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# The Bulletin Board

*Newsletter of the Hawai'i Region of Y Service Clubs International*

## 80th Hawaii Convention May Set Records

Eighty years is a long time, longer than most of us have been around, so the 80th Hawaii Region Convention of Y Service Clubs International is something to celebrate.

That's apparently been recognized. The hard work of Convention Chair Duke Chung and his committee have resulted in what must be record attendance for the May 20-22

events. More than 100 people have booked for the Saturday night dinner at the famed Willows Restaurant.

More than 80 are booked for the Friday Endowment Dinner at the Manoa Grand Ballroom. More than a dozen members of brother clubs in Japan will be in attendance and it promises to be an exciting and rewarding experience.

A highlight will be the Saturday night keynote speech by Mike Broderick, president and chief executive officer of YMCA of Honolulu.

Mike is the former Family Court judge who saw running the YMCA as a great chance to catch kids when they are young and set them on a better path so they don't end up in the courts and

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### RD's Message

**by Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Regional Director**



I can't believe how time has quickly passed! 720 days, 17,280 hours and 1,000's of emails later, my term as the 2014-2016 Hawaii Regional Director comes to an end. My theme was RIGHT TIME. RIGHT NOW. and after 30 years as a member of Y's Men in Hawaii and over 40 years as professional YMCA director, it was the right time as a servant leader to serve.

Y's Men's Clubs since its inception in 1922 until today has been the foundation of support for YMCAs in communities around the world and right here in beautiful Hawai'i. I am proud and honored to join the Hawaii Regional Directors who for the past 80 years have provided the vision, direction and leadership in supporting our local YMCAs and the needs of our diverse communities.

As RD, I hope I was able to teach and demonstrate the ideals of "What It Means To Be A Y's Man" – To Be Idealist. To Be Loyal. To Be World Minded. To Be Enthusiastic. I hope every member of the Hawai'i Region of Y Service Clubs is as proud as I am of our history and traditions and its exciting and better future of service. Our Ys, our communities and the world will be stronger because of our work.

In closing, no Regional Director can be effective without a strong and dedicated Leadership Team – Regional Officers, Service Directors, Club Presidents and Regional Counselors. To each one of you, I am most grateful for your confidence, support and love especially during my time of need.

Mahalo nui loa – thank you very much!

***Bobby Stivers-Apiki, RD Hawaii Region-US Area 2014-2016***

## Y Service Clubs International, U.S. Area Hawaii Region

### Leadership Team 2015-2016

Regional Director:

**Bobby Stivers-Apiki**

RD Elect: **Eddie Miwa**

Regional Secretary/Treasurer:

**Brad Ishida**

Metro District Governor:

**Albert Lee**

OVG District Governor:

**Lance Niimi**

### Hawaii Region Clubs

**Metropolitan District**

**Central Y Service Club**

**Kaimuki Y's Men's Club**

**Kalihi Y Service Club**

**Nuuanu Y's Men and**

**Women Service Club**

**West Oahu Y's Men's Club**

**Windward Y Service Club**

**Orchid-Valley-Garden District**

**East Kauai Y's Men's Club**

**Hilo Y's Men & Women**

**Service Club**

**Maui Y Service Club**

### Important Links

Hawaii Region Website

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

Facebook Group Page

<http://facebook.com/groups/ysmenhawaii>

U.S Area

<http://yserviceclubsusa.org>

International

<http://www.ysmen.org>

### Our International Motto:

*To acknowledge the duty that  
accompanies every right.*

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## Record Convention

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corrective institutions.

As a judge he presided over more than 10,000 cases involving families and children.

Mike also has served as Director of the Hawaii State Judiciary, responsible for the day to day operations of the court system, as well as Director of the Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

He has been married for 34 years to Maile Meyer, who owns Native Books/Na Mea Hawaii, and they have three children, Drew (28), Emma (26) and Hannah (20).

Six of those branches have Y Service Clubs associated with them and our organization is helping to form another one, at Leeward YMCA in Waipahu.

The convention will also hear from Charley Redmond, president of the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International, and his wife Debbie Redmond, the Area President before Charley, will provide valuable input at the convention training sessions,

They are members of the Carondelet Y Service Club in St. Louis, MO, famed among other things for its huge annual book sale fund raiser.



**Michael F. Broderick**

Throughout the convention there will be raffles — with some valuable prizes including cash — and other activities such as the fun fund-raiser “Y’s Guys” who will manage to separate you from your small bills

There will also be the time-honored induction ceremony at the big Saturday night dinner, where new members will undergo a candle ceremony swearing-in.

