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President's message

-Tom Tannery

Aloha,
I hope everyone is in good spirits and enjoying the wonderful summer weather. Special thanks go out to Donna and George Schulze for hosting the August social at their home in Kilauea. Our first official Y's Men's Business Meeting will be held at the new Kauai Ohana YMCA facility in September. Please make every effort to attend this historic meeting.

Also, it is great to report that construction has started on the Olympic Swimming Pool Complex. Please be careful not to fall into the big dirt hole that has started to appear - we smile :~).



PHOTOS DEPICT FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION FOR OLYMPIC-SIZE SWIMMING POOL.



BROTHER CLUBS

-Jiro Yukimura



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We are pleased to read your letter dated August 11th with an enclosure of the latest Y's Informer, No. 121. It contains more photos and more YMCA and family news---a big improvement with beautiful layout.

"We experience very hot summer everyday, more than 35 degree Centigrade.

"With your initiative, the East Kauai Y's Men's Club members participated in the Lihue yard cleaning project for 3 days. Indeed, it is great.

"As you know, the political turmoil continues in Japan. The main reason is the lack of leadership of Prime Min-

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ister Shinzo Abe. By the end of this August, the reshuffling of the Cabinet will be conducted in order to gain more support from among the Japanese (people).

"The 22nd Asia Area Convention was held at Bangkok, Thailand, from August 10 to 12. 394 Y's Men and Y's Menettes participated in the convention. The official bid for Y's Men IC (International Convention) for 2010 was supported by 18 votes for Japan and 1 vote for the US, held at the International Council at Adelaide, Australia. Do you feel like visiting Japan once more by taking advantage of this grand opportunity?

"We read Champ Ono's report on China visit. It has become a big issue on how to clean so heavily polluted air before the opening of the summer Olympic Games, in August 2008, at Beijing.

"Enclosed you will find our bulletin for August.

"Mahalo and Sayonara!"
Tak and Kiyoko

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None to report.



Bangkok Brother Club
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staff joining together to say " Thank you-Kub Khun " to all of the audiences and Y's Men, Y's Menettes, Youths and Guests. Photo 3 PICM K. Letchimanan of Ipoh Club watches as Bangkok PCP (Cow-boy)Chirasak accepts congratulatory handshake on behalf of East Kauai from Bangkok CP Sophon after signing of IBC Certificate between the two clubs.

Middle Row:

Photo 1 Youth Convocation

Photo 2 Y's Menettes

Bottom Row

Far Left Lion Dance

Photo #2 The Youth -Our Heritage Show of Music -You are the World! Opening night.

Photo #3 Asian Cultural Show

Far right Garuda Dancing

The Bangkok Y's Men Club recently hosted Service Without Borders the 22nd International – Asian 2007 Area Convention and Youth Convocation.



The convention and convocation was a huge success with over 400 attendees representing, Korea, Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, Macau, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, India and of course Thailand.

During the convention, the International Brotherhood Certificate between Bangkok Y's Men Club and the East Kauai Y's Men Club was signed. Khun Chirasak PCP, of the Bangkok Club accepted congratulations from PC Bangkok Club Khun Sophon on behalf of the East Kauai Club.

The Host Committee arranged a thank you party to give special recognition to Co-chairman Khun Udomchai, Khun Wichian, Y's Lady Tiraphan and Khun Sophon (who headed the Youth Convocation). I heard "they couldn't have done it without them"!

Top row from left to right:

Photo 1 Thai Dancing with PAP Chung of Korea and AP Fujii of Japan

Photo 2 Host Convention Committee Bangkok Club Members and the working

Co-chairman Khun Udomchai, Khun Wichian and the Host Committee mixed traditional Y's Men workshops on leadership, membership conservation etc., with fun activities; a morning boat ride along the Chao

Phrayo River, and an afternoon fresh fruit *Garden Party*. But it was the evening where the Bangkok hosts outdid themselves! On opening night at the banquet dinner, guests were awed by the performance of the 'Youth-Our Heritage Show of Music' *You Are The World*. At the banquet on the second evening visitors were treated to a dazzling Asian Cultural show. Some of the same performances will be presented at the Kings birthday party in December. The evening commenced with dancing at the Presidents Ball until—what I can only guess at since I wasn't there—the *wee hours* of the morning.

NOW AREN'T YOU SORRY YOU MISSED IT. I AM!



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

-Jennie Yukimura



Seattle August 22: Jiro and I are preparing to leave Seattle tomorrow after being here with our daughter Kathy's family for 10 days. It included a special musical concert planned by our grandson David's friends to raise funds to cover some of his large medical cost, resulting from a single car accident while driving from Westmont Christian College in Santa Barbara to his home in Seattle, a long 20 hour drive. He was in touch with his family periodically on his cell phone as his parents kept track of his progress. His family's worst fears were realized when they lost contact, causing them to rush down to find him at the trauma center in a San Jose Hospital. The Highway Patrol report had stated that "the driver did not have much chance for survival." He remained in a comatose state for nearly 10 days.

The news of the accident came to us on the early hours of May 18 when we were getting ready to get to the airport

to participate in the Hawaiian Regional Convention at Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. In the three months since the accident, David has made such rapid recovery that I would consider this no less than a miracle. What contributed to his recovery I think was the early medical attention he received and the excellent care that followed, David's youth and determination, and, most importantly, the many prayers and expressions of concern for his well-being by many people, including many Y's Men who learned about this event and have offered concerns and prayers for him.

