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Congratulations!
 ...to our own Club Prez, TIF-FANY KIYABU who just got promoted to Executive Assistant to the Development Director at Sacred Hearts Academy (her Alma Mater)!



President's Message

By Tiffany Kiyabu

Aloha, Members!

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My oh my it's May already! Summer is right around the corner and with it comes many more opportunities to get involved with our very own Kaimuki YMCA. Be sure to check in with **TONY YEE** and **JAY NISHIMURA** for all the happenings, and I am sure they would love to see you all around the branch and their summer programs.

I just wanted to do a quick THANK YOU to everyone who came on out to the Ronald McDonald House Service Project last night [**CASSIDY, SHARON, BRAD, RAY, LEI, JAY** and **TONY**] and a big thank you to **CASSIDY** for the project idea and taking the lead. Although it was difficult to coordinate such an event on a Monday night, it really was a nice event. The families and staff of the Ronald McDonald House truly enjoyed the "Frozen" themed evening. I think that it may even become a repeat event for our club if we can manage, and it's peaked the interests of **LEI HILEA, JAY NISHIMURA**, and **CASSIDY INAMASU** to integrate more service opportunities for their growing teen summer programs. Here it is on our Y's Men Group Page on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kaimuki.ysmenclub/> If you aren't a member of the club yet, or my FB friend, shoot me a request and I will add you! Maybe we can revitalize the page a bit.

For those of you that can easily recall the layout of the Kaimuki YMCA, **TONY YEE** and **JAY NISHIMURA** have been giving us exciting updates on some changes to the branch. By the time of our next meeting, the newly paved parking lot, re-purposed area of the former small courts, and resurfaced large playing courts will be complete.

We officially welcomed **VERNON YOSHIDA** and **WES PEI** to the club at the Endowment Dinner and celebrated the addition of **TONY YEE** and our club's 50th Anniversary into the Golden Book. We also celebrated with the Central Y Service Club at their 20th anniversary dinner, and rounded out the month with the Regional Convention on the Hawaii Island with club member and new **RD, BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI**.

CLUB CALENDAR
NEXT CLUB MEETING
Monday, June 9th, 6:30 PM
At Ishidas' home
Dinner to be provided

RAGGERS CAMP
(2 weekends)
June 21, 22, June 28-29

RELAY FOR LIFE
Saturday, July 29-30

KAIMUKI Y DAY CAMP FAMILY DAY
Thursday, July 24th

MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE
Target Date for Macy's Pass
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Tiffany



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

With “Roll Back Malaria” coming to the forefront in **RD BOBBY-STIVERS APIKI**'s upcoming term, it would be informational to check out the “ysmen.org” website to share facts with club members. (Did you know: *one child dies every 60 seconds and is the leading cause of death among young children in malaria affected areas?*) The theme of “Invest in the Future: Defeat Malaria” was chosen by the partners (Y’s Men and other participating health organizations) for the campaign which ends in 2015. **DAVE ENDO** has been appointed to head this effort in the Hawaii Region. If you may remember, the Region has already met its five-year financial pledge with club contributions and a golf tournament but the severity of this disease merits continued attention and education.

U.S. AREA NEWS

The U.S. Area’s North Atlantic Region, is celebrating the birth of its newest club...the New York Floral Park Y’s Men’s Club, chartered on May 25, 2014 and sponsored by the Long Island Y’s Men’s Club. The Area Council meets in July, with our newly inducted **RD BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI** in attendance in Arizona. U.S. Area’s Chief Financial Officer, **GENE KOESTER** and his very lovely wife, **PATTY**, graced the Hawaii Region Convention as the representative from the Area.

HAWAII REGION NEWS

BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI received the “gavel” as the new Regional Director from outgoing RD, **SHARON ISHIDA** at the 78th Hawaii Region Convention. (Actually, Sharon handed over a borrowed hammer since she left the gavel back in Honolulu!) His theme will be “*Right Time. Right Now*”. Bobby is emphasizing extension of membership in the Region and a return to some of the traditions of Y’s Men. Other goals: Communication, meeting obligations in a timely manner, Y’s Men visibility and branding. **BRAD ISHIDA** of the Kaimuki Club will be his Secretary/Treasurer. The tremendous efforts from the clubs in the Region were evident in the Convention’s success. A special mahalo is due to the Hilo Y’s Men & Women Service Club who provided most of the manpower for everything from beautiful table decorations of anthuriums and ti leaves to a scrumptious barbecue dinner on Saturday evening. **LANNY** and **JONI NEEL**, and **JUNE** and **LANCE NIIMI** (OVG District Governor) from Hilo, were the head chefs for the chicken and steaks. A special recognition should be given to the Mililani YMCA Executive and West Oahu Y’s Men member, **KEOLA TANIGUCHI**, who conducted an excellent workshop entitled “Engaging the Multiple Generations”.

