



# HUI LIMA KOKUA NEWSLETTER - Malaki 2023

## Hawaii Club of Ventura County Newsletter - March 2023

### Calendar & Upcoming Events

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- 11 - Hui Lima Club Meeting
- 12 - Daylight Savings
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day 🍀
- 20 - First Day of Spring
- 26 - Prince Kūhiō Day

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

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

### [Next Club Meeting: Saturday, March 11, 11a-1p](#)

#### On the Menu? Food Demo!

Our next meeting will be potluck, but in addition to everyone's ono (delicious) dishes, we have a special program in store. "Chef Max" will be preparing a food demonstration for us! As his wife, my waistline and I can vouch highly for his cooking skills, so I personally believe you'll enjoy this as well.

Max plans to demo a "hot pot" using French and Italian cooking techniques with Korean flavors. An ingredients list will be passed out, but bring a pen if you'd like to take notes!

We will each get to enjoy a sample, but no need to RSVP. If you have any food allergies or concerns, please contact **Maxwell Hannum** at **747-238-4056** (text or call), or at [maxwellhannum@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellhannum@gmail.com)

### Congratulations to Our New Board Members!

We had a great turnout for our last club meeting. Mahalo to the Hui for providing Q&Q mini plate lunch, and to everyone who brought a little extra, too! Special mahalo to **Ron Wong** for the mussels he prepared in a Chinese black bean sauce - what a rare treat!

The elections went well, and we now have a full panel of board members looking forward to serving you this term. Introducing our official Board Members, serving from February 11, 2023 through September 30, 2024:

- President* - Darrin Ching
- Treasurer* - Amy Cherot
- 1st Vice President* - Michael Nakamura
- 2nd Vice President* - Leandra & Mario Castroni
- Recording Secretary* - Maxwell Hannum
- Corresponding Secretary* - Leah Kammeyer



### Aloha `Oe, Kaimana by Ron Wong



A significant personality within our organization over the last number of years was our dear friend Juanita Kaimana Pendergrass, who we lost recently. Kaimana, a 50+ year member, and her family became significant contributors to the organization's programs throughout the years. Her knowledge, steeped in Hawaiian culture, particularly in its music, was a tremendous asset to our Hui. Her willingness to offer her considerable talents in the organizational arena benefited the club not only with unique activities, but also financially.

Her leadership showed well when the Hui participated in Ventura's twice-a-year street fairs. She helped manage the chicken stick operation and put up decorations on our booth that were considered the best on the street.

When our participation at the street fairs terminated because too-stringent health regulations were imposed, Kaimana proposed putting on mini luaus where we would provide Hawaiian food and entertainment for our friends and acquaintances. For a number of years through Kaimana's excellent management, the Hui put on an activity that the community looked forward to each year. Too, it provided funds to allow the club to make contributions to Our Lady of Assumption Church, where we operated from, and to the local Salvation Army.

We will miss Kaimana in so many ways, but mostly as a good friend.





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In Hawai`i, March 26th is a designated holiday to celebrate and honor Prince Kūhiō, known as the “Prince of the People” or the “Citizen Prince” for his strong connection and commitment to improving the lives of the kānaka maoli (Native Hawaiians).

Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole was born on March 26, 1871 in Poipu, Kaua`i. He was born into nobility as a descendent of Kaua`i and Big Island Chiefs. At age 13 after the death of his parents, he was adopted by his maternal aunt Queen Kapi`olani, wife to King David Kalākaua.

The era in which Prince Kūhiō grew up was amidst the foreign takeover of the Hawaiian islands. He and other revolutionaries participated in the 1889 Wilcox Rebellion, a revolt against the provisional government who overthrew the Hawaiian monarchy. The revolutionaries, including the prince, were arrested and charged with treason. Prince Kūhiō spent a year in prison, but was pardoned with others as part of an exchange involving Queen Lili`uokalani’s formal abdication of the throne. He is effectively known as the last prince of Hawai`i.

Prince Kūhiō and his wife left the Hawaiian islands for several years, but was eventually persuaded to return and began his career as a statesman. He served as a territorial delegate from Hawai`i to the House of Representatives from 1902 until his death in 1922. Despite his status as territorial delegate (i.e., he had no vote in Congress), he managed to have quite the influence in the government and political arena. His most notable accomplishment was the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), created to support kānaka maoli (Native Hawaiians) dispossessed by the changes occurring around the turn of the century with U.S. annexation of the islands. He had big hopes of reviving the kānaka maoli by returning the Hawaiian land to its people, although the many iterations of the HHCA before its passing and even after had drifted from Prince Kūhiō’s original vision.

Prince Kūhiō’s contributions were prolific: He secured funding for the military fortifications of Pearl Harbor, established Makapu`u Point Lighthouse, Hilo Wharf, Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park, Kilauea National Park, and the construction of a hospital for those exiled to Kalaupapa colony on Moloka`i with a leprosy diagnosis. He is also credited with shaping the foundations of the modern Hawaiian government and the county system that still exists today.

Prince Kūhiō endeared his supporters by advocating to keep Hawaiian traditions, culture, and people alive and relevant. He strived to act in what he thought would be best for the Hawaiian people. In addition to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, he re-established the Royal Order of Kamehameha I in 1903, as well as other Hawaiian Royal Societies. He founded the first Hawaiian Civic Club in 1918; many of these societies and civic clubs are still going strong today. He was also a supporter of women’s suffrage. In 1919, he proposed the first Hawai`i Statehood Act, although he would not live to see its fruition.

On January 7, 1922, the Prince of the People passed away from heart failure in his Waikīkī home. His final resting place is in Mauna `Ala, at the Royal Mausoleum in Nu`uanu. His was the last State funeral in Hawai`i specifically for an Ali`i, or chief.

Today, parades, festivities, and other activities that promote Hawaiian pride and culture are celebrated on or around Prince Kūhiō Day, to honor and continue his efforts in perpetuating all things Hawaiian.

A big **E Komo Mai** -

Welcome to our newest member,

**Martha Christensen!**

We look forward to getting to know you and are so happy you joined us!



**Happy March Birthday to**

**Leandra Castroni!**

Enjoy it to the fullest!

Also, I would also like to apologize and send extra special belated birthday wishes to **Linggee Wong!**

Her birthday was last month and I missed mentioning it.

Linggee, hope you had a wonderful birthday!



**Hope to see you at our March Luncheon, Saturday 3/11, 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](mailto:LKammeyer@gmail.com), (805) 469-9230