

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Activity. (a) Our next club function will be a potluck to be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church stating at 1:00 pm, March 9. The program will be conducted by Lynette Inouye who will be talking about “How Christianity Came to Hawaii.” Thank you Lynette. Both Lynette and last month’s speaker, Reiko Rypfel, are brand new members. (c) Tentative future programs include:

April 13. Potluck Picnic at El Camino Park, Ventura

May 11. Tentative Potluck at OLA.

June 8. Potluck at OLA. Program **Connie & Ray Louie** on “Stock Market Trading”

Past Meetings. Last month’s Potluck included so much ono food, especially Chinese food to help celebrate the Chinese New Year. **Ray & Connie Louie** brought many types of Chinese dim sum dishes which are so popular in Hawaii along with the home-made lemon chiffon pie and special place mats. Of course everybody else brought a lot of food. We really had a feast. Mahalo to all. For the program **Reiko Ruppel** talked about the changes in the tax law. She did an outstanding job in her power point presentation. Lots of changes in the 2018 tax law. Mahalo for a job well done **Reiko**.

University of Hawaii Volleyball. (a) It is still early in the season but the UH Men Volleyball team has a 10-0 preseason record so far and has not even lost a set yet. The team is currently ranked number 2 in the nation behind Number 1 Long Beach State. Following Hawaii are 4 California teams: Number 3 is UC Irvine, number 4 is Pepperdine, number 5 is UC Santa Barbara, and number 6 is UCLA. (b) The UH Women Volleyball team already ended its season with an overall 18-9 record. The Wahines ended up in second place in the Big West Conference behind Cal Poly. Our season ended with a loss in the first round of the play-off to Baylor. The season ended pretty good but not to the standards posted by **Dave Shoji** when he was coaching the team.

Day light Savings. Daylight savings start on March 10 this year and ends on November 3 – so spring forward one hour. Being from Hawaii I knew nothing about Daylight Savings when I moved to California in 1968. After a little research, I found out that Daylight Savings in the U. S. started in 1966 but Hawaii and Arizona do not follow this practice. Daylight savings start on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November, covering a total of 34 weeks (238 days).

Global Warming? It hailed and snowed in some of the lower sections of Ventura County on February 21. This has been a cold winter so far and my gas bill (to warm up the house) has never been higher. But this past summer has never been hotter so I installed a centralized air conditioning system. With all the rain we have been having this season, I think that the 5 year drought is finally over. The weather is sure unpredictable. Just for the heck of it, I researched the 5 snowiest cities in the world. Here is the result: Number 5 were Syracuse City, U.S. and Quebec City, Canada tied averaging 124 inches of snow a year; Number 4 was St John’s, Canada averaging 131 inches of snow a year; Number 3 was Toyoma, Japan averaging 143 inches of snow a year; Number 2 was Sapporo, Japan averaging 191 inches of snow a year; and finally Number 1 was Aomori, Japan averaging 312 inches of snow a year.

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Mike's Rambling Corner

Ukulele. As interest in the ukulele soars across the country, the Aloha State is starting to make the perky little instrument available free to use through its public libraries. Patrons at Nanakuli and Waimanalo Public Libraries can borrow an ukulele with their library card just like they can check out books. The loaning program starts with a free introductory lesson. Kala Brand Music Co. donated enough ukulele to get the program rolling in several library branches — about a dozen per library — and more sponsors are being sought. Retail sales of ukulele in the United States have shot up 80 percent from 2013 to 2017, reaching 1.75 million units sold, according to the latest data from the National Association of Music Merchants. An honorary board member of Music for Life, **Jake Shimabukuro** is co-directing the ukulele-lending project. The colorful Waterman ukulele donated to local libraries by Kala Brand Music Co. are made of high-grade polycarbonate plastic so they are durable and water resistant. Each instrument comes with a tuner and a canvas drawstring backpack. The foundation will replace strings as needed.

Oahu High School Football. When Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959 there were 14 high schools on Oahu playing football - 4 private schools and 10 public schools. Can you (**Ron & Darrin**) name the 14 schools? When I last counted there are 23 public schools on Oahu playing football. Many of local football players are now going on to play at college and professional.

FIVE RULES TO REMEMBER IN LIFE:

1. Money cannot buy happiness - but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy - but remember the idiot's name.
3. If you help someone when they're in trouble - they will remember you when they're in trouble again.
4. Alcohol does not solve any problems - but then, neither does milk.
5. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.

Fortune cookie sayings:

He who throws dirt is losing ground.

You can always find happiness at work on Friday.

Do not mistake temptation for opportunity.

A woman who seeks to be equal with men lacks ambition. Ouch!!!

The greatest danger could be your stupidity.

He who laughs at himself never runs out of things to laugh at.

He who laughs last is laughing at you.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.

A cynic is only a frustrated optimist.

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind, and won't change the subject.

It doesn't matter. Who is without a flaw?

The world may be your oyster, but it doesn't mean you'll get its pearl.

Flattery will go far tonight.