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President's message

-Bev Olsen



Aloha,

It seems as though the well know cliché "History repeats itself" proves to be right once again. Four years ago, I had

Denmark and Norway where we recently had the good fortune to visit. The Scandinavian clubs in these two coun-



tries have just **this year** opened their membership to women.

Frank and I were home hosted in Norway and Denmark where we received the *aloha spirit* in abundance from Y's Men members of the: St. Hallvard YMC Oslo, Norway, Birkeland YMC, Bergen Norway, Aalesund YMC, Aalesund, Norway,



the honor of being the second East Kauai Y's Men Woman President in the club's history and once again, I have an opportunity to serve. However, I must say we are light years ahead of the Y's Men Clubs in



and the Valby YMC Club, Copenhagen Denmark. Unfortunately we had only one opportunity to attend a YMC meeting—Scandinavian clubs recess during the summer—but due to the gracious planning of our home hosts we were able to meet

President- Beverly Olsen Vice Pres.- John Simpson Secretary- Jesse Castro Treasurer- Nato Mikasa
Frank Olsen - Tom Tannery - Alfred Laureta - George Schulze - Donna Schulze - Jiro Yukimura - Jennie Yukimura
Marvin Dye - Champ Ono - Ed Nos - Eiko Nos - Gloria Horace - Steve Layne - Robert Sims - Mary Sims - Jason Shimauchi - Gaetano Vasta

many of the members from all of these clubs during coffees and dinner parties. One unique custom we observed was the singing of the blessing before meals.

Photos clockwise from top:

1. Greeted at the Copenhagen train station by our hostess Rosa Vægge-mose with American flag and Y's Men cap.
2. Spreading the word with our East Kauai YMC club brochure at the Copenhagen YMC meeting.
3. Dinner parties and coffees gave us opportunities to meet Y's Men members from all of the clubs.
Bottom: Aalesund YMC, Aalesund Norway.
Left: Birkeland YMC, Bergen Norway.
4. CENTER: Olav Bondevik DG in District Oslo with Oslo hosts Solveig and Y's Men Haavard Hette, St. Hallvard YMC Oslo, Norway.

-It was a beautiful sunny day for the Kauai Ohana YMCA dedication ceremony held



under the new high dive board at the YMCA Olympic size swimming pool. The ceremony began with a Hawaiian blessing chanted by Heuionalani Bandmann; Y's Women Donna Schulze gave the Christian blessing. Attendees included Y's Men,

YMCA Board Members, island officials, and dignitaries.



Ti leaf leis and Kona blue pool tiles set in Koa wood engraved with the date the



pool opened were given out in recognition. The Kauai Ohana YMCA currently has over 400 memberships.

"I have always depended on the kindness of strangers".
Tennessee Williams

Christian Emphasis

-Jennie Yukimura



Let There Be Peace on Earth

With the observance of Memorial Day, we are reminded of the brave men and women who have fought and died for us and our country. It makes me question why must we continue to have wars, why nations cannot resolve differences without resorting to wars?

Can we not devise ways to settle conflicts by peaceful means?

Last Sunday at church, we all sang together the following song entitled, Let There be Peace on Earth, reminding us that we need to begin with ourselves first to promote peace.

Let There Be Peace On Earth

*Let there be Peace on Earth
And let it begin with me,
Let there be Peace on Earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we,
Let me walk with my brother,
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment,
And live each moment
in peace eternally,
Let there be Peace on Earth,
And let it begin with me.*



Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

CONGRATULATIONS !

-To Champ Ono's family. Champ and Sue's daughter Annabelle's daughter Christine Saiki graduated from University of Hawaii Medical School last month. Wonderful accomplishment!



-To Great Grandpa Nato and Great Grandma Lucille. Their granddaughter Tracy gave birth to a baby boy, Kaleb Kiyoshi Jonah Soriano, on May 5, 2008---on Boys Day.



BROTHER CLUBS
-Jiro Yukimura



Atami Glory Club
Mr. Toshiro Takeuchi



How are you? We hope everyone of the East Kauai Y's Men Club enjoy good health, and your service to the YMCA continues.

We have lost 2 members, both being charter members: Nobuyoshi Ishii and Hitoshi Tegawa. They passed away at the age of 80 years old. Roughly, our average age is now 69 years old, and how to be younger is a key issue.

On June 7th and 8th, the 11th Japan East Regional Convention will be held at Tokyo at the 21 Century Hotel with 525 participants. A week later, on June 14th and 15th, the 11th Japan West Regional Convention will be held at Nara, with some 650 members participating. Nineteen members of our club will be attending the East Region Convention and 11 at the West Region Convention.

The hike of gasoline and wheat causing 10 to 20% hike in commodity prices. The instability of politics continues unchanged. The popularity of Prime Minister Fukuda is now only 19%, the lowest never experienced in the past.

Takao Fujima is the president of Atami Glory for 2008-2009, and Hiromi Fujimagari is the chairman of IBC and I am the vice-chairman. To have more than 35 members in the club is our goal.

Next year, we plan to visit Kauai about the time of the Hawaii Regional Convention in May, 2009.

The cyclone in Burma and the earthquake in China have been terrible. We are told that Mt. Fujii erupts every 300 years and the last one called Hoei Eruption took place in 1707.

With our best wishes to fellow Y's Men and Y's Women. Sayonara and Mahalo, TAK and Kiyoko



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Bangkok Brother Club
Beverly Olsen and Kuhn Chirasak



The Yokohama YMCA and Bangkok YMCA were hosted at the July 26th dinner meeting of the Bangkok YMC. The club has had a longstanding relationship with the Yokohama YMCA, who will celebrate their 75th anniversary in November.

