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President's message

-Tom Tannery

Aloha,



This is the President's Report of official activities for 2007 - 2008 for the East Kauai Y's Men's Club. The following club activities were recorded:

1. The 25th Annual East Kauai Y's Men's Club Youth



Run was featured on the May cover of Y's Men's World (The Official Publication of Y's Men International).

2. Articles and pictures of the East Kauai Y's Men's Club

have been published in all Y's Men's World and Y's Alliance publications during the year thanks to Bev Olsen and Jesse Castro.

3. East Kauai Y's Men's Club member Donna Schulze was



awarded the Boots Fabian Award at the US Area Convention.

4. Two additional members,



Gaetano Vasta & Jason Shimauchi have agreed to join the club. On a sad note East Kauai Y's Men's Club mem-



ber George Schulze pass away after a lifetime of service to the club.



5. The Club had a Rodeo fundraiser that brought in almost \$1000.00 .



6. Club members helped fix-up Kamalani Playground.

7. The Club made a donation to Malama Pono to help with



their mission of fighting aids on Kauai..

8. The East Kauai Y's Men's Club put on their 25th Annual Youth Run. The race



honored George Schulze who had recently passed away. Over 120 runners participated and 10 bicycles were given away as prizes.

9. Make-A-Difference Day was held at YMCA Camp



Naue. Club Members helped paint the camp pavilion.

10. Ten Club members attended the Hawaii Regional Convention on Oahu.



11. The Club donated \$2,500 to help pur-



chase water slides for the new YMCA pools.
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Christain Emphasis

-Jennie Yukimura



MOTHER'S DAY

My mother was born on Kauai in the year 1900 and died when she was 93 years old. With Mother's Day approaching, my thoughts go out to her. She was a kind, gentle, humble and beautiful person. She grew up on a rice farm in Hanapepe Valley. Because she was needed to chase the rice birds that came to feast on the rice by rattling and clanging the cans attached to several lines, she could not continue her education beyond the 8th grade.

I was the second of her five children. We were very poor. We had to count the pennies to go shopping for groceries. Yet, I did not suffer in any way and I continued to enjoy the close relationship with my mother. I was able to share with her anything and everything---about school and



my friends---and she was interested in everything I did.

My father, on the other hand, was born in Japan and very strict and controlling, and my Mom had to obey him like a servant. I could not confide in him, and when we had any disagreements, my Mom would always come to support me. For example, as a McKinley High School student, I enjoyed going to the football games because I was in love with No. 74, the center of the team, and wanted to cheer for McKinley Tigers. My father did not believe that girls should go to the games, although he believed in his children having good education and doing well in school. When my mother explained to him that I was going as a reporter and the headline editor for the Daily Pinion and that this was part of school work, he relented and gave his approval, thanks to Mom.

Most mothers love their children and are willing to sacrifice for them, just as Jesus sacrificed for all of us.

John 15:12 *"This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."*

BROTHER CLUBS

-Jiro Yukimura



Atami Glory Club

Mr. Toshiro Takeuchi



A Postcard

Just 7 days at Vancouver and Kelowna (sp?), BC Canada and now on the flight of JAL, 4 1/2 hours over the Pacific bound for Narita. Is there any Y's member who registered to attend the 58th Y's Men International Convention in Copenhagen in early July? TAK and Kiyoko

Spring has come here filled with cherry blossoms all around. Five women from Sea-Pusan Club Korea came to visit us for 4 days and today they left Wakayama from Kansai Airport. We had a really good time together. Two women stayed at my house. I was lucky because they spoke Japanese. It was funny that one woman who doesn't speak Japanese

at all stayed with one of our members who doesn't know Korean at all. It meant they didn't have any communication tool at all; they had just smiling and gestures. We heard they had a lot of funny experiences and enjoyed them very much.

The Y's West Japan Convention 2008 will be held in Nara on June 14th and 125th. If you are interested in this event, would you send an email to Mr. Nagai, who is in charge of our club IBC. His email address is:
y'nagai'kouga@tree.odn.ne.jp

If we can see you in Japan, it is great. Sato-san and I are willing to help you with English.
Taeko ===

The Most Famous Festival of Thailand

-Beverly Olsen and Chirasak Prateepasen



This month marks what might be considered to be if not the most important festival of Thailand the most popular.

