

WALA'AU NO KA OI

Edition 4

November, 2009

Welcome everyone to the Hui 'O Hawai'i of Yuma's newsletter!

Pelekikena's Message.....

Aloha, Kakou!

Pehea 'oe? Hope that everyone is doing maika'i.

We had a great success at the Childrens Art Festival Downtown Nov. 7th. I want to thank everyone who came out and support our Hui. We had a great time selling Terriaki Chicken plate lunch's. We had a great turn out. Mahalo for ALL your kokua. Special thanks to "The Prep Team" You did great! We will have the final results at our General Membership Meeting on Sunday Nov. 17th at Palms Resort. See you there!

I would like to extend a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and their families.

I had a wonderful time visiting with family. I was also blessed with the beautiful sight of rainbows.

They appeared on the day of my departure. That is what I missed the most about living here in the desert!

Malama Pono.....A Hui Hou!!!!

Iris Heick

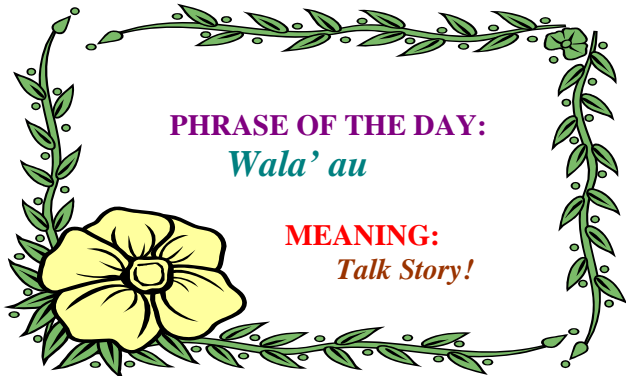
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PHRASE OF THE DAY:

Wala' au

MEANING:

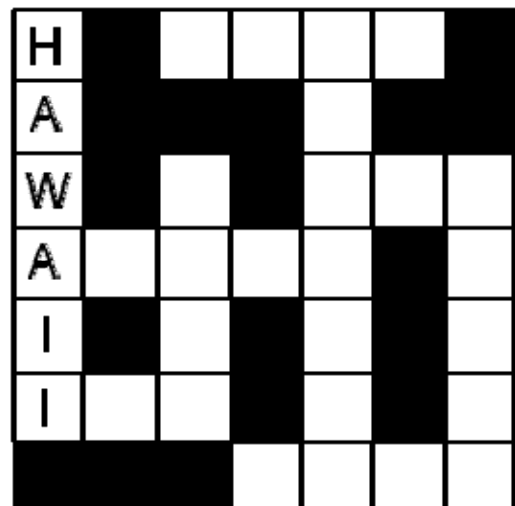
Talk Story!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We have so much to be thankful for... What is Thanksgiving? Food. Family. Friends. Giving to others. It is a time for everyone to come together and be thankful for all they have and everything that they have been able to accomplish this past year. Our Hui 'O Hawaii Club has much to be thankful for. This past year has had many changes and everyone has really come together to keep our Hui going strong. I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE for their outstanding commitment to the Club. We will continue to work towards our upcoming goals. Mahalo for all that All of you do!

Have a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Bill.



Aloha
Hoku
Honu
Ipu

Lava
Lei
Ilima
Kilauea

Do the Hula



Aloha.....

All the dancers are really getting into practice lately. The new numbers are fun, "energetic" and really going to look great!

Practice Schedule is:

<i>Beginners:</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
<i>Hot Wahines:</i>	<i>days vary</i>
<i>Gracious Ladies:</i>	<i>Sundays</i>
<i>Kane:</i>	<i>Sundays</i>
<i>Keiki:</i>	<i>Sundays</i>

If any of the club members are interested in dancing, please call me at 581-4458 or email me at hawainmom@aol.com.

