

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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What Next? (a) July's potluck is canceled again. The Board decided not to risk the health and well being of members. Many of us are at the vulnerable age. (b) Future Potluck:

July: Canceled.

August & September: To be determined by the Board.

Past Club Activity. Last month's (June) potluck was canceled.

Membership News: (a) Since the Club has not been able to hold monthly potluck Luncheons and Programs the Board has decided to extend membership for all paid up members through next fiscal year. In other words no dues will be collected from existing members until October 2021. The next fiscal year runs from October 2020 to September 30, 2021. Thank you for your patience. Hang in there and be safe. (b) For this month's newsletter I had asked **Lynette Inouye**, our Hospitality Chairperson, to write an article for this newsletter. She has graciously accepted this task and her article is attached below for your enjoyment. Much mahalo for your contribution **Lynette**. Anyone else interested in contributing to the newsletter?

Hawaii News: Visitors to Hawaii through July 31 will still be quarantined for 14 days. Violators can be arrested.

Lynette Inouye:

Are you feeling you've had enough of this coronavirus aka covid 19 business? Whether you feel the need to be following all the guidelines coming down from Washington D. C. , Sacramento or Ventura County or believe that all of these precautions are ridiculous, I feel somewhere in-between. Yes, we do need to be cautious, but we don't need to be fearful or flippant.

There have been positive outcomes of this pandemic such as cleaner air, rivers, lakes and oceans. Our natural world has become a better place where wildlife has been able to live and reproduce without fear of human encroachment. Families isolated, but together in the same home, are spending more time talking, communicating and doing things together which they never had time for before. Personally, my husband and I are spending more

time together in our garden. It's his hobby, but not mine. Normally, I would be doing my own thing, going out to the gym three, four times a week, playing music at a care home, jamming with friends on the ukulele, and being involved in church activities during the week as well as on Sundays.

As hospitality chairperson, I sent some "how are you doing" notes some weeks ago, and I surprisingly got several responses back in slow mail (postal service) as well as email. One of the responders was Connie, who I have gotten to know much better as we've been communicating through email and good, old-fashioned phone calling. It's been fun to hear her stories of traveling around the world with Ray. I don't think I would have gotten to know her as well as I do now, if it hadn't been for this pandemic.

Besides doing more gardening, I've been going through old photos which were still in shoe boxes. Slowly, these photos, some literally 50 years old or more, are getting into albums. My tech smart adult kids are telling me it's a waste of time, and I should scan them and save them on a disc. Sorry, but I'm old school. I'll do it my way, and when I die, THEY can do the scanning and toss the photos. Besides, I've been mailing some of the pictures to family members and friends who have responded gratefully with words like, "Wow, I was so young and cute!" and "I've never seen this picture before and don't even remember when it was taken."

Being together almost 24/7 with family, however, has had its drawbacks. We get upset with each other more easily, unkind words fly back and forth and can't be taken back. I won't share the negative side of being hunkered down with people under stress, people of all ages with thwarted plans, not able to take that long-awaited cruise or trip, cancelled graduation ceremonies, postponed weddings, and the list goes on. Can any of you relate to any of this? The next time we meet, and only God knows when, let's share some of the ways you spent in these months of isolation. One of these days we may look back and laugh, but for now let's just be grateful that most of us are still safe and healthy. Let's trust those closest to us with gentleness and kindness.

Aloha kakou (May there be friendship between us),

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