



Y's Cracks

Hilo's Newsletter

"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Fellow Y's Men and Women,

This newsletter will contain the following stories, highlights or pictures for events which took place in late July and the month of August.

* On July 28, the Hilo Y's Men and Women Service Club had a very successful Mongolian style cook/fry dinner at the YMCA. This event honored and thanked the Waiakea Settlement YMCA staff for their dedication and commitment to the YMCA, especially during these tough economic times. The event also was held to share information about the Hilo Y's Men and Women Service Club with the Y staff in the hopes of stirring up their interest in joining our prestigious service organization. All in all, it was a great evening of fun and fellowship. Special thanks to:

- o June Niimi and the Y's Men and their wives for the food preparation.
- o Bobby Stivers-Apiki and Rockelle Augustine for the facility preparations and program and
- o All who attended for taking the time to celebrate and fellowship with us.

* On August 2, we said good bye and celebrated the life of our fellow Y's Men Ben Inouye at his funeral. We will miss him!

* The YMCA and the Y's Men continue to solicit donations from our friends and colleagues for our annual support campaign. There are 10 team leaders attempting to raise \$7,000 each from their contacts. Please contribute to the team effort and give generously until it feels good!

* We were blessed to have Mitchell Dodo of the Dodo Mortuary as our guest speaker at our August 25 dinner meeting at the Encore Restaurant. Mitchell inspired us with his knowledge about the business, the enthusiasm he has for servicing the people and families of our island, his leadership skills and his insights/philosophy about customer service. All of these qualities combine to explain the great success his family business has accomplished over all of these years!

* Duke Chung and the committee of Y's Men's Club volunteers met on August 28 at the Kalihi YMCA, to move the planning forward on the next convention to be held in Hilo at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22. Thanks to the leg work of Bobby Stivers-Apiki and June Niimi we have obtained reduced room rates, tentative meal costs and also suggested a tentative itinerary of fun events most of which will occur on Friday, May 20. Some of these events include, a golf tournament (Jimmy), World Botanical Gardens Tour (Lanny), Pacific Tsunami Museum Tour (Steamy), a Volcano Tour, a quilt-making workshop (Joni) and many other activities.

Enough said about August. In the next few months, we will be gearing up for our next big event of the year, our Annual Christmas Tree Sale!....so stay tuned! Aloha.....Lance

In Memoriam

BENJAMIN TAKAO INOUE

June 22, 1921 – July 23, 2010

The following information was taken from the program provided at Ben's Celebration of Life at the Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo.

1921: June 22, Mt. View, HI: Born Takao Inouye, to Jiro (of Okayama) and Kikue Yamaguchi Inouye (of Hiroshima). In elementary school, one of his teachers gave him the name Benjamin, which he made official in 1943. Ben's older brother, Carl Motomi Inouye was a dentist in Tokyo, Japan, where his son, Motoyuki, is also a dentist.

1940: Graduated from Hilo High School. To support his widowed mother, Ben worked as an apprentice carpenter and rose to foreman for the USED.

1942: Married his high school sweetheart, Lily Yuriko Hongo.

1943: Gordon Earl Inouye was born/

1047: Vernon Bruce Inouye

1951: Grayson Michael Inouye

1952: Adrienne Marie (Ami) Inouye

1950's: Worked for JM Tanaka & M Sonomura Contractors, then became an independent contractor.

1960's: When one of Ben's clients paid him with half a truckload of cymbidium orchids, he started a new hobby. The orchids grew into a family business and Ben closed his construction company.

1976: Co-founded Floral Resources/Hawaii with son Vernon.

1984: Son Gordon returned to Hilo, allowing Ben to semi-retire.

2007: Began his courageous battle with cancer.

The Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club wish to extend our deepest condolences to his family, and thank him for his vision, his support, and his belief in our club. Ben was a valued club member and we will miss his presence and his guidance. Mahalo Ben.

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Christmas Tree Sale from Thanksgiving weekend; tent set-up will be 2 weeks before the start of the sale

Club cookbook: Recipes, recipes, recipes!!!

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

MAHALO Dinner July 27, 2011

Thank you YMCA Staff for the awesome job you do everyday!!!



Fred Yamashiro and Alicia Panem cook on the table top grill while Oscar Panem supervises.



