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September 12, 2026 Club Happenings

Elections!! We voted in our new and incumbent officers for the 2026-2027 year! Thank you to all of you who are willing to volunteer their time and effort in supporting our Hawaii Club endeavors. Our board members are:



President – Arlene Fraser
1st Vice President – Mike Nakamura
2nd Vice President – Leandra and Mario Castroni
Recording Secretary – Les Matsuura
Corresponding Secretary – Carolyn Tabor
Treasurer – Al Beridon

We are sad to see *Leah Kammeyer, Max Hannum and Amy Cherot* resign their posts but wish them all the best and hope they can be with us soon.

Installation of our new board will take place at our next meeting on **Saturday, October 10, 2026.**

Potluck!! Twelve of us feasted on island dishes such as pork belly, chicken teriyaki, Chinese noodles, inari sushi and dark chocolate shortbread cookies. Mahalo to our great cooks!

History of Christianity in Hawaii. Lynette presented a thoughtful presentation on the history of Christianity in Hawaii. In summary, she reported that the then current system of worship involved human sacrifice, extreme sexism, devotion to fearful gods and violent conquering of lands. A 14 year old boy named Henry (Obookiah) Opukaha'ia who witnessed his parents killed by King Kamehameha's warriors stowed away on a trading ship that eventually ended up in Connecticut. In his travels, he learned about the Christian God who espoused love and kindness unlike the religion he grew up with. Unfortunately he died of typhus before sailing back to his homeland to preach his new faith. As a side note for Lynette's presentation, Al informs us that Henry's posthumously published book in 1818, *Memoirs of Henry Obookiah*, inspired the first 1819 Protestant missionary expedition from New England. *Mahalo nui loa, Lynette!!*

Volunteers Wanted!! Mindy, the Orchard's Social Director, came by to say hi and to encourage any of us to volunteer our time and socialize with the residents there during their many activities and events. For example, there are regular happy hours, table games, themed events, craft classes, etc that need an extra hand or two to assist or just socialize. If you know of anyone who would like to participate, contact Mindy. Seems like she needs all the help she can get!



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Next Meeting, October 10, 2026

Where: Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant

Address: 1621 N Oxnard Blvd, Oxnard between McDonald's and Lalo's on frontage road

Time: 11:30 to 1pm

Cost: On the house! Free for paid members

RSVP: By Tuesday, October 6, 2026. Email Arlene Fraser at Arlene64@aol.com

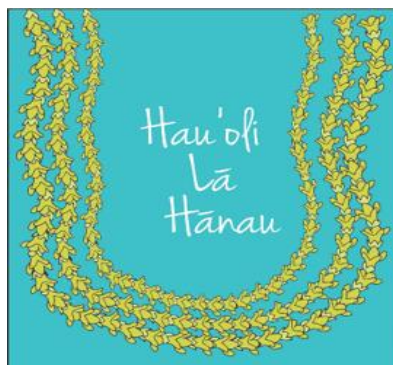
On the Agenda:

Installation of new officers

Collection of Dues: \$20/single, \$30/family, half

Price for board members

Socialize!



October Birthdays Celebrate with Aloha!

Leah Kemmeyer

Patti Kuwaye-Mauck

Paulette Peterson

Blast From the Past

<https://youtu.be/uCykvaicn5U>



Many of you may remember Mackey Feary, one of two lead singers of the renowned Hawaiian music group of the renaissance 70's, Kalapana. I stumbled onto this You Tube video of this memorial tribute to him, produced by his sister, Dancetta Kamai. She reveals details and insights into Mackey's unsettling history and untimely death. Nevertheless he leaves a musical legacy that touches the hearts and minds of all generations.



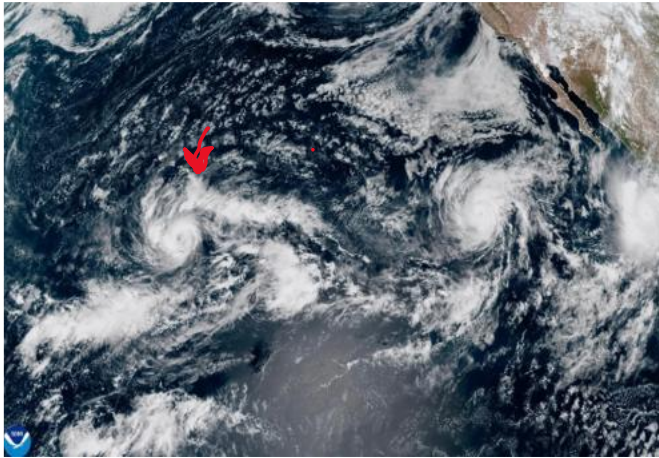
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Blame it on El Nino!!



*Hurricane Nolo just south of the Big Island,
September 26, 2026*

While the Atlantic has not formed full blown hurricanes so far this season, the Pacific has seen 18 of them with 41 named storms overall! And Hawaii is bearing the brunt of this shift. So far, Hurricane Lala displayed her fury in August on the Big Island, followed by Hurricane Lowell in early September on Kauai, and more recently, Hurricane Nolo again on the Big Island. Quoting NPR on September 26, 2026, “We are headed toward what will almost certainly be the strongest El Nino on record. It has exceeded expectations.” And let’s not forget the Kelvin Wave, moving its way up the west coast. Unfortunately, the churning continues...

And, on Saturday, October 10, 2026...



Kailua Bay, Hawaii Island

On this date, the Ironman World Championship Race will be taking place in Kailua, Kona, featuring both men and women this year on one day. The course includes a 2.4 mi swim through Kailua Bay, 112 mi bike route along the Queen Ka’ahumanu Highway to Hawi and back, and the 26.2 mi run through Kona and the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii. It all started in 1978 by the creators of John and Judy Collins in Hawaii over a debate whether swimmers, cyclists, or runners were the fittest athletes. The first race was held on February 18, 1978 with 15 starters on Oahu. Today, there are over 260,000 participants globally!