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Jun visiting Mauna Ala (the Royal Mausoleum in Nu'uuanu.)

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President's Message

By Brad Ishida

Here we go! We have started the 2007-2008 club year with a bang!

With activities like the YMCA Family Night, where we sold the infamous KC Drive-Inn Waffle Dog to parents and participants of the program. With over 300 hot dogs sold, the sale was declared a resounding success. With some slight changes, next year we will be ready to double our sales.

Joining us for his annual trek to the Ukulele Festival in July, club member **KOLOHE IMAMURA** from Yokohama, again graced us with his masterful playing of the ukulele. He was very proud this year, since his name and photo were prominently included on the poster publicizing the Festival. Mahalo to **RAY SETO**, who has been lobbying the past few years for acknowledgement and recognition for **KOLOHE**. Mucho gracias to **LISA JOY**'s parents **WALTER** and **VIOLET HIRANAKA**, for opening up heir home to host **KOLOHE** and members of the club. **TETSUSHIJIMA** also joined the gang, sitting in with his guitar.

Next up was the visitation of **JUN MITAMURA**, a 20-year old student from Japan. He was sent by our Brother Club in Tokyo Minami. More of his visit and experiences will fill this edition of the Lima Hana.

We are a small club, only eighteen (18) adult members strong. However, one fourth of the membership do not reside in Honolulu. This leaves an even dozen to represent the Club in all of the major activities. Much thanks to all who lent a hand in hosting **JUN** during his two-week stay. With support from **LISA JOY**'s friend, **IRIS** and her three sons, **PAIGE ISHIDA**, who represented the Club recently as our sponsored exchange student to Japan, and several young adult leaders from the Kaimuki YMCA, we were able to entertain **JUN** with many different activities and meals. In addition to a dark tan, **JUN** claims to have gained over eight (8) pounds!

And here I was planning for a quiet, but fulfilling year. Oh well, congratulations and best of luck to **NOA HUSSEY**, who was recently named Interim Executive Director of the Kaimuki-



Waialae YMCA. **KRISTI PAUL**, our former Executive has relocated to Austin, Texas with her family. She will be truly missed.

Since we have lost our fund-raising project, the Club has adopted a four-tier plan to raise money this year. Our efforts will start off with a recycling day on Saturday, November 3, from 9-noon at the Kaimuki YMCA. Save your cans and plastic bottles. **LISA JOY** has volunteered to chair this initial effort. More information will follow.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have stepped up and volunteered to become Club Service Directors. I have big shoes to fill in following **PAUL KUROMOTO** and **SHARON ISHIDA**, our outstanding past two Club Presidents, but everyone knows that I've got **big** feet!!



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

by Sharon Ishida, CSD

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.” – James 1:2

How often do we find ourselves in trouble and shaking our fists at heaven in anger, blaming the Almighty Father for the trial? We forget that God actually wants us to use this seeming “setback” to push through the obstacle and overcome in joy.

A sword is often forged in the heat of fire, and diamonds must be polished to receive their sparkle. So it is with people. Think of your next trial as a reason for joy and not anger or blame. Embrace the lesson and let go of the bitterness

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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.

U. S. AREA NEWS

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 REGION 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.

METRO DISTRICT NEWS

District Governor **Russ Lynch** will lead the Metro District with a plan of 4 meetings held at various YMCAs. He will be calling his first meeting soon .

EXPERIENCING JAPAN, *by Paige Ishida*

As I gave my father and mother a hug before going through the security gate, a rush of nervousness shot down my spine. I was afraid of going to a different country alone and being surrounded by unfamiliar faces.

After a long plane ride, I finally arrived in Japan. I walked through the custom gates and was welcomed by the smiling faces of Mr. Mitani and Mr. Mitamura. I spend two weeks literally running around, exploring Toyko’s and Kyoto’s historical landmarks and trendy shopping areas. Some of the many places I visited included Roppongi Hills, Tsukiji Fish Market, Asakusa, Oedo Onsen, Kinkakujin, Daibutsuen in Kamakura and Kichijoji. Among my firsts, I tried Calpis water Ramune soda, and French food. Most delightful of all, I saw beautiful fireflies in Kyoto.

