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RD's Message

by **Eddie Miwa, Regional Director, 2016-2018**

If you are reading this today, that's because you're attending the 2016 Hawaii Region Mid-year Conference and got first dibs on the exclusive Bulletin Board Mid-year Conference edition. Congratulations and I'd like to welcome to you all to our first gathering since my Incoming Cabinet Meeting at the last convention.

Besides business, I think we all enjoy meeting up once or twice a year to catch-up with old friends, but it is with a heavy heart that we meet here today with one less of our own in Brad Ishida. As I had mentioned in my RD's report, I cannot recall the last time when the passing of a Y's man had such an impact on our organization, leaving us all wondering what are we

going to do next. A leader of leaders, Brad was my mentor, counselor and friend. Next Saturday, we will bid our farewell to our dear friend and try to move on.

Coming up next, the 81st Hawaii Region Convention on Kauai on May 5 to 7, which will mark 12 years since we've had a convention on the Garden isle. Convention co-chairs Duke Chung and Bobby Stivers-Apiki promise to uphold Brad's wishes to make this a special event honoring our old friends of the East Kauai Y's Men's Club that has meant so much to the YMCA of Kauai and our movement over the years.

Of a more immediate urgency, the Hawaii Region has been asked by International to take part in testing their new Online Voting system. Seven of the region's nine clubs will be participating, the club presidents have been informed, and the large clubs Kaimuki, Kalihi, Nuuanu and Windward should have already received their voting keys and instructions for electing the next IPE and ITE and the four amendments to articles of the International Constitution. Our smaller clubs Central, Hilo and West Oahu have all sent in their exemptions to participate and are waiting for my endorsement to be accepted by International, and should be receiving their voting keys hopefully sometime next week. The club presidents were earlier sent candidate profiles and a rationale of the four amendments, and under a separate cover, recommendations from the US Area. We need to act fast, but not hastily, so International can determine whether or not to open online voting for this election to the rest of the world.

I thank you all for serving to make this the wonderful organization that it is, I look forward to growing with you all in helping make our community and the world a better place for our children.

ALOHA!

Eddie Miwa, RD Hawaii Region

E Ola Pū Kākou... (Together, we Thrive...)

Brad Ishida, a Fine Y's Man, a Fine Man

Brad Ishida, a longtime leader in the Y Service Clubs movement in Hawaii, died on October 20th after a heart attack and his passing leaves a huge gap in many people's lives. Friendly, smart, active, spiritual, a born leader, Brad had a positive influence on Y'sdom in the Hawaii Region. nationally and internationally. "He was a good friend that all of us could depend on to complete what he started," said Duke Chung, president of West Oahu Y's Men's Club. "A sad day, we have lost another good Y's Man. "

"Brad was a driving force in the Hawaii Region, a former Regional Director who continued to be very active in Regional leadership and planning."

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

Leadership Team 2016-2018

Regional Director: **Eddie Miwa**

Regional Secretary/Treasurer:

Duke Chung

Metro District Governor:

Albert Lee

OVG District Governor:

Lance Niimi

Hawaii Region Clubs

Metropolitan District

Central Y Service Club

Kaimuki Y Service 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's 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.*

The Bulletin Board welcomes reports and photos from clubs and individuals. It is published four times a year. Next issue will be in mid-January 2017. Deadline for copy January 5 2017. Send stories and pictures to bulletin editor Russ Lynch russlynch@mac.com

If you're sending a picture, the bigger the better.

Garden Isle to Welcome Convention

The beautiful Island of Kauai and its friendly people are all set to welcome us with open arms for the 81st Regional Convention of the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs International.

Following up on work started by the late Brad Ishida, new (and repeat!!) Convention Chair Duke Chung (West Oahu) and Co-Chair Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hilo) have been pressing on with the arrangements.

There will be much more news coming but for now those planning to go to the convention can follow the booking instructions below.

Note: Experienced travelers are saying it's never too early to secure your inter-island plane tickets. Seats will be increasingly harder to find as the date approaches for the convention, May 5-7, 2017.

The hotel is the Courtyard Kauai at Coconut Beach, also known as

International Membership

India Leads, U.S Fifth

India is still the leading area in membership among the eight areas that make up Y Service Clubs International, according to the organization's August 2016 statistics. I

India is followed by Europe, Korea and Asia/South Pacific. Then there's a big drop down to U.S.A. and even bigger plunges to the membership totals for Canada/Caribbean, Africa and Latin America.

Overall the organization has 25,485 members in 1,455 clubs.

India has 7,782 members, Europe 5,880, Korea 5,427, Asia/South Pacific 3,891 and U.S. Area 1,062.

Lowest on the list is Latin America with 459 members, but of Africa's 468 total only 113 are shown as paid members.

find out more about the hotel itself on its website:

www.kauaicourtyardresort.com

There are two room rates in our convention package, covering up to two persons in the room. They are \$129 per night for a "Garden View" room and \$159 for Ocean View. Taxes come on top of that, about \$17-\$20 per night.

Parking is \$10 plus tax per car per night.

The central reservations phone number is (877) 622-2975. Tell them you're booking for the "Hawaii Y Service convention."

There will be many more details forthcoming soon and the Hawaii Region website will establish a convention page to keep everyone up to date.

This convention on Kauai, our first in 12 years, comes about through efforts of a number of people such as RD Eddie Miwa, the late Brad Ishida and Lance Niimi, Orchid-Valley-Garden District Governor, who went to Kauai last year to see how active the club there is and what we can do to help them.

