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*Serving Others for 50 years*



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## President's Message

By Tiffany Kiyabu

Aloha Members!

Mahalo to everyone for your continued support and patience with me and with all of the club activities! I must say the workload just seems to get bigger and bigger with every blink. However, that being said it is great to know that the club has so many members who are willing and able to help when needed. If I have not told you thank you lately; thank you, I truly appreciate each of you in the capacity that you are able to contribute.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to the Kaimuki YMCA on the 20th for the beautification service project. Thankfully the weather complied enough to allow us to get the job done. If you weren't able to join us; stop on by the Y to see the beautiful new plants in the front. Mahalo to **PHYLLIS SETO** and **WES PEI** for the plant cuttings, and to **TIANA MARUYAMA** for spearheading the effort to make sure the plants get their best shot at living a long watered life!

If you have time and are able to help out the Kaimuki YMCA Teen Program, be sure to speak with **JAY NISHIMURA**, **TIANA MARUYAMA** or **WES PEI** as they work concurrently on a Haunted House for both the Kaimuki YMCA and Sacred Hearts Academy. They were presented with a unique opportunity by the Academy to design and build a haunted house for their event "Fright Night" for a monetary donation towards the teen program. Overall the Kaimuki Teen program is looking forward to lots of opportunity to raise some funds with some scares!

As we roll into the holiday, and tremendously even more (if even possible!) jam-packed season, please keep in mind that we will be looking into offering a lollipop fundraiser for the club. Ideally we would like the funds raised to help reduce membership dues for members; allowing us to continue to grow and keep it affordable for all. Win win! More details to come at the next meeting on October 12th.

*Tiffany*

**CLUB CALENDAR**  
**NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
Monday, September 12, 2015  
6:15—8:00, Kaimuki Y

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**DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!**

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**HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE**  
Sponsored by the Kaimuki Teens Group  
Saturday, October 31, 2015  
Kaimuki Y  
(admission charge)

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**METRO DISTRICT MEETING**  
Saturday, November 14, 2015  
Ilima Hotel

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**HAWAII REGION MID-YEAR CABINET MEETING**  
Saturday, November 21, 2015  
Ilima Hotel

*Fortune Cookie Wisdom*

*"If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."*

## YMCA BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Braving the possibility of rains and a soggy ground, members of the Club showed their faith in Mother Nature, and turned out for a Kaimuki YMCA Beautification Project. As highlighted in our last issue of the Lima Hana, several middle schoolers from Jarrett Middle School, who are enrolled in the Kai Project, cleaned and painted a number of tires and scattered them throughout the front turnaround circle grounds.

The next step was for the Y's Men to turn the tires into planters to form a blockade around the circle area, thereby preventing cars from cutting across the circle. Armed with picks, shovels, and machetes, members **RAY SETO, KAI UYEHARA, VERNON YOSHIDA, TIFFANY KIYABU, JAY NISHIMURA, BRYAN PARK, CASSIDY INAMASU, WES PEI** and **BRAD ISHIDA** dug and shoveled away to create beautiful tire planters.

Big mahalos to **PHYLLIS SETO** and **WES PEI** for supplying the cuttings of ti leaf plants and croton. **TIANA MARUYAMA** for missing and providing her magic growth soil additive, and to **TONY YEE** and the YMCA maintenance staff for setting up the project, providing the tools and soil.





## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The 2016 Y's Men International Convention will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from August 4-7, 2016. Organizers are promising a unique experience, as well as much fellowship. Hawaii RD **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI** is hoping to a Hawaii contingent can be formed to attend the upcoming event. More information will be discussed at the Mid-Year Cabinet meeting.

## U.S. AREA NEWS

Regional Director-Elect training will be held in St. Louis in November. Hawaii Region RDE **EDDIE MIWA** is making plans to attend what will surely be an informative and challenging training.

Area President **CHARLEY REDMOND** has set a goal for his term. His goal is to revitalize the Area in which Y's Men originated by creating nine strong new clubs and increasing club membership by a net three members per club. Every Y's Man and Woman will need to be involved in this effort in order for it to be accomplished.

The whole of Y'sdom mourns the passing of **ASHLEY "BUCK" COX**, dedicated Y'sman in the Pacific Northwest Region. **BUCK** served for many years as a Regional Director with unrelenting optimism and commitment for the movement. Many of us were fortunate enough to have met and enjoyed his enthusiasm, and could not help but walk away with more service and caring in our hearts from this wonderful example. God rest in peace, dear friend.

## METRO DISTRICT NEWS

Metro District Governor **ALBERT LEE** has announced that the second Metro District meeting of the Club Year will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the Ilima Hotel.

## HAWAII REGION NEWS

This year's Mid Year Cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the Ilima Hotel.

80th Convention Chair **DUKE CHUNG** and his committee has been busy gathering information from caterers and restaurants. The Convention will be held on May 20-22, 2016. Make your plans early to attend what will surely be an informative and fun-filled event.

