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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



ICE CARVING – FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Our annual Christmas party will be at the home of **Jim and Carol Traxler** in Kailua-Kona at 1200 on Saturday, December 9. We will have:

- A voluntary grab bag. Those who wish to participate should bring a wrapped gift of about \$10 in value. If it is gender-specific, tag the item with a white ribbon for women and a colored one for men. No ribbon if suitable for either.
- Door prizes, including gift certificates. If you have something that you would like to donate as a door prize (separate from the grab bag), just wrap it up and bring it with you...the more prizes, the merrier!
- If you have a gift worth \$100 or more, it will be raffled with receipts going to our Scholarship Fund.

The delicious \$15 luncheon menu, catered by **Privateer's Cove**, will include mix of:

Pulled Pork Sliders
Crab stuffed Salmon
Buffalo Lasagna
Rice Pilaf
Salad
Dessert
Beer, Wine, Other Drinks

The Traxler residence is **73-1291 Kaiminani Dr, Kailua-Kona**...phone number is **325-5989**.

Guests are welcome! Please call **Neal Herbert** at 935-1946 or by e-mail to nfherbert@twc.com if you will attend...please let us know no later than December 2.

There will be no meetings...just good food, gifts and a fun time...hope to see you there!

PRESIDENT'S WIFE'S CORNER



By Jackie Lamke

There's a saying that goes something like this, "In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to love." Well I have one that goes "in the Fall, Al's mind turns to hunting." Hence the reason he is in Montana where there is snow -- 8" of the white stuff and 10 degrees. Hence the reason I am here in Kona. Early this morning just before I left to meet a friend to do our Friday morning walk, the phone rings and caller ID says it's Al. The call went something like this: me "Hello" Al "Hello. I tried you on your cell but you didn't answer so called you on this phone." Me: "I couldn't get to it fast enough. I've had a sick kitty all night otherwise I would have been gone walking." Al, not picking up on that: "I forgot to write the President's Corner. Can you do it? All you have to do is, blah, blah, blah." To be honest, I kinda quit listening. After all, how hard can this be? I usually proofread Al's every time so here goes.... The President's Wife's Corner (no recipes included).

We had a great meeting last month at Kamana Kitchen. Russ Ruderman, Hawaii State Senator from Dist. 2 gave us an update of some issues, one being the "right to die." It isn't one side of the island vs. the other. We are all in this together. This island is way overdue for some upgrades. We need to be united. Also heard a little about the Honolulu rail. A very interesting day. I urge you to keep up with what our legislature is dealing with and give them your feedback so they can represent us better.



We have signed up to do the Charity Trees at Mauna Lani again this year. I have decided to do "Superman may have worn a cape, but our heroes wore dog tags for at least 20 years." The tree top will be Uncle Sam's head with garland of dog tags and ribbon, red, white and blue lights like Uncle Sam's hat, ornaments with military branch insignias, etc. We will be putting the tree up Dec. 7, Thurs., at 8:30 a.m. and it comes down Dec. 29. It's really a site to see, all the trees lit up and all so different. If you haven't seen it, I urge you to take some time during the holiday season and visit the Mauna Lani. Vote for your favorite tree (of course, that better be BIRMA's) and let them know we appreciate them doing this. We do get a portion of the money raised. And last, but not least, if you would like to help Al and I put up the tree let us know at 326-9287. It is kinda early, but they have coffee and pastries there for the participants.

Hope everyone can find lots to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. Let's not just make it about one day but I challenge you to find something for which you are thankful every day of the year. I know I can speak for Al as we are both thankful for each one of you. Happy Thanksgiving. See you at the Christmas Party. I am looking forward to see what Jim and Carol do this year. They always out do themselves. I know from the past, this Christmas will be fun. I know some of the members have been working hard to make this a great party again this year. Thank you to each one that has spent - and will spend - a lot of time so we can have a great party. Mahalo.

CASE LOT SALE

Mahalo to **Harry and Marie Correa** for volunteering at the recent case lot sale at the Keaukaha NG facility.



Harry and Marie checking in customers

FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

David and Sophie Moore will again host BIRMA at their Ninole home on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**...it will be a potluck...details in the next bulletin. We still need hosts or coordinators for the rest of 2018...April, June, August, October and December.

DUES

Annual membership dues for July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 are now payable. Dues are \$20 if you are 70 or younger; \$12 for those 71 years or older. Please mail dues to BIRMA, c/o 224 Paukaa Dr, Hilo HI 96720 or pay at the next meeting or online at our web site. Call **935-1946** with any questions.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!!