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President's message

-Tom Tannery

Happy Holidays!



It is my pleasure to invite all of the members of the East Kauai Y's Men's Club and a guest to the YMCA Christmas Party at 5PM on December 19th at Kilohana. Just bring your wonderful smiles and easy going Christmas Spirit to make the party a success. If you get a chance, check out the size of the swimming pool hole at the new Kauai Ohana YMCA.



We are still on schedule to open this summer. And Remember, "Be true to your work, your word, and your friend." Henry David Thoreau---



Season's Greetings!

Dear Friends in Y'sdom,

It is that time of year again when we start counting the days to the end of another year. We think of the important events that have taken place during the year, and our thoughts go to our family and loved ones.

Y's Men International is one big family in that all the members have the same commitment to the mission of our movement. We are of different faiths but we work together in mutual respect and affection. IHQ is part of this big and wonderful family and we would like to tell you something about us.

In June the International office in Geneva moved from the first floor to the second floor of the Geneva YMCA building. Our new office is slightly bigger with the staff members more centrally located to each other and the office facilities.

We started during the second semester of the year 2007 a staff transition period as Carol began to gradually reduce her workload in preparation for her retirement in July 2008. Immediate Past Youth Intern James has taken up a new position at IHQ as a staff member from November. He has taken over some of Carol's responsibilities and is now more involved in the administrative aspects of the office. Nevertheless, he remains passionate about Youth Involvement and will utilise his experience to continue its promotion by supporting YI Aeree and the Youth.

In October we were happy to welcome Ms Aeree Baik from Korea as the Youth Intern 2007/08. Amongst the many other tasks of the Youth Intern, Aeree is busy organising and promoting the upcoming International Youth Convocation 08 in Denmark. Aeree is a very friendly and happy young person, and contributes to the very pleasant working atmosphere of the office.

A new part-time staff will be appointed during May 08 to assume some of Carol's responsibilities, in particular those related to the International Council and Mid Year Meetings, publications (International Constitution, Policies and Practices, RD Memos, Manuals), etc.

This transition period demands from all the staff extra work, patience and commitment to transmit information and train

President- Tom Tannery Vice Pres.- John Simpson Secretary- Jesse Castro Treasurer- Nato Mikasa
Frank Olsen - Bev Olsen - 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

the new staff, and we are doing it in a very good spirit.

As 2007 comes to an end, we at IHQ would like to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate you. Thank you for all the time, service and financial contributions you have given to accomplish the Y's Men Mission. You give hope to many and this world is a better place because of your care and concern for the unfortunate and less privileged.



To all of you and your loved ones, we send our best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2008.



From: Pauline, Rolando, Andrew, Carol, (not in photo- James and Aeree). ==

BROTHER CLUBS
-Jiro Yukimura



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On June 3, 2007, I performed the installation of the Regional Director, Kiyoko Ochi while at the 10th Japan Regional

Convention. Ochi hails from the Y's Service All Women Club, Tokyo. ==

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Thank you very much for inserting my article about "hula" into your bulletin of November issue.

Wakayama YMCA celebrated their 30th anniversary on November 24th. I attended to help small things such as preparing tables and serving dishes with other Mennettes.



Here is a photo of five Mennettes then.

We will have a plan that 6 people visit us from Bussan Y's Men's Club, Korea next April during which cherry blossoms are at their best in Wakayama. Their plan is to visit our monthly meeting, to go to a hot spring resort together, and to experience home-staying. Sato-san, Sachiko-san and I offered to have them to stay with us. Don't you think it is exciting? Why don't you join this plan?

Taeko



Bangkok Brother Club
by Beverly Olsen



and

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Because of the increasing number of children orphaned by Aids in Thailand in 2001, the Bangkok YMCA recognized a need to get involved in improving the quality of life for these children.

Happy Home Center at Nakorn Pathom province, Thailand, under the management of the Bangkok YMCA Foundation, is a housing project for child orphans affected by AIDS. The project has been in operation since December 2000.



The project plans to have 10 houses to accommodate 100 orphans in this Center. At present, there are five houses and a multi-purpose building (funded by the Embassy of Japan) with full dinning facilities and equipment.

The Y's Men Club of Bangkok joined together with many Y's Men's Clubs in Japan to support the AIDS Orphan Project.

On our last trip to Bangkok, Frank and I had the opportunity — along with Bangkok Y's Men Chirasak and Nit Prateepasen— to visit *Happy Home* and meet some of the children living there.