Aloha

Auntie Cathy Ah'Yo



Calendar of Events

November 7	Children's Faire
December 12	Christmas Show
January 24	Sun Vista RV Park
February 27	Hui Scholarship Dinner
March 13	Phoenix Aloha Festival

General Membership Meetings 1-5 PM

Palms RV Resort

Oct 18	Feb 21
Nov 15	Mar 21
Dec 20	Apr 18
Jan 17	May 16

Elite Hawaii team competing in Tahiti

Island's top sporting event features three long-distance races

Tahiti's best canoe paddlers have shown that they can compete in Hawaii. Now, Hawaii's best canoe paddlers want to show that they can compete in Tahiti. Team Hawaii — a group of elite paddlers from around the state — is aiming to contend with the leaders in this week's Hawaiki Nui Vaa canoe race in Tahiti. The Hawaiki Nui Vaa is considered Tahiti's top sporting event. It features three separate long-distance races over three days, and is viewed by thousands along the beaches and thousands more on Tahiti television. "It is an incredible experience," Team Hawaii coach Walter Guild said. "You truly see why paddling is the No. 1 sport over there. Cars are lining the roads to watch, there's hundreds of boats that line up along the race course just to watch the canoes go by." The first race covers 27 miles and is scheduled for today. Tomorrow's race is 16 miles, and Friday's finale is around 36 miles. Each race finishes at a different island. The top teams usually have an overall time around 10 hours. Team Hawaii is hoping for a respectable finish, even if not an overall victory. Shell Vaa from Tahiti has established itself as the best men's paddling team in the world. Last month, Shell Vaa won the Molokai Hoe for the fourth consecutive year. "Shell is kind of on their own — I don't know if even any of the other Tahitian teams can keep up with them," Team Hawaii paddler Mike Judd said. "But if we can come close to them, maybe make the top three, or top five, that would be a huge success." The best a Hawaii team has done in the Hawaiki Nui Vaa is fourth place in 2001. That team also won one of the three races, and remains the only non-Tahiti team to ever win one of the races. Members of this year's Team Hawaii crew are Kai Bartlett, Mael Carey, Danny Ching, Kekoa Cramer, Scott Gamble, Felipe Gomes, Mike Judd and Thibert Lussiaa. The team was selected after a three-part tryout process. "We didn't want to leave anything to argument, so we had actual tryouts this year," Guild said. "And these were the eight guys who did the best." Gamble, who is traveling to Tahiti for the first time, said: "It was an honor for me just to try out. There are so many good paddlers here in Hawaii. So to make the team and represent Hawaii feels pretty amazing." Gamble and Judd are from Oahu; Bartlett, Carey, Cramer and Gomes are from Maui; Lussiaa is from the Big Island. Ching is from California, but he has family roots in Hawaii, and he actually flew in to attend the tryouts. He was also a member of the Team Hawaii crew that placed 26th overall in last year's Hawaiki Nui Vaa.



La Hanau

BIRTHDAYS

October	1	Lynsey Okamura
	3	Nani Spatig
	9	Lehua Hoops
	14	Diane Spencer
	25	Eva Arevalo
	27	Jon Spatig
November	1	Kari Pearson
	8	Christine Moreno
	10	Liane Martinez
	14	Anela Hoops
	18	Israel Arevalo
	23	Mathew Heick
	28	Pua Hoops
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La Ho'omana'o

ANNIVERSARIES

October	9	Christine & Manuel Moreno
November	2	Dave & Cookie Pearson
	28	Gerry & Cathy AhYo

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know. Our information is incomplete!

Elite Hawaii team competing in Tahiti(Cont'd)

Ching is from California, but he has family roots in Hawaii, and he actually flew in to attend the tryouts. He was also a member of the Team Hawaii crew that placed 26th overall in last year's Hawaiki Nui Vaa. "This is a really good group Walter has put together," Ching said. "With this group of guys and we have a little bit of luck, we could get top five. Our goal is to compete for the top, but top five or 10 is a realistic goal." Bartlett, who was also on the Team Hawaii crew last year, said the paddling events in Tahiti are like University of Hawaii football games here. "People plan their whole day around it," Bartlett said. "Down there in Tahiti, paddling is everything." There is also a single 25-mile race for women's teams. Hawaii's Team Bradley is entered and considered one of the top contenders. Paddling in Tahiti is not as popular for women as it is for men. Only 18 women's crews are racing this week, compared to more than 80 men's crews.

MUSICIANS NOTE



Music practice continues to go well. We are now meeting at Palms Resort and we will be using the PA system. We are really getting excited about our music. Anyone interested is encouraged to come out and join us. Music practice is every Monday evening at 6:30 pm. For more music info email Brahdah Bill at musicanytime@gmail.com. Mahalo.

Uncle Bill Heick



Hui 'O Hawai'i of Yuma was organized in 2006 as a non-profit, social club for Hawaiians and all others interested in Hawaii. The Hui seeks to continually promote the Hawaiian culture and provide social activities in the "Spirit of Aloha" (Spirit of Love).



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