On this visit to Seattle, Jiro and I were able to see David in person looking like his former self, sustaining just a slight limp in walking, and had become well enough to get back to Westmont College where, being a relatively small school, the entire faculty and his many friends gave him a big welcome. His mother who drove and remained with him for a couple of days reported that "he couldn't stop smiling."

We thank God for all of his mercy and his loving care as he watches over us.



Psalm 121-7: The Lord will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

LUMINARIES:

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS:

SEPT. 21- WENDY TANNERY
SEPT. 29- MARVIN DYE

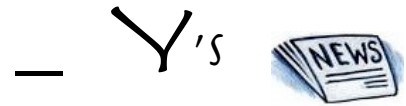


DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPT. 06 - BUSINESS MEETING
YMCA, LIHUE 6:00 PM



AUGUST 20 - SOCIAL MEETING
HANAMAULU CAFE 6:00 PM



Y's International

Y's Men International has achieved a new threshold in its membership as of July 1, 2007. Compared to last year, worldwide total membership is now at 30,505, up from 28,504. New clubs and growth in membership is primarily from the European and India Areas.

US Area

U. S. Area Convention, South Carolina, July 12-15, 2007. Although the convention was small in attendance, the fellowship was great. Hawaii **RD Phil Sammer** was awarded the Henry Grimes Award for the club year, 2006-2007. This award is given to the outstanding U.S. Area Regional Director. Club awards were also presented to the Central, Kaimuki, Kalihi, and East Kauai Clubs. Finally, East Kauai member **Donna Schulze** received the Boots Fabian Award, given to former or present YMCA staff for their support of Y's Men and its mission.. She is the first woman member to receive this award. The workshops held emphasized the need to increase club membership and work towards reversing this trend of declining membership in clubs.

Hawaii Regional News

The Hawaii Region Planning Committee will be developing its strategy on what is the best way to host and plan future regional conventions. The first meeting was held on August 4th at the Ilima Hotel. **Phil Sammer** and Metro DG **Russ Lynch** led the discussions on the future of how the regional conventions are to be held. The Kaimuki Club will be in charge of the auction at the Convention.



THOUGHT

FOR THE DAY:

Have patience with everything that remains unsolved in your heart. Try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books written in a foreign language. Do not now look for the answers. They cannot now be given to you because you could not live them. It is a question of experiencing everything. At present, you need to live the question. Perhaps you will gradually, without even noticing it, find yourself experiencing the answer, some distant day." - Ashwin Ganesh

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WHO AM I ?

- A. Frank Olsen
- B. George Schulze
- C. John Simpson
- D. Russ Lynch



Answer to July photo- George Schulze

East Kauai Y's Men Program Chairs:



- Brotherhood Fund
- Endowment
- Time of Fast
- Christian Emphasis
- Historian
- Brother Club
- Membership & Extension
- Youth Run
- Public Relations
- Community Service

- Al Laureta
- George Schulze
- Marvin Dye
- Jennie Yukimura
- John Simpson
- Jiro Yukimura
- Donna Schulze
- Tom Tannery
- Bev Olsen
- Frank Olsen

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Jesse Castro
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BIRDS OF A FEATHER...

Part III

-John Riggins



In earlier articles we have focused on rare Hawaiian birds that you may no longer be able to see (some are extinct and others reside in remote mountainous areas where it is inconvenient to try to find them). Today we will feature a bird that is considered endangered but which is often easy to glimpse on Kauai.

The **Nene** (pronounced "nay-nay") or Hawaiian Goose almost went extinct in the last century - the population was down to just a handful of birds. Private individuals and later the government stepped up and preserved these birds and created breeding programs to encourage and protect new hatchlings. The Nene had become devastated by loss of habitat, their desirability as a food source for sailors (and their lack of wariness), the introduction of the mongoose (which found Nene nests to be easy plunder) and nest deprivations by rats and cats.

The Nene is a close relative of the Canada Goose from the North American mainland. Probably hundreds of thousands of years ago some Canada Geese migrated through Hawaii (as they still do today) but some remained on the Hawaiian Islands and evolved separately. Nene do not migrate, are only found in Hawaii and remain in Hawaii year-round.

Nene were once common on all of the islands of Hawaii but now are only found on the major islands and usually only on protected (fenced) refuges (the mongoose is still a threat to them everywhere except Kauai). But

they have been especially successful on Kauai and their population has been growing (in fact Kauai supplies most of the Nene that are used to re-populate the other islands).

Nene can be most easily viewed on the north shore of Kauai (but also found on all other coastlines). They are especially abundant at the Kilauea Lighthouse refuge site (where there is an intensive breeding program) and can also be found in large numbers in the Hanalei taro



fields. Residents also frequently see them on the Princeville golf courses and alongside the highway in newly-mown fields. We have had Nene stroll through our condo complex and even had a small group of Nene curiously follow us as we walked our cat (on a leash) along the golf course.



Nene are distinctly identified by the alternating light/dark feather pattern on their necks (not an actual difference in feather coloration but a light and shadow pattern created by gaps in the way the neck feathers orient).

Kauai is the best place in the world to see Nene in the wild.

*** John Riggins is retired but teaches part-time at Kula High & Intermediate School. He is an avid "birder" and has been a federally licensed bird bander for over 40 years. He is also the author of several scientific ornithological (bird) research papers.**