



Nuuanu Y's Men and Women's Club

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Georgia Niimoto
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Club Facts

Meetings Held

First Monday of the
month Chartered
May 29, 1964

WE ARE A SERVICE CLUB TO THE YMCA & THE COMMUNITY.

President's Message

Time sure flies.....and once again, its time for heading on anew!! We always start the new year with high hopes and an abundance of energy.....new ideas, new activities in mind, but somehow during the course of the year and all things considered, we inevitably "peter out....."

How can we sustain our ennergies so that we continue to push for Y'dom and spread the word about ourselves? Why can we not give ourselves a "shot in the arm" of whatever it takes to preservere--not just move forward but to do so with "gusto?" It is like answering the \$64,000 question (if you're old like me.....but the \$1,000,000 answer according to today's inflated costs!)

"We gotta have heart".....and we do, but more than that, we need to touch the hearts of others to "turn on their heart lights!" (ET!)

So, turn on your head lights full blast (to make sure we can see where we are going,) and start trekking so that we can touch the lives and hearts of others to join in, join us, and join the best community service organization! **"Turn on your heart lights,** let it shine wherever you go....."

Happy 4th of July!!

Aloha Naomi Aimoto (on the right)



Christian Emphasis

by **MEL ISHIHARA**



Hebrew 12 :
28 Let us be thankful, then. because if we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Let us be grateful and worship God in the way that will please him with reverence and fear.



US Area Convention
Possibly Philadelphia
In 2009



Jean Riederer,
Nuuanu Executive Director
12/2007

Senior Program Director
Dulli Haag 7/2006

JJ Bush Healthy Lifestyles
director

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Healthy Lifestyles Dir

Aquatics Director

Teen Program Dir

Franco Heu, Bradley Choy
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Group Exercise Director

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Superintendent

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Membership Director

New Projects - Every company,
Every department,
Needs executives With the
courage to try New ideas and run
The risk of making Mistakes.
Otherwise Progress never
Happens!
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Kathy Ahlo Incoming Club Vice President
Family Fair

The Nu'uuanu YMCA will be holding its annual Family Fair on Friday, July 18th from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm in Kamamalu Park, adjacent to the YMCA. Once again we will feature a Country Store and are looking for donations.

The Family fair is used to sustain the International Youth Programs which include on-going Youth Exchange Programs with the Hiroshima and Okinawa YMCA in Japan and the Cebu YMCA in the Philippines.

If you are able to help in any way, please call 541-5261 or email bchoy@ymcahonolulu.org
Mahalo, Kathy

DOOMO ARIGATOGOZAIMASU

Tetsuro and Takuya Sakamoto send their heartfelt thank you to all the Nuuanu Club members for the wonderful time they had in Hawaii. They want to especially thank TINA ALFRED, JAMES CHONG, HAROLD KUWAHARA, JIMMY OUCHI, SUSAN and STEVE WONG, MAURICE SHIMONISHI, LAUREE, ERIC, and SCOTT SAKAIDA, LARRY and MAE HIRANAKA, and Central Club member, GARRET HO for making their stay in Hawaii very special. They started their trip in Kona and toured the astronomy observatories on Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea and visited the Onizuka Museum. On Oahu they had a fun-filled evening at the SOS show with JIMMY O and some Nuuanu and Central club friends. They visited the Art Academy and Chinatown with JAMES CHONG and spent the evening at MAURICE's home at a potluck dinner and a club work project by helping to wrap gift bags for the club's Annual Seniors' Dinner.



They went on their own to PCC and learned a lot about life in the South Pacific. Dinner and shopping at Ala Moana Center and Sam's Club with the HIRANAKAS was done quickly because MOM CHIHARU had a wish-list written out for them. After a Pagoda breakfast, the HIRANAKAS drove them to

REGIONAL CALEDAR
JUNE – PUBLIC
RELATIONS
DONNA SAITO

JULY –MEMBERSHI &
CONSERVATION: DUKE
CHUNG; EXTENSION –
GARY BAUTISTA

AUGUST – COMMUNITY
SERVICE – DARRYL
TUPINIO

SEPTEMBER –
ENDOWMENT BRAD
ISHIDA

OCTOBER ASLF/DOLLARS
FOR SCHOLARS LARRY
HIRANAKA

NOVEMBER
BROTHERHOOD FUND –
JOHN SIMPSON

MID YEAR CABINET
MEETING 11/19

DECEMBER – CHRISTIAN
EMPHASIS
JONI NEEL/JENNY
YUKIMURA

–
JANURAY-YMCA SERVICE-
FRED TAMASAKA

FEBRUARY TIME OF FAST-
DAN TAKAMATSU

MARCH-BROTHER CLUB
JAMES CHONG

APRIL-LEADERSHIP
TRAINING –LINDA CHUNG
& PAUL KUROMOTO

MAY – REGIONAL
CONVENTION OAHU
WALTER OSAKODA

the airport. They were both very tired but very happy travelers as they checked in at Jalways. It was a short but fun-filled week in Hawaii.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TIME OF FAST contributions are helping projects such as:

- Landmines Office, Africa Alliances \$25,000
 - Professional Training for Youth Brazil \$15,000
 - Refugees Support: Sierra Leone \$2
 - Sanitation and Water, Lima, Peru \$25,000
 - Many others
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD BROTHER CLUBS

OSAKA CENTENNIAL CLUB

Sixteen members were present to participate in the last meeting of another wonderful year in Y's Dom. Kan Tanikawa presided at the meeting.

