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President's Message

By Tiffany Kiyabu

Aloha Members,

We have a packed schedule coming up for October, November and December! We are feeding our Kaimuki teens while they work hard and build our Haunted House. We celebrated Noa's departure from Kaimuki, and welcomed Tony Yee from Atherton as our new Executive Director. We have many other exciting things to report!

First off, work continues to go well on the Haunted House. The teens are working hard to build their Haunted House. It will be on October 25-26th at Kaimuki YMCA. We will be donating food to help feed our hungry middle school and high school teens. The Haunted House monies will be going to support their endeavors for the Youth in Government program, the Hiroshima Exchange and their participation in Project L.E.A.D.

Secondly, we celebrated Noa Hussey's time at Kaimuki Y on Oct 12th. The party was a great success! Many old friends turned out to celebrate. The color scheme was purple and gold, reflecting Noa's favorite team....the Baltimore Ravens.

We also want to take the time to recognize and congratulate Tony Yee on his appointment as Executive Director of Kaimuki. Tony Yee has been with the Y for 5 years and started off at Atherton as a Program Director. He is also a member of the Kaimuki Y's Men Club. We look forward to working with Tony, not only as a fellow club member but as a Y professional.

We are also donating to the Happy Kids Halloween celebration this month. It should be a great event as always!

In December, we will be helping again with the American Cancer Camp @ Bellows. We will be helping run games for kids as well as providing teen activities. Also, the club will be adopting a family for Christmas and helping out keiki in need.

Next meeting is November 11th! Be there!

Tiffany

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**OCTOBER
 CLUB CALENDAR**
NEXT CLUB MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
 Kaimuki YMCA
 6:15 pm

**HALLOWEEN DINNER FOR
 TEENS**
 October 18th, 6:30 pm
 Kaimuki YMCA

**HALLOWEEN
 EXTRAVAGANZA**
 (Benefit for Teens)
 October 25 & 26
 \$10 donation

**HALLOWEEN TREATS FOR
 HAPPY KIDS PROGRAM**
 Meet at 4:00 pm, OCTOBER
 31st, Kaimuki YMCA





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Within a few weeks, IHQ will be sending out ballots for voting by clubs. It will be very important that our clubs with less than 15 members reported on the August roster should submit the Exemption form to be returned to IHQ with my endorsement by November 15th.

OLGA VOZCHIKOVA, Chairperson of the Young Member Clubs Task Force announced the charter of the first Young Member Club, the Triple Y Service Club of Nairobi. It is hoped that new Y Youth clubs will spring up around all Areas and Regions in the world to encourage young members to continue in Y'sdom after they become 25 or so.

IP **POUL V. THOMSEN** from Denmark has chosen to emphasize EXTENSION throughout all of Y'sdom and the latest reported figures show that although hopes were higher for an increase in membership, **TAKAO NISHIMURA**, International Secretary General, reported a 146 increase of new members at the recent International Council Meeting this past July. (This number is based on the 2012-2013 reports.)

Fifteen project proposals were received for possible implementation by the Time of Fast-Global Project Fund. Projects all over the globe have been initiated to help communities and people in need. (Check out the ihq@ysmen.org website for more information.)

U.S. AREA NEWS

The U.S. Area continues to decline rapidly "due primarily to the advancing age of current members", according to AP **DEBBIE REDMOND**. This reduction in numbers directly affects the budget and necessitated cuts in such items as travel costs with increased usage of Internet for meetings and conferences.



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

By Sharon Ishida, CSD

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Matthew 6:27

Said the robin to the sparrow, "I should really like to know—Why these anxious human beings, rush about and worry so."

Said the sparrow to the robin, "I think that it must be—they have no Heavenly Father, such as cares for you and me."

HAWAII REGION NEWS

With some final details still pending, the major plans have been set for the 78th Hawaii Region Convention slated from Friday, May 30 to June 1, 2014 at the Island of Hawaii's Kilauea Military Camp. Chairman **RICK LAU** and committee have created a schedule of business meetings, golf tournament, social opportunities, local tours and training, all set in the beautiful volcano area. KMC will follow up with final costs for the cabins.

The 2014 Endowment Dinner to honor Golden Book recipients will be held at the Japanese Cultural Center ballroom on Friday, May 16th. Cost is \$31 a person if reserved by April 15, 2014. After that date, the cost goes up to \$35. RSD **RAY SETO** has been encouraging all clubs to turn in their tributes and checks to him as soon as possible.

The Hawaii Region Cabinet meets on November 9th at the Ilima Hotel. Among the items on the agenda are final proposals for recognition programs for outstanding individual club members and clubs, criteria for club president of the year, and the Peace Project details for the contest initiated last year.

METRO DISTRICT NEWS

Kaimuki-Waiialae YMCA will be the site of the next Metro District dinner meeting on January 20, 2014. The date had to be changed from the 13th which was originally announced.

Windward Y Service Club hosted an impressive lunch for the recent Metro District meeting on Saturday, October 12th—hardy spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad and delicious homemade desserts by their members. DG **EDDIE MIWA** ably assisted by Secretary/Treasurer **KEN KADOMOTO**, brought to the table such issues such as the District Project, Healthy Kids Day in conjunction with the YMCA of Honolulu and the activity-filled calendar of events from the clubs and the Hawaii Region.

The YMCA of Honolulu's HEALTHY KID'S DAY is on the calendar for April 2014 although a specific Saturday has not yet been announced. The Shave Ice Booth manned by the Metro Y Service Clubs have been a huge success on those hot days at the Bishop Museum with the families who come to enjoy food booths, games, displays, entertainment and other YMCA activities.