In the multi-purpose room, to our surprise and delight, the children dance to the Village People's rendition of *YMCA* and treat us to a performance of traditional *Thai* dance.



We introduce ourselves and tell them we live on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. They are very interested in looking at a World Globe to see where the islands are in relationship to Thailand.



After the performance, we tour the grounds and the houses where the children sleep and then back to the multi-purpose

room for refreshments. By the time we are ready to leave, they are able to give us the *shaka* sign and bid us Aloha. I promise to send them a Hula DVD and Y's Men Chirasak assures me he will teach them the Hula before our next visit. I am looking forward to seeing them perform.

The Y's Men Club of Bangkok financially supports this project through various fund raising activities and makes regular visits to the home to celebrate holidays and provide special activities for the children.

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

-Jennie Yukimura



On November 15,

our beloved 59 year old niece, Julie, died very suddenly. It was so unexpected that everyone was in a state of shock. She had been working every day at Kapaia Stitchery which she owned and was running a very successful fabric business. It was her sister Lisa who came to inform us about her death, that the probable cause was that of enlarged kidney stone.

She was found on the floor in the bathroom.



We could not believe that she was gone. She had truly been an angel on earth always kind to everyone, locals and visitors alike. With her love of quilting, she had made many friends all over the country, regular customers who became her friends and visited her every year enjoying her hospitality. All of her nieces and nephews, including our grandchildren, all regarded Julie as their favorite aunt. Her generosity extended to all worthy causes in the community, including her faithful and active service to her church and serving the Kauai Hospice as a board member, for examples.

Following is the Affirmation of Faith used in her memorial service at the Lihue Christian Church:

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope...
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. ===

Luminaries:

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS:

- JANUARY 01- JESSE CASTRO
- JANUARY 23- EIKO NOS
- FEBRUARY 7- GAETANO VASTA



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- JANUARY 3- BUSINESS MEETING YMCA, PUHI 6:00PM



- JANUARY 19- YOUTH RACE KILOHANA CARRIAGE HOUSE 7:00AM

ANNIVERSARY:

- FEBRUARY 22- AL & EVELYN LAURETA

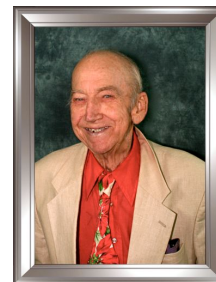
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A GREAT LOSS

-Bev Olsen



Y's Men George Schulze



passed away December 31st at Wilcox Memorial Hospital. George was a Y's Men member of 28 years. He will greatly

missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm, January 20th in Kilauea at the North Shore Christian Church about 1/2 mile on Kilauea Road from the Schulze's residence. He was born on 5/18/22. He was 85 years old.

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WHO AM I ?

- A. John Simpson
- B. Phil Sammer
- C. Russ Lynch
- D. Marvín Dye



Answer to Nov. photo- Gaetano Vasta

East Kauai Y's Men Program Chairs:

- Brotherhood Fund Al Laureta
 - Endowment George Schulze
 - Time of Fast Marvín 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
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KUDOS! -

"Thank you for sending your club's bulletin.



I enjoyed reading very much. Especially, some pictures and illustrations have made it very enjoy-

able and impressive. I found myself reading with a smile."

Sachiko Kinokawa Y's Men's Club

"I am thrilled to read your bulletin, vived reporting, good message of President Tom Tannery etc. Nice to see the picture of Tak San. The news covers from club.Dist, Region,Brother Clubs etc. Congratulations."



V.S. Bashir International President Elect

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

-Frank Olsen



On a mid-morning day on November 21, 2007, several of our Y's Men club members collaborated with the Salvation

Army to serve warm Thanksgiving meals to the needy at the War Memorial Conventional Hall In Lihue. Entertainment was also provided by several local musicians, to include member Jiro Yukimura, who played his ukelele with his group of dancers and singers. It was a day worth the service for our community. Other members included John Simpson, Beverly Olsen, Jesse Castro and tours truly.

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..SPIRIT OF GIVING

On December 04, 2007, the East Kauai Y' s Men Club gave a check of one hundred dollars to the Malama Pono Aids Project Foundation. Accepting the donation was the Director, D.Q. Jackson.



Pictured on the photo (left to right) (Jesse Castro, John Simpson, Tom Tannery, Jackson and Jennie Yukimura).

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!