Outgoing President, Naoyuki Miura, expressed his deepest appreciation to everyone for their help to make the change of meeting place such a smooth transition; for their participation in club's activities; and especially for their financial support. As he thanked each member for their involvement to make this year in Y's Dom a success, he presented them with a token of his appreciation. Members gave a big hand to President Miura for his excellent leadership to achieve these goals. Treasurer Sam Fujiwara was also lauded and thanked for his assistance to bolster the finances of the club.

Members who attended the Western Regional Convention in Nara talked about their experiences at the Convention and praised the achievements of the Kyushu Y's Men and Women and the magnificent entertainment at the Convention.

Y'S MEN CLUB OF BAUHINIA NEWS
c/o Chinese Young Men's Christian Association
23 Waterloo Road, Kowloon
Chartered: 1979

Bauhinia Y's Men's Club Email address:

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 c/o Related Secretary of Bauhinia Club,
 Phoebe See mysee@graduate.hku.hk

June Meeting

There were eighteen club members and guests in attendance at the Annual General Meeting and Dinner on May 19th, 2008. The newly elected officers for the year 2008-2009 are as follows:

- Presi Ms. Wilma Toong 1st VP Ms. Pauline Ng
 2nd VP Ms. Maggie Ma 3rdVP Ms. Tsui Yeung
 Hon. Sec Ms. Irene Lau Hon. Trea Ms. Rebecca Hong
 Hon. Auditor & Ex. Officer Ms. Marianna Tsang
 Directors: Ms. Violet Chu, Ms. Gi Chan, Ms. Jessica Fong, Ms. Jacqueline Tsui, and Ms. Daisy Wong.
 Related Secre Ms. Phoebe See
 Ms. Virginia Wong, Mr. Kung Chia Lung,
 Mr. Wong Bing Lai, Mr. Benjamin Lam

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HAWAIIAN REGION NEWS

Richard Lau
 Regional Director

Richard Lau Regional Director Elect

Robert Kuwahara Sec/Trea

US AREA PAP Rob Wilby

Area President Fred Leonard

Area President Elect- Phillip Sammer
 Debbie Redmund,
 Corporate Sec Dave Craytor, CFO,

OUR MISSION

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, in partnership with and supporting the YMCA, its mission is to strive through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all humankind.

International Convention - Herring, Denmark July 31-Aug 3, 2008 - RD Phil Sammer and Youth Representative Trevor Jones to attend. Trevor is currently employed by the Maui Honda company as a salesman. If you need a new car, see Trevor!

Next International Convention Yokohama, Japan 2010 - Yokohama is the capital of [Kanagawa Prefecture](#), located in the [Kantō region](#) of the main island of [Honshū](#) and is a major commercial hub of the [Greater Tokyo Area](#).
 Chan, Ms. Cordelia

OUR MOTTO

To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.

LUMINARIES

Happy Birthday
 Helena Wallin Miller 7/19
 Melvin Ishihara 7/24

Happy Anniversary
 Glenn & Joan Matsukawa 7/6

Continue Bauhinia Club
 The next Board and Regular meetings will be held on June 16th at the Chinese YMCA Harbour View International House, 1/F, 4 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The Kitty Collection for April, 2008 was \$1,130 and \$230 for the Brotherhood Fund. PDG Elsie Li has donated photo prints of the Club's activities.

Seek and you will find,
Ask and you will be
Served, Knock and the
door Will open unto you!

**Our Prayers Go To:
Nuuanu
DEL JAY KINNEY**

EAST KAUAI –
ALFRED LAURETA

KALIHI
MICHAEL LACUESTA

WEST OAHU
DUKE CHUNG –

WINDWARD
JAMES KANEHIRA

HILO
BEN INOUYE
THAYER NAKAMOTO

Osaka Centennial
Sam Fujiwara I am
very sorry to inform you in
advance that I will be
hospitalized for a week
from June 12th for
undergoing
operation of removing a
skin cancer on my right
foot.

The operation itself is not
serious one but I will not be
able to contact with you
during that time. Thank you

Officers for 2008-09
Pres – Naomi Aimoto
VP – Kathy Ahlo
Sec- Lawrence Hiranaka
Trea – Stephen Wong



POTLUCK DINNER - JUNE 29

On Sunday, June 29, our club members held a potluck dinner at Maurice's Pacific Heights home. We had a two-fold purpose for this event – first, was to host Tetsuro Sakamoto, a member of the Osaka Centennial Club and his son, Takuya, who came from Japan to stay at their time-share apartment at Hilton Hawaiian Village – second, we spent the rest of the evening packing goodie bags for our senior citizen guests at our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner which will be held on November 23. We had so much to eat that the members brought, so it was hard to pack those goodie bags.

