



HUI LIMA KOKUA NEWSLETTER - Ianuali 2023

Ventura Hawaii Club Newsletter - January 2023

Calendar & Upcoming Events

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1 - Hau`oli Makahiki Hou!

14 - Hui Lima Club Meeting

16 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

22 - Lunar New Year

Hui Lima Meeting Location

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

December Recap

Happy 2023! Hope everyone had a nice holiday and a pleasant start to the New Year.

Our last meet-up of 2022 featured a performance for The Bonaventure. **Lynette Inouye** organized a 5 member group including herself, **Mike & Kay Nakamura**, Estelle Ichino, and Celia Garza to play ukulele, sing, and dance hula to entertain the residents of The Bonaventure with holiday music. **Leandra Castroni** also joined in the singing during the performance.

After, the Hui's Christmas Potluck Luncheon was enjoyed by 16 attendees. The Honey Baked Ham was financed by the Club and picked up by **Lynette Inouye**. There was a delicious variety of dishes brought by attendees. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season!

New Year, New Business! | [Next Club Meeting: Saturday, January 14, 11am - 1pm](#)

Hau`oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year! Please review the following for important Hui updates:

- **Club Member Dues** are due at the January meeting. \$15 per single, and \$20 per family; please hand to President **Darrin Ching**. Since Covid, we've had a little break in paying dues because of the unpredictability in meeting, but now we're back into the swing of things.
- **Bring Your Ideas!** For January's meeting, we plan on discussing what our year and beyond will look like. Start thinking about what you'd be interested in seeing or doing at our monthly Hui meetings.
- **Club Elections in February** - Board Member Elections and Installation will occur at our February meeting. The term served will be from February 2023 through September 2024. *All positions* listed below are up for election (Adviser and Hospitality Chair are appointed by the Board). The following is a list of current candidates:

President - Darrin Ching
 Treasurer - *Open*
 1st Vice President - Mike Nakamura
 2nd Vice President - Leandra & Mario Castroni
 Recording Secretary - *Open*
 Corresponding Secretary - Leah Kammeyer

If you are interested in being a candidate and holding a board position, please email / text / call Leah Kammeyer (805) 469-9230, LKammeyer@gmail.com.

- **Meeting Agenda / Structure** - The Board has decided to include their monthly meetings at the tail end of our regular Hui Member Meetings. Members are welcome to listen and offer input during open discussion of Board Meetings, but only members of the Board can make, second, or vote on a motion.

With this new structure in mind, we ask that everyone *please be prompt in their arrival*, so we can have time to fit everything in. Mahalo for your support!



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ʻŌlelo This Month - Aloha

Did you know Aloha is law? In 1986, the Hawaiian government enacted the Aloha Spirit Law, and all citizens of Hawai'i are to conduct themselves according to this law.

The word *aloha* itself can be broken down into “*alo*” and “*ha*”. *Alo* means presence, and *ha* is breath, so the literal translation equates to *presence of breath*, akin to *breath of life*. Additionally, as part of the Aloha Spirit Law, the following traits are outlined to remind us the full meaning of aloha:



- Akahi** - Kindness, to be expressed with tenderness
- Lōkahi** - Unity, to be expressed with harmony
- ʻOluʻolu** - Agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness
- Haʻahaʻa** - Humility, to be expressed with modesty
- Ahonui** - Patience, to be expressed with perseverance

You can see the acronym of those five traits spells out *Aloha* !

As we begin our New Year, we can get a fresh start not only with our resolutions, but with positive intention. Aloha is a great way to help us set and practice those positive intentions in our daily lives.

Lunar New Year: Year of the Rabbit

This Lunar New Year falls on January 22nd, and 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. The Chinese Zodiac indicates that every 12 years is a cycle, so past Rabbit years include 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, and 2011.

Some say if you are born in the Year of the Rabbit, you may prefer peace and quiet, and do not like to argue. You may be a good listener, excellent negotiator, artistic and creative. Year of Rabbit people are also said to be tenacious and ambitious, but also dislike stressful and risky situations.

Two of the most common Chinese greetings for Lunar New Year are *Gong Xi Fa Cai* (Mandarin) and *Kung Hei Fat Choi* (Cantonese), wishes for prosperity and good fortune.

While the Lunar New Year is most recognized as Chinese New Year, it is also celebrated elsewhere, such as in Vietnamese and Korean cultures. In Vietnam, it's called Tết NguyênĐán or Tết for short. In Korean, it's called Seollal.

Whichever culture or New Year you observe, may you be blessed with good health, prosperity, and happiness in 2023!



Hau`oli Lā Hānau!

If you have a birthday this month, we wish you a big...

HAU'OLI LĀ HĀNAU!



Have a beautiful day!

Hope to see you at our next meeting, Saturday, January 14, 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. *Leah Kammeyer*, LKammeyer@gmail.com, (805) 469-9230