Sad to hear that Hilo Y Service Club members **LANNY** and **JONI NEEL** will be leaving the Club, and moving back to Oregon in October. Both **LANNY** and **JONI** have been active club members, and served in various leadership positions within the Club and Region. Best wishes to both of them. They will be much missed.

Special congratulations to two (2) special couples. Nuuanu members **LARRY** and **MAE HIRANAKA**, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Belated congrats to West Oahu members **DUKE** and **LINDA CHUNG**, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

The Fourth Annual Peace Project is being planned. West Oahu member **ALISSA TANIGUCHI** is chairing the event, with assistance from past chairperson **LINDA CHUNG** are making preliminary plans for the contest to be held in 2016. The Hawaii Region voted at the last Convention to once again sponsor the successful and growing contest.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery to West Oahu member **WALTER OSAKODA**, who recently went through a successful back surgery.



## A Message from the Branch Executive of the Kaimuki-Waialae YMCA

**TONY YEE**



Dear Lima Hana Readers,

Ni hao from China! This month I am writing to you from the city of Tian Jin where I am attending the celebration and conference in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the Tian Jin YMCA, the oldest Y in China. It has been an extraordinary experience thus far as many YMCAs from around the world are gathered here. You may have heard that only a few weeks ago it was in Tian Jin that a tragic chemical explosion occurred ending hundreds of lives and displacing hundreds more. In spite of this unfortunate accident, the Chinese Y volunteers and staff here seem resolute and optimistic. The Chinese YMCAs are awaiting the blast area to be cleared of hazardous substances so that they may send volunteers to help with recovery efforts.

The YMCAs in China have a rich history. During the Cultural Revolution of 1949 all the YMCAs in China had to turn their buildings and land over to the government. Since then, gradually most of them have regained their property back with the Tian Jin YMCA being the one exception. Despite having small operating space and just a few staff, the the Tian Jin YMCA is doing incredible things with an enormous volunteer base. There are volunteers helping at this conference at every level of operations from translating to leading tours, from performing on stage to coordinating logistics. I spoke with one college student about why she chose to volunteer with the YMCA and she said because she saw a video at her local university's recruitment office and it showed her clearly how fun and rewarding volunteering at the Y could be.



Left to right: Colleen Leung, Takeo Ohara, Tony Yee enjoy the celebration.



Colleen flashes victory sign at the podium.

Of the many highlights thus far, it was especially pleasing to see Mr. **TAKEO OHARA** (pictured in left above) of our sister club, the Tokyo-Setagaya Y's Men's Club. He sends his regards to our club and asked to give a special aloha to Uncle **RAY SETO**. For those of you who don't know Mr. **OHARA**, he is a joyful soul who is clearly dedicated to the YMCA. During one of the presentations I saw photos of the meaningful work he and other Setagaya Y's Men did to support those displaced by the Fukushima Nuclear Plant disaster. It was moving and inspiring.

Speaking of inspiring, one of our newest Kaimuki Club members, **COLLEEN LEUNG**, gave a keynote address to a crowd of over 300 attendees from around the world as the USA's World Alliance Executive Committee Member. With the CEOs, General Secretaries, and Presidents of Japan, China, Korea, India, Canada, and The World Alliance sitting in the front row, she delivered an engaging talk that continued to be quoted and referenced throughout the remainder of the conference. It made me realize how much impact our Honolulu Association and even the Kaimuki Y can have on the global movement.

**TONY**



## CLUB COCONUT WIRELESS

- Movement of employees within the YMCA's Association has affected a couple of Kaimuki members:

**CASSIDY INAMASU** has left his position as Program Director at the Mililani YMCA to become the new Sr. Program Director at the Nuuanu YMCA.

**NAINOA HEASTON** has left his position as Kuhio School A+ Site Director to join fellow Club member **KEAHI KAAWA** at the Atherton YMCA. **NAINOA's** main responsibility is to create programs for the college-aged students.

### ***Congratulations to both!!***

- Kaimuki YMCA teens will be sponsoring their annual Haunted House on Halloween night, October 31st at the Kaimuki YMCA. Teen advisor **TIANA MARUYAMA** is promising a "very scary" event. The event serves as one of the major fundraisers for the teens and their programs.
- The Club will be trying a new type of fundraisers during the Holiday Season...lollipops, spearheaded by **TIANA MARUYAMA**. More information to follow.



### Christian Emphasis *Col. 3:12-11 (Living Bible)*

*"Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of His deep love and concern for you, you should practice tender-hearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them, but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently. Be gentle and ready to forgive, never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."*



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### **KAIMUKI Y'S MEN CLUB ROSTER 2015-2016**

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**HONORARY MEMBERS**  
Paul Kuromoto, Reuben Naholowaa, Phyllis Seto

**KAIMUKI Y'SLINGS**  
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