

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU (Happy New Year)! Website: www.huilimakoua.com.

Next Potluck Luncheon. The next potluck luncheon will be held on January 9 at the **Hurley Hall**, Our Lady of Assumption Church, starting at 2 pm. The Church is located at 3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, 93003. For the program, **Ron Wong** will be conducting casino games with prizes for the winners. This is a good way of getting ready for your next visit to Las Vegas.

Past Potluck Luncheon. At last month's Christmas Luncheon **Darrin Ching** baked the ham. He always comes through in a pinch, mahalo **Darrin!** Mahalo also to **Ron Wong** for conducting the games, **Kaimana Pendergrass** for decorating the tables and finding out that the meeting place was changed at the last minute to the "Parish House." **Kaimana** was able to communicate this change to many members. She also led us in singing Christmas songs. **Bill Pendergrass** spent half hour directing people to the new meeting room at the Church. Keep in mind that the Church is allowing us to use the room at no cost and naturally they have the right to use the facility anytime and change our meeting place. So if you don't see members at Hurley Hall during times of our potluck, check the other rooms close by within the Church's facility.

Membership. (a) Don't forget to pay your dues for this fiscal year. There are still a few members who have not renewed their membership. See **Ron Wong** if you are not sure if you paid. (b) We welcome all new members who can share the "Aloha" spirit. Bring friends and relatives.

Hawaii News. (a) The Ala Moana Shopping Mall in Honolulu officially opened its new Ewa (west facing) wing in November. Out went Sears and in came Hawaii's first Bloomingdale's along with 37 retail stores and restaurants. Construction in the immediate area continues at a frantic pace with the building of an ultra-luxury condo complex overlooking Ala Moana Beach Park. (b) A statewide poll showed that a strong majority of Hawaii residents agree that there should be a way that science and Hawaiian culture can co-exist on Mauna Kea and support the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project. The poll showed that 44% of Native Hawaiians also support the project with 49% opposed to the project. The poll also noted that most residents felt that failing to move forward with the project after all regulations were followed would hurt Hawaii's already **poor reputation as a place to do business.** (c) The University of Hawaii hired former Warriors quarterback **Nick Rolovich** to succeed **Norm Chow** as the UH football team's head coach. **Nick** started as quarterback in 2001 for an injured **Timmy Chang** and led the team to an 8-1 season under head coach **June Jones**. UH chose **Rolovich** over **June Jones** who also applied for the position. (d) The UH Wahine Volleyball team went on to the regional playoff before losing to University of Minnesota. We ended the successful season with a 29-2 overall record. Coach **Dave Shoji** agreed to a contract extension taking him through the 2017 season. He has just completed his 41st year as the Head Coach at UH. (e) The UH men's basketball team is banned from post-season play for the 2016-'17 season and is subject to further scholarship reductions for two years due to infractions committed under former Coach **Gib Arnold** who was fired as the head coach in 2014 in the wake of the NCAA investigation. (f) In November 2015 the **Hawaiian pidgin** became an official language in the United States. The language is being recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau after a five-year study confirmed more than 300,000 people speak it in the islands.

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The list of all-time best Hawaiian songs based on a poll:

1. Over the Rainbow – Israel “Iz” Kamakawiwoole
2. Tiny Bubbles – Don Ho
3. Hawaiian Wedding Song – Elvis
4. Hiilawe – Gabby Pahinui
5. I Kona – Ledward Kaapana
6. Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai – Hapa
7. Kauanoeanuhea – Kealii Reichel
8. Pearly Shells – Don Ho
9. Local Boys – Na Leo Pilimehana
10. Let’s Talk Story – Hawaiian Style Band
11. Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride – Mark Kealii Hoomalu and the Kamehameha School Children’s Chorus
12. Na Hale O Naue – Mahi Beamer
13. Waika – Brothers Cazimero
14. Flying With Angels – Na Leo Pilimehana
15. Kona Red – Hoakane
16. Guava Jelly – Kaau Crater Boys
17. Home in the Islands – Brothers Cazimero
18. Honolulu City Lights – Beamer Brothers
19. Island Love – Peter Moon Band
20. Waikiki – Andy Cummings
21. About You – Cecilio & Kaponu
22. Akaka Falls Hula – Nathan Aweau
23. Take Me Home Country Road – Israel “Iz” Kamakawiwoole
24. Love & Honesty – Hawaiian Style Band
25. I Miss You My Hawaii – Na Leo Pilimehana
26. Waterfall – Willie K.
27. Island Style – John Cruz
28. Hele On to Kauai – Israel “Iz” Kamakawiwoole
29. Kokomo – The Beach Boys
30. Shave Ice – Loyal Garner
31. Mr. Sun Cho Lee – Beamer Brothers
32. White Sandy Beach – Israel “Iz” Kamakawiwoole
33. Drop Baby Drop – Manao Company
34. Kuu Home O kahaluu – Olomana
35. Maunaleo – Kealii Reichel