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President's Message

By Paul Kuromoto

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all of you! As we move into the new year, I'd like to thank everyone for your membership in Y's Men and your support and participation. Let's continue working together to make 2007 a banner year for Kaimuki Y's Men.

I'd like to give a very special Mahalo to **Nelson Higa**, club member and Branch Executive for all the support he has given to the club. **Nelson** will be moving on and leaving the Y, but hopefully not Y work through Y's Men. He has done marvelous things for the Y and helped strengthen our club in so many ways! Good luck on your next journey, **Nelson!**

January 3 will be our first meeting of the year at the **Ishidas**, starting at 6pm. It will also be our annual Time of Fast Bento auction night, so be sure to bring a bento to auction and be ready to bid. All proceeds will be donated to TOF.

January 21st is YMCA Sunday, and I will be asking **Lisa Joy** to select a church to attend either that Sunday or the next. Please keep those dates open and be on the lookout for the announcement of a location.

(Editor's note: Lisa has announced that YMCA Sunday will be at the Hawaii Kai Community Church, located in Koko Head Elementary School, 10:30 am on Sunday, January 21st.)

February is the Y's Annual Support Campaign month and Y's Men will be



participating in force to help the Y reach its goal. Our very own **Sharon Ishida** will be directing the campaign for the branch and we will need to lead a division to give her our full support. Of course the goal for the campaign will increase over last year since expenses go up each year, but we can begin to make up for that by increasing our own contributions. I urge all members to consider making an increase of 5%, or more to make sure we get a good head start.

Due to a conflict with the Kaimuki YMCA's Kickoff for ASC, the next club meeting has been moved to Sunday, February 4th (Super Bowl) at the Ishidas. Plans call for a potluck of heavy pupus. We will also be discussing our schedule for 2007 at this meeting. Come and enjoy the game! In the meantime, take care of yourself and each other.

Paul



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January/February 2007 Activities

Work Project:
Jan. 6
ICM Entourage arrive:
Jan. 18
ICM Dinner at JCC::
Jan. 19, 6:00 pm
ICM Dinner (Pot Luck)
at Yacht Club, Jan. 21
ICM Hale Koa Luau:
Jan. 22, 5:00 pm
Club Meeting:
(Super Bowl Sunday)
Feb. 4, Ishidas
ASC Kickoff at JCC:
Feb. 7, 6:00 pm
ASC Report Meetings:
Feb. 20, 28
Victory Celebration:
Mar. 13

The Way To A Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song;
 To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
 To forget the things that bind you fast;
 To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
 To have the strength to let go your hold
 Of the not worth while of the days grown old;
 To dare go forth with a purpose true,
 To the unknown task of the year that's new;
 To help your brother along the road,
 To assist with his work and lift his load;
 To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
 Is to have and to give a Happy New Year

~Author Unknown
 from Guideposts Christmas Cards Featured in "Apple
 Seeds", www.appleseeds.org

This Weeks Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father

We thank you for the start of another new year.
 A time for renewal; A time for fresh starts;
 A time for new beginnings; A time to heal;
 A time to reflect; A time to forgive;
 A time to seek forgiveness; A time to feel forgiven;
 A time to be a blessing to someone;
 A time to give more of ourselves;
 A time to seek God's will.

Thank you dear Lord, for another year to serve You!

Amen
 ~Maria Bloom, Publisher of Hands Outstretched

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The International Council members, who will be meeting in Hawaii for the Mid Year meeting are set to arrive on January 18th for their January 20th to 25th meeting. This mid-year meeting will also be for training by the IPE of the APEs who will be working with him during their term next year. The decisions and plans that they agree upon will become the focus for their term of office. This is an opportunity for Hawaii Y's-men to meet and interact with the International policy-making members of Y's Men.

U. S. AREA NEWS

The 2007 U. S. Area Convention hosted by the South Atlantic Region is scheduled for July 12-15, 2007 at the Embassy Suites in North Charleston, South Carolina. The registration forms can be downloaded from the US Area website. The South Atlantic Region planning committee is planning for a great turnout from the members of the U.S. Area and Canada Area. We hope that a good delegation from Hawaii will be there.

HAWAII REGION NEWS

The 71st Hawaii Region Convention is now set for the Pagoda Hotel, May 18 to 20, 2007. The 4th Brother Club Assembly will also take place at the Ilima Hotel from May 20-21, 2007. All clubs in the Region are encouraged to also invite their Brother Clubs to send at least one member to the assembly. Registration forms are available thru the President of each Club. All necessary information is included on the form.

