



Y's Cracks

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Hilo Y's Men Club Newsletter
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Hilo Y's Men Club
Chartered 1938

Novber 2006

Christmas Tree
Sale

MEMBERSHIP

Our newest member is Bobby Stivers. He joined us in August of this year. He is the Executive Director of the Waiakea Settlement YMCA. Not only did he pay his membership dues, but he also donated \$100 to the Endowment Fund. Bobby transferred from the Kona Family YMCA in July. At our October 19 meeting, Bobby was our guest speaker and his presentation was titled "Wearing Different Hats".

He shared that his #1 'hat' as Branch Executive is first to manage and operate an effective and efficient YMCA. The Y core programs include childcare, teens, fitness, and families. Nearly 1,600 members participate in the various Y programs. His goals to help build a strong YMCA are three in number. First, re: Board Development, is to re-commit current members and recruit new members who can best represent the community and help to raise the funds to advance the mission of the YMCA. Second, re: Program Development, is to improve the quality of programs and to expand services to reach more youth and families. Third, re: Property/Facility Development, is to develop a comprehensive plan to renovate and upgrade the present facility and to plan and develop additional facilities to support expanded programs and services.

As a member of the Kaimuki Y's Men's Club for over 20 years, Bobby fully supports the purpose and work of the Y's Men. He is committed to strengthen and involve YMCA staff in Y's Men's activities and will make every effort to keep the Hilo Y's Men aware and involved in what the YMCA is doing to meet its mission. We are Partners in Service.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**Hilo Y's Men Club busi-
ness & program meetings**

7:00pm

Café 100

Nov. 2 & 16, 2006

Dec. 7 & 21, 2006

**Come early, eat, fellow-
ship, & talk story**

Fundraisers

Our next big fundraiser will be our traditional annual Christmas Tree sale on the Hilo Ben Franklin Store parking lot. By the time you read this, the tree sale will have begun. It will run until the trees have all been sold, which usually happens by the end of the weekend after the sale began.

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

Membership (continued)

Bobby challenged and asked the Y's Men members to support the YMCA's annual Partners With Youth Campaign by becoming campaigners and donors. He further challenged the club to support three 2007 YMCA initiatives:

1. YMCA Open House in January
2. Healthy Kids Day in April
3. Youth Legislature Capital Corp Program in March

Bobby expressed that "If the purpose of the Y's Men' Movement is to serve the YMCA and the community then the YMCA and Y's Men must work together. Our mission and goals are aligned." "Working as with one spirit, one body, and one mind, we will make both organizations—the YMCA and Y's Men—stronger and healthier."

Bobby thought you would like to know some facts about our Y

411—9622 (translation: INFORMATION-YMCA)

Here's information about your Waiakea Settlement YMCA (9622)

DID YOU KNOW?

*550 children are enrolled and involved in the YMCA After School Program

*49 children are enrolled and involved in the YMCA Pre-School Program

*135 young adults, adults, and active older adults are enrolled and involved in the YMCA Healthy Lifestyle Program

*100 families and 80 children are involved in the YMCA Family Visitation Program.

*****Saturday, January 13, 2007 is CLEANUP DAY AT THE 'Y'. Volunteers are needed to **RE-FRESH, RE-VITALIZE, AND RE-ENERGIZE** the Waiakea Settlement YMCA. Clean, scrub, paint inside and out! Food, refreshments, and good fellowship. Sign up now!

Club News

The big news this month is our Christmas Tree Sale! This big annual fundraising event is set to begin Nov. 24 at the Ben Franklin Store parking lot. Final coordination is in progress with manpower support again generously being provided from BISAC. The work schedules are out, and each member should review their assignments and confirm that they are able to serve in the time periods assigned to them, so we are covered for each shift. If you cannot make your scheduled assignment, please contact Roy Ishii at 969-2036, or Thayer Nakamoto at 934-7308. If at all possible, they will help you switch off with another member or have someone else come in for your shift. The tentative schedule of events follows:

Sunday, Nov. 19, 8:00 AM: Move office trailer to parking lot and hook up electrical line to the power panel.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 10:00 AM: Set up security fence, lights, and tree stands.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 8:00 AM: Spot the tree container as it arrives.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1:00 PM: Unload trees and set up the tree lot.

Thursday, Nov. 23: Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving dinner.

Friday, Nov. 24, 9:00 AM: Open for business. Shifts change every 4 hours. Close, 9:00 PM.

