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From the Desk of Charley and Debbie Redmond,
President & Immediate Past President

I am still at a loss for words. There is an emptiness that I cannot describe. I first met Brad when I went to Hawaii with Debbie the first time she spoke at the Regional convention. I met Brad and Sharon. Brad was smiling and laughing but always seemed to be aware of what was going on. We shared many meals since and Brad was always smiling.

We have lost a trusted, irreplaceable friend. Brad Ishida was the member every club needs. He wasn't loud when speaking but when he spoke, we all listened. He was always close by when needed and always seemed to agree to whatever he was asked to do. I never heard him complain out loud. I never heard him brag of what he had accomplished and his accomplishments were many. He just did what he said he was going to do and did those tasks exceedingly well. We all recognized in Brad the kind person, the kind of leader we need to become. The US Area Y Service leadership had identified Brad as someone who would be an outstanding choice for an area leader. He left us before we had the chance to ask. None of us was prepared. All of us are greatly saddened. Brad will be missed by more than he could have imagined.

Aloha my friend. A hui hu aku

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REMEMBERING A TRUE Y'S MAN BRAD ISHIDA

Brad was not the kind of person to stand up and call attention to himself. He was more like the person sitting in the back or to the side of all of the happenings. Brad was definitely aware of the activity and was quick to respond but he was there as support for whoever was leading. The fact is that he was the foundation that we could utilize to build something great.

Whenever I think or talk about the Hawaii Y Service members, Brad comes to mind as the “image” of a perfect Service Club Member for not only Hawaii but also for all of Y's dom. He did not stand up and announce his affiliation with the Service Club, instead Brad was the example of Service in everything that he did. The work that he did and the devotion he gave was indeed from his heart and not to get recognition or attention but to give physical and emotional support wherever it was needed.

Spending time with Brad and Sharon was like spending time with old friends, there was no reason to say or do anything to impress them, instead there seemed to be a way to share our time and enjoy each others company. Each time we shared a meal together or sat close to each other, it was a time that I felt as if I was safe and among friends. To stand before a crowd and make a speech, I could look out into the audience and seek eye to eye contact with Brad and suddenly feel as if it was not a group of people, it was a group of friends who were not there to judge me but provide the emotional support. If I were to see a photo of a group of people doing a service project from Hawaii, Brad seemed to be there. If there was a group photo of a meeting, Brad was there. If there was a planning meeting for something or a board meeting, or anything involving the Service Club, Brad was a part of it.

On a more personal note, Brad was the kind of partner or mate that someone would dream of having. He was truly a loving and devoted person to his precious family and his friends. He provided strength, stability, support, devotion, and most important of all, LOVE. Anyone that met Brad should be proud of the fact that such a wonderful person was able to touch our own lives and the lives of everyone around him. God Bless Brad and all of his family. May his memory and his emotional strength be present in all of us.

Aloha,
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