

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakoua.com. **HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!**

Next Club Activity. (a) At our next potluck luncheon there will be presentation, "Okinawa: Journey to My Hometown" by **Kay and Mike Nakamura**. Come and learn a little about this island. The potluck will be held at the Lady of Assumption Church located at 3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, 93003 on June 9 from 1 – 4:30 pm. (b) Future club events:

July 14. Program not yet confirmed

August. Potluck cancelled due to Ukulele group performing in Las Vegas

October. Annual Luau, stay tuned

Past Meetings. A potluck luncheon was held at the Lady of Assumption Church. Attendees at the luncheon discussed various programs for future potlucks.

Membership News. (a) Congratulation to **Lisa Zimmerman**. She works in Port Hueneme Naval Base where she won the 2018 Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) Western Region Civilian Award in the category of Outstanding Individual Leadership. **Lisa** accepted her award at a dinner at the Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington, VA on May 17. **Elaine Chao**, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, was the featured speaker at the dinner. **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, takes place in May every year. It celebrates the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. In addition to this award, **Lisa** was interviewed on Santa Barbara KEYT Channel 3 news reporter on May 7 and **Lisa** was seen on TV later that afternoon and evening. As a native Hawaiian with relatives on the Big Island, she was asked about the impact of the volcano eruption on her family. She did a great job on this interview especially on such short notice. She continues to impress me. (b) **Maria and Vince Cruz** attended their daughter's (**Stephanie**) graduation from the University of Hawaii in May. While in Honolulu, **Vince** performed at a Waikiki restaurant, playing his uke and singing a few songs. (c) **Connie and Ray Louie's** granddaughter (**Alexis**) graduated from a medical school in Chicago in May and will do her internship/residency at the University of Texas – Dallas Medical School. (d) The memorial service for long time member, **Ted Wakai**, was held on May 11 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. **Darrin Ching** and **Mike Nakamura** served as honorary pallbearers. **Ron Wong** presented the family with a \$100 check on behalf of the Club. (e) The wife of the late **Ben Wright**, one of the original founders of our Club, died on May 10. The Memorial Service for **Veronica Wright** will be held on Saturday June 16 at 11 am at the: Reardon Funeral Home, 511 N. "A" Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. A potluck reception will follow at 1 pm at the Moose Lodge #561, 1935 S. Oxnard Blvd., Oxnard, CA 93033.

Hawaii News. (a) Destructions in Hawaii. First there was all this rain on Kauai and Oahu in May, now there is the destructive volcano eruptions and earthquakes that have destroyed dozens of homes and displaced thousands of residents on the Big Island. North Carolina officials sent 10 emergency managers and fire service officials to work in Hawaii on the response to the erupting Kilauea volcano (gee, all the way from North Carolina!). The volcano goddess **Pele** must really be angry. **President Trump** has declared the volcano destructions a disaster so federal assistance will be provided. How big is the island of Hawaii (Big Island)? Nobody knows for sure because the lava flow keeps adding to the acreage. But the Big Island is bigger than the rest of the

Hawaiian Islands combined. It is even bigger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined. **(b)** Erosion at Hawaii's beaches is making headlines again after winter waves pounded the North Shore this year. Erosion behind a seawall has forced the removal of outdoor showers at Haleiwa Beach Park and sinkholes are undermining sidewalks and several other structures. 70 percent of Hawaii's shorelines are chronically eroding. Waikiki and the North Shore have experienced some of the most dramatic erosion over the past years.

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Mike's Rambling Corner.

Phone Calls. Effective June 2, all telephone calls must include the area code, preceded by "1" if using your home phone. Even if you are calling your next door neighbor, you got to use this new method. Emergency calls to "911" can still be dialed without the area code.

Vote – June 5. Tuesday, June 5th is the primary election day. Do your civic duty by voting for the candidate of your choice. I was surprised to see 27 candidates running for Governor of California. Equally surprising was the number of candidates for United States Senator – 32, including incumbent **Dianne Feinstein**. The General Election date is five months later on November 6.

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.

Andy Bumatai, a popular 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.

Long Beach Pacific Islander Festival. Festival to be held on June 2-3, 2018 at the Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA. \$30 aquarium admission (aquariumofpacific.org). This 15th Annual event invites the public to discover the rich and diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands. Experience traditional island music, dance, and cultural crafts. Enjoy hula, Tahitian drumming, and Hawaiian games.

2018 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards. This awards presentation was held on May 19 and is the premier music awards in Hawaii, and is Hawaii's equivalent of the Grammy Awards. "Nā Hōkū Hanohano" means "Stars of Distinction" in Hawaiian. Kapena won Hokus for album of the year for "Palena 'Ole," as well as for group of the year, contemporary album of the year and music video of the year. Ukulele album: "Ukulele Friends: The Sequel," **Bryan Tolentino & Herb Ohta Jr.** Favorite entertainer: **John Valentine**. Female vocalist: **Kimie Miner**, "Proud As the Sun." Male vocalist: **Kamaka Kukona**, "Ala Anuheā" Most promising artist: **Leipono**, "Ku'u Pualei."

New Word? Many years ago the word "vog" was coined in Hawaii to mean volcano fog. Now there is the word "laze" short to mean lava haze, caused when hazardous condition results from hot lava coming into contact with cold seawater, producing a dense white plume of steam laced with hydrochloric acid and glass particles.