



Ka Ho'olaha

Kanisehua

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

:: | :: President's Message :: | ::

Y Service Clubs are International

We recently met some nice folks from Sweden due to their involvement with Y Service Clubs. It was a great reminder that clubs such as ours have counterparts in many different countries. They did a fun quiz to find out how much that we in Hawaii knew about Sweden. It didn't take long to make it obvious that we only knew very basic or famous facts about Sweden.

It reminded me of other occasions where Americans are revealed to know very little about things outside of America. It further reminded me of some people from the U.S. East Coast; where some New York City people consider themselves the world's center for money and popular culture, while some people from Washington, D.C. consider themselves the world's center of political power. In some ways, this may be true due to the size, resources, and capabilities of America; but this also means that Americans tend to be much more aware of themselves rather than people and situations outside of America.

The American sport of baseball calls its annual championship the "World Series" but it involves just American teams, and, is it one Canadian team? Compare that to what teams that kids in the Little League play for their world championship.

I would guess many people in other countries can easily list American singers, movies, songs, teams, leaders, and more. How many of us can do such a list for countries even nearby like Canada, Mexico, Japan, Australia, Tahiti, etc.?

Interacting with clubs from all over the world help to open our eyes to our limited views and opinions. Comparing and learning from each other can reveal the best ideas and attitudes; sometimes ours and sometimes others.

Even at our local level, different people have different experiences, knowledge, and skills that can enrich us and our club. The spirit of Y Service Clubs helps us to benefit within the club and the general community. I like the attitude where people say we should be more like a stew rather than a melting pot. Instead of everything becoming melted into a single unidentifiable blend, the stew retains distinctive components that provide variety and potential for nice new combinations. — Ken Okimoto

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Calendar

August ('Aukake)

- 09 Business Meeting
- 19 Chris' Birthday
- 23 Program Meeting

Christian Emphasis

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love..."

- Ephesians 4:2

What did the man say when he walked into a bar?

"OUCH."

... | HORRAY FOR HILO | ...



2018 HAWAII REGION Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

Y Service Club members around the world and right here in Hawaii will be invited to beautiful Hilo for the **82nd Hawaii Region Convention** to be held at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on **May 4-6, 2018. SAVE THE DATE NOW!** More information forthcoming including registration and convention information. **E Komo Mai! Come join us!**

BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI NOMINATED AS US AREA PRESIDENT ELECT

Our very own club member and member of the Kaimuki Y Service Club for over 30 years and Immediate Past Regional Director was nominated by the Central Y Service Club, followed by other clubs as Area President Elect (AP Elect)/International Council Member (ICM) Elect for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 and as US Area President (AP)/International Council Member (ICM) for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. Ballots will be mailed from the Y's Men International Headquarters to Eddie Miwa, Regional Director on October 20 for distribution to all clubs. Bobby expresses his *Aloha & Mahalo* to the Hawaii Regional Officers, Regional Counselors, Service Directors, Club Presidents and especially *club members* for their support and best wishes. *Pride Through Service.*

2017 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE FUNDRAISER

The **67th Annual Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser** was recently announced by Lance Niimi, Chair. **SAVE THE DATE** postcards will be emailed/mailed to past customers September 1 and **VIP PRE-ORDER FORMS** will follow on October 1. Deadline to pre-order is Friday, Nov. 10. **NEW THIS YEAR! VIP PRE-ORDERS** will be able to pick-up their trees on two days, **Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov. 22, 9 am to 9 pm.** **General Public** sale will start on **Friday, Nov. 24.** The tree lot will be open **Mon. to Sat. 9 am to 9 pm, Sun. 9 am to 5 pm** until all trees and wreaths are sold. For a **VIP PRE-ORDER FORM**, email: hiloclubtrees@gmail.com.

International News



New Y Service International President, Henry Grindheim of Norway now presides over the most international organization service clubs in the USA. His goal during his term is a 5% growth in both paid membership and support for international programs. His theme: *Let Us Walk in the Light – Together* and his slogan is *Fellowship Across the Borders*. Henry writes, “To become IP (International President) is, for me a great honor”. The Hawaii delegation met Henry at the Joint USA-Canada/Caribbean Convention in Las Vegas and we wish him a successful year of service as IP. Please check the new and improved Y’s Men International website – ysmen.org.

U.S. Area News



Our Hawaii Region convention US Area representative and friend, **Tobor Foki** was formally inducted as our **2017-2019 U.S. Area Y Service President** at the USA Joint Convention. His challenge to all members of the movement is to increase membership which helps to provide more services to the Y and international programs. The US Area of Y Service Clubs as of February 2017 has 79 clubs and 1,014 members while the total international movement including the USA has 1,395 clubs and 25,173 members.



Not only was Elvis in Las Vegas, your fellow Hawaii Region members attended the USA-Canada-Caribbean Joint Convention. The crew included: James Dang, Kaimuki, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Hilo-Kaimuki, Eddie Miwa, Kalihi, Maurice Shimonishi, Nuuanu; Rick Lau, Central; and Duke Chung, West Oahu. Missing, Ray Seto, Kaimuki.



OVG District News



JoAnn McCarthy, Metro District Governor convened her first District meeting on Thursday, July 20th at Kalihi YMCA. One of the several agenda items agreed was a community service project at YMCA Camp Erdman on Saturday, August 26. The District held a similar work-day project at Camp and now members look forward to another successful project. The District also discussed the proposed 82nd Hawaii Region Convention submitted by the Hilo club. It was recommended to change the date from June to May as June dates conflicts with members working for or volunteering for the Y summer programs. The Convention Planning Committee will be meeting on August 24 to approve the proposal changes and plan.

Partnership News – YMCA



New YMCA CEO Appointed. The Island of Hawaii YMCA Board Chair, **David Kurohara** recently announced the appointed of **Arthur Garcia** as **The Hawaii Island YMCA CEO**. Art served as the Executive Director of the Roswell Boys & Girls Club in Roswell, New Mexico. He will provide leadership and overall direction of the Y and assures the Y maintain a high degree of visibility in the community. He earned a Master of Science degree in sports administration/physical education/health and a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education/health, both from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico. When he’s not leading nonprofit organizations, Arthur has worked as a self-employed personal fitness trainer.



OPEN HOUSE AT THE Y. The Y Board of Directors is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 pm at the Y to meet and greet the new Y CEO, Arthur Garcia. Please welcome Art to our community and continue our Y Service partnership.