

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Next Club Activity.** Our next club function will be a luncheon to be held at Hunan Garden, located at 1621 N. Oxnard Blvd, 93030 starting at 1:00 pm, January 12. Hunan Garden is a Chinese Restaurant and we will be seated in a private room so we can have a program. The lunch will be free for all paid up members. For the program we will ask new members to introduce themselves – where they came from, occupation, hobbies, Hawaii ties, etc. By the same token, we will ask the “old timers” to briefly do likewise. Interesting to find out why some of our members moved here.

**February 9.** Tentative Potluck.

**March 9.** Tentative Potluck.

**April 13.** Tentative Potluck.

**Past Meetings.** Last month’s Christmas Potluck Luncheon was a lot of fun. Mahalo to **Maria and Vince Cruz** for baking the ham. Thanks also to the rest of the attendees for bringing potluck dishes. Besides the ono kaukau, **Connie and Ray Louie** showed us how to make Chocolate Candy Sleds which we got to take home for decoration and consumption. This was a fun idea that can be used at other gatherings. Mahalo also to **Kaimana Pendergrass** for leading us on a sing-a-long of Christmas carols. Members brought ukuleles, guitars, ipus, jingles, their singing voices, and hula dancing skills. Mahalo to **Liz Awa** who volunteered to return a couple of tables used at our meeting place in the Youth Building to Hurley Hall the next morning.

**Membership News.** (a) 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.” New members are charged a one time initiation fee of \$10. Mail membership dues to **Ron Wong** at 392 Tulane Ave., Ventura, CA 93003. (b) A few more new members have joined our Club. First **Liz Awa** and her husband **John DuBose** have been approved for membership. They live in Oxnard. **Liz** loves to hula and here parents live in Kona, Hawaii. The other new member is **Al Beridon**. **Al** loves to play uke, tennis and collects stamps. He lives in Ventura. **Al** and I both worked at the YMCA across from Ala Moana Shopping Center on Atkinson Drive but not at the same time. I was a part time locker room attendant and **Al** was a camp counselor. (c) In the past two months we have added five families to our membership.

**Hawaii Sports.** (a) UH ended its football season on December 22 with a disappointing 14-31 loss to Louisiana Tech in the Hawaii Bowl at the Aloha Stadium in front of over 27,000 fans. The game was full of penalties but we ended the season with a 8-6 record. This is the first time in seven years that UH ended up with a winning record. (b) The 43 year old stadium is ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> worse college football stadium in the U.S. (ahead of Vanderbilt University). I read where it would take about \$423 million to renovate the existing stadium or about \$324 million to build a new one. Huh, did I read this wrong? (c) The UH Wahine volleyball team lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament and finished the season 18-9, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Big West Conference behind Cal Poly, and participated in their 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive NCAA tournament.

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

For the first time since statehood in 1959, Hawaii's population declined for two consecutive years with fewer births, more deaths and a greater number of residents moving to the mainland. The trend is alarming because without enough people economic growth could be affected. That is something significant because with fewer people it helps a little bit in the housing shortage, but there will definitely be less spending consumption and that will reduce economic growth. Because the U.S. economy in the last two years has been growing faster than in Hawaii, people are looking for more opportunities and a lower cost of living. Hawaii was one of only nine states with waning populations, the Census Bureau report shows. The others were Alaska, New York, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Wyoming and West Virginia.

At our next meeting it may interesting to find out the reason some of our members moved from Hawaii.

## **Hawaiian Pidgin English.**

Actual: Hello. I've been meaning to ask you, exactly how old are you?

Pidgin: Howzit. What year you grad?

Actual: Pardon me. Your actions make me seriously doubt your manhood.

Pidgin: Wot, Panty?

Actual: That is an excellent idea. I am in full concurrence with your plan. Let's do the deal.

Pidgin: Shoots!

Actual: Excuse me, you seem to be blocking my path of travel. Would you mind stepping to the side please?

Pidgin: Try move.

Actual: Please officer, I give you my word that I will no longer surpass the speed limit. I beg you not to write that ticket.

Pidgin: Eh, you know my uncle Danny yeah?

Actual: Say, could I have a bite of that?

Pidgin: I like!

Actual: All right, who took a big bite out of that cake I was saving for the party?

Pidgin: Eh, who wen cockroach my cake?!

Actual: Sounds like your boss is a real pain in the neck. I really empathize with your predicament.

Pidgin: Ass why hahd, Yeah?

Actual: After work I am going to eat.

Pidgin Pau hana and I go kau kau.

**U.S. Postal Stamps.** Don't forget to buy your first class stamps soon. The price will go up 5 cents effective January 27, from 50 cents to 55 cents, the biggest increase ever. Wow, and I remember when the stamps were 6 cents for many years.