Most of their members are quite old but they are strong Y's Men and Women. They welcomed the pending convention.

The region has been able to assure them that we've conducted several conventions in other locations with no stress on the local clubs except to the extent they want to get involved.

Those of us who attended the last convention on Kauai all those dozen years ago remember what a great time we had with those warm and wonderful Y's People.

*Thanksgiving is the perfect
time to really appreciate all
that God has done for you.*

*May God continue to bless
you!*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Around the Clubs

Activities in the Hawaii Region



Above: Windward members pack boxes of gifts for the international Operation Christmas Child charity November 14. At the same meeting they packed toiletry gifts for an abused-spouses residence.

Right: Painting Windward YMCA. Windward club members did prep work and painted and did a lot of weeding to clean up the property in a work day October 23, along with other volunteers..



Left and above: Nuuanu club held a sell-out chicken and sushi sale at Nuuanu Y on September 25., continuing their popular annual event.

Right: Kaimuki members look happy working hard cleaning up an old lo'i (taro patch) in Kahana Valley on September 24.



Most of these pictures are from club bulletins. You can find those bulletins and read all the details on our Hawaii Region website ysmenhawaii.org Clubs and individuals are welcome to send pictures any time.

Remembering Brad Ishida

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“He was a valuable member of the Kaimuki Y Service Club and a proponent of youth participation in the Y’s Men’s movement. Brad’s influence is evidenced by the innovative planning and implementing of Club activities by youth members

“He was a key person in planning and implementing policies and procedures to improve the way we do things in the Hawaii Region Y’s Men’s organization,” Duke said.

“I have worked very closely with Brad over the last few years as co-chair of several Convention planning committees.

“Following our 2016 Convention, Brad took the initiative to investigate the possibility of having our next Convention on the Garden Island of Kauai and following his arrangement of a meeting with East Kauai Club members, Brad formed a committee to plan for our next Convention on Kauai in 2017.

“Although Brad is not with us to finish this task, the committee will do everything needed to complete this his final unfulfilled goal...

My fondest aloha.”

A celebration of Brad’s life will be at Hosoi Mortuary in Honolulu on Saturday November 26th. Service at 11 a.m. Visitation at 10 a.m.

Eddie Miwa, regional director of the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs International, had this to say: “Y’s Man, friend and mentor, Brad will be sorely missed. Please let us all savor our memories of Brad and lend our Hearts and Prayers to Sharon and the Ishida family.”

Brad and wife Sharon, both of the Kaimuki Y Service Club, have held many official positions with the Y Service Clubs in Hawaii. You can read more about Brad’s work with Y’s Men and Y’s Women and his professional experience in the real estate title insurance business in our Hawaii Region website <http://ysmenhawaii.org>

Brad’s passing drew warm remembrance messages from outside Hawaii, such as this one from Debbie Redmond, immediate past U.S. Area president:

“Sadly, we say Aloha to Brad Ishida. He will truly be missed not only in the Hawaii Region but all of us in the Y Service Clubs will miss him too. A humble, dedicated individual who did so much and did not seek praise for his actions.”

Phil Sammer, president of the Central Y Service Club, a former Hawaii regional director and former U.S. Area president, wrote that “Brad was a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing him. Our condolences go out to his wife Sharon and the entire Ishida family.”

In a detailed obituary in its new club bulletin, the Hilo Y’s Men’s and Women’s Club said it was deeply saddened by Brad’s passing “especially since he and Sharon came to Hilo twice to volunteer their time at our annual Christmas tree fundraiser sale.”

“Brad loved Hilo and even talked about living here after retiring,” said the club, headed by One Okimoto, president.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sharon Ishida and to the Ishida family on the loss of a truly wonderful person, Brad Ishida,” said the said the Nuuanu Y’s Men and Women’s club under President Maurice Shimonishi.

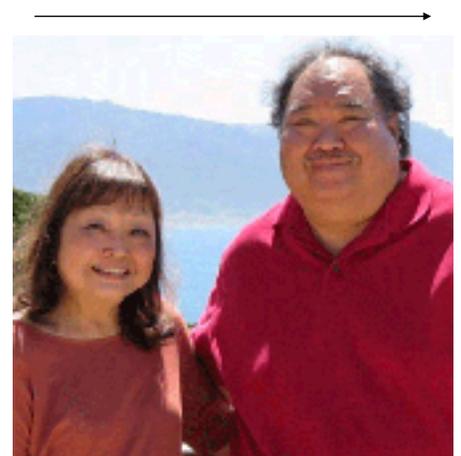
Brad was regional director of the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs International in 1995-1996 and more recently served as the regional secretary-treasurer. At the time of his death he was Convention Chair.

News from 

Did you know that while you shop online at Amazon they will send automatic donations to the YMCA of Honolulu at no cost to yourself? The amounts are tiny, just half of one percent of what you buy, and many of us make much bigger donations directly to the Y. But this way is automatic and painless and every little helps. Use Amazon Smile through smile.amazon.com and sign in with your usual amazon.com account. You’ll see a way to pick the recipient of your donations and YMCA of Honolulu is on the list. Your account works the same as on the Amazon page or app and the same goods and services are there. The only difference is that Amazon itself donates half a percent of what you paid for your purchase.

It’s not much. The Y has been getting about \$80 a year. But that could grow a lot.

(Note: Kaimuki Y Service Club is also on the list so if you want to make your donations to a Y Service Service Club select “Kaimuki Y’s Men’s Club”).



Sharon and Brad Ishida