



# Y'S CRACKS

**Newsletter of the Hilo Y's Men's Club**  
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Chartered: June 22, 1938  
Service to the YMCA & community for 69 years.

Hawaii Region: US Area

TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT.

## Aloha From the Island of Hawaii!

### Aloha Fellow Y's Men:

I pray that this newsletter finds you all in great health and spirits. As you might have noticed, we have not had a newsletter put out from our Hilo Y's Men's Club for quite a while now. Thanks to Bobby Stivers, our Waiakea Settlement Family YMCA, Branch Executive and fellow Y's Men member, we are putting out this newsletter for September 2007. Mahalo Bobby!

### Our Sympathies

We are sorry to announce the passing of Joni Neel's mother, Marge Austin, who went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the age of 83.

Joni and Lanny are back now in Hawaii, after a short vacation which followed their family get together and funeral services which were held at International Falls, Minnesota.



People are illogical, unreasonable, and self centered...Love them anyway.



### Aloha Roy & Family

Before the end of this month, Roy and Toni Ishii and their grandson Troy will be moving to Las Vegas Nevada. The three of them have been such a vital part of our club and all of our activities. They will be sorely missed. By the time you read this, we would have celebrated their many years with us and their service to our community with a dinner get together on Thursday, September 6, 2007.

As usual, I will end this short message to all of you with a prayer to god for his continued blessing to all Y's men, their families and loved ones throughout the world, here in the State of Hawaii and especially for us in Hilo. Continue to guide us in all activities we do for and with the YMCA and the communities that we serve. We ask your special blessings for our upcoming benefit music concert with Jake Shimabukuro and Brittni Paiva and upon our annual Christmas tree sale. Amen.

*Aloha, Lance*

### President Nakamoto

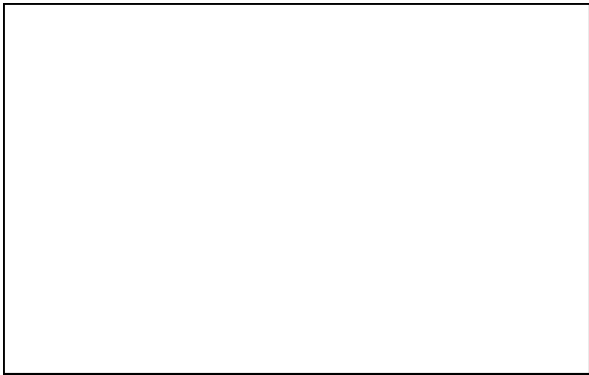
Although Thayer Nakamoto was elected to serve as Hilo Y's Men's Club President for this year, he suffered a mild stroke a while back while undergoing valve surgery by his heart. He is doing well now health-wise, (most people would not be able to tell that he suffered a stroke), but he can't see well from his left eye, and he has some short-term memory difficulties. Doctors are hopeful that his memory will improve as healing progresses. Right now he cannot drive (doctor's orders), but he is also hopeful that he will be able to drive in a few more months.

During this period of his healing, I will be serving as interim Club President until further notice.

**Y's Men Meeting**  
**1st & 3rd Thursday**  
**of the month**  
**Café 100**  
**6pm—dinner**  
**7pm—meeting**

### Good Friends Visit

Edgar and Renate Engert, past president of the North Coast Y's Men's Club of California, visited the Big Island a few weeks ago with the whole family on the Pride of America cruise ship. Upon docking early morning, Ben Inouye and Jimmy Fujimoto picked them up and took them to see the Volcanoes National Park. They spent some time in the "tubes" (Thurston Lava Tube) and enjoyed renewing old friendships at a subsequent luncheon with other club members at the Imliloa Astronomy Center in Hilo.



### Annual Hilo Y's Men's Club Christmas Tree Sale

A committee comprised of Gerrain Hollins, Skinny Tahara, Lanny Neel, Jimmy Fujimoto and Lance Niimi met recently with Roy and Tonie Ishii to go over the plans and associated responsibilities with the upcoming annual Christmas Tree Sale. Roy and Tonie Ishii for putting together notes of the "things to do and responsibilities". For our members, the plan is for all able bodied Y's Men to meet at Ben Franklin Crafts at 8:00am on Saturday, November 17th to help with the set up the fencing and lighting. Lance will be contacting Y's Men members and other agency volunteers soon to set up the work schedule for the sale which will begin on Friday, November 23rd, the day after Thanksgiving.



### Thanksgiving Concert with Jake Shimabukuro

The Hilo Y's Men's Club is pleased to announce a concert of a lifetime with Hawaii's Na Hoku Award winner, Jake Shimabukuro on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at the Hilo Palace Theatre, 6:00-8:00 pm with a VIP reception at 4:00 pm. Local ukulele artists, Brittni Pavia will also perform. Guest Master of Ceremony, will be Big Island's favorite radio host, Skylark.