A special highlight during the Convention was the presentation of 100 “goodie bags” with donations from about 20 individuals and companies, including cookies from the Hawaii Island, pens, calendars, coloring books and crayons, and so many other items. Various Y’s Men solicited these items weeks before the Convention and the bright red bags were assembled and given to the KMC staff to distribute to military families who were staying at the Camp.

A Convention to remember! **RICK LAU** of the Central Y Service Club served as the Convention Chairman and orchestrated the countless tasks and details. *Congratulations to all on a memorable Convention!*

METRO DISTRICT NEWS

ALBERT LEE of the Nuuanu Y’s Men’s and Women’s Club will be stepping up as the new Metro District Governor. **ALBERT** has been actively serving as the Nuuanu Club’s President for two years. He is a recent recipient of the Region’s Milton Hakoda Trident Award (given to an outstanding new member) and honored as the Club President of the Year at this past Convention.



Club Coconut Wireless

ORDER OF THE RED TRIANGLE

Our own **PHYLLIS SETO** has received the highest honor bestowed to a Y's Men—the Order of the Red Triangle. Although she was unable to personally receive the prestigious award at the recent Hawaii Region Convention, her husband, **RAY**, accepted the special plaque on her behalf. *Congratulations to Phyllis for this much-deserved recognition!*

KAIMUKI Y'S MEN RECEIVE "CLUB OF THE YEAR" AWARD!

Charter member, **RAY SETO** was front and center at the Convention Awards Dinner to accept the "Club of the Year" honor from Past RD, **RUSS LYNCH**, given to the Kaimuki Club for the past year's achievements. Also awarded to Kaimuki was Outstanding Club honors for Extension, Membership and Conservation; Outstanding Club for YMCA Service; and excellence in World Service, Community Service and Bulletin. All of the efforts from the club members are absolutely appreciated and reflect the pride we take in serving others and the YMCA.

REMAINING AT THE HELM OF THE ISLAND OF HAWAII YMCA

Until the end of this year, **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI** will continue as the Interim CEO of the Island of Hawaii YMCA. He accepted the extension to attempt the YMCA's repositioning with the assistance of the YMCA of the USA.



Christian Emphasis

"There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are many ways in which God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work in and through all of us who are His."

1 Corinthians 12:5,6



TO TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE

"Why did the elephant cross the road?"

"It was the chicken's day off!"

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"Why do ducks have flat feet?"

"To stamp out forest fires!"

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"Why do elephants have flat feet?"

"To stamp out flaming ducks!"



NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



WES PEI is the newest addition to the Kaimuki Y's Men's Club. Although new to the club, he has a long history with the Kaimuki YMCA. He joined the the Y as a teen and through the teen programs the Kaimuki Y offered, he had an amazing and memorable experience. Because of those experiences and memories, he decided that he wanted to take an active role in helping to create similar experiences for future teens. **WES** returned to the Y as an adult and continues to volunteer with the Y whenever his schedule allows him to do so. **WES** works for the Department of Education Office of Information Technology Services. In his free time he loves being in the ocean any chance he can get, often sporting the latest and greatest photo equipment to capture one-of-a-kind shots on the go. **WES** says, "I wanted to become a Y'sman to expand my reach to help others in the community." We welcome him, and look forward to serving the Y and the greater community together!



A Night of Snow (Cones) and a Warm Dinner for Ronald McDonald House

By *CASSIDY INAMASU*

Many of us hear about the Ronald McDonald House charities either on TV or when we see the coin drop box at our visits to McDonalds; however, rarely do we think about the actual work they do and how it impacts our local communities. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii has two homes in Manoa able to service up to a couple dozen families. Families must go through a qualification process, but ultimately the home serves as a *home away from home* allowing an ill child and caring parent to remain in the same house with ease of access to hospitals - not separated or stuck in a hospital room. Support is given to these families directly and indirectly financially, mentally, and emotionally making a difficult situation bearable.

The Kaimuki Y's Men Club committed to the project on May 12th and members **CASSIDY INAMASU, LEINAALA HILEA, TIFFANY KIYABU, SHIRLEY KIYABU (Tiff's Mom), TONY YEE, JAY NISHIMURA, RAY SETO, BRAD and SHARON ISHIDA** came loaded with food and good cheer all in keeping with the Disney's animated hit movie, "FROZEN". The purpose of our project was to provide quality family time where parents or caregivers did not need to cook or plan, but simply eat and enjoy. Mission accomplished! With slow-cooked shoyu chicken, veggies, cotton candy decorated cupcakes and hand made shave ice, we showed "FROZEN" on the projector screen on their lawn under the beautiful stars.

