



Y's Cracks

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Postponing
Hot Pot Dinner

MEMBERSHIP

Sadly, we report the passing on September 10, of our esteemed member Mr. James Nabers after battling with cancer. He will be missed in Y'sdom, and especially by our club members. We are also losing another member, as Claudia Boucher has reluctantly submitted her resignation to the Club. Thus our Club membership continues a gradual decline. Present members need to try hard to recruit new members, or our Club will become less and less effective in its service goals. One thing we can all participate in with just a small amount of effort is the ongoing postage stamp collection campaign for the Brotherhood Fund. Simply cut out stamps from envelopes with about a quarter inch of paper around the margin of the stamps. Roy Ishii will consolidate them and send them to the philatelist who will credit the stamp income to the Brotherhood Fund. Our Club President, Lance Niimi will be attending the Mid-Year Cabinet meeting in Honolulu on October 14.

Did You Know.....

The Y's Men Clubs in the USA area are divided into 10 Regions: Hawaii, Mid-America, Mid-East, North Atlantic, North Central, Pacific Southwest, Pacific Northwest (including two cities in Canada), Pacific Central, Southeastern, and Southern. There were 182 Clubs in the US, and one in Mexico, which is assigned to the Pacific Southwest Region. Sadly, there has been a steady decline in membership in the US Area over the past 30 years, from 12,000 in 1965 to 3,438 in 1997.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Hilo Y's Men Club business & program meetings

7:00pm

Café 100

Oct 5 & 19, 2006

Nov 2 & 16, 2006

Come early, eat, fellowship, & talk story

Fundraisers

The traditional Hot Pot Dinner, originally scheduled for Oct. 28, has been postponed to an as of now uncertain date. Our next big fundraiser will be our traditional annual Christmas Tree sale on the Hilo Ben Franklin Store parking lot. The trees have already been ordered and paid for. We will need everyone's help to make this a success.

We are also continuing to collect stamps for the Brotherhood Fund. Please bring stamps to the meetings.

President's Message: Aloha fellow Y's Men,



Although we are already near the end of the month for September, with the help of Lanny Neel (New Y's Cracks Editor) and Lily Inouye, we hope to get this newsletter out for the month of September.

We thank Claudia Wilcox-Boucher, our past Y's Cracks Editor, for her many years of service to the YMCA and to the Y's Men. We will miss her energetic smile and all the work that she did for us.

We have been without a newsletter now since July and a lot has happened since then. First, we hosted seven Tokyo YMCA students and their group leader, Etsuko Tadokora from August 4 through August 6, 2006. Special Mahalo to Pat Hakoda who housed one girl, Dr. Milton and Virginia Murasaki who housed two girls, Roy and Tonie Ishii who housed 2 boys and Lance and June Niimi, who housed two boys and their chaperone. Our home stays included activities such as going to Hapuna Beach Park, the Imiloa Astronomy Center, fishing, bowling, basketball, checkers, chess, coconut leaf weaving, eating at different places and other activities in which our home stay children were included in our normal family activities.

We ask all of our Y's Men Members to keep Ken Aratani in our prayers for a healthy recovery. Ken has been in and out of the hospital due to health issues. Take care, Ken.

We are also sad to report the passing of fellow Y's Man, James Nabers on September 10, 2006. Our prayers go out to Judy, his wife and his family members.

My last thoughts for this month's newsletter are simple phrases with a common theme: Cherish each moment with our loved ones. Enjoy the relationships we have with one another. None of us know when we will be called to be with our God, so Live each day to it's fullest.

Till our next Newsletter, Aloha and God Bless You!.....Lance Niimi