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HUI LIMA KOKUA NEWSLETTER

Aloha hoapi’li (Hello friends),

It’s the end of August, end of summer, and beginning of September, a new school year. For most of us who are makule (old) and retired and pau hana already, no make much difference what time of year it is.

The last few days have been very exciting for Little League fans. The Honolulu, Hawaii, team defeated Tennessee to become the USA winners and on Sunday, August 28, this USA team became the World Series Little League champions by defeating Curacao 13-3 in Williamsport, PA. What fun it was to see and hear some of these 12 year old boys talk about their favorite foods: Spam musubi, saimin, loco moco. Can you imagine the reaction of some mainland and international viewers? “What the heck is that?!”

But more importantly, these youngsters are awesome team players. In various interviews with their coach, parents and players themselves, being a team and caring for each other was a common theme. Of course their skills as ball players are unsurpassed, thereby earning them the highest honor in the Little League world. This Hawaiian team’s record of 60 homeruns versus 5 runs during the playoffs, 3 of which was made by Curacao, is the best record in all of Little League history. The final score was 13-3, and ended at the 3rd inning since the Little League “mercy rule” states that if the winning team is ahead by 10 runs, the game ends.

Congratulations to the players: Cohen Sakamoto, Jaron Lancaster, Kama Angell, Ruston Hiyoto, Luke Hiromoto, Tau Purcell, Kobe Hino, Daly Watson, Jonnovyn Sniffen, Kekoa Payanal, Kaeo Nouchi, Esaiiah Wong, Mikah Noda and Brennan Tomas

And congrats to the coaches: Gerald Oda, Keith Oda and Louis Kato.

A belated Hauoli la Hanau to Aukake birthday people: Arlene Fraser, August 8; Ruth Betts, August 30; and Hauoli La Hanau to those who were born in Kepakemapa: Connie Louie, September 26 and yours truly, September 28.

Once again, if we have never acknowledged your special day, it's because not all have emailed or called me. So I know only a few of your birthdays.

The board is happy to announce that on October 8, 2022, we will meet in person for the first time at the Bonaventure, 10949 Telegraph Road, Ventura, 93004. We will meet in the recreation room, a separate small building from the main residence. We will begin at 11 am and end at 1 pm. Please bring a dish to share and an item from the past, whether it's from Hawaii or another state or country. Be prepared to share how you acquired it and any special meaning attached to it. It could be a photo, even a yearbook with your high school picture in it. I have a wooden hanger from a laundry and dry cleaning company that has a telephone number with just five digits.

We will also be holding elections for new officers. Currently, Darrin Ching is president, having held this position for 14 years. 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President posts are vacant; Treasurer, Mike Nakamura, volunteered for this position two and a half years ago when Ron Wong retired after serving for 40 years or more. Mike served as Corresponding Secretary for decades also, but when he took Ron's place as treasurer, Lynette Inouye volunteered to become corresponding secretary. Prior to becoming corresponding secretary in 2020, she volunteered to be Aloha Chairperson. That position was vacant until just a few months ago when Leandra Castroni offered to fill it. Recording Secretary Arlene Fraser has held this spot for many years. Adviser is Tom Fraser.

Please ponder over potential new officers, including yourself. Being actively involved makes being part of Hui Lima Kokua a lot more meaningful and fun.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on October 8th! E hele mai! (Come!)

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