



*Ka Ho'olaha*

*Kanisehua*

*"...To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right..."*

# *Happy Valentine's Day*

*In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club would like to express our **Love and Gratitude** for all the support we continuously receive from our members, fellow clubs, and the community. You are loved as well. Thank You.*

## ...| President's Message |...

As we progress through the second month of 2017, our year thus far has been a blessing filled with innovative ideas, active club engagement, and a bright future. Our members are being taken in new directions and exploring frontiers that lead to self-satisfaction and accomplishment. We can only wish the same for all of you who have been an encouragement to our progression and expansion, not only as individuals, but a club.

— Ken

### FEBRUARY 2017

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PRESIDENT

**JUNE NIIMI**

SECRETARY

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TREASURER

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# Calendar

## February (Pepeluuli)

- 08 Y's Business Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 President's Day
- 22 Y's Program Meeting

# Funny Kine Stuff

With AUNTIE NANI KALANI KANANI

**What you call one Aunty who only get one leg?**

**Aileen.**

**Where does Aileen work?**



# Christian Emphasis

*"When life gets too hard to stand, kneel."*

## ... | Announcements | ...

### Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii

Members, please support the FRIEND'S CLOTHES CLOSET with NEW, UNOPENED PACKAGES of UNDERWEAR and SOCKS. These items provides children in transition with needed clothes. The Friends are also looking for "Gently Used" dresses for our island teens to have a nice dress for the Prom. Bring your donations to the March meetings.

### **PROM DRESS DRIVE RETURNS!**

Hundreds of "Gently Used" Dresses collected last year... and we need that many again this year!



Thanks to THE WAVE for their assistance in promoting this drive!

**NEW, Unopened PACKAGES of UNDERWEAR and SOCKS Needed for our Clothes Closet! Up to sizes for 18 year olds!**



## ... | Presentation Recap | ...

### Digital Storytelling through Social Media

On Wednesday, 25 January 2017, Hilo Y's Man, Traven 'Āpiki, gave a public presentation at the Hilo YMCA on utilizing social media for personal, business, and organization purposes. He provided insight on the typical and not-so-common ways that individuals and groups can manage their social media accounts in order to really benefit from these resources.



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In the International President (IP) e-NEWS 2016-2017 newsletter, Joan Wilson highlighted the special relationship our international organization has with the United Nations (UN) since 2006. One of the projects this partnership has resulted is ROLL BACK MALARIA (RBM). International pledged to raise 500,000 CHF (Swiss Francs) to see anti-malaria bed net kits distributed in Sierra Leone. While we have not met our financial goal, families of Sierra Leone are already seeing a positive change in their lives as a result of our contributions. Donations are still being accepted by individual members and clubs.



“Yet Another Successful Fundraiser” was a featured article in the latest official Y’s Men International/Y Service Clubs International World Magazine featuring the Hilo Y’s Men & Women’s 67<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser. “In just one week and two days, the Club was fortunate enough to sell the entire inventory of Christmas Trees”.

## U.S. Area NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! Area Joint Convention: Canada/Caribbean & United States LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

August 4 – 7, 2016 Hampton Las Vegas.

Ray Seto, Kaimuki Y Service Club is organizing a Las Vegas package tour for interested members to the Area Convention. Contact Ray for details.

## HaWai'i Region NEWS

The 81<sup>st</sup> Hawaii Region Y Service Club Convention will be held on Kauai at the Marriott’s Courtyard Kauai at Coconut Beach Hotel Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7, 2017. Convention Information and Registration materials were emailed to members and registration deadline is April 5. The convention will bring together Y Service members from all islands and Brother Clubs as far as Japan and possibly Taiwan and will include a tradition luau dinner and entertainment at Kauai’s Smith’s Luau. Mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the finest Y Service convention in the U.S. Area.

A calendar for February 2017 titled "Y Service Clubs International TIME OF FAST - GLOBAL FUND PROJECT (TOF-GPF) February 2017". The calendar shows a grid of days with various activities and fundraising goals listed for each day. At the bottom, it says "22 February: Thank Time of Fast. Giving - the strength of what we plan." and "Have you got contributions to?"

**TIME OF FAST – GLOBAL FUND PROJECT (TOF-GPF)** is one of the best-known International projects highlighted during February. Each year a specific meeting during the month of February for TOF-GOF is set and clubs are encouraged to forego their dinner during the same time to raise money for the Fund. This year the Hilo Y’s Men & Women’s Club has adopted the Y Service Clubs International calendar, listing ways to save money each day towards the fund. Each day, members are asked to raise the stated funds; for example, Feb. 26 – Donate 2 cents for every Email received today. Total the amount to donate and mail a check to Lance Niimi, Treasurer or bring your check or cash to the club’s February 22 club meeting, 6:30 pm at the Y. **The time is now – Time of Fast – Global Project Fund.**

## PARTNERSHIP NEWS – YMCA

The Hilo Y’s Men’s and Women’s Club in partnership with the Y recently purchased and donated 4 new 8’ folding tables for the Y’s conference room. The conference room is used for Y program activities and community businesses and organizations.

“Ken Okimoto, club president stated, “The tables are a small token of our support of the great work of the YMCA. We will also be supporting the Y’s Healthy Kids Day event in May.”