

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakoua.com. HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

Next Club Activity. (a) Our next potluck luncheon will be bingo games to be conducted by **Ron Wong**. This event will be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church located at 3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, 93003 on May 12 from 1 – 4:30 pm. After the bingo games we will hold a general discussion about future programs for the club so come with some ideas. (b) Future club events:

May 12. Bingo

June 9. Tentative Okinawa Heritage & Culture Program

July 14. Open to Suggestion

Past Meetings. We enjoyed a wonderful picnic at the Camino Real Park in Ventura on April 14. The weather was terrific and we enjoyed a great spread of potluck dishes and the ono tri-tip cooked by **President Darrin Ching**. All the attendees brought delicious potluck dishes to share. **Treasurer Ron Wong** conducted games and members won \$36 in scratchers along with many goodies from **Ron's** bag. Mahalo also to **First Vice President Kaimana Pendergrass** for leading us in singing songs. Thanks to **Second Vice President Vince Cruz** for bringing the supplies, rice, drinks, etc. Thanks also to **Darrin** for bringing the tables and to **Ron** for bringing the tarp. There were 18 of us at the picnic and we had a lot of left over food to take home.

Membership News. (a) We have lost a long time member, **Ted Wakai**, on April 11. He was 93 years old. He has done so much for our organization, including doing magic acts, playing/singing songs, taking us as to the Magic Castle in Hollywood, etc. His Memorial Service will be held on May 11, starting at 4 pm at St Paul's United Methodist Church, 1800 South C Street, Oxnard 93033. (b) **Maria & Vince Cruz's** daughter, **Stephanie Shelby Cruz** will be graduating on May 12th from the University of Hawaii. Her major is Business Administration, focused on International Marketing. She plans to come back home to start with real estate. Her big dream is to own her own business someday. (c) **Chris Louie**, son of **Connie & Ray Louie** ran the Boston Marathon (26 mile) on April 16. In order to participate in this event, one must meet certain qualifying standards. Knowing that **Chris** qualified would certainly make his parents proud. However, he actually ran 4 marathons in 4 states in 10 days. His last marathon was in the cold, windy, and rainy Boston. This is a super human effort. I have met **Chris** 3 times, maybe next time I will ask him for his autograph. (d) On April 5 **Kay and Mike Nakamura** welcomed a new grand daughter (**Diana Kimiko Nakamura**).

Hawaii News. (a) The 2018 Santa Clarita Valley Pacific Islander Festival will be held at the **William S. Hart Regional Park**, 24151 Newhall Avenue, Newhall, CA 91321 on May 5 and 6. Admission is free. Lots of vendors (food, arts and crafts, clothing) and entertainment. The Ukulele Club of Ventura County under the direction of **Kaimana** will be performing on Saturday, May 5 shortly after the opening ceremonies at 10 am. (b) The Northridge Hoolaulea will be held from June 2 – 3, 10 am till 6 pm at the Northridge Park located at 10058 Reseda Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325. There will be live music, dancing, Polynesian groups, food, and vendors. (c) **Andy Bumatai**, a Hawaiian Comedian, will be performing at the Camarillo Airport Freedom Center and Park (515 Eubanks) Camarillo, CA 93010 on June 9th from 7 pm to 10 pm. **Kanaka Brown** will be the MC. A portion of the proceeds will go to Hālau Hula O Pualanina 'auali'ioha of Camarillo (**Kumu Rona Koe**). Members of this hula halau

will also be performing that night. You can purchase your tickets at: www.andybumatai.com. I already bought mine. **(d) Daniel Akaka**, first U.S. Senator born of Hawaiian ancestry, died at age 93 on April 6. He served in the U.S. Senate from 1990 to 2013. **(e)** The University of Hawaii Men Volleyball team ended its season with a 19-8 record, finishing second in the Big West Conference under **Head Coach Charlie Wade**. **(f)** Hanalei, Kauai, suffered a record breaking rainfall in April. More than 28 inches of rain fell during a 24 hour period on Hanalei, **Kaimana Pendergrass'** hometown. **Governor Ige** declared it a disaster area and the state will provide funds. **(g)** Former Kapolei quarterback **Taulia Tagovailoa**, the younger brother of Alabama quarterback **Tua Tagovailoa**, has committed to play for Alabama after he graduates from high school next year.

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Mike's Rambling Corner.

Strawberry Festival. The 35th Annual California Strawberry Festival will be held on May 19 and 20, 10 am – 6:30 pm at Strawberry Meadow of College Par, 3250 S. Rose Ave., Oxnard. There will be many exhibits and food booths. There will puppet and magic shows, live animal acts, games for all ages, Strawberry Pie Eating, etc. There will be 3 stages for different performances. Tickets: general \$12, Seniors \$8, Children \$5. Free shuttle at Oxnard Transportation Center.

Solar Panel. The cost for installing solar panel has been going down. The question now is, would it be financial feasible to install it with all the government subsidy and tax credits? I was first introduced to solar panel many years ago by **Kats Nishimura**. After he installed one he took me to the side of his house and showed me his meter that should electrical consumption. He asked me if I could see anything different about it. I could not. Then he explained to me that the dial was moving in the opposite direction indicating that his house was consuming negative electrical wattage. **Kats** former house in Ventura hills was sold about 2 years ago. Earlier in April, after the Thomas fire, I drove by **Kat's** former neighborhood and saw quite a number of houses that burned. Seemed that the fire hopped scotched about the neighborhood but **Kat's** former home was still standing.

Royal Palace. Which U.S. State has a royal palace? Of course the answer is Hawaii. In 1882 **King Kalakaua** and his wife **Queen Kapiolani** built the palace. The King's sister, **Queen Liliuokalani** lived in Iolani Palace from 1891 until the United States overthrew the Hawaiian government in 1893. By the 1960s, the castle started to fall into disrepair, and Hawaii's capitol moved out of 'Iolani Palace and into a new building. Now the building's first two floors have been restored and are open for tours under a non-profit organization.

Shower in the morning or at night? There are basically two types of people in the world: Those who shower at night and those who shower in the morning. According to science, those who shower at night are doing it right. One study found that as far as sleep goes, night showerers might have a leg up. For the study, researchers recruited people and divided them into three sleep categories. The first group took a warm bath before bed, the second took a hot foot bath before bed, and the third did neither. The people who took a bath or a foot bath fell asleep faster, and reported better quality sleep.

Good Advice: **(a)** If you are going through hell, keep going.

(b) Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be Happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things not the price.