

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) The next potluck meeting will take place at Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption Church (3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura 93003) on July 12 starting at 2 pm. For the program **Patty Kreider** will talk about making ipus and other items with gourds. This is timely for those who went to the Welburn Gourd Farm and are in the process of making ipus (or other items). You will have the opportunity to ask her questions on your own individual projects. (b) For planning purposes, the August meeting will be held on August 16 starting at 2 pm at the Santa Clara Room, Our Lady of Assumption Church. The September installation luncheon/meeting will be held at a local restaurant (time, place and date have not been confirmed yet). And finally our annual mini-luau will be held on October 4 at the Mulcahy Center, Our Lady of Assumption Church. But be sure you check future newsletter for updates.

Past Meeting. The last meeting was a picnic held at Camino Real Park on June 14. Mahalo to **Darring Ching** who came through again by cooking the delicious tri-tip. Mahalo to everyone who brought potluck dishes. We all had a wonderful time. **Ron Wong** brought his bag of goodies and every family took home a prize. Mahalo to **Kaimana Pendergrass** for leading the kanikapila group in singing Hawaiian songs. For me personally, I enjoyed the kanikapila and audience participation in hula dancing, especially watching **Ron** and **Darrin** swaying to the music. In all these years, I have never seen either one of them dance before. People who played the Ukulele and sang besides **Kaimana** were **Lisa Zimmerman, Leandra Castroni, Laurie Gregory, Harvard Horiuchi, Kay and Mike Nakamura**. Hula dancing in addition to **Ron** and **Darrin** were: **Debbie Pezzini, Kim Nishimura, Kay and Harvard**. **Harvard and Helen's** son, **Scott**, daughter-in-law **Kelly**, and their two children **Kailani and Samantha** were at the picnic. **Kelly, Kailani, and Samantha** even took part in the hula dancing.

Membership News. (a) (b) **Ted Wakai** is celebrating his 90th birthday with a party at the Aegis of Ventura (4964 Telegraph Rd, CA 93003), across from Ventura College on July 26 starting at 2 pm. **Ted's** niece's band will provide live music at this party. All Hawaii Club members are invited to the party. However, attendees must provide their proper name that matches their driver's license or other official document. To RSVP, sign up at the Hawaii Club meeting on July 12 or email me (**Mike**, at monakamura@aol.com). Bring ID to match the name at the time of the party. **Ted's** request: "PLEASE ATTEND, BUT NO GIFTS PLEASE." (b) We will be conducting elections soon for next fiscal year's officers so please consider running for office. If you are interested, see **Darrin**.

Hawaii Sports. Hawaii's **Michelle Wie** finally won her first major golf championship – the U.S. Women's Open at Pinehurst, North Carolina on June 22. **Wie** was a teenage prodigy but she is now 24 years old and at the top of her game. Eleven year old **Lucy Li** participated in this prestigious tournament but could not make the cut after the first two rounds. **Li** is the youngest golfer ever to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open and great things are predicted for this young rising star from Redwood Shores, California.

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Mike's Rambling Corner:

1. I received an e-mail from an acquaintance discussing pricing at Costco. Did you know that there is a "Costco Price Tag Code" that can let you know if you're getting the best deal? The key to the code is not the dollars but the cents. The last two digits tell you everything. A price ending in .99 is much different than one ending in .97 or .49. If you see the price ending in .99 you know that the item is full priced and has not been marked down. It still may be a great deal because this is Costco. A price ending in .49 or .79 is a manufacturer's special. This is a product the manufacturer is testing out at Costco, usually at a lower price than Costco would normally sell it. A price ending in .00 may be the best deal in the store. It means the manager wants the item out. And once it is out, the product is probably gone for good. Be on the lookout for price tags with an asterisk. This means the product is discontinued. A combination of a .97 and an asterisk means you are getting a last chance good deal. You probably need to get inside the warehouse for deep discounts. Be advised that I have not done any comparison-shopping using the above information.

2. For people visiting Hawaii here is some interesting 2012 statistics on popular places to visit shown in the September 2013 Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

	<u>Top Paid Attractions</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Island</u>
1.	Polynesian Cultural Center	718,847	Oahu
2.	Honolulu Zoo	667,981	Oahu
3.	Battleship Missouri Memorial	540,591	Oahu
4.	Pu'uhonua O Honaunau	442,353	Hawaii
5.	Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge	404,412	Kauai

	<u>Top Unpaid Attractions</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	
1.	USS Arizona Memorial	1,751,224	Oahu
2.	Hawaii Volcano National Park	1,483,928	Hawaii
3.	Haleakala National Park	1,094,668	Maui
4.	Diamond Head State Monument	750,000	Oahu
5.	Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo	213,537	Hawaii

3. The Great Pacific Race is the biggest, baddest human endurance race on the planet. It is a row boat race from California to Hawaii by a crew of one, two or four people to navigate the 2,400 mile journey. Each boat carries no sails or engine and is only moved by the muscle of the crew. One 4-man crew had to be rescued by the Coast Guard about 75 miles west of San Luis Obispo when their boat started taking water on board in June 2014. Less than 24 hours later, a solo rower was rescued by the Coast Guard about 50 miles west of Morro Bay, California. What a bummer, after months, if not years of training, they had to abort their efforts after just starting their journey. Stories like this make it difficult to complain about cramped seats on the planes when flying to Hawaii.