We invite all other clubs to join us the next time or schedule a visit on your own as it was a great time of fellowship for our club members. For more information you can contact Cassidy Inamasu at cinamasu@ymcahonolulu.org."



Above: LEINAALA HILEA and Club Prez TIFFANY KIYABU crank up the Shave Ice machine to serve some of the residents after dinner.



METRO DISTRICT Y SERVICE CLUBS

19th Annual Endowment Dinner

by Ray Seto, Endowment RSD

The annual dinner held at the Manoa Grand Ballroom was attended by 76 Y's Men and Women and 6 children for a total of 82 at the function. The Kaimuki Club had two Golden Book honorees, one honoring our club's 50th club anniversary and the other recognizing our Executive Director of the Kaimuki-Waialae YMCA, **ANTHONY YEE**. We also had the pleasure of inducting two new members into our club, **VERNON YOSHIDA**, sponsored by **RAY SETO** and **WES PEI**, sponsored by **JAY NISHIMURA**. Both have already participated in several club events and meetings. Other new members from the Kalihi Y Service Club, Nuuanu Y's Men's and Women's Club, and West Oahu Y's Men's Club were also inducted during the evening's program.

Other Clubs participating in the dinner event were: Central Y Service Club, Kalihi Y Service Club, Nuuanu Y's Men's and Women's Club, West Oahu Y's Men Club, and the Windward Y Service Club, families and friends of the Golden Book recipients and various other guests.



Above: RSD RAY SETO presents Club President TIFFANY KIYABU the Kaimuki Y's Men's entry into the Golden Book for their 50th anniversary of the Club's charter in 1964.



Left: Kaimuki Y's Men's newest members, VERNON YOSHIDA (left) and WES PEI (right) inducted in the traditional ceremony.



Left: Golden Book honoree, TONY YEE and children TAYLOR (carried by Dad) and daughter MAILE holding the framed tribute, pose with RD SHARON ISHIDA. Tony's wife KAORI also attended the dinner.

CONVENTION PHOTO ALBUM



(Right) U.S. Area CFO GENE KOESTER presents a certificate to the Kaimuki Y's Men's Club charter member, RAY SETO for the Club of the Year honor.



(Above) GENE KOESTER gives outgoing RD SHARON ISHIDA with her "IPRD" Y's Men pin.



(Above) New Regional Director BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI challenges Hawaii Region Y's Men with his theme: "RIGHT TIME. RIGHT NOW."





A Message from the Branch Executive of the Kaimuki-Waiialae YMCA Tony Yee



Aloha Lima Hana Readers,

The interplay between place, environment, and our feelings is a theme constantly on my mind, but has been especially prevalent these last few months.

The Kaimuki YMCA has a very special, albeit aging, facility. One of my favorite features is the courtyard which is encircled by our largest windows. It is an architectural embrace of sorts. Throughout these past several months our team has been evaluating and improving our environment to be safer and even more welcoming. Since we have a diverse community who utilize the space, this has not always been an easy task. One of the steps we've taken was to line our leaky roof with material that will also reflect heat in the hot summer months and be more aesthetically pleasing to look at. We also have just completed repaving our parking lot so that it is now safer to navigate and provides more parking spaces. Jarrett Middle School students came on a weekend to give our picnic benches a fresh coat of YMCA colors. We also recognize that the biggest factor in the perception of our facility is certainly our staff. So to enable staff to better serve our community, we have upgraded our working spaces with new office furniture from our generous friends at Pono Pacific. Our facilities director John Villegas also converted what was storage into a functional workspace to be utilized by youth and aquatics staff.

The Y's Men's Annual Convention this year also reminded me of how place can really influence us. Staying at Kilauea Military Camp with fellow Y's Men and Women, right on Pele's doorstep, was a powerful and rejuvenating experience. Kilauea has so many of nature's most raw and beautiful elements and environments all wrapped up like one laulau. The convention felt much like a microcosm of our surrounding environment. Our Y's Men and Women all bringing different energies to the movement with an underlying spiritual force tying everything together. As a newcomer, I might have left the convention with more questions than answers, most of them revolving around what our future as a club might look like 5, 10, 15 years from now. I also came away from the experience with a validated gratitude for our local clubs, a newfound admiration for our international brother clubs, and especially a deeper admiration for our regional leadership.

Thank you to convention chair Rick Lau, past RD Sharon Ishida, current RD Bobby Stivers-Apiki and the Hilo Club and a big congratulations to Kaimuki and Auntie Phyllis Seto for the distinguished accolades!

Until next time, *Tony*

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