Tickets will be on sale the week of September 10. General admission advance tickets are \$25, \$30 at the door and VIP Admission tickets are \$50, \$60 at the door. VIP admission includes an up close session with Jake, pupus, entertainment and preferred seating.

Proceeds from the benefit concert, "Giving Thanks with Jake Shimabukuro" will benefit the Waiakea Settlement YMCA Pre School Y-Tots Program.

For more information and tickets, call the YMCA at 935-3721.

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### YMCA News:

Partners with Youth Campaign 2007 a success! Over \$36,000 was raised and nearly 250 donors contributed to the campaign thanks to the Hilo Y's Men's Board and volunteers during the annual support campaign held in April. The funds are used to subsidize the YMCA youth programs and provide financial assistance to families in need. The campaign leadership team included Lance Niimi and Les Isemoto Co-chairs and Special Advisor, Ben Inouye. Hilo Y's Men's funded the YMCA Capital Corp Program held in Honolulu this past Spring break. Six middle school YMCA members participated in the Hawaii State YMCA Youth Legislature program. The one week program provided the Waiakea teens the opportunity to make new friends, learn about legislative process of government and be journalists for the YMCA Youth Legislature newspaper. The \$2,500 scholarship funded round trip airfare, hotel, meals and transportation.



**International News:**  
**Y's Men's Movement Grows.**  
 30,505 now are Y's Men members compared to 28,504 in 2006. Europe and India Areas are experiencing the greatest growth in new clubs and increase in membership.

**Hawaii Region News:**  
 The 72<sup>nd</sup> Region Convention on Maui is now being planned. All clubs are assigned specific responsibilities. It should be a



**Regional Calendar of Events:**

- Sept. - Endowment
- Oct. - ASLF/Dollars for Scholars
- Nov. - Brotherhood Fund
- Dec - Christian emphasis
- Jan. - YMCA Service
- Feb. - Time of Fast
- Mar. - Brother Club
- Apr - Leadership Training
- May.- Regional Convention Maui

**Hilo Y's Men's Club**

Officers 2007/2008

President: Thayer Nakamoto  
 Vice president: Joni Neel  
 Secretary: Lanny Neel  
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**U.S. Area News:**  
 Hawaii Recognized at the Y's Men U.S. Area Convention held in South Caroline, July 12-15, 2007. RD **Phil Sammer** was awarded the Henry Grimes Award for the outstanding U.S. Area Regional Director. **Donna Schulze** was awarded the Boots Fabian Award, the first women member to receive this award. This award is given to former or present YMCA staff for her support of Y's Men and its mission. Donna served as Executive Director of the YMCA of Kauai. Congratulations Phil and Donna!

**HILO Y's Men Club Roster  
 2007 - 2008**

Ken Aratani, Robert Chow, Putty Clark, Jimmy Fujimoto, Fumiko Hakoda, Steve Hiramami, Gerain Hollins, Ben Inouye, Gordon Inouye, Les Isemoto, Roy Ishii, Troy Ishii (youth) Wendell Ka'ehu'ae'a, Toshi Kawasaki, Milton Murasaki, Ilyn Narciso, Joni Neel, Lanny Neel, Lance Niimi, Oscare Panem, Bobby Stivers, Hiroyaki Tahara, Harold Tanouye, Leslie Wung.

**YMCA Staff**

- Bobby Stivers-VOO/Executive
- Bernie Atagi-Office Manager
- Adriana Atagi-Office Clerk
- Rockelle Augustin-Child Care Director
- Raymona Souza-Pre School Director
- Shanna Suganuma-Family Visitation Center Director
- Theresa Witten-Family Visitation Center Coordinator
- Kaleo Souza-Fitness Center Coordinator



**OUR MISSION**

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, in partnership with and supporting the YMCA, its mission is to strive through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all humankind.

*Thought of the Day*

STILL HAS TO GO DRY CLEANERS, BANK, AND GAS STATION  
 PEANUIT BUTTER, GLAD BAGS, TAMPAX, SOAP.  
 Peanut butter, Glad bags, Tampax. soap.  
 Peanut butter, Glad bags, Tampax, soap.  
 Peanut butter, Glad bags, Tampax, Oh, yea, Advil.  
 Peanut butter, Glad bags, Advil, soap . . . uh . . . .  
 Tampax, Glad bags, peanut butter, soap?  
 Oh! Miller Lite, Advil, Tampax, soap.  
 Wait now, Miller Lite, Tampax, dental floss?  
 No. Colgate? Wait. Peanut butter, Tampax, Miller Lite....  
 Uh. Ok. Peanut butter, Tampax, Glad bags, toothpick,  
 Downy fresh spring, nail polish remover, coffee filters,  
 AHHHHHHH! Ne'mind already.

**Ginny Dinny Dias**  
**Folks You Meet in Longs and Other Stores.**