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US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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Eddie Miwa (Kalihi)
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Regional Theme:
**E Ola Pu Kakou: Together we
thrive.**

Y's Words:

*"Be careful of your thoughts; they
may become words at any
moment". Lara Gassen*

President's Message



The summer is about half over but it's been an active one for weather in the Pacific. Seven named storms so far. We just got clobbered by TS Darby which dropped about a foot of rain. Don't know if it's global warming but I hate to think this is the new norm. As you read this I'm getting ready to fly off to Taipei for the international convention. I'll be in the company of two other Hawaii YSCI members: PAP **Ray Seto**

and IPRD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**. I'm excited about the trip and look forward to seeing my YSCI friends from around the world. It's been a while since I attended an international convention so there will be a lot of catching up to do. Long flight from here though, 12-13 hours plus we leave at 1:15 in the morning. The Pacific is indeed vast! *Aloha, Phil*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Due to an event at the Yacht Club we held our monthly meeting at **Phil's** apartment in the 'Ilima Hotel. We welcomed returning member **Jimmy Ishimoto** and discussed plans for the next few months. We'll be participating in a work day at YMCA Camp Erdman on August 27 in a joint project with the **Nu'uano** and **Windward** clubs. We don't know yet exactly what we'll be doing but it will probably involve painting which seems to be our main activity at camp! We're also looking at volunteering at the Friends of the Library Fall book sale in November. On July 18 we were delighted to welcome **Kyoto Palace** Brother Club member **Taka Kawakami** who brought his granddaughter **Saya Miyamoto** to participate in a week of day camp at Kaimuki YMCA. We hosted a dinner for our friends at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Ward Center on Thursday July 21 attended by RD **Eddie Miwa**, past RDs **Brad** and **Sharon Ishida**, and club members **Jimmy**, **Roy**, **Rick** and **Phil**. There happened to be a balloon shaper there who created a panda hat for Saya and a samurai sword for Taka. Don't worry, no one was killed or injured in the encounter ☺. Needless to say it was a fun evening. The next day Taka played 'ukulele with the 'Ilima 'Ohana Chorus in the lobby of the hotel during their weekly Friday Hawaiian music concert. We look forward to seeing Taka again as well as other Kyoto Palace members in Taipei.

NOTE: The August club meeting has been rescheduled to **TUESDAY August 16, 2016** at 6pm at Waikiki Yacht Club since Phil will not be back in time for the August 8 meeting. Also the September meeting will be rescheduled as well for the same reason, date to be set at the August meeting.

BROTHER CLUB NEWS

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that the annual Changeover Lunch was held on June 25. Chairman **Dennis Dole** did a great job in keeping things moving throughout the event. The highlight of the day was the presentation by AP **Jennifer Jones** of a 60-year service pin to **Les Jones**. Les has given service to the club, the YMCA and the wider Y Service movement over those 60 years. Two surprise presentations made at the lunch were Life Member awards made to **Ian Randall** and **Peter Searle**. Ian for his long term service and commitment to the YMCA and to the Y Service organization. And Peter, for his work in expanding and improving the operation of the Book Fairs.

Humor: Can You Contribute? A driver was stuck in a traffic jam on the highway outside Washington, DC. Nothing was moving. Suddenly, someone knocks on the window. The driver rolls down the window and asks, "What's going on?" "Terrorists have kidnapped the entire US Congress. They're asking for a \$100 million dollar ransom. Otherwise, they are going to douse them all in gasoline and set them on fire. We are going from car to car, collecting donations." "How much are other people giving?" the driver asks. The man replies, "Most people are giving about a gallon".

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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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Men's Club
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Kyoto Palace Y's Men's
Club
Bendigo Y Service Club

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.

Club meets 2nd Monday
at Waikiki Yacht Club 6p

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

Y Service Clubs International is currently accepting nominations for International President-elect who will take office on July 1, 2017 and will follow Henry Grindheim. More information is available on line at <http://ysmen.org/index.php?id=860>.

US Area

US Area President **Tibor Foki** will attend the International Council meeting preceding the Taiwan convention. Elections will be held this fall for US Area President-elect.

Metro District

YMCA Camp Erdman has confirmed the joint club work project for Saturday August 27, 2016 with **Windward, Nu'uano** and **Central** participating. **Darryl** is in contact with the camp and will let us know what we will be doing as well as the time frame.

Hawai'i Region

Chair **Brad Ishida** opened the first meeting for the 2017 Regional Convention at 6:30pm on Thursday July 7, 2016 at Kalihi YMCA. **Darryl** filled in for **Phil** who was unable to attend. Kaua'i was chosen as the destination with dates either May 5-7, 2017 or May 19-21, 2017. Central was tasked with gathering hotel information. No other club assignments have been made yet but will follow at the next meeting. This will be our first Regional Convention on Kaua'i in ten years and we are looking forward to returning to the Garden Isle!.....RD **Eddie Miwa** has set the Regional Mid-Year Cabinet meeting for Saturday November 19, 2016 at 10am at 'Ilima Hotel. All regional and district officers, regional service directors and club presidents are required to attend but the meeting is open to all Hawai'i YSCI members as well. Let **Phil** know if you plan to attend.

Calendar of Events

August 2016

Emphasis: Community Service RSD
Ethel Takamatsu (Kalihi)

16 Membership Meeting Yacht Club
(note special date)
27 Multi-club Camp Erdman project

September 2016

Emphasis: Endowment Fund RSD: Issac
Sakamoto (Nu'uano)

TBA: Membership Meeting Yacht Club
(Need to set special date)

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author
and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy
set before him endured the cross." -
Hebrews 12:2

Remember, heaven was not foreign to
Jesus. He is the only person to live on
earth after he had lived in heaven. . . He
knew heaven before he came to earth.

He knew what awaited him upon his
return. And knowing what awaited him in
heaven enabled him to bear shame on
earth.

News From YMCA of Honolulu

Enhance Fitness at the YMCA is a
proven community-based senior fitness
and arthritis management program. The
16-week program reduces your arthritis
symptoms with safe, low impact
exercises led by certified instructors in a
relaxed atmosphere that promotes fun,
laughter, friendship and smiles. Contact
the Y for more info and to enroll.
531-9622

Kyoto Brother Club member Taka Kawakami and granddaughter Saya visit Hawai'i



Phil, Taka, Saya and Jimmy



Sharon, Eddie, Roy and Rick



Samurai Taka & Ninja Saya!