## Veteran Y's Man is New Regional Director



**Eddie Miwa**

The next Regional Director of the Hawaii Region, U.S. Area, Y Service Clubs International is veteran Y's Man Eddie Miwa, a member of the Kalihi Y Service Club for 25 years.

Despite that long service, Eddie still considers himself a beginner when it comes to our operations at the Region, Area and International levels.

Those who know Eddie say he is much better prepared for leadership than he lets on. He was helped by attending Area training for Regional Directors Elect late last year.

Eddie will tell us about his goals for the Hawaii Region at the Saturday dinner, after he is sworn in as Regional Director.

## *Around the Clubs*

### *Activities in the Hawaii Region*



**Windward Y Service Club** had a successful plant sale March 18, timed to coincide with the Windward YMCA bake sale. Both events held the branch Annual Support Campaign. The club's newest member, BJ Watkins, (at left behind the plant) a confessed plant lover, got things moving and spurred the other members into action.



**Central Y Service Club** went to YMCA Camp Erdman on March 13 to help in a painting project. Their volunteers were assigned to the Gaga Pit, where kids play dodge ball and other games. Garret Ho is at work with a paint brush.

*A Short Christian Message Sometimes you'll look at "disasters" in your lives and think God abandoned you, but little do you know...God is setting you up for a major blessing! Don't look at where you are...look at where you're heading!*



**Nuuanu Y's Men and Women Service Club** held its popular annual book and bread sale April 30 in the courtyard of the Nuuanu YMCA, selling donated books and delicious cinnamon bread from New Aala Bakery.



**Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club** has run a very rewarding Christmas tree sale every year for 66 years. This past year they used the proceeds to buy mosquito repellent bracelets (above) and distribute them to those in need, as part of a program to combat dengue fever.

### **Next Issue Deadline**

The next issue of The Bulletin Board is scheduled for July 19. Club presidents, bulletin editors, individuals: Please send articles by July 1 to Russ Lynch, Regional Bulletin Editor, russlynch@mac.com.

Pictures are welcome. Just make them as big and clear as you can.

# National Y Service Publication Wants Our Input

It's time for the final edition for 2015-2016 of the U.S. Area's "Y's Alliance" newsletter and Editor Fred Leonard is seeking articles by the deadline, June 7.

Here are some suggestions from Fred for good ways we can all share our activities through the Alliance:

Clubs:

This is a good edition to share the names of your club's new leadership, plans for the upcoming summer, report on past three month's activities and general news. Don't forget memorials to club members who have passed on.

Area and Regional officers and service directors:

How about a summary of the results of your efforts for the program year, goals you met and

## Book 'Early Bird' for the International convention.

Discounted "early bird" registration is still available , until May 31, for this year's 72nd Y's Men International Convention to be held in Taipei, Taiwan. The registration fee is \$450, a \$50 cut from what it will be after the end of May.

All the details of the convention, the programs, activities and so on, are available on line through the Y's Men International website at <http://www.ysmen.org>

Just click on "Red more" under the International Convention item at the upper right of the home page.

The convention runs August 4-7 and there is an International Youth Convocation August 1-7.

Let's get a sizable Hawaii contingent together for this major event.

Note: U.S. citizens with valid passport may enter Taiwan for up to 90 days without needing a visa.

plans and hopes for the upcoming year if you are continuing in your position.

This is a great opportunity to share information with other clubs and members of the Area. Don't miss to on it!

Fred says: "Thank you all for your contributions in the past. Let's

have 100 percent submission for this issue.

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## 80th Hawaii Region Schedule

### Friday May 20.

#### Japanese Cultural Center

4 p.m. Awards Committee..

6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Welcoming and Endowment Dinner

**Ilima Hotel** 9:30 to 11p.m. Hospitality, meet and greet.

### Saturday May 21.

#### Ilima Hotel.

8 a.m. Breakfast, Blue Truck Catering

9 a.m. Business Meetings start.

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Awards Lunch by Blue Truck Catering.

Includes message from outgoing Regional Director Bobby Stivers-Apiki, U.S. Area president's message.

2:30 to 4 p.m. Leadership training

#### Willows restaurant

6:30 p.m. Installation & Induction Dinner. Installation of officers, message from incoming Regional Director Eddie Miwa, induction of new members, speech by Mike Broderick, president and CEO of YMCA of Honolulu, signing of Brother Club agreement Kaimuki/Kyoto

**Ilima Hotel** 9:30 Hospitality.

### Sunday May 22

#### Ilima Hotel.

7 a.m. Continental breakfast.

8 a.m. Devotional, remembrance. Recognize years of service and charter members.

9 a.m. Discussion/training on club structure, membership recruitment etc.

11 a.m. Brunch by Blue Truck Catering

2 p.m. Incoming cabinet in one room, relax and chat in the other.