

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakokua.com. Merry Christmas!!!

Next Club Activity. (a) The next club function will be our Christmas potluck to be held on **December 9, starting at 1:00 at Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Church. (3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, 93003).** **Maria Cruz**, has volunteered to bake the ham. The rest of us should bring potluck dishes to go with the ham. For the program we will have “Christmas Sing-A-Long” led by **Kaimana Pendergrass**. Bring along your singing voices and ukes, guitar, etc. and let’s have a great time. We will also have a voluntary gift exchange costing no more than \$15. All members bringing a wrapped gift will participate in drawing to take home a gift. Members’ children under the age of 18 will be given a gift. (b) Door prizes will be available to members in attendance at the potluck. (c) Tentative future club events:

December 9. Christmas potluck with ham at OLA Church. Xmas “Sing-a-Long” and voluntary gift exchange (no more than \$15)

January 13. Tentative potluck at OLA Church.

February 10. Tentative potluck at OLA Church.

Past Meetings. (a) Last month’s potluck Thanksgiving meeting held on November 11 was very interesting with a lot of ono food brought by members. A special mahalo goes to **Vince and Maria Cruz** for roasting the turkey and doing the program. They, along with their “son” **Kevin**, did an outstanding job. We found out a lot of things about all three of them who come from completely different backgrounds. Each of them presented a very interesting talk about themselves. **Vince** grew up speaking Chamorro as his first language in Guam and Micronesian islands, **Maria** spoke Spanish in Southern California, while **Kevin** spoke Mandarin in China. This was such an interesting program that we are looking for suggestions for future programs. Seriously, prioritize 3 ideas for programs, and please pass them on to me or any other board member by email or telephone call. Pick from the following programs or come up with new ideas: train ride to Chinatown (LA), trip to Las Vegas, picnic, camping, boat ride to the Channel Islands, bingo/casino, teach/learn about PC or cell phone, Arts and Craft, members talking about their hobbies/interests/life, cooking demonstration, trip to Chumash Casino, talk on Hawaiian culture or any other culture, plant exchanges, etc. Please prioritize 3 – 5 ideas and pass them on. (b) Twenty-two people attended last month’s potluck and there were six winners in the scratcher games but no one won the “big” one.

Membership. (a) **Ron Wong** is still collecting dues for this fiscal year – Oct thru Sept. Dues are \$20 for couple/family and \$15 for single. This is such a deal that you can make back your dues by attending the Installation luncheon where the tab is picked up by the Club. You can mail the dues to 392 Tulane Ave, Ventura, CA 93003. (b) I found out recently that **Harvard and Helen Horiuchi** donated the BBQ chicken served at the Mini-Luau. Mahalo for your generosity! (c) The club has donated \$200 to Our Lady of Assumption Church for their continued support and will donate \$100 to the Bellringers.

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Andy Rooney’s Sayings: (Repeat)

I've learned.... That:

- the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- when you're in love, it shows.
- just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- being kind is more important than being right.
- you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- money doesn't buy class.
- it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- love, not time, heals all wounds.
- the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

- when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.