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Y's Words:

*"Enthusiasm is excitement with
inspiration, motivation and a pinch
of creativity".*

Bo Bennett



President's Message

Well June is here so soon! And another month is upon us. How time flies so fast! I attended the Hawaii Regional Convention, along with **Rick, Phil and Gary** held in Hilo Hawaii on May 20-22, 2011. We had a good convention and reconnected with other members of our YSCI Hawaii Family. There was so much warmth and aloha. I wish more club members could have come out and partake in this great year-end event. **Billy Kenoi**, Big Island Mayor, gave us a warm welcome, and former politician **Harvey Tajiri** spoke to us about volunteerism during the programs. **Sharon Ishida** had a group training session along with some help with Rick on leadership styles. Some of our Japanese Y'smen and their wives came out and joined us despite the recent situation in Japan. Central Club was responsible for Friday night's program: Early bird raffles, held at the Japanese Cultural Center. Highlights for the evening included **Dr Masao Hondo's** very interesting and informative slide presentation of Japanese immigration to the Big Island of Hawaii. We did a great job according to Convention Chairman – **Duke Chung**. We also continued to help with the other early bird drawings and **Trevor Jones** (Maui Club) with the remaining raffles and the live auction, with expert auctioneer **Ray Seto** at the mike, raising money for the Convention. I hear we raised around \$1500.00 from the raffles and live auctions. I recall helping **Lanny Neel** (Hilo Club) pulling out about 40 bunches of apple bananas to raffle, sell, auction etc. When he asked me where do you want the bananas, he wasn't kidding when I saw all those bananas in the car trunk. We bagged all those bunches of bananas for distribution so everybody wouldn't get their hands sticky. Can you believe all the bananas came from his ¾ acre backyard? I was lucky enough to go to the Volcano National Park to visit on an exceptionally beautiful day (not rainy). It was so nice to get to go as far as the Jagger Museum but the road was closed beyond that point due to smoke and other unstable activity. You couldn't drive around the crater rim drive and also couldn't see the Devastation Trail or the Thurston lava tube. At the last minute, I took a chance and drove to the Maunakea visitor's center. It was so rewarding to be above the clouds and to be at such elevation that all I could wish for was to come back and see a million stars enchanting the night sky. There were other tourists there also waiting to see the night show including several vans with Japanese visitors. The air was thin and cold, so be prepared and get out of the car slowly and bring a light jacket also. Well next time I will definitely want to see the stars at night when I come back to Hilo. My hat's off to the **Hilo Club** and **Lance Niimi** for hosting the convention and **Duke Chung** and members of the Convention Committee for making this event well worth attending for anyone and not just officers. I encourage anyone and everyone to attend at least one YSCI Convention; you will enjoy it, especially the fellowship. Next year the Convention is heading to Las Vegas, so start saving and preparing for some good times and fellowship again! See you all in Viva Las Vegas!

Garret

Club Activities

Our May club project was helping at the Special Olympics Summer Games at UH Manoa-Lower Campus on Sunday May 29, 2011. Last year we helped prepare lunches for the athletes. This year we served chili bowls and salad instead of chicken plate. The vendor was Yama's Fish Market and they also had a great vegetarian chili with tofu instead of meat. We had a great turnout of members that day: **Ben D, Rick, Roy T, Darryl, Phil, Eunice, Garret, Roy and Carole Hiyama**, and her friend **Jennifer Ballesteros**. We all had a great time and look forward to helping at next year's event again. Rick was project coordinator.

Brother Club News

Peter Unmack of Bendigo reports on their recent bookfair: "We have just completed our Annual Easter Book Fair and had a record year, exceeding last year by \$4000 which is an incredible result. It all started from my observation of a similar event in (I think) Whittier, California, and we commenced in 1979 and have been going ever since. I was on a BF Trip in 1978 when I saw this project".

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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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The Mission of the Central
Y Service Club is to
perform group volunteer
work that directly or
indirectly supports Central
YMCA and the community
it serves.

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International News

The International Council meeting will be held in India this year with newly minted AP **Mary Ann Phillips** representing the US Area. Past AP **Fred Leonard** will also attend in his capacity as ISD for Leadership Training and Organizational Development.

US Area

Registration is still open for the US Area Convention at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis. Registration forms and a slide show are available on line at www.ysmenu.com. AP **Phil Sammer** will complete his term and hand over the gavel to APE **Mary Ann Phillips** who will serve a two year term until 2013.

Metro District

Looking for a way to serve? RD **Russ Lynch** is currently searching for a Metro District Governor and Lt. Governor. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Y Service Club members and see how the various clubs in the district are serving their Ys and communities. Training is provided. To volunteer, contact Russ at russlynch@mac.com.

Hawai'i Region

The 75th Regional Convention in Hilo was a great success (see Garret's write up on page 1). Congratulations are in order for **Lance Niimi**, named President of the Year, **Nu'uaniu Y Service Club** as Club of the Year and **Sharon Ishida** who was elected RDE. Special thanks go out to **Bob Daniels** for representing the US Area along with his delightful friend **Danielle McNeil** who is now a calabash Hawai'i Region member! One of the items brought up at the business meeting concerned the possibility of the US Area hosting the International Convention in 2016 in Hawai'i. Phil was authorized to sound out the other Regions at the upcoming Council meeting in St. Louis.

Calendar of Events

JUNE 2011

Emphasis: Public Relations RSD: Donna Saito (Windward).

13 Business Meeting Central Y 6 PM
18 Friends of the Library Book Sale
8 AM to 3 PM

JULY 2011

Emphasis: Membership, Conservation and Extension RSD: Duke Chung (W.O'ahu)

11 Business Meeting Central Y 6 PM
5-10 US Area Council Meeting and Convention, St. Louis, MO.

Christian Emphasis

By Rick Lau

"God has all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us." - Ephesians 2:7

God knows everything about you, yet he doesn't hold back his kindness toward you. Has he, knowing all your secrets, retracted one promise or reclaimed one gift? No, he is kind to you. Why don't you be kind to yourself? He forgives your faults. Why don't you do the same?

Why not take his cue and believe in yourself?

News From Central YMCA

The YMCA of Honolulu has put Central YMCA up for sale due to the prohibitive cost of renovating the 60 year old building. It is uncertain if a new facility will be constructed or whether the proceeds will be used on other branches. No changes are expected in the immediate future.

75th Regional Convention Pictures:



FOUR SUSPECTS



GARY MAKES A VALIANT EFFORT



DA FOOD WAS ONO!



RICK DONATES HIS PURSE



RDE SHARON!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

