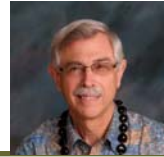




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Notes and Information From US Area President Phil Sammer,
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Aloha from Hawai'i!

We are fast approaching the end of the Y Service Club year and are preparing for the annual US Area Council meeting from July 6 to 8 which will be hosted by Immediate Past Area President (IPAP) Fred Leonard at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The council is comprised of the nine regional directors who are required to attend because this is the only legislative meeting of the Area during the year. The Area Service Directors are also invited and encouraged to attend so that they can report on their activities and interact with their counterparts from across the country. The council meeting is a our opportunity to chart the course for the coming year and to air opinions and propose solutions to issues that confront the Area.

Among the issues to be discussed is the proposed change of the Area fiscal year to conform to the new International fiscal year. There has been some confusion in regard to the change. The new year begins on April 1 and will finish on March 31. Dues and program payments will now be made in February and August. The proposed change will be sent out for club vote after the council meeting. The service year for clubs remains unchanged: July 1 to June 30.

Our new International President, Hirotohi Fujii, will be installed at the International Convention in Yokohama, Japan in August. I urge you all to consider attending and enjoying the fellowship and fun that inevitably accompanies any gathering of Y Service Club men and women. It's easy to register and pay on line and there are hotels in all price ranges to suit your budget. Japan is a wonderfully scenic and hospitable country that will surprise and delight you as will the warmth of the host Y Service men and women. You will also have the chance to meet our new International Secretary General, Takao "Nishi" Nishimura. The dates are August 6-8, 2010. I hope to see you there!

We are working on web based programs via the internet to provide long distance training to the District Governors with a target date of September for implementation. The Area plans to make the same program available to provide training at all levels of Y'sdom including the clubs. It is particularly useful for Regional and Area Service Directors since it is not financially feasible to bring all of these individuals together for training. Area ASD for IT Bob Daniels will be refining the program and will be available to assist the regions and the clubs in implementing a program.

We have had some very good news in the area of Extension. Our newest club is the North Y's Service Club in Columbus, Ohio that chartered on April 14, 2010. We are also planning on chartering the Hot Springs Y Service Club on July 7, 2010 during the Area Council meeting. Efforts are underway to form other new clubs in various locations across the country and I look forward to reporting to you about them in the near future.

I was pleased with the response to our first nation-wide service project with Meals on Wheels that took place during the month of March. Many clubs and regions participated in MOW programs including fundraising, meal deliveries and public awareness projects. I hope that the collaboration with Meals on Wheels will continue year round with particular emphasis on National Awareness Month in March

Finally, I would like to thank all those Y Service Club men and women who have helped make my first term as Area President a success by serving at the Area, regional and club levels. I look forward to working with you all as I begin my second and final term and know that I can count on your support and encouragement!

Please feel free to contact me at any time at psammer@lava.net or call 808-780-9200 (Hawai'i time is 3 hours behind the West Coast in summer)

Important Dates

July 6-8:	US Area Council Meeting, Hot Springs, Arkansas
July 30-Aug 4:	International Council Meeting, Yokohama, Japan
August 5-8:	International Convention, Yokohama, Japan
September 18:	DG Training via the Internet
November 11-14:	RDE Training, San Jose, California

Regional Conventions 2010

June 12-13:	Pacific Northwest, Bellevue, Washington
September 25:	Mid America/Mid East Joint Convention, Kankakee, Illinois
October 1-3:	South Atlantic, Salisbury, North Carolina
October 8-10:	Pacific Southwest, Burbank, California
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