



Ka Ho'olaha

Kanisehua

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



2017 Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser

The 68th Annual Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser was recently announced by Lance Niimi, Chair. SAVE THE DATE postcards were emailed/mailed to past customers on September 1. 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.

∴|∴ President's Message ∴|∴

Trivia and Not-Trivia

I can't think of anything to write about, so I am just collecting all kinds of things from here and there. Newsletter editor Kea has been grumbling that he cannot find funny and/or inspiring things to put in this newsletter.

Heard on the radio: A man walked into a bar and asked the bartender if he had anything to stop hiccups. The bartender immediately slapped the man's face. The shocked man asked why he was slapped. The bartender asked if the slap had stopped the hiccups. The man said, "No, my wife in the car outside has hiccups."

All this national grumbling about stopping immigrants is very odd. Apple, the phone and computer company, was co-founded and led by Steve Jobs, who was the son of a Middle Eastern immigrant. Those popular gadgets use algebra to operate, which comes from Arab culture. Algebra uses the number system, zero to ten, which comes from India and was brought to Europe by Arabs. A famous American user of such numbers, Albert Einstein, was an immigrant from Germany. The concept of zero is closely related to Indian philosophy. What is nothingness?

Speaking of nothingness, the only other joke I can remember right now was also heard on the radio: A cop stopped very slow moving car on a mainland freeway. The cop noticed three elderly nuns in the car; one was driving and the other two were in the back seat, looking extremely stressed out. The cop asked the driver why she was driving 15 miles per hour on the freeway. She said she was following the highway sign that said 15. The cop became a little upset and explained that the sign was to indicate highway route 15; which is what she just entered after leaving highway route 120.

In the old days on Hawaii Island, there were no highways and no cars. People walked. One such traveler was the world famous Scottish botanist, David Douglas. He was walking on Mana Road from Waimea to Hilo, but sadly was found mysteriously dead along the path. Today, the site of the tragedy has the trees named after him growing in clusters, the Douglas Fir. We don't sell the Douglas Fir at our annual Christmas Tree Sale but we sell other varieties that are similar. Some Hawaiian plants has his name in their scientific names, such as the Hala tree. — Ken Okimoto

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Christian Emphasis

"Prosperity comes from hard work, but talking too much leads to great scarcity.

- Proverbs 14:23

**WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT ELEVATOR JOKE?
THEY WORK ON SO MANY LEVELS**



Hawaii Y Service Clubs Supports YMCA of Houston

A personal plea was emailed by club member and past Regional Director, Bobby Stivers-Apiki to all Hawaii Region Y Service Members to support the YMCA of Houston who was devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Several YMCAs were damaged and closed due to the massive flooding and rains, but the Y still managed to provide child care at evacuation centers and provided services to its members and the community at YMCAs unaffected by the flooding. The Y offered its facilities as shelters for families, and a place to shower and rest for hundreds of volunteers including local police and national guardsmen and women about many other services during the server weather.

Kokua for Houston's Keiki Donation

The YMCA of Honolulu, Pasha Hawaii (container transportation carrier) and Hawaii Stevedores announced its Kokua for Houston's Keiki Donation Project to collect new and unused supplies to help Houston YMCA's keiki flood victims. Donations of recreation, outdoor equipment, toys, books, games, backpacks and non-perishable snacks from Hawaii will be collected and shipped to Houston September 15-17. All Y Service Club members are encouraged to support Project Kokua Houston.

2018 HAWAII REGION Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

SAVE THE DATE NOW! HILO, HAWAII

Hawaii Region Y Service Clubs Covention

May 4 -6, 2018. Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Registration and Convention Information this November. *E Komo Mail. Come join us!*

YMCA RUMMAGE SALE.
SAT., OCT. 7

Donate items to
the YMCA!

International News



In the recent Y's Men International Y Service Clubs International YMI World publication (posted on Hawaii Region website) there was an interesting article that needs sharing with our Hilo members and members of the Hawaii Region. "A Promising Future for Y'sdom in China". "Y's Men's Clubs in mainland China are gathering impetus from the changed socio-political scenario in the country. Six new clubs have taken root there and the oldest of them, Guangzhou, recently celebrated its fifth year in the company of members from the Y's Men's Clubs based out of Hong Kong. The Y's Men's Club of Guangzhou was first formed in 1932 and ceased to exist in 1949. On March 10 2012 the YMC of Guangzhou officially resumed its activities and has 15 members on its roll". As far back as 1990's the YMCA of Honolulu under the leadership of Bob Masuda, then CEO with cooperation of the YMCAs of Japan began establishing partnerships with the China YMCAs who were re-opening their doors like the Y's Men's clubs after 1949. After the Tinamen Square protests of 1989, about 15 YMCA volunteers and staff visited the new and growing Beijing and Shanghai YMCAs. Twenty-six years later it is refreshing to know the YMCA and Y's Men clubs in mainland China are thriving.



2018 International Convention Yeosu, Korea

The next International Y's Men's Convention will take place in Yeosu, Korea from August 9-12, 2018. Yeosu is a located south of Seoul and is a seaside community and the official site of the 2012 World Expo. Yeosu will be an exciting place, in a country with a strong cultural identity and many tourist attracts. SAVE THE DATE. PLAN TO SHARE ALOHA!

U.S. Area News



One of the prominent and distinguished members of Y's Men International is Fred Leonard, past US Area President 2006-2007. Fred was a YMCA professional and was an integral part of four Y's Men's clubs in Missouri and was instrumental in the charter of the Faribault and Mexico Y's Men's clubs. He has actively served in district and Regional leadership positions and attended many International, Area and Regional Conventions. Fred currently is the U.S. Area Service Director for Bulletin Editor and Awards. He publishes four Y's Alliance bulletins each year and his latest issue is posted on the Hawaii Region website. Please read this special issue as Fred features the names and pictures of the important

Leadership Team of Y's Men International and highlights from the Area U.S. Canada/Caribbean Convention held in Las Vegas. Fred is also the Area Awards Program Service Director.



Bobby Stivers-Apiki Nominated as US Area President Elect

Our very own **Hilo Y's Men & Women's 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 of the Region 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. Results won't be announced until February 2018.

Metro District News



On the beautiful north shore of Mokule'ia, is **YMCA Camp Erdman**. Since 1926, the YMCA has been offering resident and outdoor camp for children and families. The Y Camp is credited to have started Outdoor Education Camp, one of the first outdoor environmental programs in the country. Tens of thousands of keiki has participate in OE Camps that started in the 1960's. With over 30,000 campers utilizing camp services each year, heavy demand is placed on its facilities and to reduce its operating expenses volunteers are always needed to care for Camp's buildings and cabins. Thanks to the **Nu'uanu Y's Men & Women's Club** for organizing the 3rd Joint Club work project held on Saturday, August 26. Great job **Nu'uanu Y Service Club** and **Metro District Y Service Club** members!

Partnership News – YMCA



Open House at the YMCA.

The Meet & Greet Open House to meet the new **Island of Hawai'i YMCA CEO, Art Garcia** was held on Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 pm at the Y. The well attended event included **Senator Kaiali'i Kanehale** and **Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club** members.