

# Hui Lima Kokua Hawaii Club Newsletter

## October 2022

**Website:** [www.huilimakokua.com](http://www.huilimakokua.com).

**What's Next:** Our next general membership get together will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Club House of The Bonaventure located at 10949 Telegraph Road, Ventura 93004. This facility is located at the corner of Telegraph and Wells Road. The Bonaventure is a senior living facility. The main building is where the residents live and the Clubhouse is a separate building located closer to the corner of Telegraph and Wells. After you find a parking space in the main parking area, walk through the main entrance to the main building and head straight out the back door towards the Clubhouse. Suggest you get an early start until you get familiar with this place which will be our "home" for now. Thanks to **Lynette Inouye** for finding this place. In return for the use of this facility, the Hui will be providing occasional entertainment to the residents. For the meal we will have club-furnished Q&Q Chicken plate for members. Non members will be charged \$10 a plate. This is not a potluck. But you have to RSVP to **Mike Nakamura**, phone and email address below, by October 1. Bring your own non alcoholic drink. At this gathering we will discuss volunteering for office and future programs. If time permits we can discuss individual happenings as mentioned in the previous newsletter so we can get reacquainted.

**Lynette** has resigned as the Corresponding Secretary but will remain active in the Hui. Thanks for a job well done **Lynette**. We need volunteers for offices in the Club. Let's discuss on October 8.

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I just want to share this information. About a year or so ago, my wife **Kay** had the chance to talk on the phone to **Kim Nishimura**, a former member of our Hui. **Kim** resides in a retirement facility in Tokyo, Japan, close to her sister and her husband. Her husband **Kats Nishimura** died 10 years ago and was a long time member of our Hui. **Kats** is buried at Punchbowl Cemetery in Honolulu. About 80 years ago after the Pearl Harbor incident, **Kats** was a student at McKinley High School in Honolulu, he wrote this interesting article that I copied and am presenting below. This article was printed in our newsletter many years ago but it is worth printing again. Shortly after **Kats** graduated from high school he enlisted in the army and served in WWII. He later went to the University of Hawaii, then to Purdue before working for the Navy as a civilian in Port Hueneme as an Engineer.

## "A Dream"

By Kats Nishimura

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"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union," -- not a confederation that the League of Nations was, but a really perfect union-- "establish justice," --just for you and me who were forced upon the wars that shall have passed and shall never come again-- "insure domestic tranquility," --insured so that not even one of our posterity shall suffer another chaotic world-- "provide for the common defense,"--defense against our common enemies, namely; disease, crime, and want-- "promote the general welfare" -- meaning the general welfare and not the welfare of a selected few--"and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," --liberty, not only in a physical sense, but liberty in the sense of freedom from immobility-- "do obtain and establish this Constitution for the United States of" the world.

Here is a dream that many thoughtful men have seen throughout the centuries, but has not yet been realized. Today, as never before, there seems to be a common realization for the necessity of a union of all nations. Even mere students like you and me are dreaming of it. Are they to be just dreams and wishful thinking that will never come true? Has the first attempt to form a union failed because it was simply impossible? We the people, let us not assume impossibility without first proving it.

Our United States of America was once a confederation like the League of Nations. Recall, in your history of America, the Articles of Confederation. Will our United States, now so powerful, have survived if our forefathers had not realized a necessity for a strong central government? No! A constitutional convention has to be held to form a more perfect union. Tomorrow, when the bluebirds shall again fly over the white cliffs of Dover, let there be another constitutional convention. No matter how long it may take, no matter how hard the task may be, let this convention formulate a perfect union and rest not until it is really perfect. This is the only way by which can the democracies win the peace that shall come.

As mere students, we may not be privileged to take a seat at this convention, but there is one thing, and it may be the most important thing, that we can do, and that is to make this convention possible. Answer me. Is there any possibility of having this convention if the Axis wins? Then, they must not win. It is evident that we must win not only for the sake of ourselves but for the rest of the world and the posterity that is to come. Then, we must teach the Japs and Germans what freedom really is, for they do not know what sort of thing it is and the rest will take care of themselves. We need not teach them to love freedom for once they know what it is they will learn to love it. We need not tell them that what they have been advocating is wrong for they will soon realize that. But we must teach them freedom and that's where we come in. Let's learn ourselves what it is to be free. Let's learn it now when we are yet eager to learn facts, and learn it thoroughly. If you feel you know it, then help defend it. It is now in danger and there's a lot you can do.