



Ka Ho'olaha

Kanisehua

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

Kaua'i O Manokalanipō



Hawai'i Region Convention, May 5-7

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It's the time of the year for the annual statewide regional convention. It's a time to look back at our accomplishments AND also a time to look forward to doing even better. --- Wait, this sounds like a graduation speech; which is also this time of the year. ----- And so, my fellow wise people, as we enter a new path, crossing the bridge, opening the door, lighting the darkness, sailing the sea, and venturing forth, let us not forget all our past friends, teachers, and leaders who helped us to get to this point. Let us try to be the next friends, teachers, and leaders to make our club even better. --- But most of all, please tell us what is good omiyage from Kauai.

— Ken Okimoto, Club President

MAY 2017

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Calendar

May (Mei)

5-7 Regional Convention

10 Y's Business Meeting

24 Y's Program Meeting

Christian Emphasis

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

– Philippians 2:3

... | New Member: Rhett ‘Āpiki | ...



During his 20 years of life, Rhett ‘Āpiki has learned one thing, the value of hard work. Having had a large portion of his life spent in Homer, Alaska, he quickly joined the Sons of the American Legion where he served as the State 2nd Vice President. While serving as the 2nd Vice, Rhett began to explore the many pathways that graduation of high school had to offer and soon began learning skills in the trade of carpentry and landscaping. Currently Rhett lives between Hilo and Wai‘anae putting these skills to use through his work. Rhett is Traven’s brother.

Funny Kine Stuff: A Lesson in Management Part II

A turkey was chatting with a bull. “I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree” sighed the turkey, “but I haven't got the energy.” “Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?” replied the bull. “They're packed with nutrients.” The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree. He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

Moral of the story: B.S. might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there...

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Joan Wilson, Y Service International President has an e-mail newsletter, "IP e-News 2016-17" that she distributes each month. If you are not receiving this informative newsletter, please contact Ken our club president or your club president or, Russ Lynch our Region's Service Director for Bulletin and WebMaster. He can get you connected! In her April's issue she talks about the history of our movement that started in 1922. In just a few short years, Y Service/Y's Men International will celebrate its 100th Anniversary.

U.S. Area NEWS



Omedetogozaimasu! Congratulations to Gene Koester who was elected to his fourth term as Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Area. Gene is a friend and strong supporter of the Hawaii Region and represented the US Area at our 79th Hawaii Region Convention at Kilauea Military Camp (KMC). The Joint US Area/Canada/Caribbean Convention will be held in Las Vegas, August 4-6, 2017. Early registration deadline is May 26. Fees increase after this date.

Metro NEWS



YMCA Health Kids Day held at Bishop Museum on April 8 was a huge success thanks to the Metro District clubs. Thirty hard working and cheerful Y Service members grind nearly 700 pounds of ice and used 24 gallons of syrup to make the best treat of the day... "shave ice" for the hundreds of Y kids and their families. Youngsters from Y child care programs were given awards by Y Service clubs for their participation in the "Peace Through My Eyes" essay and poster contest sponsored by the Hawaii Region Metro District.

HAWAII REGION NEWS

81st Hawaii Region Convention convenes May 5-7, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott Kauai.

Training Grants Awarded: Dollars for Scholars – Hawaii Region



Dani



Joy



Chris

Four (4) deserving and talented YMCA staff received grants from the Region's Dollar for Scholars-Hawaii Fund Grant. Members of the Region contribute \$10 to the fund each year. This grant provides YMCA staff grants to attend short-term professional growth trainings like seminars, weekend sessions or conferences in related fields of work at their respect YMCAs. Danielle Johnson, Administrative Assistant Director; Joy Maturra, Youth Specialist and Chris Baliba, Fitness Coordinator of The Island of Hawaii YMCA received \$940 in grants; Kathy Ahlo, Office Manager of the Honolulu Nu'uanu YMCA and member of the Nu'uanu Y's Men & Women's Club received a \$500 grant. Recipients will be expected to provide their host Y Service Club a written and/or oral synopsis of their training experience. Congratulations to our Y staff making a difference every day at the Y.

