forks, etc.). Please bring a potluck dish to share, a chair or blanket to sit on, umbrella or sunscreen for protection and games to play. Also bring musical instruments so that we can kanikapila. June 14th is Flag Day so wear something patriotic or red, white and blue.

Past Meeting. The last meeting was held at Our Lady of Assumption Church where we enjoyed a wonderful potluck lunch followed by members working on their gourds and/or playing ukuleles and singing. Members who bought gourds at the previous meeting held on April 26 were able to cut and clean the gourds on May 10. Gourds were purchased to make ipus, double heke, etc. A total of 11 Hui members caravanned the 300 mile round trip to Welburn Farm in Fallbrook. The following members caravanned: **Dirk Boon, Bill & Kaimana Pendergrass, Laurie, Linda, and Noelani Gregory, Mario and Leandra Castroni, Lisa Zimmerman, and Kay and Mike Nakamura.** We drove to Denny's Restaurant in Temecular where we enjoyed brunch before going to Welburn. After visiting the Gourd Farm, we drove to King's Hawaiian Bakery and Restaurant in Torrance. **Harvard and Helen Horiuchi** met the group at the Gourd Farm since they were already in the area to watch their 8 year old granddaughter, **Kailani**, participate in a martial arts tournament. Gotta love the name "**Kailani**." A big mahalo to **Dirk** for teaching and helping us select, clean and cut the gourds. Shortly, we will be able to unveil our masterpieces.

Membership News. Honorary member, **Ben Wright**, suffered a stroke in April and was at Ventura Community Memorial Hospital for a by-pass surgery. Good luck **Ben**. Another member, **Elly Boon**, also was hospitalized for kidney problems. She is recuperating nicely at home under the care of **Dirk** and **Evelyne**. Get well soon, **Mama Boon!** Aloha Chairperson **Leandra Castroni** gave flowers to both of them on behalf of the club. Mahalo **Leandra**.

Miscellaneous. (a) Sad to report that **Dennis Kamakahi**, 61, passed away on April 28 due to lung cancer. **Kamakahi** was an outstanding Hawaiian musician who composed over 500 songs, including **Bill Pendergrass'** favorite – "Kokee." **Kamakahi** was a Christian minister and was inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in 2009. Several years ago I had the opportunity to watch him perform in Santa Barbara along with his son, **David**. (b) An interesting Gallup Poll showed that 9 of the 10 "Happiest" Countries in the world come from Latin America. The top 10 ranking are: Paraguay, followed by Panama, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Columbia, Denmark, Honduras, Venezuela, and El Salvador. US is ranked 24th of the 138 countries surveyed. The unhappiest country is Syria.

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Words To Live By...

One reason so few of us achieve what we truly want is that we never direct our focus; we never concentrate our power. Most people dabble their way through life, never deciding to master anything in particular. **Tony Robbins**

You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. **Mark Twain**

Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus. **Alexander Graham Bell**

My success, part of it certainly, is that I have focused in on a few things. **Bill Gates**

Take control of your life and charge towards your dreams! **Author Unknown**

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. **John Wesley**

No one should be ashamed to admit they are wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that they are wiser today than they were yesterday. **Alexander Pope**

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past. **Thomas Jefferson**

You measure the size of the accomplishment by the obstacles you had to overcome to reach your goals. **Booker T. Washington**

Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment; full effort is full victory. **Mahadas Karamchand Gandhi**

Hard work spotlights the character of people; some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. **Sam Ewing**

Real difficulties can be overcome; it is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable. **Theodore Vail**

One forgives to the degree that one loves. **Francois Duc De La Rochefoucauld**

Unheard of means it's only undreamed of yet; impossible means it's just not yet done. **Julia Eckla**

Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may and remember; involve me and I'll understand. **Chinese Proverb**

Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way. **Theodor Seuss Geisel**

Values are like fingerprints. Nobody's are the same, but you leave 'em all over everything you do. **Elvis Presley**