Phone service to the trailer office will be set up sometime between Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. The tree sale will hopefully be concluded sometime close to Dec. 2, depending on how well/fast the trees sell.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Hilo Y 's Men 's Club was founded in 1922, and celebrated its charter night at the Seaside Club on July 27, 1938. There were 25 Charter Members present, and at that time, according to the constitution of the International Association, 20 of them had to be under age 35.

The Christmas tree sales began in 1950, under President Tomoo Okuyama. This year marks 56 years of tree sales, the profits of which are used to fund projects and to provide support for the Hilo YMCA.

Membership reached a high of 74 members in the ' 60s, but this number has slowly been decreasing, until today our membership is 27. It behooves us all to recruit new and younger members to ensure that the legacy of the Hilo Y 's Men 's Club continues well into the future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER

Aloha Fellow Y 's Men and Y 's Men 's Supporter,

Lanny Neal, our editor and chief of our Y 's Cracks Newsletter has done such a great job of putting out information on our Y 's Men 's activities, there literally doesn 't seem to be that much more to report this month. None-the-less there are always more news to share and thanksgivings to be offered....so.....here goes.....

Today, the day after Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all that God has bestowed upon us. We offer thanks for all of his blessings. Here are just a few, (and if I have left any out), I apologize:

- First a great big Mahalo to Roy Ishii and Thayer Nakamoto, this year 's chairmen for our annual-Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Special thanks to Roy 's wife, Tonie, and their son, Troy, who work right along side Roy in all that he does for the Y 's Men.
- A special Thanks to Mr. Bobby Stivers, who has been fighting off a cold. Bobby was our Y 's Men 's speaker this month (see his message in this newsletter if you haven 't already read it). Besides becoming a member, Bobby has already contributed so much to our Y 's Men and YMCA partnership. Here are some of the upcoming events that were mentioned in our October 2006 Newsletter that involves Bobby and the YMCA:
 - December 16, 2006: YMCA Christmas Party at Kow 's Restaurant: Y 's Men and spouses invited. Cost: \$12.50 per person. (Please pay in advance at the YMCA) Starts at 6:00 PM.
 - January 12, 2007: Free Diabetic Screening/Testing at the YMCA. 8:30 AM—10:30 AM.
 - January 13, 2007: General Clean-up and Painting at the YMCA: 8:00 AM—1:30 PM. Paint donated by **Wayne Kamitake** of Ace Hardware. Come ready to paint or clean up.
- Speaking of Mr. Wayne Kamitake, our YMCA Association, Chief volunteer and President, and owner of Ben Franklin Crafts and Ace Hardware (many of them throughout the state), the Hilo Y 's Men' s Club would also like to thank him for all he does each and every year. Mahalo Wayne for all of your generous donations to the YMCA and Y 's Men. We thank you especially for allowing us use of your parking lot and tent for our annual Christmas Tree sale during this very busy Holiday Season.
- Finally, we would like to thank all of our Y 's Men 's Members for their donation of time and energy for making our Christmas Tree fundraiser and all of our other events possible. Mahalo Nui

Christian Emphasis

Four Things

Four things a man must do, if he would make his record true

- First, to think without confusion, clearly
- Second, to love his fellow man sincerely
- Third, to act from honest motives purely, and
- Fourth, to trust in God and heaven securely.

PRAYER LINE PRAYERS NEEDED CALLING PRAYER WARRIORS

- Harvey & Phyllis Chong
 - Lasse Bergstedt
- Les Wung and his son-in law Tom Yeh
 - Pray for World Peace
- Hilo Y's Men and their families that they remain healthy and strong "servant leaders" of the YMCA & community.

Hilo Y's Men

Lance Niimi—President

Thayer Nakamoto—Vice President

Roy Ishii—Secretary

James Fujimoto—Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Gerrain Hollins, H. "Skinny"
Tahara and Lanny Neel

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REGIONAL NEWS: Policies and Procedures for the Region were reviewed at the Regional Convention in October.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Contact information: Snail Mail: Y's Men International, 9 Avenue Sainte-Clotilde, CH 1205 Geneva, Switzerland; e-Mail: ihq@ysmen.org

Y'S MEN HISTORY...

DID YOU KNOW or do you care...

The Induction Ceremony, as envisioned by Paul Alexander, is used today by Clubs throughout the world. He called it "What it means to be a Y's Man." The ceremony declares- A Y's Man is to: 1. Be An Idealist, 2. Be Loyal to the YMCA, 3. Be World Minded, 4. Acknowledge the Duty that Accompanies Every Right, and 5. BE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACTIVE!

To Acknowledge the Duty that Accompanies Every Right

Loa.....Lance Niimi, Hilo Y 's Men 's Club President.

