

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Club Activity.** (a) Our next club function will be our annual Mini-Luau to be held on **October 13, starting at noon to be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church located at 3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, 93003.** This event is being chaired by **Kaimana Pendergrass.** Only limited number of tickets are available for members, family and friends. Please note that tickets should be available only to members, family and friends only – not to be sold to the general public. Most of the tickets have already been handed out so if you need tickets contact **Ron Wong** at (805) 642-1328 or at 392 Tulane Ave, Ventura, CA 93003. If you have unsold tickets in your possession, please return them to **Ron** for redistribution. Costs for tickets are \$10 for members, \$20 for friends, and \$5 for children 12 and under. When you sell a ticket, please circle the amount the ticket was sold for, i.e. \$20, \$10, or \$5. Also, print attendees name on the back of the ticket for a chance at the door prizes. (b) Future club events:

**November 10.** Tentative Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon at OLA

**December 8.** Tentative Christmas Potluck Luncheon at OLA

**January 12.** Tentative Potluck Luncheon at OLA

**Past Meetings.** The Installation Luncheon was held at Fuji Buffet in Oxnard on September 8. We elected officers for the fiscal year October 2018 thru September 2019. Officers for next year are: President: **Darrin Ching**; First Vice President **Kaimana Pendergrass**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: **Vince Cruz**; Treasurer: **Ron Wong**; Recording Secretary: **Arlene Fraser**; and Corresponding Secretary: **Mike Nakamura.** All the officers held the same position last fiscal year. Mahalo to all the officers for your dedication. All the member attendees enjoyed a free buffet lunch.

**Membership News.** Dues are being collected by **Ron** for this new fiscal year. Dues are \$20 for family and \$15 for singles. Checks should be made payable to "Hui Lima Kokua."

**Hawaiiana News.** (a) The Channel islands National Park Service (NPS) recently found out the Hikianalia, the sister ship of the Hokulea, will be visiting Ventura and then Channel Islands Harbor on Oct. 6th-10th. The plan for the arrival is on Saturday, Oct 6th around 2 pm. These ships are replicas of the original ships that brought the first Polynesians to Hawaii, using traditional navigational equipment and are therefore important part of the Hawaiian culture. Hokuloa OCC, the outrigger canoe club, will paddle out and meet them outside the harbor then escort them into the harbor. They will dock and then proceed to a welcome ceremony in the Ventura Harbor Village area. The NPS would like to get as many people, organizations and clubs from the community to join in. The NPS would like to provide a potluck around 4-5 pm for the crew and all involved in this event. Nothing definite at this time. (b) The Honolulu Little League Baseball Team won the World Series Championship by beating South Korea in August. A parade was held for the team and the members were recognized at the UH Football game played on September 8. The team members showed great sportsmanship during the Baseball Tournament and truly displayed "Aloha Spirit." (c) Hawaii is the happiest state in the nation, according to a ranking released by WalletHub. Besides having a low percentage of depressed adults and a low suicide rate when compared to other states, Hawaii ranked highly in emotional and physical health. The study compared 31 key indicators of happiness in each of the 50 states, including depression rates, income growth and sports participation. Several dimensions were considered, including emotional and

physical well-being, work environment and the community. Utah ranked No. 2 on the list, followed by Minnesota at No. 3, North Dakota at No. 4, and California at No. 5. The least happy states were Oklahoma (No. 46), Alaska (No. 47), Louisiana (No. 48), Arkansas (No. 49) and West Virginia (No. 50). (d) UH Football is on a roll with a 3-1 record. We have won all 3 of our home games and lost to Army in an "away" game by one touchdown. Who would have expected such a start? Go Warriors!

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

**Presidents of the U.S.** Who do you think is considered the best president in American history? Well a team of experts was recently commissioned by C-SPAN to answer that question definitively and the results are fascinating. They ranked each president according to a number of different factors such as public persuasion, crisis leadership, international relations, and vision while in office. Because of the recent news of the current President, I thought I would share the list of the top 15 best presidents below. For your information, **President Trump** was not considered.

1. **Abraham Lincoln** (16<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.) (Republican)
2. **George Washington** (1<sup>st</sup> President) (Unaffiliated)
3. **Franklin D. Roosevelt** (32<sup>nd</sup> President) (Democrat)
4. **Theodore Roosevelt** (26<sup>th</sup> President) (Republican)
5. **Dwight Eisenhower** (34<sup>th</sup> President) (Republican)
6. **Harry Truman** (33<sup>rd</sup> President) (Democrat)
7. **Thomas Jefferson** (3<sup>rd</sup> President) (Democrat-Republican)
8. **John F. Kennedy** (35<sup>th</sup> President) (Democrat)
9. **Ronald Reagan** (40<sup>th</sup> President) (Republican)
10. **Lyndon B. Johnson** (36<sup>th</sup> President) (Democrat)
11. **Woodrow Wilson** (28<sup>th</sup> President) (Democrat)
12. **Barack Obama** (44<sup>th</sup> President) (Democrat)
13. **James Monroe** (5<sup>th</sup> President) (Democrat-Republican)
14. **James Polk** (11<sup>th</sup> President) (Democrat)
15. **William Clinton** (42<sup>nd</sup> President) (Democrat)

**California State Sport.** California's official state sport is SURFING. Gov. Jerry Brown on Aug 20 signed a bill which establishes surfing as California's state sport. Surfing is an iconic part of California's culture with around 1,100 miles of coastline. Out of curiosity I researched Hawaii's state sport and found that surfing was designated the state's official individual sport in 1998 and outrigger canoe paddling was adopted as Hawaii's official team sport in 1986. What state has the longest coast line? Answer: Alaska, followed by Florida, California, and Hawaii. What country has the longest coastline? Answer: Canada, followed by Indonesia, Greenland, and Russia.

**Is Hawaii Business Friendly?** Heck no! A recent survey by Thumbtack, an online service company that connects businesses with local professionals surveyed small business owners across the country asking questions in eight categories relating to business friendliness. The results help reveal why it is difficult to maintain an investment property that provides a consistent rate of return. Honolulu ranked 56<sup>th</sup> of 57 cities and the state of Hawaii ranked 49<sup>th</sup> of 50 states in terms of business friendliness. Both Honolulu and the state of Hawaii received letter grades of "F" for licensing requirements, tax regulations, ease of hiring, and government websites. Hawaii joined Illinois as the only two states to fail the survey of small business owners.