Dan and Kaleo seem to be taking cooking lessons from Wendell Ka'ehu'ae'a.



Steve Hiramami (right) with three YMCA Staff members.



Robert "Steamy" Chow (left) with three lovely ladies.

!!!! 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:

September 8* and 22

November 10*

October 13* and 27

December 8* and 22

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. **(The dinner meeting on Sept. 22 will be at Encore Restaurant @ 6:30 pm)**

CLUB COOKBOOK COMING ALONG

June continues to collect favorite family recipes for a Club cookbook. We have chosen Morris Press to print our cookbooks, but it will require more time to put it together. Instead of a September deadline to submit recipes, please get them to June by December. We can have them printed and ready to sell by May at our Hawaii Regional Convention.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Layered Crab Sushi

2-3 pkgs. Imitation crab sticks, cut into 4ths
Shiitake mushrooms, soaked, diced

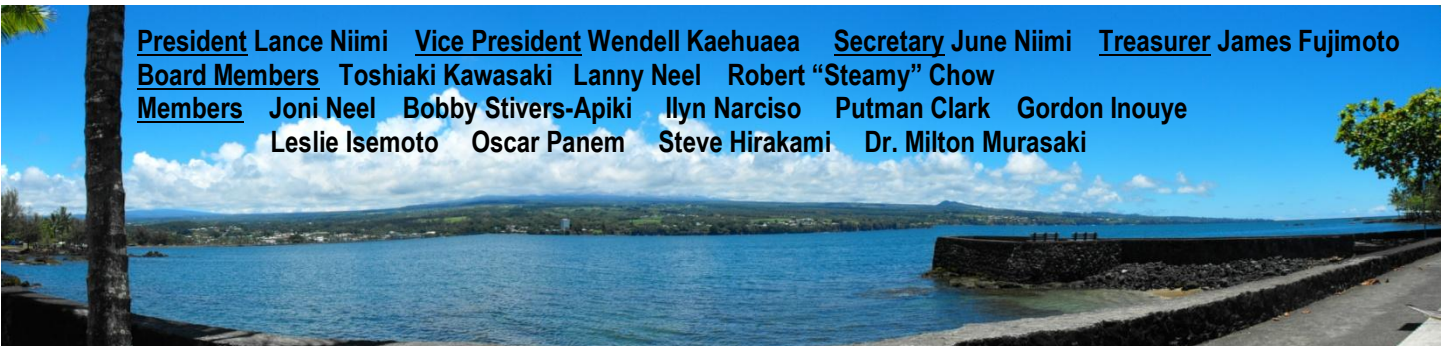
1 cup mayonnaise
furikake

1 cup sour cream
nori squares

1 onion, diced

Microwave diced onions until tender. Combine the crab, mayo, sour cream, onion, and mushrooms; mix together. Sprinkle furikake on bottom of 9 x 13 inch dish. Layer with rice, crab mixture, another layer of rice, and top with furikake. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 15 minutes at 400 degrees. For crunchy top, remove foil for last 5 minutes. Serve with nori.

**President Lance Niimi Vice President Wendell Kaehuaea Secretary June Niimi Treasurer James Fujimoto
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Members Joni Neel Bobby Stivers-Apiki Ilyn Narciso Putman Clark Gordon Inouye
Leslie Isemoto Oscar Panem Steve Hiramami Dr. Milton Murasaki**



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Those blessings are sweetest that are won with prayers and won with thanks. ~Thomas Goodwin

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The bus stops, and 2 Italian men get on. They sit down and engage in an animated conversation. The lady sitting next to them ignores them at first, but her attention is galvanized when she hears one of them say the following:

'Emma comes first. Den I come. Den two asses come together. I come once more. Two asses, they come together again. I come again and pee twice. Then I come one lasta time.'

The lady can't take this any more. 'You foul-mouthed sex obsessed pig,' she retorted indignantly 'In this country we don't speak aloud in public places about our sex lives.'

'Hey, coola down lady,' said the man. 'Who talkin' bouta sex? I'm a justa tellin' my frienda how to spell MISSISSIPPI.'

\$5.00 says you're gonna read this again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Chow (08/07) and Lillian Fujimoto (08/17)

Happy Anniversary!!!

Lance and June Niimi (08/02), Gordon and Mieke Inouye (08/12)

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