

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Potluck Luncheon. (a) The next monthly potluck luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 12, starting at 2 pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church. For the program **Bernadette McDowell**, Librarian at **Ray D. Prueter Library**, in Port Hueneme, will provide information on County of Ventura Library services and programs. Come and join us for potluck and fellowship and celebrate 100 years of library services. You will learn what is available 24/7 from your County Library services and share your ideas and talents for future programs at the Library in Port Hueneme. (b) At this potluck luncheon we will hear about the upcoming bus trip to the Chumash Casino, exact date to be determined later. The Club will subsidize members for the round trip bus fare and pick up the tab for lunch. We are soliciting ideas for more programs in the future so share your ideas with board members. (c) Members will be voting on proposed revisions to the Club's Bylaws. The changes are presented below for your consideration. Your attendance is requested to either approve or take exception to any (or all) of the proposed revisions.

Past Meeting. Our regular meeting for February was combined with **Kaimana Pendergrass'** and **Noelani Gregory's** birthday party at the Elks Club in Ventura. The venue was changed at the last minute from Our Lady of Assumption Church to the Elks Club. The food and entertainment were terrific. The food was delicious and we had Hawaiian music entertainment along with hula dancing. There were over 100 people at the party. We got the chance to renew acquaintances and make new friends. Thanks to the birthday gals for sponsoring and organizing an outstanding afternoon – Mahalo **Kaimana & Noelani!**

Membership. Don't forget to pay your dues so you can be treated to a bus trip to the upcoming Chumash Casino. More details on the bus trip will be provided next month.

Hawaii News. (a) The Annual Merrie Monarch Hula Festival will be held during the last week of March on the Big Island. This Hula Festival started in 1963 and is very popular. If you're planning on going it probably is too late to get tickets and hotel reservations now. But you can probably watch the hula competition on your computer. (b) On Saturday, March 12, 2016, *Kamaka Ukulele's 100th Anniversary* featuring **Bryan Tolentino & Herb Ohta, Jr.** at Whittier College. Two shows, one at 2:00 pm and the other at 7:30 pm. (c) Giant surf on the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii, has caused a major highway to be closed and has even forced the evacuation of some residents in late February. Wave heights are reaching six to seven times overhead, in what Surflife is calling 30 foot with occasional 45 foot waves. Unfortunately for surfers and spectators alike, the onshore wind is causing the waves to be blown out and un-rideable, which is why the **Eddie Aikau** Invitational is not being held even though the minimum wave height has been met. The contest may be held on Feb 25 depending on conditions. The window for this surfing invitational closes on February 28. (d) Three Hawaii beaches are among the top 10 of TripAdvisor's 2016 Travelers' Choice Awards for Beaches in the U.S., while four more are rated among the top 25. Lanikai Beach is rated second in the U.S. behind top-ranked Clearwater Beach in Florida. The beach at Wai'anapanapa State Park on Maui is No. 5 in the country followed by Kaanapali Beach, also on the Valley Isle. The other Hawaii beaches populating the ranking were Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve on Oahu at No. 12, followed by 13th-ranked Poipu Beach Park on Kauai and No. 14, Maniniowali Beach at Kua Bay in Kailua-Kona and, at No. 24, Hanalei Beach on Kauai. (e) The UH Men Basketball team is leading the Big West Conference with a 11-1

record. We have a good team and attendance at home games is up. **Kay** and I have attended two UH games in California – one against UC Santa Barbara and the other game against Northridge. We won both games. (f) The number of prison guards in Hawaii scheduled to work on Super Bowl Sunday who called in sick declined slightly this year, but the absence rate was still nearly a third. The state Public Safety Department said about 31 percent of corrections officers called in sick Feb. 7. On Super Bowl Sunday last year, 35 percent of them did not report to work. (g) There has been discussions to bring back the Superferry in Hawaii. The boat would operate between the islands loaded with passengers and vehicles. There has even been talk about having gambling on board the ferry. (h) Virgin America announced that daily flights between Los Angeles and Honolulu will start May and between Los Angeles and Kahului, Maui in June. The airline has received strong demand for its San Francisco to Honolulu flights that started late last year. The announcements have been good news for travelers as the increased competition is resulting in lower fares. (i) Plans to build a \$50 million center on the University of Hawaii-Manoa campus to honor the late U.S. **Senator Daniel K. Inouye** have been shelved indefinitely due to criticism of the growing UH repair backlog of \$503 million. Some lawmakers have sensibly questioned the pursuit of new building projects when the university has done such a poor job of maintaining its existing facilities. (j) Hawaii has the third-highest concentration of hotels in the nation that charge resort fees averaging \$21.08 per day per a Travelers United study. Travelers United, a nonprofit, has advocated a ban on resort fees since the mandatory charges are not included in advertised room rates on-line. Travelers United found that consumers paid \$2.04 billion in mandatory resort fees last year nationwide. Florida has the dubious honor for having the most hotels that charge a resort fee.

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Proposed Bylaws Revisions

Article I. Membership

Section 4. Associate memberships may not exceed 33 1/3% (vice 25%) of the total number of the organization's memberships (vice total number of regular memberships) . . .

Section 8. Termination of membership may occur . . . when dues have not been paid by the end of March (vice November) of the fiscal year.

Article II. Membership Fee and Dues

Section 1. An initiation fee of \$10.00 (vice \$5.00) . . . shall be payable upon acceptance into the Club . . .

Article VII. Financial Matters

Section 3. . . . the Executive Committee, by majority vote, shall be empowered to authorize the expenditure of funds up to \$250.00 (vice \$100.00).

Section 9. Delete the entire paragraph that requires the organization to be covered by insurance.

Miscellaneous. Any minor grammatical or format revisions are authorized.