



HUI LIMA KOKUA NEWSLETTER - Okakopa & Nowemapa 2025

Hawaii Club of Ventura County - October & November 2025

Calendar & Upcoming Events

Nowemapa | November

2 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

8 - **Hui Lima Club Meeting**

11 - Veterans Day

27 - Thanksgiving 

[Hui Lima Meeting Location](#)

The Club House at The Orchard
10949 Telegraph Road
Ventura, CA 93004

[Next Meeting: Saturday, November 8th, 11a-1p](#)

Our next meeting is potluck at the Club House. Come prepared to talk story and share your experiences, recollections, memories, etc. of Hawai'i or Hui Lima Kokua. Perhaps add a flavor of gratitude for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Big mahalo to **Lianne Frame** for hosting a fun game of Jeopardy last meeting! Mahalo nui as well for bringing prizes for all.

We welcome any ideas or volunteers for future programs! Please reach out to one of the Board Members to get the ball rolling.

Winner for Kindest Kid in America from Hawai'i



(Courtesy: Hau'ula Elementary School)

Dejaycion "DJ" Moses, a sixth grader from Hau'ula Elementary located on North Shore O'ahu, has received an award for the "Kindest Kid in America." He was awarded for being an exemplary role model, with exceptional leadership skills and compassionate qualities. His teachers state that he always seeks the good in others and inspires his peers through his actions. He senses when others need a shoulder to lean on and checks in on those who might need a little pickup in their day.

Moses was presented this award at a school assembly on October 22, 2025. This was Unity Day, a national initiative to prevent bullying and promote kindness, inclusion, and acceptance. Unity Day is held on the third Wednesday of October

and observed by wearing the color orange.

The Kindest Kid in America award was founded by Jessie Hansen, a motivational speaker and children's book author. The purpose, of course, is to promote kindness and love over hate, and ultimately overcome the bullying and violence in our schools. The award officially launched January 2025, but it seems like there were prior recognitions from late 2024. So far, 20 kind kids from 14 different states have received awards.

Each winner not only receives a medal award and recognition, but also a custom book made for them in their own likeness.

At the ceremony, DJ said, "Be kind, and always help people," and added, "and always help your parents." Ho'omaika'i (congratulations) e DJ! We need more stand-up people like you in the world.

If you'd like to learn more about this project, or nominate a kind kid, here is a link to the website: <https://www.kindestkidinamerica.com/>. Nominations are for elementary-aged children only.





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Hawaiian Airlines Final Flight Under the “HA” Callsign

On October 29, 2025, Hawaiian Airlines flew under their HA callsign for the last time. It was flight HA866 departing from Pago Pago, American Samoa to Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. They now fly under the AS / ALASKA callsign due to the merger.

Alaska Air Group, Inc., parent company of Alaska Airlines began its acquisition of Hawaiian Holdings, Inc., parent of Hawaiian Airlines, in December of 2023 and the transaction was completed by September of 2024.

Originally Inter-Island Airways, Hawaiian Airlines was founded in January 1929. Its first flight was in November of that year, from Honolulu to Hilo, with a stopover in Maui. The company's original purpose was to connect the islands by air, a revolutionary idea since sea travel was the only option at the time.

Just before WWII in 1941, the company changed its name to Hawaiian Airlines. During the war, the airline mostly suspended civilian travel and was used to transport cargo and support military missions for U.S. operations in the Pacific. After the war, it resumed its civilian flights.



Photo courtesy of @cabincrewcouple

It was in the 1980s that Hawaiian Airlines began flying outside of the islands, first to Pago Pago, and then to the mainland, LAX. More U.S. mainland destinations were added. In the 1990s, Hawaiian updated its branding to emphasize the 'aloha spirit' and promoting Hawaiian culture. Hawaiian Airlines had a rough patch in the early 2000s, filing for bankruptcy, but it was able to overcome that successfully. By the 2010s, it was recognized and frequently ranked as #1 among U.S. carriers. Hawaiian was hit hard during the pandemic, like most airlines and other businesses. Though it recovered pretty well, it was in 2023 that Alaska Air Group announced its intent to acquire Hawaiian Airlines for \$1.9 billion. Throughout its history, Hawaiian Airlines is the oldest U.S. airline to have never suffered a fatal accident.

