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## **Ukulele Jam with Pumana II**

Sponsored by the Japanese American Optimists and Gardena Evening Optimists, Pumana held a local "Ukulele Jam Session" on Saturday at Keiro, Boyle Heights. Over 60 people ranging in age from 15 to 80+ joined in. Some came to listen while others jammed with the Pumana players. By the end of the day, everyone had picked up enough to play along.

Nalu Ukulele Company provided the ukuleles for those beginners who did not have an ukulele. Owner Mark Hirbayashi, from Kauai, helped the beginning audience get the feel of the ukulele while band members, Matthew, Keven, Raymond, and David kept the beat.

While the event was sponsored by the Optimists, they opened it up to community members. The pupus were provided by everyone and the raffle prizes were generously donated by Jeanette Mena, former president of Gardena Evening Optimists. Kings Hawaiian generously donated the cakes.

"Pumana" began in the early 1990's and called themselves Pohaku. In 2007, they reunited and call themselves Pumana. Their music merges traditional Hawaiian songs with classic island rhythms. Pumana is Matt on lead vocals, Ray on guitar and vocals, and Mark on ukulele, percussion and vocals, with Keven on bass, and David on drums and percussion. Please check out their website for music downloads and information [www.pumana.com](http://www.pumana.com).

Join Pumana once a month at Happa's Restaurant the last Saturday every month! Enjoy 10% off your dinner at Happa's Restaurant. For more information, please contact Pumana at [aloha@pumana.com](mailto:aloha@pumana.com) or follow them on facebook on their Pumana page.

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