

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Club Activity.** (a) The next club function will be our annual **Mini-Luau to be held on October 14, starting at noon at Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Church located at 3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, 93003.** This event is being chaired by **Kaimana Pendergrass** again. Only a limited number of tickets are available for members, family, and friends so if you have extra, unsold tickets please let **Ron Wong** know. The cost for the Mini-Luau are \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers, and \$5 for children 12 and under. When you sell a ticket, please circle the amount the ticket was sold for, i.e. \$15, \$10, or \$5. Also, print attendee's name on the back of the ticket for a chance at the door prizes. We will need your kokua (help) at this Luau so please contact **Kaimana** if you can help. We need people to donate fruits (specifically grapes, watermelons, and cantaloupes) on Friday morning October 13 and help to cut them at the Parish Center from 9 am to 12 noon. Bring a knife and cutting board. We also need your help cooking, serving, setting up the hall, cleaning up after the luau, and donating desserts on the day of the luau. We will start setting up and decorating the Hall starting at 9 pm on Friday night (Oct 13) and finish up at 9 am the next morning. (b) Tentative future club events:

**October 14.** Annual Mini Luau.

**November 11.** Tentative Thanksgiving potluck at OLA Church. Need volunteer to cook turkey.

**December 9.** Tentative Christmas potluck at OLA Church. Need volunteer to cook ham.

**Past Meetings.** Last month's get together was a luncheon paid by the Club at the Fuji Buffet where 20 members enjoyed the ono buffet after electing the new officers for next year (October thru September). Officers for next year are: President: **Darrin Ching**; First Vice President: **Kaimana Pendergrass**; Second Vice President: **Vince Cruz**; Treasurer: **Ron Wong**; Recording Secretary: **Arlene Fraser**; Corresponding Secretary: **Mike Nakamura**. The big surprise was **Vince Cruz** volunteering to become the Second Vice President after he was just admitted as a new member of the Hui. Mahalo to **Vince** and all the rest of the officers. With the exception of **Cruz**, all the officers held the same position last fiscal year. Mahalo to all for your dedication.

**Membership.** (a) **Ron Wong** is collecting dues for this fiscal year – Oct thru Sept. Dues are \$20 for couple/family and \$15 for single. You can mail him the dues at 392 Tulane Ave, Ventura, CA 93003. (b) Last month (September) we approved 7 new members into our Club. The new members are: **Vince & Maria Cruz, Val & Phina Galang, Nancy Gray, Andy & Ashley Riopka, Chad & Krissie Stewart, Emelia Zimmerman, and Talon & Pup Zimmerman**. Special thanks to **Lisa Zimmerman** for recruiting 5 of these members. (c) Two of **Ron & Tesi Wong's** adult children (**Greg and Diane**) and their families live in Jacksonville, Florida, where Hurricane Irma recently caused extensive damages. **Ron & Tesi** were somewhat relieved that the families were safe and the properties incurred minimal damages considering the vast destruction caused by the hurricane throughout the state and surrounding areas.

**Hawaiian Tidbit.** Kailua Moon, a recently formed duo from Hawaii is performing in Southern California, including Ventura. This group is very special because one half of the duo is **Nani Edgar**, grand daughter of a founder and former president of our Club, the late **Ben Wright**. **Nani** is a beautiful hula dancer, singer, and ukulele player. I will watch the group perform on Sept 18.

**Sports:** A friendly wager between **Ray and Connie Louie** resulted in **Connie** losing. On

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> **Connie's** University of Hawaii football team lost to **Ray's** UCLA team 56-23. What did you win **Ray**? The UH Football started its 12 game regular season by winning its first two games against University of Massachusetts on August 26 and Western Carolina on Sept 2. UH had to travel more than 5,000 miles, each way, to play against University of Massachusetts. Would you believe that last season UH traveled a bit further to play against University of California in Australia?

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### **Mike's Rambling Corner**

**Ala Moana Center.** Ala Moana Center plans to add another collection of dining establishments at Hawaii's largest shopping mall this month with the opening of what it is calling The Lanai @ Ala Moana. Ten restaurants will move into part of where Shirokiya used to be at the mall's Diamond Head end, creating a "chic" food hall with outside seating sprinkled over what largely used to be a walkway between Macy's and Shirokiya on the mall's main level. Seven restaurants will be part of the food hall: Ahi & Vegetable, Da Spot, HiTEA Cafe, Ike's Place, Mahaloa Burger, Sobaya and Teppanyaki Farmer. A bar called Agave & Vine, a Japanese--style bakery and cafe called BRUG and the shave ice shop Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha also plan to open at The Lanai. Total inside and outside seating will accommodate up to 450 customers. The opening is scheduled for Oct. 27, 2017.

**Craziest Foot Race in U.S.** The highest and lowest elevations in the contiguous U.S. is located in California. The highest point is Mount Whitney at 14,505 feet and the lowest is Death Valley at 282 feet below sea level. Death Valley is one of the hottest places on earth and can reach temperatures of over 130 degrees. This may sound crazy but there is an annual ultramarathon race in July from Death Valley to the Mount Whitney portal where racers travel over 135 road miles hoping to complete this foot race in under 48 hours. The record is under 22 hours for men and under 26 hours for women. In case you are wondering, Mauna Kea (Hawaii) is 13,800 feet high, while Alaska's Denali, once called Mount McKinley, is the tallest mountain in North America, at 20,310 feet. Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, is 29,035 feet above sea level.

**June Jones.** Former University of Hawaii football coach **June Jones** is now the head coach of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, the Canadian Football League team announced. **Jones** joined the Tiger-Cats as assistant head coach on Aug. 2, 2017. He was appointed Hamilton head coach by vice president of football operations **Kent Austin**, who stepped down as head coach with the Tiger-Cats in the midst of an 0-8 start. Best of luck in **June Jones**!

**Honolulu High School Football.** In a game played last month, McKinley High School starting Quarterback, **Alexandria Buchanan**, became the first female to throw a TD pass in a Hawaii high school football game and made the top plays segment of ESPN's SportsCenter that week. **Buchanan** is a sophomore and started in a 27-26 loss to Kalaheo and finished 7-for-16 for 135 yards with the one TD. I look back on my sophomore year in high school when a classmate persuaded me to try out for the school's (St Louis) JV football team. At the first day of tryout, over 100 enthusiastic boys were there. I was small, slow, untalented but gave it my best. At the end of the first day, about half the kids were dropped, including my friend and me. The coach thanked us for trying out and bade us the best of luck in other endeavors. I could not blame genetics for not making the team since my older brother played football, basketball, and baseball for Farrington High School. In addition, my two sons were high school athletes at Camarillo High School and they both were on the U.S. National Field Hockey Team. As for me, I was destined to be at the sidelines.