Lasting over three days, each day has its own name. April 13th is called "Maha Songkarn day" the first day of the festivel, April 14th is called "Nao day" or the day on which the sun travels between Pieces and Arise marking the old Thai New Year's Eve and April 15th the last day of this festival is called "Thai New Year's Day".

The origins of the Songkran festival has its ancient beginnings in Buddhist heritage, the washing of Buddha im-



ages, merit making, traditional family values and the sprinkling of water in respect for elders contributes to the significance of this festival. Religious ceremonies and folk rituals are per-

formed to bring good luck and prosperity. It is a time of renewal and new beginnings.

Occurring in the month of April when temperatures in Thailand can reach upward of 40 degrees Celsius (104 F). The tradition of water-throwing ranging from a courteous sprinkle or a polite splash, to harmless water pistols, buckets or water cannons is one way to beat the heat.

*East Kauai Y's Men Club sends it heartfelt condolences to Y's Men Chirasak and Nit Prateepasen on the loss of their mother. ==

HAWAII REGIONAL NEWS

The Regional Convention will be held at the Royal Lahaina Hotel, May 15-17, 2008. Registration fee of \$25 per attendee will be charged. There is still time to register!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

-Gaetano Vasta



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

A Dog's Purpose - from a 4 year old.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm,

petting the old dog for the last time,that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few-minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept-Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."



Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long." ==

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Frank Olsen



Three Good Deeds!

Remember the old saying "no good deed goes unpunished" Well, it isn't necessarily so.

GOOD DEED NUMBER ONE:

Ten East Kauai Y's Men , Nato Mikasa , Champ Ono, Donna Schulze, Jenny and Jiro Yukimura, Jesse Castro, John Simpson, Frank and Bev Olsen and YMCA Director and Ys Men Tom Tannery, helped spruce up the YMCA Camp Naeu on Friday April 18. Volunteer Nancy Valle along with the 10 Y's Men panted both

camp restrooms and front doors to the camp kitchen.

GOOD DEED NUMBER TWO:

After our painting crew of eleven finished a luncheon of Sub-Way sandwiches, Jesse Castro (who is also a Kauai Police Officer), Nato Mikasa



and Tom Tannery ventured over to the Camp Naue beach so Jesse could take some pictures of the Kite Surfers. As they approached the beach, Jesse noticed two adult swimmers about forty yards off shore having difficulty getting back to the beach.. He immediately took out his cell phone, called 911, told the dispatcher help was needed and with-in five minutes two life guards from the Haena Beach Life Guard Station were at Camp Naue.

GOOD DEED NUMBER THREE:

The two lifeguards made the



rescue of the two distressed swimmers and returned them to the beach safely.

WOW! It makes one wonder what if our Y's Men were not there that day; And what if Jesse had decided not to take that picture. HMM!



Thank goodness we were there and KUDOS to Jesse Castro for being so observant.



....Thanks Jesse and Thanks to the rest of the Kauai Ys Men and our guest Nancy for looking after our beautiful Camp Naue. ==

WHO! WHO!?

-John Riggins



Are there also "haole" birds?

Just as some present-day humans have moved from the mainland and made Hawaii their permanent home, some birds have also duplicated that custom.

The Pueo (Hawaiian name) or Hawaiian Owl or Short-eared Owl was not an extremely early bird species to appear on Hawaii (remember, most of the "early" birds - pre-human occupation - were descended

from a single type of honey-creeper) but became established on Hawaii at about the same time that Polynesians first settled the land. Although sometimes found in the forests, Pueo's favor open fields - which were not present before human occupation.

Pueo's were probably not brought to the islands by the



Polynesians - they must have stumbled upon the islands on their own. Owls are not strong fliers and usually do not migrate over long distances, but

at sometime in the past, several "Short-eared Owls" must have made their way to our islands (blown here by strong storms?) and began multiplying. The Hawaiian Pueo is not a migratory bird at all and mainland Short-eared Owls have not been known to visit the islands (as confirmed by scientific "banding" programs, bird counts and other observations).

The Pueo has become a distinct sub-species of the Short-eared Owl and is now recognized as a uniquely Hawaiian bird. Unlike most owls that are nocturnal, the Pueo hunts mainly by day (diurnal) but can sometimes be seen at night).

The Pueo is most common throughout Kauai but also found on Maui (mainly within the Haleakala crater) and the Big Island. It is now extremely endangered on Oahu. This owl was revered by the ancient Hawaiians as a guardian spirit and mentioned frequently in chants.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
May 11, 2008