

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakoua.com. **HAPPY FATHERS' DAY AND WELCOME SUMMER!**
COVID-19 rules are being relaxed but please be careful.

What Next? (a) June's potluck is cancelled regardless of the pandemic situation. (b) Future Potluck:

June: Cancelled.

July & August: To be determined by the Board (don't hold your breath).

Past Club Activity. Last month's (May) potluck was cancelled.

Membership News: (a) **Lynette Inouye** emailed me pictures of her beautiful flowers grown in her yard. Our last Hawaii Club potluck we had this year on February 8 was held at **Lynette's** house. At that time, many of us had the opportunity to look at her huge and beautiful yard and garden. The garden was filled with fruits, vegetables, flowers and trees. According to **Lynette** her husband, **Alan**, has the green thumb. During this COVID-19 time at home, she helps in the garden/yard by pulling weeds and other chores while awaiting the birth of her 10th grandchild due any day now. (b) Sorry to report that **Carl Garcia** died about a year ago. We just found out about it when his partner, **Beth Andaya**, called me in April. They have not attended a potluck in years but they have faithfully paid their dues every year. Our deepest condolences. The Hui sent a sympathy card along with a check for \$100 to **Beth**.

Sports. (a) During this most difficult time with hardly any sports being played, the National Football draft and the game schedule release were the most exciting events. For me personally, seeing **Tua Tagovailoa**, a quarterback, being picked number 5 by Miami Dolphins was fantastic. **Tua** graduated from St. Louis High School and went to University of Alabama. I was kinda wishing that he would have been the 6th draft choice and be picked up by the Los Angeles Chargers. He signed a contract worth over \$30M over 4 years. (b) **Cole McDonald**, a quarterback from University of Hawaii was selected as the 225th pick by the Tennessee Titans. **Cole** gave up his senior year at UH to enter the draft. Good luck **Cole**. Incidentally the Titans selected Hawaii's home grown **Marcus Mariota** (Heisman trophy winning quarterback and number 2 overall pick in the NFL draft 5 years ago). So, the Hawaii connection in Tennessee continues even though **Mariota** just transferred to the Las Vegas Raiders. There were a total of 255 players drafted this year.

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Mike's Rambling Corner

How did Pearl Harbor get its name. The harbor, which is home to the USS Arizona Memorial, was named for the pearl oysters that were abundant in the mudflats here through the 1800s, until development and pollution wiped them out. Last year, though, the U.S. Navy, in partnership with the University of Hawaii at Hilo, launched a project to bring back native species of oysters in an effort to improve water clarity and quality in the Pearl Harbor estuary. (The oysters are for conservation efforts only, not for consumption.). Historically, this area was known as Wai Momi, or "pearl waters."

How did Diamond Head get its name. The original Hawaiian name for Diamond Head was Leahi (tuna brow). In the 19th century British sailors discovered sparkling volcanic calcite crystals in the sand

by Diamond Head, mistaking them for diamonds. The Hawaiian name for Diamond is Kaimana and Hila means Hill. There is a popular Hawaiian song named “Kaimana Hila.”

How did Waikiki get its name. In Hawaiian Waikiki means sprouting fresh water. Up until late 1800s and early 1900s, Waikiki was a wetland caused by bubbling spring water where much of the hotels are currently located. Land and sand had to be imported to make Waikiki suitable for building hotels, stores, restaurants, etc. as we currently know the area. Ala Wai Canal was created in the 1920s to drain water from the rice paddies and swamp that would have flowed to Waikiki.

Merrie Monarch. This year’s (2020) Merrie Monarch Festival was cancelled. This festival is the most prestigious Hula Festival in the world. It is usually held in April in Hilo, Hawaii (Big Island). It started in 1964 and hotel reservations are often filled up as soon as they start taking reservations and tickets to the festival are difficult to get. Hula halaus have to be invited to participate in this annual event.

Hawaii Calls. Old buddy **Jimmy** emailed me an article written by **Bob Sigel** in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. The email was interesting but before I get into the article, a big mahalo to **Jimmy** for forwarding me emails (jokes, personal, Hawaii, etc.). **Jimmy** and I go way back, in fact he and I traveled to many cities in Japan in our single days in the 1960’s. He is now married, retired and lives in Hawaii. OK, back to the article about the **Webley Edwards** radio show (Hawaii Calls) that started in Hawaii in 1935 beneath the banyan tree at Moana Hotel in Wakiki and lasted for 40 years. **Edwards** would play beautiful Hawaiian music with the sound of the ocean waves lapping on the sand in the background. This radio broadcast would go around the world and he would encourage people to visit paradise. **Edwards** was responsible for bringing thousands of tourists to the islands. I personally always listened to this Hawaiian radio program before TV was introduced to Hawaii. This article brings back a lot of fond memories of the good old days.

Aloha Joe. The article about “Hawaii Calls” reminded me of **Aloha Joe** who currently broadcast Hawaiian music throughout the world. **Aloha Joe** lives in Southern California and I often listen to his program (alohajoe.com) on my ipad while I’m in the kitchen away from TV and my PC. His broadcast is 24/7. I have listened to **Aloha Joe** for the past 15 years, more now under the quarantined situation than before. During the earlier years he was assisted by **Maebelle Librando**, a good friend, who always invited our Ukulele Club of Ventura County (headed by **Kaimana Pendergrass**) to attend her Christmas potluck to perform with other Hawaiian groups in San Fernando Valley. **Aloha Joe** would be at these potlucks. These Christmas potlucks stopped shortly after **Maebelle** died 5 years ago. Anyway, I would suggest you listen to **Aloha Joe’s** broadcasts for Hawaiian music on Alohajoe.com.

Like Like Drive-Inn. This popular restaurant located on Keeaumoku St in Honolulu, a few blocks from the Ala Moana Shopping Center has permanently closed effective April 30 after 67 years due to the pandemic situation. It opened about 6 years before the Ala Moana Shopping Center was built in 1959. **Kay** and I would normally eat at the Like Like Drive-Inn on our visits to Honolulu since my sister lives a couple of blocks away. I loved their “Island” menu. So sad that this family owned restaurant for generations have to close and lose many faithful and loyal customers and staff members. Talking about casual island food in Honolulu, I personally like to eat at Zippy’s, Side Street Café, McDonald’s Breakfast (Portuguese sausage, spam, eggs, and rice), Rainbow Drive-In, Leonard’s Bakery (for malasadas), L & L Hawaiian BBQ, and Seven Eleven for their prepared musubi and bento box lunches.

Visiting Hawaii. All individuals, both residents and visitors, arriving or returning to the State of Hawaii are subject to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine. All arriving passengers are required to sign this order confirming they are aware of the 14-day quarantine and acknowledging they understand violating the order is a criminal offense, and subject to a \$5,000 fine and/or a year imprisonment.