

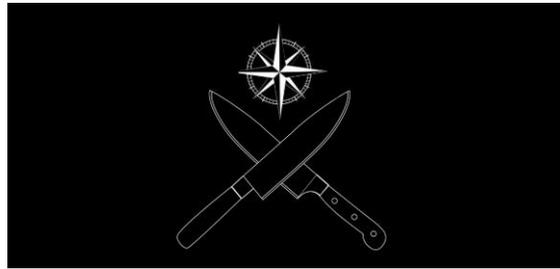


# BIRMA Bulletin August 2018

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## AUGUST 25 LUNCH MEETING



Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, August 25** at the **Privateer's Cove** restaurant in Kailua-Kona. Board meeting starts at 1030; lunch at 1200. Our lunch menu prepared by **Chef Nick Traxler**:

### Side Salad

*Mixed greens with dried cranberries, Feta Cheese, Onions and Mac Nuts*

### Shepherd's Pie

*Slow cooked beef with minced onions, carrots, peas and corn, topped with buttery potatoes and baked*

### Flourless Chocolate Espresso Cake

*Homemade Espresso baked into our dark Belgian Chocolate Cake, topped with homemade whipped cream.*

### *Pepsi Products and Tea Included*

Cost is \$19 each, inclusive. Guests are welcome. Address and map follow.

Our guest speaker will be **Dr Andrew West**, an Environmental scientist and Marine biologist. We have also invited **Mingxia Hawkins**, our 2018 BIRMA Mark Allen Traxler Scholarship winner. So please come and congratulate her.

Please contact **Jim Traxler** at [traxlrj@yahoo.com](mailto:traxlrj@yahoo.com) or 557-5833 if you will be attending...no later than August 18, please.

## PRIVATEER'S COVE RESTAURANT

Located at  
74-5565 Luhia Street  
Kailua-Kona Hawaii, 96740  
in Old Industrial  
next to the  
International Marketplace  
430-5550



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**AL LAMKE**

Alohaaaa, Is it August already? Does that mean the starting of fall and the end of summer? School will be starting, and all the hustle and bustle of school activities will be starting. Be careful around schools and busses! Watch for the kids! If you are bored and want something to do, go volunteer, help the kids and teachers! The volcano has created quite a stir, some members are closer than us on the west side. Our prayers go out to all those affected. The VOG is bad in Kona and we don't get to see the sun very much. See you all at the meeting, Al

## ANDY ANDERSON

Lifetime member, **Andy Anderson**, died in January. He and **Harriet** were very active in BIRMA and continued to visit us after moving to Arizona several years ago. Condolences may be sent to Harriet at [har19@juno.com](mailto:har19@juno.com) or to 2075 Sandtrap Lane, Ft Mohave, AZ 86426.

## MARGIE LEHMAN

Long-time member **Margie Lehman** passed away on July 3. Her son **David**, also a BIRMA member, sent the following letter informing us and enclosing a donation to BIRMA. Margie will be inured at West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery on Wednesday, August 29 at 0900. BIRMA will present a wreath...please attend if you can. Contributions to Margie's favorite charity may be sent to the Lutheran Church Holy Trinity, 77-165 Lako Street, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

3194 Fairpoint St.  
Pasadena, CA 91107

Dear Neil Herbert:

I regret to inform you that my Mom, Marjorie (Margie) W. Lehman, passed away in her sleep on July 3 due to natural causes. She was 94 years old and a member of BIRMA. She will be inured with her husband of 64 years and a former BIRMA member, Hugh Lehman, at West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. She is survived by her three children, Barbara (retired High School Vice-Principal), David (NASA engineer), and Rick (airline pilot). She is also survived by her two Grandchildren, Rebecca and Ryan, and one Great Grandson, Aiden.

Margie met the love of her life, Hugh, through his mother, a Sunday school teacher at Ardmore Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. Hugh and Margie married when he came home from World War II. After 20 years in the Air Force, they settled in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Margie and Hugh travelled all over the world (Egypt, New Zealand, Europe, and South America), raised horses in their backyard, summered at their cabin in Colorado and wintered in Hawaii.

Margie loved singing in church choirs and was always involved in her church. After Hugh's retirement from the Air Force, they worshiped at the White Rock Presbyterian Church in Los Alamos for 30 years. Margie also loved to volunteer at the local Los Alamos Historical Society Museum. In 2000, they moved to Hawaii to be near their daughter Barbara. After Hugh passed away in 2009, Margie moved to Pasadena, CA to be near her son David. While in Pasadena, she attended Trinity Presbyterian Church.



*In lieu of flowers, Margie*  
asked that friends and well-wishers make contributions to their favorite charity. The family is planning a celebration of Margie's life at a later date in Hawaii.

Margie was a loving person who will be missed by all.

Best Regards,

David H. Lehman

PS Find attached \$100 donation to BIRMA.

## JUNE 23 LUNCH MEETING AT KENISHI RESTAURANT

We had a good meeting and tasty lunch. Congratulations to our Officers and Directors who were elected and thanks to Maricar Souza gave us some current info on ID cards and veterans concerns...Al Lamke presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation. See attached meeting minutes for more details.



Neal, Marilyn, Harry, Robin and others enjoying lunch



Al, Cheryl, David, Nestorio, Elva listening to speaker



Bill and Jim being sworn in



Al giving certificate to Maricar

### DUES

It's time again to pay dues for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Currently, members under 71 owe \$20; those 71 or older pay \$12. You can mail checks payable to BIRMA to 224 Paukaa Dr, Hilo HI 96720, online at our web site (Donations) or at the next meeting.

### MEMBER STORIES

When available, we like to publish a photo and short bio of our members and spouses, especially our newer ones. This helps us all get to know you a little better. So, don't be shy...email your story and picture to [nfherbert@twc.com](mailto:nfherbert@twc.com), or by regular mail to the above address...mahalo

### ENGLISH LESSON

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

You think English is easy?? I think a retired English teacher was bored...read all the way to the end.

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear..
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?