

“Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family ”

Thank you to Lynette Inouye for sharing her life story last month and volunteering to serve as Corresponding Secretary for our Hawaii Club. It was many years ago, when our paths crossed at Robert Louis Stevenson Intermediate School in Honolulu. Our lives have connected as Club members and friends. Writing this article brought back many memories and I am sharing a few highlights about my life. Hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time. Take Care!

My life began on August 7, 1946 on the island of Kauai, “the Garden Island”. My parents are second generation and they were born in Hawaii. My grandparents came from Okinawa and they accepted Hawaii as their new homeland. I’m super thankful, Hawaii is my birthplace.

I enjoyed living on a pineapple farm on Kauai until age twelve. The economy with the pineapple cannery closing made my parents decide to move to Honolulu and find new jobs to support their young family. I am the oldest of nine children. Most of our relatives were restaurant owners. When my parents were not working for others, they worked in their own restaurants: Manoa Grill and later, opened Miyako’s at Ala Moana Shopping Center. Currently, my nephew owns Asato Family Shop and serves “Local Kine Sherbert”, go to Instagram to see his flavors.

My senior year in high school, I worked as a cashier at Foodland Supermarket at Ala Moana Shopping Center. It was part of my Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) class. I was offered a job after graduation to continue as a full time cashier. I accepted to work for six months, to save my earnings to attend college out-of-state. I decided to attend San Jose City College in California where I earned my Associate of Arts Degree in Business. I continued my college education at San Jose State University and received my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. During my college years, I worked at various jobs, including as a maid, to pay for my tuition. I attended Oriental Missionary Society Christian Church in Campbell, CA.

My first husband was from the big island and our son, Patrick Nakata, was born in San Jose. My first marriage ended in divorce after 10 years and I moved with Patrick to Oxnard, California to start my life as a single parent. I found a job at the County of Ventura as Microfilm Technician and later as Engineering Technician where I met Tom Fraser, my current husband. We were married in 1984 and our residence is at Silverstrand Beach, next to Channel Islands Harbor. Tom is a retired U.S. Navy Seabee. I was employed by Wallenius Wilhelmsen (RO-RO shipping vessel) in Port Hueneme for 11 years.

I love the wonderful times my parents and grandparents shared with us year-round, and especially during the holidays. Their love of family and their community involvements, inspired me to keep my life filled with service to others and helping make my community a better place. I have stepped outside of my comfort zone to get involved and make a difference in people’s lives.

I am running for Harbor Commissioner for the Oxnard Harbor District on the November 3, 2020 election. I was elected and served as Harbor Commissioner, 2013 to 2016; served as an officer on many boards for: school district education foundation, museum, library, and Chamber of Commerce. Currently I serve on the following organizations: Our Saviour’s Evangelical Lutheran Church Council, Navy League of the United States-Channel Islands Council, and Hui Lima Kokua/Hawaii Club. I am grateful to everyone who has touched my life with meaning and purpose. Look forward to hearing your story and your goals. Enjoy your life! Jesus loves you!

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HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Aloha everyone,

I hope you are all doing well with everything that is happening these days. I would like to welcome you to our new year for the Hui Lima Kokua. Since we were not able to have elections, the current board will stay on in their current positions until we are able to have an election. Something like the virus was never imagined by the founders of the club. This means that our elections are only done in person. We do not have a way to have elections by mail or other means in the by-laws. This is something we can discuss later.

Hopefully by next year, there will be a vaccine soon and we will be able to continue our meetings.

Until we meet again, keep healthy.

Darrin Ching
President, Hui Lima Kokua

BOARD MEMBERS (and years of service)

President: Darrin Ching (14 years)

1st Vice-President: Kaimana Pendergrass (13 years)

2nd VP: Vacant

Treasurer: Ron Wong (40+ years, retiring)

Incoming Treasurer: Mike Nakamura

Recording Secretary: Arlene Fraser (8 years)

Corresponding Secretary: Mike Nakamura (30 years, retiring); Lynette Inouye

Advisor: Tom Fraser (1 year)

