

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Club Activity.** (a) The March 10th potluck will be held in the Youth Building starting from 1 pm. The program will feature **Jerry Matsukado** educating us about the electric car. There is tremendous interest in electric cars now because of the rising cost of gasoline and the concern for the environment. California's Governor **Brown** outlined a \$2.5 billion plan to help Californians buy electric vehicles and expand a network of charging stations as part of a goal of getting 5 million zero-emission cars on the road by 2030. **Brown's** plan would extend subsidies to help people buy emission free vehicles. **Jerry** has owned his electric Tesla car for 4 years and it would be interesting to hear what he has to say about the car. (b) Tentative future club events:

**March 10.** **Jerry Matsukado** discussion of electric car.

**April 14.** Tentative picnic

**May 14.** Tentative bingo.

**Past Meetings.** (a) A big mahalo to **Ray & Connie Louie** for teaching us how to crochet zorris (slippers) at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were 21 attendees at the potluck, all enjoying the wonderful spread of ono food and the **Louies'** presentation. The **Louies** later invited members to a continental breakfast at their home on February 17 to be followed by a trip to the Chinese New Year Festival at The Huntington Library in San Marino. Thank you **Ray & Connie**.

**Membership News.** Kung Hee Fat Choy! Happy Chinese New Year! The lunar new year started on February 16, the Year of the Dog. The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens located in San Marino celebrated the new year with a festival on February 17 and 18. **Ray & Connie** are patron members of the Library and invited club members to be their guests at this festival on Saturday (February 17). Five members (**Mario & Leandra Castroni, Darrin Ching, and Kay & Mike Nakamura**) took advantage of their offer. Not only did we get into the Library free, but they cooked us a delicious breakfast which included ham, omelet, bacon, sausage, croissant, toast, hash brown, orange juice, coffee, and tea. The entry fee to the Library for seniors would have been \$24 for each of us. The festival included Lion Dance, Martial Arts, Chinese Music, Dancing, Mask-Changing, and Finger-Painting. After the festival the seven of us went to the Oak Tree Inn and had a delicious 7 course Chinese meal. What a great way to spend a beautiful Saturday with wonderful friends. Again, thank you very, very much **Ray and Connie**.

**Hawaii News.** (a) Hawaii native **Bruno Mars** went 6-for-6 at the Grammys in January, winning all of the awards he was nominated for with his energetic and upbeat 90s-inspired R&B album. **Mars** won album of the year for "24K Magic," record of the year for the title track, and song of the year for the No. 1 hit, "That's What I Like," at Madison Square Garden in New York City. (b) The 2016 Hawaiian animated movie "Moana" starring the voice of **Dwayne "Rock" Johnson** has been translated into 45 languages. Now the movie is being translated into Hawaiian. The teenage voice star of the movie, local girl **Auli'i Cravalho** will star in a TV series "Rise" on NBC starting this month. Really nice to see local talents making it on the national scene in sports, singing, and movies. Did I mention that **Rock Johnson** is originally from Hawaii? (c) When **Marcus Mariota** (QB for Tennessee Titans) was being interviewed in Boston on his views of the upcoming Super Bowl, he talked about his favorite dish from Hawaii – Spam Musubi. Everybody from Hawaii knows about this dish. This was a good

endorsement for Hormel, the maker of spam , whose headquarters is located 99 miles from the site of the 2018 Super Bowl Game in Minnesota.

**Hawaii Sports.** The University of Hawaii Men Volleyball team is ranked #3 in the country with a 8-1 record. The only loss so far was to #2 UCLA. Go Bows!

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

**1. 2018 Winter Olympics.** Many of us have been watching the Olympic Games that were held in PyeongChang, South Korea in February. The Winter Olympics are held every 4 years and the next Winter Olympics will be hosted in Beijing, China in 2022. The Olympic flag contains five interconnected rings on a white background. The five rings symbolize the five significant continents and are interconnected to symbolize the friendship to be gained from these international competitions. The rings are blue, yellow, black, green, and red. The colors were chosen because at least one of them appeared on the flag of every country in the world. The recent games were held from February 8 through the 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 244 athletes from the U.S. but none came from Hawaii. After the games are finished, the Paralympics will be held at the same venue from March 9 -18. Paralympic athletes have physical disabilities (such as loss of a limb). Many of the events will be shown on TV. I love listening to the stories behind these athletes. The 2020 Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo, Japan from July 24 to August 9, 2020. How many of you remember that prior to 1994, the winter Olympic Games were held in the same year as the Summer Games? Since 1994 they are held 2 years apart.

### **2. THOUGHTS AS WE ENTER A NEW YEAR**

**Steve Jobs**, the CEO of Apple, died a billionaire. Here are some of his last thoughts and words:

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I have become accustomed to. At this moment, I am on my sick bed and recalling my life. I realize that all of the **recognition and wealth in which I took so much pride have become meaningless** in the face of my impending death.

You can employ someone to drive a car for you and to make money for you; but you cannot employ anyone to bear illness for you. Material things, when lost, can be found; but the **one thing that can never be found when it is lost is your health and eventually your life itself.** Whatever stage in life we are at currently, in time we all face that day when the curtain comes down. **Treasure love for your family,** love for your spouse and love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others.

**As we grow older, and hopefully wiser,** we slowly realize that wearing a \$3,000.00 or a \$30.00 watch is not important. The time is the same. Whether we carry a \$300.00 or \$30.00 wallet/handbag, the contents are the same. Whether we drink a bottle of \$100 or \$10 wine, the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 sq. ft., the loneliness is the same. Whether you fly first class or economy if the plane goes down, you go down with it.

Therefore, **treasure your buddies, old friends, brothers and sisters.** Chat often, laugh, sing songs with them. Talk about north-south-east-west, or heaven & earth. That is true happiness."