

# HUI LIMA KOKUA NEWSLETTER - Nowemapa 2022

## Ventura Hawaii Club Newsletter - November 2022

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### Calendar & Upcoming Events

#### **NOWEMAPA** | November

- 6 - "Fall Back", DST ends
- 8 - National & Local Election Day
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 12 - Hui Lima Club Meeting -  
Thanksgiving Celebration**
- 25 - Thanksgiving

#### [Hui Lima \(new\) Meeting Location](#)

Club House of the Bonaventure  
10949 Telegraph Road  
Ventura, CA 93004

Aloha kākou (Aloha all) !

My name is Leah Kammeyer and I will be the new Corresponding Secretary for Hui Lima Kokua Hawaii Club. Although club elections will be held early next year, I'm getting a head start on my duties. I look forward to serving you and am honored to receive the baton passed from **Lynette Inouye** and **Mike Nakamura**.

#### [Next Club Meeting: Saturday, November 12, 11am - 1pm](#)

Join us for the Hui's Thanksgiving celebration lunch! Same time and same place as last meeting. President **Darrin Ching** has generously offered to cook the turkey for us.

*Please bring a side dish to share with everyone!*

### October Meeting Recap

What a great turnout for the October meeting! New meeting place, familiar faces, and a chance to catch up on club and member news. Mahalo nui to **Lynette Inouye** for securing this new meeting place for us. We also enjoyed our ono Q&Q plate lunch, courtesy of the Hui. Mahalo to **Ron Wong** for sharing your Hawaiian baseball stories and other treasures from over the years.

A special thank you to **Bill Pendergrass** for updating us on his dear wife, **Kaimana Pendergrass**, who is under hospice care with Alzheimer's. Kaimana has been a member of the Hawaii Club for over 50 years and has organized the Hui's annual Luau for many years.

Cards and donations may be sent to Bill at *PO Box 357, Ventura, CA 93002-0357*. Bill's cell phone number is (805) 775-6630 (he does not have email).

You can visit Kaimana at *Dream Haven*, a 6 patient residence, located at *1013 6th Street, Port Hueneme, CA 93041*. To **Kaimana and Bill**, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

### Thanksgiving - Island Style

Thanksgiving is a time for family, gratitude, and of course, food! On the mainland, traditional dishes include turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes or yams, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and more.

From the islands, we find similar dishes, but also distinctly Hawaiian flavors on the table. Instead of kālua pig, the main course might be kālua turkey. Variations of stuffing could include sweet rolls, Portuguese sausage or lap cheong. Sides often include mac salad, poke, poi, pineapple instead of cranberry, and of course, rice! Haupia pie is a fond dessert, or even haupia pumpkin pie.

Whatever your family's favorite food and traditions are, fill your heart with gratitude and your belly with ono grindz. Happy Thanksgiving, or Hau`oli lā Ho`omaika`i!

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## ‘Ōlelo of the Month - Mahalo

*Mahalo* is familiar to all of us, but like many Hawaiian words, there is much more behind it than the simple “thank you.” What a perfect month to examine its richer meaning!

MA - ‘within’

HA - ‘breath of life, Divine breath or spirit of life’

ALO - ‘in the presence of, to share an experience with’

Literally, we might not pick up on the translation but looking at familiar word components *alo* and *ha* (aloha!) we can start to make sense of it. The *Aloha* spirit includes a deep sense of living and loving in harmony, with others and everything around you. Similarly, the essence of *mahalo* extends that spirit into gratitude, compassion, appreciation and even admiration. We develop meaningful connections to each other, our world, and our faiths by giving thanks and practicing gratitude.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, let’s not only count our blessings, but truly celebrate our appreciation and say *Mahalo*, *mahalo nui loa* (thank you very much), *mahalo piha* (wholehearted thanks/gratitude), and *Mahalo ke Akua* (thanks be to God).

## Other Dates of Importance in November

*November 11 - Veterans Day: Mahalo piha to all of our veterans for serving our country. We are all indebted to you for your bravery, dedication, and service.*

**Hau`oli lā Koa Kahiko** - Happy Veterans Day!

*November 11* is also a significant date in Hawaiian history. The beloved Queen Lili`uokalani, the last Hawaiian monarch, passed away on this date in 1917.

*November 28 - Lā Kū`oko`a* celebrates when Hawai`i was formally recognized as a sovereign and independent kingdom back in 1843. Kū`oko`a means *independence*. Though observation of this day waned in the years after annexation, there has been renewed interest in recent years for this Hawaiian Independence Day.

## Hau`oli Lā Hānau!

We are working on a more comprehensive list of Hui birthdays to give personalized shout-outs each month.

In the meantime, if you have a November birthday, we wish you a big...

**HAU`OLI LĀ  
HĀNAU!**

Have a beautiful day!

***Hope to see you at our Thanksgiving Lunch, Saturday, November 12, 11a-1p!***

**Comments, Corrections, Questions, Suggestions?** Feel free to reach out and let me know if you have suggestions for future newsletters, or corrections / comments on previous ones.

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