

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) The next regular potluck meeting will be held on March 14 at Hurley Hall, Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Church, commencing at 2 pm. The program will be about "Origami" (the art of paper folding). Leading this program will be **Darrin Ching**, and **Laurie & Noelani Gragory**. They will demonstrate this art. Other members are encouraged to participate. A second part of the program will be learning to sing "Hawaii Aloha." (b) For planning purposes, we are having an Easter picnic on April 11. More on this event in next month's newsletter.

Past Meeting. At the last meeting held on February 14, **Kay Nakamura and Kim Nishimura** demonstrated their skills in making sushi. It was a very interesting and informative program. We all got to eat maki sushi and inari sushi at that meeting. Some of us got to take some extras home. Arigato **Kay and Kim**.

Membership News. (a) **Helen Horiuchi's** mother passed away on February 3 in Reedley, California (near Fresno). Our deepest sympathies to **Helen and Harvard**. (b) **Leandra Castroni's** back surgery in January has helped her a lot and she is progressing nicely. It was nice to see **Leandra** (you too **Mario**) at this past meeting.

Hawaii News. (a) The Hawaii flag flying at the state Capitol has been replaced after the governor's office was informed there was a mistake on the previous one. **Earle Partington** contacted the news station after noticing that the union jack on the flag was sewn upside down. Bishop Museum Historian **DeSoto Brown** says it's an error that would be difficult to notice. The radio station contacted the governor's office on February 5 about the error. The flag was then replaced with a correct one. (b) On Saturday, April 18 at 11:30 am, there will be an attempt to break the world record for largest ukulele ensemble. This attempt will be held in Little Tokyo, (244 South San Pedro St. Los Angeles, CA 90012). Everybody with an ukulele can participate. The group will be playing a Hawaiian song (Pua I Ka Ua) using only F and C chords. The current Guinness record is 2,370 held by England. Come join in the fun.

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Mike's Ramblin' Corner

Lisa KeakaLau'OLono Zimmerman, forwarded me the following:

"I read this in the Hawaiian Tribune, and it was a very interesting article I thought I might suggest using in our newsletter, in case it applied to any of our members or their 'ohana, or maybe of general interest.

An award-winning writer and filmmaker is looking for some help with a documentary that brings to life one of Hawaii Island's lesser-known stories, a historical tale that's reminiscent of the Underground Railroad. Over the past five years, Walter Dods, who owns Honolulu-based film company Saturation Point, has been working on "The Long Journey Home," a two-hour film

following the lives of the first three generations of Japanese on the Big Island, with a focus on the farmers who helped pioneer Kona coffee, a thriving industry that's now famous worldwide. The film begins with the Issei, the first generation of Japanese who made the voyage to Hawaii and were assigned to sugar plantations on the Hamakua Coast. Recruiters told them if they fulfilled three-year contracts with the plantations, they would be able to return home to their villages with enough money to create prosperous lives. The vast majority of Japanese laborers on the Big Island didn't return to Japan. Instead, many headed to Kona, where they could afford to lease small tracts of failing land, grew coffee and made new lives.

The film also features the Nisei, the second generation of Japanese who tried to forge a new identity, were loyal to Hawaii and had civil liberties curtailed, and the Sansei, the third generation that included Ellison Onizuka, who grew up on a coffee farm, became the first Asian-American astronaut, never forgot his roots, and remains a beacon of inspiration to many.

Dods is in Kona until Feb. 20 shooting B-roll footage and looking for photographs circa 1880-1970 of Japanese Big Island residents, especially those of farmers growing or picking coffee in Kona. He is also searching for interesting artifacts that Japanese laborers and early Kona coffee pioneers would have used, such as a charcoal burning iron, an old three-year contract with a plantation, an old passport or a bango, which is a metal ID tag that had a number stamped on one side and was worn around the neck of plantation workers. Dods will scan all photographs in Kona and return them promptly to ensure that none are lost or damaged. Interesting artifacts will be photographed and filmed. Those who want to contribute items should contact Dods at 233-9298 or trippydods@gmail.com.

Lisa also forwarded the following: Words:

The six most important words in the English language:	I admit I made a mistake.
The five most important words in the English language:	You did a good job
The four most important words in the English language:	What is your opinion?
The three most important words in the English language:	If you please.
The two most important words in the English language:	Thank you.
The one most important words in the English language:	We
The one least important words in the English language:	I

More Words:

Happiness is like potato salad - when you share it with others, it's a picnic.
Just about the time you think you can make ends meet, somebody moves the ends.
Be careful how you live - you may be the only bible some people read.

(Hilo Woman's Club, Hilo, Hawaii 1982)

Mahalo **Lisa** for your input.

Marriage. I was glancing (online) through the Honolulu Star Advertiser and came across this story of a couple in Kansas who have been married for 81 years! When asked about their secret to such a long marriage, the wife replied: "I always let him have my way." That marriage spanned 8 decades, 13 presidents and a number of U.S. Wars. They have five sons and all are still married to their original spouses.