OVG NEWS



One of the Hawaii's Y's Men "Golden Book" honoree, Jiro Yukimura passed on April 6. For 67 years Jiro was a member of the E. Kauai Y's Men's Club and provided dedicated leadership and service not only to his club but to the Hawaii Region. At the 2010 Convention, Jiro spoke about his personal experience on the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay as he witnessed the surrender and end of World War II. His daughter, former Mayor of Kauai and current Councilmember JoAnn Yukimura wrote, "The Y's Men's Club was his love as well – the years of camaraderie and service constituted a major focus of his life".

PARTNERSHIP NEWS – YMCA

Y Summer Day Camp

Do you have children or grandchildren and want them to have a great summer learning, discovering and exploring? Want them to make friends and have all summer long? Then register them for the Y's "Summer to Remember Day Camp Program" – May 30 to August 4. Registration is now open! Call the Y today - 935-3721.

Partnership News – YMCA

YMCA Healthy Kids Day & Mother’s Day Walk Cancelled

In last month’s “Ka Ho‘olaha Kanilehua” newsletter, we reported the YMCA was hosting its community family event, YMCA Healthy Kids Day and 1st Annual Mother’s Day Walk on Sunday, May 13. It is with regret, the Y has cancelled both events. May 13 is the Hawai‘i Charities Walk at Waikoloa where many of the youth and non-profit organizations will participate in this huge fundraising event. The purpose of the Y celebration was to invite many of the same community youth and non-profit organizations to share their resources for the children and their parents attending the Y event. The Y will host a Summer Day Camp Family Day in July.

Annual Support Campaign (ASC) 2017

The Hilo Y’s Men & Women’s Club has approved a donation of \$3,000 to support the Y’s ASC Campaign. John Kai, ASC Chair and Board member announced the Y has kicked off its 2017 ASC Campaign. The annual campaign is needed to keep the program fees affordable and provide financial assistance to those in need. The Y does not deny any child or adult from its programs due to the inability to pay. The 2017 goal is \$50,000 for the Y’s youth, fitness and family programs. Donate to the Y. Contact Ken, club president for more ASC information

Club News



Brother Club Visit in June

Georg & Eva Zandstra, our Brother Club, Vasteras Y’s Men’s Club of Sweden members will be visiting us with their newborn child in June 22. We were introduced to George & Eva by Past Regional Director, Phil Sammer in 2013 when they came to Hilo. We enjoyed their friendship and learned about their Y’s Men’s Club that Georg’s dad founded. We soon entered into a Brother Club partnership and we are the only club in Hawaii with a European Brother Club partnership. In 2015, Georg & Eva joins us at the US Area Convention in Las Vegas. We look forward to seeing again our Brother Club and friends from Sweden.



Bread Tag Trivia



Have you ever wondered why the plastic tags on your loaf of bread has different color tags? Have you squeezed your bread for freshness or softness? Well, the color tag corresponds to the day the bread was baked and did you know, bread is not delivered on Wednesdays? Each day the bread has a different color tag. Enjoy fresh bread when you buy bread with the right color on the day you are shopping.

Correspondence

Hilo Y’s Men’s Ka’ū Expedition

On Saturday, 22 April 2017, Club President Ken, Lance, Bobby, Chris, and Kea of the Hilo Y’s Men and Women’s Club visited Ka’ū High School to meet students of their Youth Legislation Program. The club had donated funds to their program to assist them with financing their recent trip to the State capitol building on O’ahu. In return, they invited us over to share their personal experiences and provide us with more information about what they do. After having lunch with them, the Hilo Y’s Men went to Kāwā Bay, also in Ka’ū, to explore the historic fishing village and abundance of archaeological sites. Below are a few pictures from that exciting day.



The students presenting their “work”



Y’s Men having lunch with the YLP students



Fresh water spring at Kāwā Bay