I enjoyed being immersed in the Japanese language and I was able to learn a lot of new words. For example, I learned that in Kyoto, they say “*Ookini*”, instead of “*Arigato*” and that “*Maido*” means “Hello”. I cannot say what the best part of my trip was because I have no favorite part, I enjoyed the whole two weeks. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am glad that I accepted it. I met a lot of new people, and they were all very friendly, and it was because of them that I enjoyed my first trip to Japan. I am grateful to all my host families, who demonstrated the hospitality of the Japanese people. I hope one day soon I will be going back and seeing my new friends again. I also hope that they will visit me in Hawaii.

Thank you Kaimuki Y’s Men!

JUN MITAMURA VISITS HAWAII

By Joy, Marisa and Lisa Joy Andres, and Uncle Reuben Naholowaa

Greetings from the **Andres** Girls!

Marisa and I picked up **Jun** from the airport earlier this evening, his flight arrived a little late. We had my friend, Iris, circle around the airport and then she gave up because she got tired of seeing the airport patrol wave her off from curbside. In the meantime, **Sasa** and I waited patiently with our definite comic strip "**Jun**" & "Aloha" signs for him to recognize us. He must have blended in with the others because we were about to give up and then he approached us with luggage in hand.

Very unassuming young man, very well-mannered and polite sophomore college student (a suitor for any young lady), introduced himself as **Sasa** and I were making another round back to the carousel from the double glass "NO ENTRY" doors. He recognized his name in big white letters on comic strip Sunday newspaper. **Sasa** was immediately shy (yeah, that took about three minutes- tops, to get over) and then spoke all of five minutes in Japanese to him, followed by asking him all kinds of

questions in English!

He speaks English well and has captured the hearts of both girls at our home-cooked sukiyaki dinner! Since **Joy** stayed home to complete her homework, she asked just about all the same questions as we had in the car ride home.... but **Jun** started to answer in English and I asked him to speak to her in Japanese! He was happy to do so and **Joy** was able to understand most of what he was saying! He shared photos of family and Joy showed him my album of the first time I stayed at his grandparent's home as well as **Joy's** first trip to Japan. I had several photos of his grandmother carrying her.

Jun was born in Japan and moved to the United States when his father, a Mitsubishi Bank employee, transferred. Two younger siblings, sister and brother were born within five years after the move. Sounds like most of the family members are doing well, though I was sad to hear of his grandfather, **Hiroshi's** bout with cancer. We'll pray for him.

Since the threatening Flossie is right around the corner, I have changed my plans to even attempt a visit to the beach (yes, he can swim). So, we're going to visit my friend, **Naoki** to see Gyotaku in the making and maybe some shopping. My **Paul (Kimura)** mentioned that since we would be running late, we should go to the Halekoa Luau on Wednesday night instead. This will relieve **Paul (Kuromoto)**.

We will pray for better weather and hopefully not have a memorable hurricane for this exchange trip. Before arriving in Hawaii, **Jun** previously spent ten days in California visiting his cousin, as well as attending his kindergarten reunion. He also worked on a vegetable farm and got to do a lot of sight-seeing. He's very anxious to try new things...but stays away from shellfish-shrimp and the like—so Bubba Gumps is out. He's very open and willing to try new things....very pleasant! You can look forward to a wonderful time with **Jun**!

More Visits...with Reuben

I had the pleasure of showing **Jun** some of the "historical" Hawaiian sights around town on Thursday, August 16th. We were able to cover Iolani Palace and Mauna Ala. If you haven't visited the palace, you can now sign up for a self-guided tour or a docent led one. Very interesting and you can visit at your leisure.

On the 23rd we covered the inside of Diamond Head and the Bishop Museum and its new science center where he covered everything.



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