In late August, the Bangkok YMC will have a joint installation with the Chiangmai Club.

Last month RD Udomchai of the Bangkok YMC arranged to sponsor a *Ta* (Smit) Concert with the Rotary, and the YMCA. The successful event raised over 800K baht.

The YMCA kindergarten project at Klong Toei had to be

closed due to the sale of the land. The kindergarten near Siriraj Hospital will remain open.

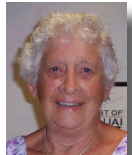
At present, the Bangkok YMCA has camp projects in Rayong, Pitsanuloke Province and a community project *Happy Home*, in Nakorn Pathom and Phayao.

HAOULI Ia HANAU (Happy Birthday) สุขสันต์วันเกิด (sook sun wan gerd) TO KHUN CHIRASAK



72nd Regional Convention

-Donna Schulze



The 72nd Hawaii Region Y's Men International Convention was held on May 16 through May 18, 2008 at the Royal Lahaina Resort on Maui, hosted by the Maui Y's Men Club. All nine Hawaii Region members and delegates attended.

The first business session was held on Friday afternoon and the second on Saturday morning.

During the meetings the Metro District of six Oahu clubs asked to Host the convention in Honolulu for May 2009. It was approved.

Debbie Redmond, the US area Corporate Secretary gave a presentation on the status of all US Area clubs and again on Saturday evening with an update on a brighter future for Y'sDom.



All new officers for all clubs were inducted on Saturday evening and Rick Lau was inducted as the Hawaii Regional Director for 2008-2009. Awards were given in all areas of YMCA and Y's Men categories. Club of the Year was

Nuanu, and Top President of all nine clubs was Tom Tannery, President of East Kauai Club and YMCA of Kauai Executive Director.

During the closing of the Convention a large group of Y's Men gathered on the hotel lawn to talk in

memory for Kenneth Ling of Windward club, George Schulze of East Kauai Club and Elaine Tamasaka, wife of Y's Men Fred, who passed away in the past year since May 2007.

"To function primarily as service clubs for the YMCA and youth"

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Frank Olsen



It was a picture perfect day for our annual club fund raiser with temperatures in the mid 80's, brisk trade winds, and a beautiful blue sky with scattered white clouds.



The special venue was the Koloa Days Rodeo at CJM stables in Poipu.

Men and two Ys Menette's from 10am to 2pm.



Mahalo Nui Loa to East Kauai Y's Men Champ One, Nato Mikasa, Marvin Dye, John Simpson, Gaetano Vasta, Jesse Castro, Jason

oatmeal cookies and Jason for the "stone cookies".

Job well done



REGIONAL CALENDAR



JUNE:
PUBLIC RELATIONS
-DONNA SAITO

JULY:
MEMBERSHIP & CONSERVATION
- DUKE CHUNG
- EXTENSION
GARY BAUTISTA

AUGUST:
COMMUNITY SERVICE ñ
-DARRYL TUPINIO

SEPTEMBER:
ENDOWMENT
-BRAD ISHIDA

OCTOBER:
ASLF/DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
-LARRY HIRANAKA

NOVEMBER:
BROTHERHOOD FUND
-JOHN SIMPSON

NOVEMBER:19th:
MID-YEAR CABINET MEETING

DECEMBER:
CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS
-JONI NEEL/JENNY YUKIMURA

JANUARY:
YMCA SERVICE
-FRED TAMASAKA

FEBRUARY:
TIME OF FAST
-DAN TAKAMATSU

MARCH:
BROTHER CLUB
-JAMES CHONG

APRIL:
LEADERSHIP TRAINING
-LINDA CHUNG & PAUL KUROMOTO

MAY:
REGIONAL CONVENTION OAHU
-WALTER OSAKODA



About 1,700 local and Island visitors were assisted with



parking their vehicles by ten hard working East Kauai Ys



Shimauchi, Beverly Olsen, YMCA Director and Y's Men Tom Tannery and yours truly. Mahalo also to Y's Menette's Sue Ono and Lucille



Mikasa. Thanks Sue for the watermelon, Lucille for the

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

-Gaetano Vasta



The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more



problems, more medicine, but less well-ness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait.



We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies

than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.



Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS RE MEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

-George Carlin (Comedian)

East Kauai Y's Men

Program Chairs:

- Brotherhood Fund Al Laureta
- Endowment Donna Schulze
- Time of Fast Marvin Dye
- Christian Emphasis Jennie Yukimura
- Historian John Simpson
- Brother Club Jiro Yukimura
- Membership & Extension Donna Schulze
- Youth Run Tom Tannery
- Public Relation Bev Olsen
- Community Service Frank Olsen
- Bulletin Jesse Castro
- YMCA Tom Tannery



U. S. AREA NEWS

RD **Rick Lau** has just returned from attending the U.S. Area Council Meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, and reports that the 2009 U.S. Area Convention originally planned for Philadelphia will be moved to the West Coast. Apparently, negotiations regarding the accommodations and other items fell through.

Rick also reports that the focus this year in the Area will be on membership growth and starting new Clubs in YMCAs without Y's Men Clubs.

HAWAII REGION NEWS

73rd Hawaii Region Convention chair **Walter Osakoda** has already met with his planning committee to ensure that next year's event to be held in Honolulu will be a great experience.

A survey will be sent to each Club very shortly asking for input and recommendations. Maui youth member **Trevor Jones** returns shortly from his attending the International Youth Convocation held in conjunction with the International Convention of Y's Men in Herning, Denmark. Can't wait to hear his stories. RD **Rick Lau** has scheduled the Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting for Saturday, November 15, at the Ilima Hotel.