

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting. (a) The next meeting will take place at **Chester's Asian Restaurant** (2216 Pickwick Dr., Camarillo 93010) on September 12 starting at 2 pm. The club will pick up the tab for members' lunch but guests will be charged for their meals. This free lunch pretty much offsets the cost of the annual dues. We will vote and install next year's officers at the meeting. Since we have no volunteers so far, the incumbents have agreed to run again, i.e., **Darrin Ching** for President, **Kaimana Pendergrass** for 1st VP, **Ron Wong** for Treasurer, **Arlene Fraser** for Recording Secretary, and **Mike Nakamura** for Corresponding Secretary. However we still need a 2nd Vice President. "The Second Vice President shall be responsible for the orderly behavior of members and guests at meetings and at other Club functions, and shall enforce the orders of the President when called to do so. He/she shall be responsible for the proper arrangement of the room in which meetings are held, and for the refreshments that may be served. Physical assets of the Club (as distinguished from financial) shall be under his/her control." Any volunteers? (b) The Hui Lima Kokua Hawaii Club will have our annual mini-luau on October 3, Saturday, chaired by **Kaimana**. Only a limited number of tickets will be available for members, family and friends. Most of the tickets have been handed out at our last meeting so if you need tickets, be sure you contact **Ron Wong** at 642-1328 ASAP. Cost for tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers and \$5 for children 12 and under. We will need your kokua at the luau. We need your help cooking, serving, setting up the hall, cleaning up after the luau, and donating desserts on the day of the luau. On the morning before (Oct 2) we will need your kokua in preparing donated fruits. More info will be in next month's newsletter. Please let **Kaimana** know if you can help. Mahalo!

Past Meeting. On August 15th we had a joint get together with the Ukulele Club of Ventura County at the Parish Center. There were many people who were members of both organizations. It was a different and fun get together where we had a sing-a-long. The Ukulele Group had just returned from their Ukulele and Hula Festival in Las Vegas held on August 7 and 8 followed by their appearance at the Ventura County Fair on August 11. By the way, the Uke group also performed for a senior organization from Our Lady of Assumption Church on July 25th as a way of showing our appreciation for the use of their facilities by both the Hawaii Club and the Uke Group. Mahalo **Kumu Kaimana!**

Membership News. (a) Sayonara **Kim Nishimura!** **Kim** moved to Oregon in August and will be sorely missed. Upon her departure, Kim donated \$300 to the club. When **Kim's** husband, **Kats**, died 3 years ago she donated \$300 to the club under his name. Mahalo for the generous donations, **Kim**. Her new mailing address is P. O. Box 205, Reedsport, OR 97467. (b) **Ron** will be collecting dues for next fiscal year. Dues are \$20 for couple or family with children under 19, and \$15 for single. You can mail your payment to **Ron** at 392 Tulane Ave., Ventura, CA 93003.

Hawaiian News. **Marcus Mariota** finally signed a contract with the National Football Team, Tennessee Titans for \$24.2 million for 4 years, plus a signing bonus of \$15.9 million. Not bad for a 21 year old kid. **Mariota** graduated from St. Louis High School in Honolulu before going to University of Oregon where he won the Heisman Trophy last year. The Heisman trophy goes to the best college football player of the year. **Mariota** will try to breath life into the Titans whose record last season was a bad 2-14. Go **Mariota**, make us Crusaders (St. Louis High School) proud!

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Mike's Ramblin' Corner

(a) The high cost of college education is discouraging many students from pursuing their dreams. We all hear about the many years it takes to pay off college loans or parents mortgaging their homes to help finance their children's education. Well, here is good news – how about attending a college in Japan? The government of Japan has rolled out a program called the “Global 30” Initiative. Thirteen of the top Japanese universities are participants in the program. Japan wants to globalize their top universities to ensure that Japanese students can compete in the global marketplace. By bringing in qualified foreign students, the interaction will help these universities move up the global university rankings. And get this, the instructions are given in English. But the students are required to study Japanese during their degree program. Applicants must have all the basics ready including SAT scores, academic records, and written essays. Some may require interviews. The degree program covers the full range of academia, ranging from the hard sciences, mathematics, physics, economics, political science and liberal studies. The typical cost at the university would be about \$9,000 for tuition a year. Dormitory costs will run about \$6,000 per year, which includes two meals a day. Wow, not too shabby!

(b) Thought Provoking Things I have learned ...(Ron Nichols):

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

That money doesn't buy class.

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think that I can?

That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

That love, not time, heals all wounds.

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

That there is nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

That I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.

That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

That when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist, that you are hooked for life.

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you are climbing it.

That it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.