A Message from the Branch Executive of the Kaimuki-Waialae YMCA—TONY YEE



Aloha Lima Hana readers,

What an incredible month it has been getting to know our staff, volunteers, and members at the Kaimuki YMCA. I would like to take the time to acknowledge some of the great work our Program Directors, Jay Nishimura and Megan Parker, are accomplishing in the areas of youth development and healthy living, respectively.

I had the opportunity to tag along and watch some of our Hiroshima Program Teens participate at the Sadako Sasaki Crane Exhibit dedication at the Pearl Harbor Visitor's center. A few weeks later our teens were volunteering at Children's and Youth Day at our State Capitol. I am impressed by how well they work together and by how they happily give so much of their time and energy giving back to the Y and to our community.

Our fitness members and staff have been so welcoming and willing to share their inspiring stories with me.

Did you know that the Kaimuki Y is the only YMCA among the 9 on Oahu that has experienced growth in number of members for twelve consecutive months since October 2012? From Plantar Fasciitis to Parkinson's Disease, the members count on the Kaimuki Y to heal, stay healthy, and have fun at the same time.

There's been a lot going on and a lot to look forward to. Here are some upcoming dates to mark on your calendars:

October 25 & 26
Halloween Extravaganza @ the Kaimuki Y
Pumpkin Carving
Haunted House
Games and food
(\$10 to support Kaimuki YMCA teen programs)

February 8, 2014 (early afternoon)
Annual Support Campaign Kickoff Party
Dole Cannery Ballroom, 2nd Floor
Join the YMCA of Honolulu for its first-ever association wide Kickoff Celebration.
(free event)

Aloha,
Tony



Tony and daughter,
Maile, age 5

Our newest member to the Kaimuki Y's Men's Club was kind enough to share some highlights about his life story with our readers. Welcome, Tony, to our Kaimuki ohana!



SPOTLIGHT ON ANTHONY "TONY" YEE

1. **Where were you born and raised?** I was born and raised right here in Honolulu, thirty and some odd-years ago.
2. **Attended college and major?** I attended the University of Pennsylvania and majored in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. After saving up some money I scratched my creative itch and got a second degree at Berklee College of Music. After working at the Y, I realized that I needed a better business foundation to better serve others and went to UH to get an MBA from the Shidler College of Business.
3. **Past jobs?** I was a JET program teacher and also worked in student programs for TransPacific Hawaii College. The most "unique" job I've ever had was working part time for a company contracted by the city of Philadelphia to improve street lighting. My job was to roam the streets of West Philly (read: ghetto) at night, armed with nothing but a clipboard and a No.2 pencil, and identify the most dimly lit streets and alleyways. Real smart, Tony, real smart.
4. **YMCA connection(s) before coming to Hawaii?** My first significant Y experience was up in Boston. Getting involved with team sports up there really helped me settle into the community.
5. **Where and how did you meet your wife, Kaori?** Kaori and I met in her hometown in Gifu Prefecture, Japan. I was volunteering at City Hall once a week to help lead an English club for working professionals. She was a member of the club and swept me off my feet with her first presentation. The rest, as they say, is history. Who says volunteering doesn't pay!
6. **Little background on your two children?** Our daughter, Maile (5), started her educational journey on the right foot at the Kaimuki Y when she was just 18 months old. When I told her I was moving to Kaimuki for work, she said, "You mean you're going to work at my YMCA?" Our son, Taylor (12 months), will hopefully follow in his sister's footsteps. He is our little Roomba and is really good at crawling around the apartment and making little particles on the floor disappear.
7. **Goals for you personally and for the Kaimuki branch?** There's still quite a bit of listening and learning to do at this stage. I feel that if I am doing my job correctly by truly responding to the needs of the community, listening to the wisdom of our staff, and following the leadership of our board, the goals of the branch will reveal themselves. Personally I hope that I can be successful in figuring out that ever-elusive work life balance. I still see myself very much a rookie in both the parenting and professional realms. Lucky we work at the Y because it becomes not so much an either/or balance as more of an alignment.
8. **Favorite past times?** At some point I hope I can get back into music and sports. I am a total hacker on the golf course but enjoy getting out to play with my dad a few rounds a year. I understand there are some pretty serious golfers hiding in the grass at Kaimuki so maybe that'll be a good excuse to get back on the horse!



The Club Coconut Wireless

Two members of the Kaimuki Y's Men are serving on the "Peace Through My Eyes" committee for 2013: **CASSIDY INAMASU** and **JAY NISHIMURA**. During the Spring Break in March 2014, YMCA Intersession programs will conduct a drawing contest for 3rd and 4th graders. Y Service Clubs will also have the option (if their affiliated Ys do not have a Spring program), to work with an elementary school(s) for the contest. Winners should be awarded in May.

Club Prez **TIFFANY KIYABU** has joined the staff of Sacred Hearts Academy in the schools' Development Office. Having graduated from Sacred Hearts must be a valuable asset for both the school and Tiffany. Her position involves fundraising events and working with alumni of Sacred Hearts. Congratulations on her new career!

The former Branch Executive for the Kaimuki Y, **NOA HUSSEY**, was truly surprised on Saturday, October 12th when friends, family, Board members, and Y members gathered for a party to wish him well in his new position at the Windward YMCA. There was even a "roast" and stories from a few guests about Noa.



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