

# HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB

## MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

Lohi ( Belated) Hau'oli la Hanau to Al Beridon whose birthday was February 26 and to Adele Kammeyer whose birthday was the 29<sup>th</sup>. She's a leap year baby, so maybe she celebrates her birthday March 1. March 8 is Mike Nakamura's special day. Hau'oli la Hanau, Mike and Adele!

Club members, if your birthday was over-looked in our newsletters, it's because not many of you responded when I asked you to email me that information. The following birthdays are the only ones I know: February 8, 26, 29; March 8; June 18, 23; August 7, 30 and September 28.

It's been over two years since we've met as a club. Hopefully, we'll be able to meet in person soon. If anyone knows of a site where we can gather regularly, please let us know. Also, be thinking of friends and family members who may be interested in joining us. Being from Hawaii or having roots there is not a prerequisite. Just an interest in Hawaii is good enough.

Hawaii is a mixture of many ethnicities and cultures. St. Patrick's Day is on March 17. My family of origin always had corned beef and cabbage on St. Paddie's Day, but in Hawaii we had canned corned beef of which I was never a fan. One of my good friends since second grade mentioned with delight that her family was having corned beef and cabbage for dinner. Silently, I was thinking, "What's so good about that?" I was first introduced to the real thing at my boyfriend's (now husband's) home in Pauoa Valley when we were in high school. I did enjoy eating real corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots with mustard and of course, rice. And our family of four children, all married, and ten grandchildren who all live nearby, continues to celebrate the occasion with corned beef and cabbage – and rice.

## HAU'OLI HAIPU'LE PAKA LA

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Greetings!

My name is Candis Carlyle-Robinson, I am the granddaughter of Galicano "Dick" Varde and James Carlyle Sr, original members and founders of Hui Lima Kokua. If February's news letter has not been submitted yet, I would like to submit a piece in honor of my grandfather, Dick Varde's birthday. His birthday is February 16, 1934. He would be 88 years old this month but he has passed on to that grand luau in the sky ;o) (May 8, 2004). I understand it may be too late to submit an article, as it is the first of February. Please let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Hui Lima Kokua of Ventura County, established in August 1962, and incorporated December 12, 1964.

This photo was taken during a Christmas party for the club. Far right side of the dinner table is my grandfather, James Carlyle Sr. (deceased). To his right is my grandmother, Myrna Loy Carlyle (deceased). To her right is my grandfather, Galicano "Dick" Varde (deceased). To his right is my grandmother, Hortencia "Tencha" Varde (living).



3rd person in the top row is my uncle, Harvey "Kai." Top row on the far right, I believe is John Bugado. 2nd person in the bottom row is my grandfather, Dick Varde.