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FEBRUARY 24 LUNCH MEETING



SUSAN JARVI, Ph.D.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, February 24** at the home of **David and Sophie Moore** in Ninole (see attached directions and map). The BIRMA board will meet at 1030, with a potluck lunch following at 1200. There will be no charge for this lunch, just bring a salad, entrée or dessert. Drinks will be provided by the **Moore**s. Please let **David** or **Neal** know what you plan to bring...a list of food being brought will be sent out about a week before the luncheon. Guests are welcome.

Our special guest speaker will be **Susan Jarvi**, who will talk to us about **rat lungworm disease**. More information about **Susan** is available at <http://pharmacy.uhh.hawaii.edu/cop/psc/jarvi.php>

David and Sophie have graciously invited us to their beautiful mountain home several times now and each meeting was an enjoyable, memorable event. We have always had great food and hospitality there...so plan to come, bring a dish and be part of the fun and interesting program!

Please email **David** at d1m96773@gmail.com or call **Neal Herbert** at 935-1946 for reservations...no later than February 20, please.

DUES

Annual membership dues for July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 are still payable for some members. 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 pay online at our web site. Call **935-1946** with any questions.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER AL LAMKE

Wow, here it is already, 2018! The older I get the faster time goes by. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. **Jackie and I** had a low keyed Christmas and New Year's was spent watching the neighbor's fireworks from our lanai. For those of you who didn't attend the Christmas BIRMA party at the **Traxlers**, you missed a great time! **Jim and Carol** opened their beautiful house to the group, and Jim's son, **Nick**, catered the meal. Excellent!! Thanks again to **Jim and Carol!** Thanks everyone who helped with gifts and prizes. Many business donated gifts in the way of gift certificates. I'm sure they were greatly appreciated by the lucky recipients. The last people I wish to thank and maybe the most hard-working couple is the **Herberts**. Without the hard work and time **Neal and Marilyn** put into this party EVERY YEAR, I doubt the party would be the success that it always is. THANK YOU!!



Jackie and I, along with the help of **Bill and Kathy Tilton** plus **Jeanne Lukasik** put up the BIRMA Christmas tree at Mauna Lani Bay Resort again this year I think it was a fun time All I get to do is set the tree and maybe put on some lights. **Bill** helped. The girls do most of the work decorating and bill and I helped ourselves to the refreshments. There were a total of 39 trees this year! The resort says they collected more money this year than any other! Don't know yet how much BIRMA will receive but looks good!

As noted above, the next board and lunch meeting will be February 24. **Neal** has put out a simple survey to the board and it will be brought up at the meeting in Feb. Everyone BE SAFE and hope to see you all soon! **Al**

BIRMA WEB SITE AND FACEBOOK

Check out our updated web site: www.biretiredmilitary.org for updated info on scholarships, etc. Two new pages have been added...**DONATIONS** where anyone can donate and make payments online...and **MEMBERS ONLY** containing privileged information such as our membership list, meeting minutes and By-Laws. You can access the **MEMBERS ONLY** page by using the password...**myBIRMA**.

We now have a page on Facebook...[Big Island Retired Military Assn](https://www.facebook.com/BigIslandRetiredMilitaryAssn). You can post comments, photos, see latest info and use it just like other Facebook entries, plus a donations button.



CLARENCE AND DENISE SMITH

(from long-time BIRMA members now living in Mountain View, CA)

Hi...thanks again for including us in the mail list for the BIRMA Bull. It's always great to read what the group is doing. **Clarence and I** are both doing well...his dementia is slowly creeping in more and more but is very manageable. Mostly forgetful about his words...he will be coming up on 89 in a few months. He joined the Army Air Corp in June 1947 - it became the Air Force in Sept. 1947.

The photo was taken in August at a street jazz festival. Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and upcoming Holiday Season and wishing all the BIRMA members the same! Hugs, **Denise**

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

(Anonymous source)

You can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S - Ask the individual to SMILE.

T - Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)
(i.e. Chicken Soup)

R - Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

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DIRECTIONS/MAP TO THE MOORE RESIDENCE IN NINOLE

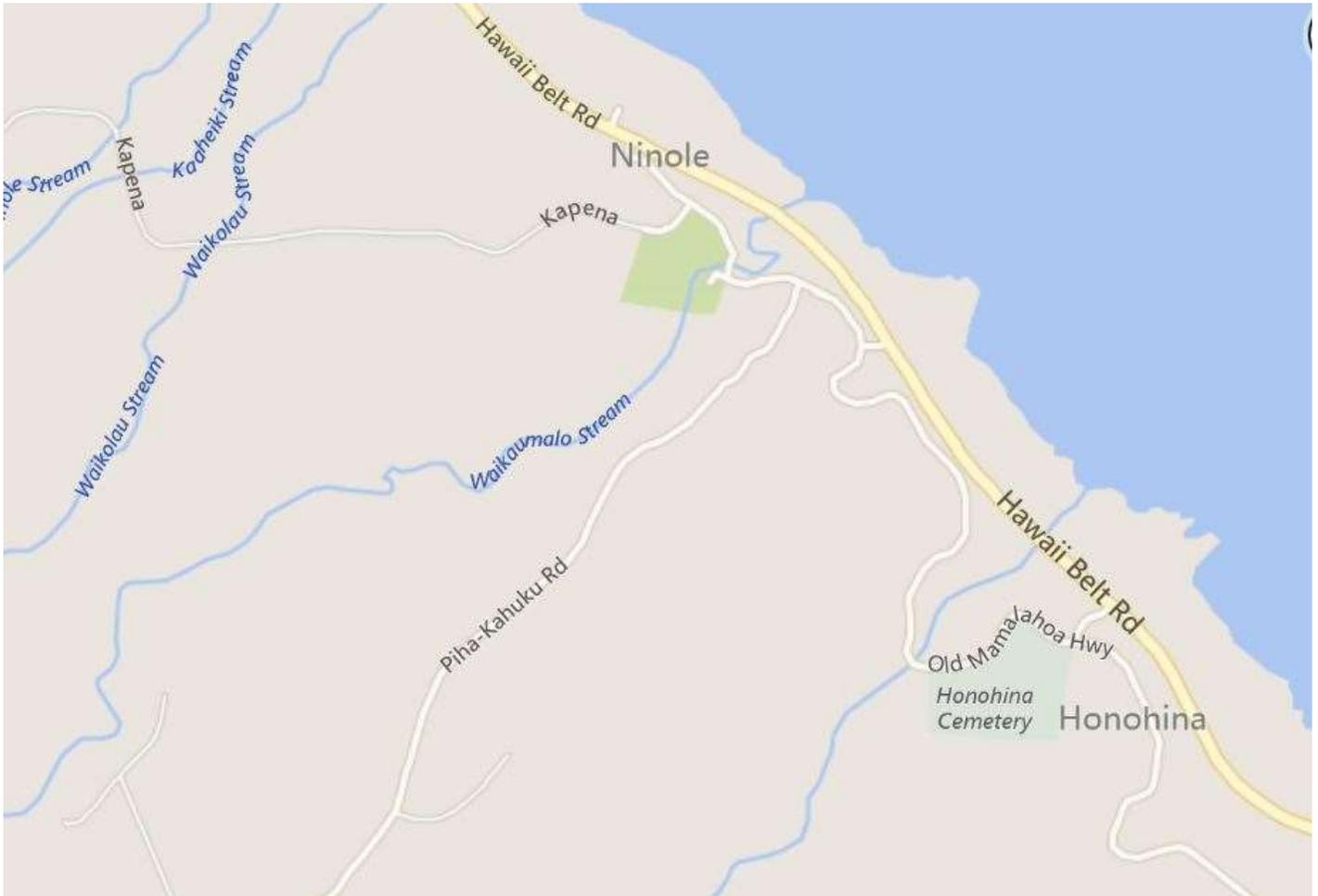
32-353 Piha Kahuku Rd Ninole, HI 96773

From Hilo - Hwy 19 north to approx. MM 18.5...Ninole sign on right, turn left (mauka) onto Old Mamalahoa Highway. Turn right at "T", then left on Piha Kahuku Rd (GREEN County sign, guardrail).

From Kona/Laupahoehoe - Hwy 19 toward Hilo to approx. MM 19...Ninole, Waikaumalo Park sign on right, turn right (mauka) onto Old Mamalahoa highway. About 1/2 mile cross the white wooden bridge, park will be on your right. Past park, turn right at guardrail onto Piha Kahuku Rd (the GREEN, county sign).

Go up Piha Kahuku Rd about a mile and a half. Take rock drive that goes diagonally to left (Green Private Drive / red Makana Maikakani signs on pole with 32-353 below). Turn left, thru gate at the red/white/blue Cottage and follow concrete drive to main house - pink with blue roof.

Park considerately of others please. Parking available both sides of garage and in field off main drive. Limited Handicap spaces at house. Please observe the NO PARKING areas.



To 32-353 Piha Kahuku Rd