

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. The next regular potluck meeting will be held on November 8 at Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Church, commencing at 2 pm. This will be our Thanksgiving luncheon so we need a volunteer to roast a big 20+ pound turkey. Call **Darrin Ching** at 388-1544 if you would like to volunteer. The club will reimburse the volunteer for the cost of the turkey but we need someone cook it. For the potluck, we are suggesting that residents of Ventura bring dessert, mashed potato, or gravy, residents of Oxnard bring salad, condiments, or cranberry sauce, and Camarillo and other residents bring stuffing, rolls, or yam. Of course you can deviate from the suggestions and bring your specialty. For the program **Harvard and Helen Horiuchi** will do a presentation on disaster preparedness.

Past Meeting. (a) The mini-luau was a great success, mahalo to **Kaimana Pendergrass** and her crew of volunteers. For the entertainment **Kaimana's** Ukulele Club of Ventura County provided the music and hula dancing was performed by **Kay Nakamura** and six hula dancers from Ka Mele Wai O Ke `Anuenue including **Debbie Pezzini** and **Kaimana** from our club. We helped celebrate two very old timers' 90th birthday – **Gerry Wong** and **Ted Wakai** by singing “Happy Birthday” and presenting each with a beautiful red lei. The many volunteers who helped make this luau a success are too many to mention by name – mahalo to all of you. However I would like to mention **Val and Phina Galang**, non club members, who live in Rancho Cucamonga (100 miles away) and came on Friday morning (Oct 3) to help cut fruits and prepare the lomilomi salmon, returned that night to help set up the tables and put up decorations, then came early the next morning to finish up the decoration. However **Phina** fainted at the hall before the luau started and had to be rushed to emergency after hitting her head on the floor. The couple worked hard for our club and I hope she is OK. Perhaps they will join our club, we appreciate dedicated workers like the **Galangs**. (b) The board approved a \$150 donation to Our Lady of Assumption Church.

Membership News. (a) **Ron Wong** is collecting dues for this fiscal year (October 2014 thru September 2015). Dues are \$20 for family including children under 19, and \$15 for single. New members are charged a one time \$10 initiation fee. You can pay your dues at the next meeting or mail your payment to **Ron** at 392 Tulane Ave, Ventura, CA 93003. (b) **Harvard and Helen Horiuchi's** granddaughters' school, Los Primeros School of Sciences & Arts in Camarillo, had a school fundraising jogathon. The **Horiuchis** donated money to have the Hawaii Club of Ventura County name printed on the back of t-shirts sold at the jogathon.

Hawaii. (a) UH football team has a 2-5 record so far this season. The team is actually playing better than the record may indicate. Only one of the losses was by more than 10 points. But there is a budget issue that may jeopardize the future of the football program since the home games are not drawing as many fans as desired. I remember the old days when the UH and high school football teams played in the old termite ridden stadium in Moilili and many times the high school games would draw more fans than the UH games. Sad but true. But we survived. The capacity of the old stadium was about 25,000 while the “new” Aloha Stadium's capacity is 50,000. (b) Hurricane Ana was downgraded to a Tropical Storm as it got close to Oahu causing flooding on the island on October 19th. Parts of Oahu got 7 inches of rain.

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WISE THOUGHTS

If you are depressed, you are living in the past. If you are anxious, you are living in the future. If you are at peace, you are living in the present.

When nothing goes right...go left.

Some people are old at 18 and some are young at 90 ... time is a concept that human created.

If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?

The mind replays what the heart cannot delete.

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.

One of the hardest decisions you'll ever face in life is choosing to walk away or try harder.

You know why it is hard to be happy? It is because we refuse to let go of things that make us sad.

Music is what feelings sound like.

It is better to walk alone than with a crowd going in the wrong direction.

A pretty face is nothing if you have an ugly heart.

Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination. The best is yet to come.

You cannot hang out with negative people and expect to live a positive life.

Never lose hope. You never know what tomorrow may bring.

When asked how they managed to stay together for 65 years, the woman replied: "We were born in a time where if something was broke, you fixed it...not throw it away."

Enjoy life, it has an expiration date.