

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakoua.com. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

Next Club Activity. (a) **Our next club function will be a 3-hour Island Packer boat ride on July 13 starting at 1:30 pm.** We will cruise the Channel Islands National Park without going ashore. It includes a narrated cruise along the rugged north shore of Anacapa or Santa Cruz Island. Bring a camera, binoculars, warm coat, hat, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, etc. Snacks may be purchased on the boat or bring your own. Highlights of the boat ride are sightings of sea lions, seals, island birds and other marine animals and birds. We will meet one hour before departure at the harbor located Island Packers office, in the same building as Moqueca Brazillian and Sea Fresh Restaurants which are located at 3550 or 3600 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard 93035 (close to the Whales Tail Restaurant). If you get lost, call **Ron Wong** on his cell phone (904) 501-0715. He will have his phone on that day. The cruise may get cancelled due to weather or ocean condition. (b) Tentative future programs include:

Aug 10. Potluck-meeting cancelled due to Ukulele group performing in Las Vegas.

Sep 14. Election of officers.

Oct 12. Hawaiian Culture Get Together Mini-Luau.

Past Potluck Luncheon. (a) Mahalo to **Connie & Ray Louie** for their interesting talk about “Stock Market Trading.” The talk was very interesting and included their personal experiences when they used a stock broker who charged too much before they decided to do it themselves. But they still use the services of a financial advisor. In honor of Fathers’ Day, all the men folks went through the ono kaukau line before the women. (b) During the 2nd half of the program **Liz Awa, Leah Kammeyer, Adele Kammeyer, Amy South, and Kay Nakamura** danced the hula while being accompanied by **Kaimana & Bill Pendergrass, Al Beridon, Max Hannum, and Mike Nakamura** on the ukulele.

September 14. Election and installation of officer at a yet to be determined restaurant. Please contact **Darrin Ching** at 388-1544 if you are interested in running for office next fiscal year (Oct-Sep).

Hawaiian Culture Get-Together. Our club has been having our annual “Mini-Luau” for many years now. But this year we will have a change by sponsoring a “Hawaiian Culture Get-Together Mini-Luau” on October 12. The Board hopes to get other Hawaiian Cultural groups to participate in this get-together. Other groups to include ukulele groups, hula groups, canoe club, etc. The plan is to sell tickets for box lunches. More details to follow.

New Members. Welcome to the club new member **Josh Smart**. Welcome back **Len and Paulette Peterson**.

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Mike’s Rambling Corner

Social Security Crisis. Next year, for the first time since 1982, the program must start drawing down its assets in order to pay retirees all of the benefits they have been promised, according to the latest government projections. Unless a political solution is reached, Social Security’s so-called trust funds are expected to be depleted within about 15 years. Then, something that has been unimaginable for

decades would be required under current law: Benefit checks for retirees would be cut by about 20 percent across the board. “Old people not getting the Social Security checks they have been promised? I don’t think it will really happen in the end this time, because it’s just too horrible,” said **Alicia Munnell**, the director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. “But action has to be taken to prevent it.”

Oahu’s Kailua Beach named best in America. Every year “Dr. Beach” selects the best beaches in the US. This year, Kailua Beach, which is located in the windward side of Oahu, was selected the best. Criteria used in evaluating beaches are water cleanliness, safety, and management of the beach environment and its facilities. Waikiki beach is more famous but Kailua is a lot smaller and quieter, without big high-rises (like a different world).

Proper Pidgin. A Hawaiian pidgin adjective for the phrase “messed up” has been recently listed in the Oxford English Dictionary. The word hammajang was added to the dictionary. Hammajang is defined as “in a disorderly or shambolic state.” Personally, I have never heard this word before. Maybe the word became popular after I left Hawaii 50+ years ago.

Upcoming Events:

- a. **4th of July Street Fair in Ventura.** From 10:00a.m. – 5 p.m. there will be 200 vendors selling arts & Craft, merchandise, food, and live entertainment in Downtown Cultural district. (PS for many years our Hui participated in this event as a fund raiser).
- b. **4th of July fireworks.** Fireworks will held at Ventura College, Camarillo, the Channel Islands Harbor, Ojai, Santa Paula, Conejo Recreation & Fair District, and Island Packers Firework Cruise.
- c. **Oxnard Buddhist Church Obon Festival.** July 13 from 1 – 8:30 pm see and experience exhibits, demonstrations, dances, cultural events, food, farmers market, etc. Free admission.
- d. **Ventura County Fair from July 31 till August 11.** The Ukulele Club of Ventura County under **Kaimana Pendergrass** will perform on August 6 (Senior Day). Free admission for seniors on August 6.
- e. **Camarillo Fiesta & Street Fair July 18-21.** Entertainment, vendor booths, beer & wine garden, carnival, kids zone, etc. To be held on Old Town Camarillo on Ventura Blvd.
- f. **Camarillo Summer Concert Series.** June 29, July 27, Aug 24, Sept 21. 7:30 pm. Free community concerts in the park. Held at Constitution Park, located at 601 Carmen Dr., Camarillo. Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.
- f. **Alondra Park Hoolaulea July 20-21.** The ho’olaule’a at Alondra Park in Lawndale, CA is held annually on the third weekend in July. Hosted by Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California (HICCS) it is the largest Hawaiian Festival in Southern California. Free Admission.
- g. **Jake Shimaburkuro at Ventura Theater.** Jake, ukulele virtuoso from Hawaii, will be performing at the Ventura Theater on July 9th.