Though the Hawaiian Airlines branding, uniforms, and aloha hospitality will supposedly remain the same, this final flight under their own callsign was an extremely emotional event for crew and passengers alike. Crowds gathered and even a hula was performed upon HA866's landing in Honolulu. The familiar "HA" is associated with home to many and will be missed in our travels.

We can only hope this new chapter will do justice to the Hawaiian Airlines name and legacy.

Famous Paradise Cove Luau Closing After Nearly 50 Years

Paradise Cove Luau located in Kapolei, O'ahu is closing after a 47-year run in the business. For many tourists, this was a favorite destination for the ultimate luau experience.



Paradise Cove Luau opened its doors in 1978 at the Ko Olina Resort in Kapolei. With the oceanfront grounds, coconut palms, and the sunset views over the water, it drew in tourists for that idyllic Hawai'i experience. Back then, the general area was not as developed and the road to there was just gravel. Farrington Highway was not well-lit and kind of scary to drive at night. Though the City and County of Honolulu designated Kapolei as O'ahu's "Second City" in 1977, significant developments began more so in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Still, tourists found their way to Paradise Cove and it flourished for years. Locals would take visiting family for special occasions. The experience would

usually start off with a welcome Mai Tai & lei greeting, interactive cultural activities & games, the imu ceremony (roasting of the pig underground), and then kau kau (food / eating). Included, of course, were Hawaiian and Polynesian performances anyone would love.

Despite its popularity, the landowner, the James Campbell Company has decided not to renew the lease for the existing



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lū'au operation. Instead, "The Cove Redevelopment" will begin, which envisions a modern entertainment complex that includes dining, retail, and a performing arts amphitheatre. The amphitheatre is where a new lū'au experience is projected to take place, as well as other activities during the day. However, while the current Paradise Cove can accompany 1,200 visitors, the new site will be pared down to 650 visitors. This is likely, in part, to create a more intimate setting and a less commercialized feeling. The project is slated to open in 2027.

172 employees will be losing their jobs in this closure, but it is said that the James Campbell Company is providing support and resources to help find new work for those employees. When it opens, the new operation estimates it will create nearly 500 jobs.

The final show will be performed on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2025. Aloha 'oe, Paradise Cove Luau.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Reminder if you have not yet paid your Membership dues:

\$20 per person, or
\$30 per family

Dues are half price to members of the Board.

If you have any questions about your dues, please reach out to Treasurer **Amy Cherot**, atcherot@aol.com.



HAU'OLI LĀ HĀNAU

to our Okakopa birthday:

Leah Kammeyer

and our Nowemapa birthdays:

Darrin Ching

Joyce Mattias



Hope you had/ have a beautiful day and enjoy your celebrations!

Hope to see you at our November meeting, Saturday, 11/8, 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



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Aloha friends!

Including this flyer in case anyone is interested. Kumu Rona of Hālau Hula O Pualanina`auali`ioha holds Tūtū Hula classes once a month in Camarillo for those 60+ years. For those who cannot dance on their feet or may feel unsteady, she can teach you how to hula in a chair!

Please contact Kumu Rona directly at (805) 320-3836 or hula805@verizon.net

Next class is December 1st, 2025.

Hālau Hula O Pualanina`auali`ioha
& Kumu Rona present ...

Open Enrollment

**TŪTŪ
Hula**

W/CHAIR HULA
(60+ YEARS OLD)

Email: hula805@verizon.net

We celebrate being together when we CAN be together, and appreciate this stage of life which is often full of family, travel, and just being golden.