HUI LIMA KOKUA NEWSLETTER
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October 10, 2026 Club Happenings



Installation of Officers.

We would like to offer a big mahalo to Bruce Tabor for his spontaneous, heartfelt, and truly meaningful installation of our new and returning officers. He spoke of the club's dedication to each other as a family and the perpetuation of everything Hawaiian. We look forward to another year of good fellowship, tasty meals, and much aloha.





Lunch at Hunan Garden

Fourteen of us met at Hunan Garden in Oxnard for a wonderful Chinese lunch, family-style, featuring a creamy shrimp dish, sautéed vegetables, beef and broccoli, and sesame chicken. Our aloha attire brightened up an already colorful room!

Next Meeting, Saturday, November 14, 2026
The Orchard in the Clubhouse, Ventura



Thanksgiving Potluck

Bruce has graciously volunteered to roast a turkey for our potluck! We ask that everyone else bring Thanksgiving side dishes.

Veteran Stories

As our club has many veterans, we invite them to honor us by sharing their memorable stories and experiences. Thank you for your service!

Rice "Cooker" Wanted!



We are in need of someone who would be willing to cook five cups of rice for each potluck. Let one of the board members know if you are able. And a ***big mahalo*** in advance!

Upcoming Events



December

Christmas Potluck: volunteer needed to bake ham

Time for singing Hawaiian Christmas carols: bring your ukulele and song sheets



January 2027

Rock painting demonstration by Patti Mauck

Thanksgiving in Hawaii

Many of us will remember growing up in Hawaii, we experienced our unique homestyle version of a Thanksgiving meal, blending the American tradition with the culture of Hawaii. Alongside the stuffing, the meal would not be complete without rice and quite possibly macaroni salad! Some of us baked a whole chicken rather than the traditional turkey, or roasted the turkey in an imu. And let's not forget Libby's Pumpkin Pie for dessert, using the recipe right off the can!

The ancient Hawaiians observed a festival of thanksgiving called ***Makahiki,*** a four-month tribute to the god of agriculture and peace, Lono. During this time, a truce among the warring factions was temporarily declared as they celebrated with games, feasts, and music. As a side note, Captain James Cook arrived during the ***Makahiki,*** and was mistakenly revered as the incarnation of the god, Lono. He was killed in part due to increased tensions surrounding his untimely arrival.

Makahiki observance declined after western contact. Fast forward to 1849. To further strengthen relations between Hawai'i and America, King Kamehameha III declared December 31 a national holiday of Thanksgiving, complete with church services and luau.

Despite the differences, Thanksgiving in Hawaii shares many core elements with the mainland. The focus on gratitude, family, and community is universal, as is the enjoyment of a hearty meal. Traditional staples like turkey and pumpkin pie remain central, bridging the cultural and geographical divide between the islands and the mainland.

Hau'oli La Ho'omaika'i!





Prayer Requests



Paulette Peterson. Suffering from dizzy spells which is why she and Len have not been able to join us in recent meetings.

Leah Kammeyer. Experiencing health issues.

Let's keep in mind these two fine women in our thoughts and prayers.



Happy Birthday, October Babies!

Joyce Matías
Darrin Ching



Punalu'u Beach Restored Back to the People!

Punalu'u Black Sand Beach Park in the Ka'u district of Hawai'I Island will once again be in the hands of the people! A tentative agreement was reached earlier this month for the County of Hawai'i to purchase the property from Black Sand Beach Co, owned by Eva Liu for 1.46 million dollars. After prior negotiations failed in August, the park was closed to the public but will open in approximately six months once the purchase is completed.

The county has leased the park since at least 1954. In 2019, Black Sand Beach owned by Eva Liu, purchased over 400 acres of Punalu'u and Pahala, with the goal of developing the area. Protests ensued by locals, wanting to ensure rural, country style living. The company's application to build condos, restaurant and retail center was withdrawn last year, but residents are still uneasy about future plans.

Punalu'u Water and Sanitation, also owned by Liu, was severely damaged by Hurricane Lala, and funds to repair and restore the water system is lacking. Locals who use the system have yet to be able to flush their toilets or use tap water. Profits from this purchase will hopefully give back normal water usage for the community.