METRO DISTRICT NEWS

The International Council Mid Year Meeting will be hosted by R-D **Phil Sammer** at the Ilima Hotel. The welcome dinner on January 19, 2007 at the JCC, is set and your reservations are requested, The R-D has also sent invitations to all the YMCA Boards of Managers through Metro YMCA President **Larry Bush**. Please encourage your own branch's board members to attend this dinner so they too can meet our International Council members.

CLUB NEWS

For the fifteenth year, the Kaimuki Y's Men Club has adopted a family for the holiday season. Annually spearheading this project, **Phyllis Seto** has done a great job contacting the appropriate agencies to find a family. This year, our family consisted of a single mother and a 15 year old teenage daughter. With a limited budget, **Phyllis** purchased 3 tops, a pair of jeans and slacks for the teenager. A jacket, pair of slacks, two tops and a bath gift set was given to the mother. Also included was a \$50.00 Longs gift card, and a \$50.00 Star Market gift certificate. While it doesn't seem like much, the gifts surely brightened an unfortunate family's holiday season.

MAUNALANI CAROLING

On December 23rd, the hills were alive with the song of music. Make that Christmas music at Maunalani hill.



Teens and their advisors from Central and Kaimuki YMCAs donned their red caps and serenaded the residents.

For over twenty years, the Kaimuki Y's Men have made it a tradition to bring music and entertainment to the residents of the Maunalani Nursing Center at the top of Wilhelmina Rise. With help from the talented teens and advisors from the Kaimuki and Central YMCAs, this year's performance was said to be the best one. Utilizing props, high technology and performing from a script written by **Paul Kuromoto**, the one hour program brought smiles and tears to many of the 80+ residents in attendance, as well as their families and friends, who later celebrated the holiday season at the Center's annual party.

Much mahalo to not only **Paul Kuromoto**, who spearheaded the project, but also to **Nan Asuncion**, who patiently rehearsed and encouraged the teens and advisors during their one and only rehearsal on the morning of the event. **Paul** and **Nan** served as emcees for the program, which also featured Masayo Nakagawa dancing the hula to "White Christmas". Also, thank you to **Phyllis Seto** who ran around to purchase the give-aways for the residents, and to **Noa Hussey** and **Reina Miyamoto**, Kaimuki and Central Teen Directors, respectively.

A special holiday thank you to **Lynn Shiroma**, who donated over 100 stuffed animals for the project.

Featured in an article in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, **Mrs. Shiroma** has quite an interesting hobby. Over the last year and a half, she has won close to 2,000 stuffed animals and dolls from those toy crane vending machines, in which a giant claw picks up the prizes. While she tries to give away many of the prizes to any children who gather to watch her work, she has still accumulated quite a collection.



Malcolm and Lynn Shiroma amidst her collection of animals and dolls accumulated from her hobby. (Reprinted from Honolulu Star-Bulletin)

Club members sharing their voices included **Paul Kuromoto**, **Nan Asuncion**, **Sharon** and **Brad Ishida**, **Helen Ushijima**, **Nelson Higa**, **Bob Martin** and **Masayo Nakagawa**.

PARTY, PARTY....

After caroling at Maunalani, all attendees gathered at the Kaimuki YMCA to the Club's annual holiday party. Joining members of the Club were the teens and advisors from Central and Kaimuki YMCAs. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the food, and the creative games. Everyone in attendance was awarded a prize for their efforts.

The party ended with President Paul presenting to Branch Exec Nelson Higa with gifts to the branch from the Club. The past few years, in lieu of exchanging grab bags, members have purchased gifts for the branch derived from a wish list created by the staff. This year, gifts included an electric stapler for the office, a VHS-DVD player, with tapes and DVDs for children, portable propane burners, a Weber grill, and cash.

**KAIMUKI Y'S MEN CLUB ROOSTER
2005 - 2006**

Lisa Joy Andres	Reuben Naholowaa
Nan Asuncion	Masayo Nakagawa
Darrel Chun	James Ouchi
Sheryl Chun	Phyllis Seto
Elvira Goldenberg	Ray Seto
Kolohe Imamura	Brian Shimabukuro
Yuko Inoue	Robert Stivers
Brad Ishida	Ronald Tobar
Sharon Ishida	Sharon Tomita
Paul Kuromoto	Helen Ushijima
Bob Martin	Robert Yoneshige
	Hiroko Yoshida

YOUTH FAMILY MEMBERS

Joy Andres **Marisa Andres**

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“To Acknowledge The Duty That Accompanies Every Right”