



Y's Cracks

Hilo's Newsletter



“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right”

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Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All!

Life is all about priorities, so for this, our first Y's Men's Newsletter from Hilo for a long time, let's talk **PRIORITIES**:

- 1. First: Thank you Heavenly Father for your continued support, guidance, knowledge, wisdom and understanding for our Hilo Y's Men and Women Service Club and the Island of Hawaii YMCA.**
- 2. Second:** Mahalo to our previous and newly elected officers for our Club. We are especially grateful for our new club secretary, June Niimi, (who also happens to be my wife) and her willingness to be the writer/editor and author of this “re-activated” newsletter. Through this medium, we hope to keep you informed about Y'sdom on our Island of Hawaii, our service activities and about our efforts at fulfilling our primary purpose, the support of the Island of Hawaii YMCA.
- 3.** All of us reading this newsletter have one thing in common, we believe in and support the YMCA and we will continue to do so because sometime in our past or present, the Y made some difference for us, or we have hope that in the future the Y will make a difference for us or others. Recently, the Y went through one of its most challenging times, barely averting near bankruptcy by selling off valuable property to pay off longstanding debt. This could not have been done without the support of Y staff, its leadership, loyal and committed membership, board members and community support. Despite this reprieve, our tough economic times continue to challenge us with lower than usual enrollments in our preschool, afterschool and summer programs. This brings us to the **third priority**: We are currently in Phase I of our Annual Support Campaign. **Our goal in Phase I is simple: 100% of our YMCA staff, board members and Y's Men will contribute what we are able to, to the campaign. In Phase II, all of us will seek additional support from five or more of our friends/contacts. Our goal is to raise \$100,000.00 island-wide within the next 3 months to carry us through the year.** Your kokua to this most important cause is critical.
- 4. Our fourth priority will be to recruit new members while carrying out successfully the rest of our planned activities for the year as outlined in this newsletter.** Let us keep our focus on these priorities as we move forward towards a brighter future.

“In God We Trust”

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

Installation of 2010-2010 Officers

The installation of the new officers for 2010-2011 was held on June 17, 2010 in a private meeting room at the Seaside Restaurant. Presiding over the ceremony was Regional President Russ Lynch who also offered a short commentary on what he views as a significant cause for our Region to adopt this year...that of "Service with Spirit." Wendell Kaehuaea commented that we should also take a stand against domestic violence, stating that while former Hawaii Island Mayor Harry Kim urged us at the Convention to work for world peace, peace begins at home.

The Island of Hawaii YMCA Events

"Have a HeART, Why Not?" on Wednesday, July 14, 10:00 - 3:00 @ the Hawaii County Building

Summer Day Camp Luau on Thursday, July 15, 10:30 - 12 noon @ YMCA MPR

Summer Day Camp BBQ at the Beach, July 17, 10:00 - 6:00 Moku Ola (Coconut Island)

Bowling for Bucks FUNdraiser on Saturday, July 24, 9:00 - 12 non @ Hilo Lanes

Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club Events

Mahalo Dinner on Wednesday, July 28, 6:30 @ YMCA MPR (table top grilling...yum!!!) see information below

Christmas Tree Sale from Thanksgiving weekend

Future Events: Blood Drive at the YMCA, YMCA Beautification Project, Rummage Sale. Steak Fry

!!!! Club Meeting Changes !!!!

Club meetings will now be held regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month to accommodate President Lance's busy schedule. The following dates have been set aside so please mark your calendars:

August 11* and 25

November 10*

September 8* and 22

December 8* and 22

October 13* and 27

Note: Nov 24 meeting is cancelled because of Thanksgiving

*The business meeting of each month will be at QLCC, 919 Ululani Street @ 7:00. We welcome desserts to share but please don't feel obligated to bring any.

The second meeting of each month will be a dinner meeting at a restaurant to be chosen during the business meeting.

Club Cookbook

June continues to collect family favorite recipes for a Club cookbook we hope to have printed and available to sell at our annual Christmas Tree Sale. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE submit those recipes to June by the end of September. If you have 100 recipes, we'll take all of them!

Here's an easy recipe soooo ono with fresh fruits such as strawberries, peaches and/or bananas:

Super Easy Fruit Dip

1-8 oz cream cheese, softened

½ jar marshmallow cream

Combine and mix well.

JULY 28 MAHALO DINNER

Help us honor the hard-working dedicated staff members of the HI Island YMCA and come join us for a table top grilled dinner of assorted meats and veggies dipped in teriyaki and ponzu sauces at the MPR @ 6:00 pm. Desserts are welcome. Bring your appetite and enjoy the fun-filled program.



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Attitudes are contagious. Are yours worth catching? *Author unknown*

Y'S CRACK UP!!!

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders.

The man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke,' and turns to the ostrich, 'What's yours?'

'I'll have the same,' says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order 'That will be \$9.40 please,' and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke.'

The ostrich says, 'I'll have the same.'

Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again.

The usual?' asks the waitress.

'No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man.

'Same,' says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.'

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?' 'Well,' says the man, 'several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!' 'That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,' says the man.

The waitress asks, 'What's with the ostrich?'

The man sighs, pauses and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** will be in Yokohama, Japan Aug 5-8, 2010. **Yokohama** is the capital of Kanagawa Prefecture, located in the Kantō region of the main island of Honshū and is a major commercial hub of the Greater Tokyo Area

The **75th HAWAII REGIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in late May 2011 on Hawaii Island. Chair Duke Chung will organize the event, and details on the planning are forthcoming.

CELEBRATIONS FOR JUNE/JULY

Happy Birthday!!!

Lily Inouye (06/06)

Putman Clark (06/08)

June Niimi (06/18)

Lance Niimi (06/21)

Ben Inouye (06/22)

Gerain Hollins (06/29)

Steve Hiramami (07/10)

Ilyn Narciso (07/16)

Mieke Inouye (07/29)

Happy Anniversary!!!

Oscar & Alicia Panem (06/10)

James & Lillian Fujimoto (07/03)

REGIONAL CALENDAR

JUN – PUBLIC RELATIONS DONNA SAITO

JUL – MEMBERSHIP & CONSERVATION DUKE CHUNG; EXTENSION – BRAD

ISHIDA **AUG** –COMMUNITY SERVICE DAN TAKAMATSU **SEP** – ENDOWMENT BRAD ISHIDA **OCT** -- ASLF/DOLLARS FOR

SCHOLARS LARRY HIRANAKA **NOV** -- BROTHERHOOD FUND OSHI KAWASAKI **11/19 MID YEAR CABINET MEETING**

DEC -- CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS LANNY NEEL **JAN** -- YMCA SERVICE PHILIP SAMMER **FEB** -- TIME OF FAST ROBERT

SIMMS **MAR** -- BROTHER CLUB JAMES KANEHIRA **APR** -- LEADERSHIP TRAINING LINDA CHUNG & PAUL KUROMOTO

MAY – REGIONAL CONVENTION BIG ISLAND DUKE CHUNG JR CHAIRPERSON