We packed about 150 bags, thanks to Harold's grandson, Thomas Pekelo, who donated the small stuffed animals, etc. which he won at Las Vegas, local Jungle Jim's and Fun Factory. Thanks to Mae for bringing her toiletries and to Ann & Maurice for the Travel Agent trade show items. Thanks to Ann for bringing two gifts to the helpers – won by Tina Alfred and the other by a lucky guy!

Members and family who donated dishes, desserts, etc. and helped pack the goodie bags were: Tina Alfred -dessert, James Chong – mango salad, Larry & Mae Hiranaka –Seafood Casserole; with their daughter, Lauree, son-in-law Eric, and grandson, Scott Sakaida – Lasagna; Harold Kuwahara - Namasu, Jimmy Ouchi – spam musubi, Maurice Shimonishi – steaks, rice, paper goods, drinks; Steve and Susan Wong – desserts, Garret Ho – from Central Club – pasta salad & portabella mushrooms; Tetsuro & Takuya – chips & snacks.. Those who couldn't be there but contributed food – Naomi Aimoto – toss salad & Hidetoshi Yaji – chow mien.

It was good to see everyone working so hard to make our Thanksgiving Dinner such a blessing for the elderly at Kalanihūia. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile project.



**"You must be the
change if you wish
to see change in the
world."**

-Mahatma Gandhi

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DISTRICT NEWS
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www.vsmenusa.com
website. Go to Hawaii Region,
Nuuanu Y's Men's Club link

**The best way to Escape
your Problem is to Solve
it!**

**Our Eyes are Placed in
front Because it is More
important To look ahead
Than to look Back**

Congratulations
Helena Wallin Miller &
Chris in welcoming
Evelyn Miller





ENDOWMENT FUND

BOB DANIELS, US AREA WEB MASTER HAS UPDATED THE ENDOWMENT FUND INFORMATION.

Go to www.ysmenu.com Then to the Golden Book awardees Input our club number 226. You'll see the list of our club Golden Book inductees.

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"You will be enriched in every way for your generosity, which produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgiving to God"

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 Share your wealth with the Annual Support for Youth Campaign

Greatness is a soul generated by love.

SENIOR'S CORNER ----
SAGA OF THE LOST PASSPORT

Larry and Mae

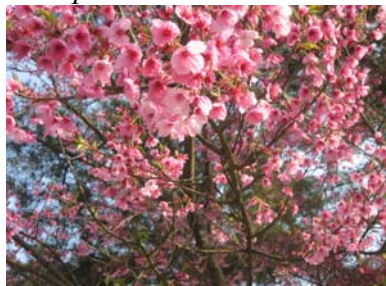
"I don't have my passport!" Larry realized this when he tried to register at the Granvia Hotel in Hiroshima. The color drained from his face and Mae answered, "OH, NO!" The calm front desk clerks all helped. But Ms. Mieko Fukushima was alert and quickly called the US Embassy in Tokyo to gather the necessary information and

procedure that we would have to follow in order to obtain another passport before our departure date. We did not panic since we had 13 days before we would leave from Narita Airport.

Fortunately we followed Maurice Shimonishi's advice and had duplicate copies of our passports, so we were assured that getting another passport would not be difficult. Mae also knew that her passport number was one digit lower than Larry's passport number and that the date and place of issuance was the same, so there was enough information to help the US Embassy to provide a duplicate passport before the departure date. Thus we were able to

enjoy a wonderful all seafood dinner with Mae's Aunt and Uncle Hirai and had a good night's sleep, after we were assured that once we arrived in Osaka, we would be able to receive a duplicate passport at the US Consulate Office.

The next morning we left on the Limited Express SHIOKAZE 11 to Matsuyama (Ehime) in Shikoku. A trip to Shikoku would complete our dream of seeing all of Japan! It was nice to be able to share this part of our trip with Brother Club friends, Kan and Yumi Tanikawa. We were on the same train to Matsuyama. They started out from Kyoto and we left from Hiroshima and then we met them in Okayama. We toured Matsuyama and Takayama and ate lots of fresh seafood at the Izakaya restaurants and saw cherry blossoms in full bloom wherever we went. We had to cancel one day of our trip in Shikoku because we needed the extra day in Osaka for a very important task. *Next Chapter* WILL CONTINUE NEXT MONTH!!!



We were overwhelmed with the beauty of the cherry blossom season!

HAPPY 4th of July

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way

From Junior Fischer
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Touring in Matsuyama City in Shikoku with Yumi & Kan Tanikawa Brother Club members. We really enjoyed the seafood at the cozy Izakaya restaurants because they served really fresh and delicious seafood from the Setonaikai or Inland Sea of Japan



Kyoto - Hanami, the ultimate experience of enjoying friends and eating delicious food while gazing at cherry blossoms in full bloom. With our eyes having "me no oshiyogatsu" In other words our eyes savored the beauty and glory of the cherry blossoms, just the same or as if our eyes bewildered at the beauty and glory of fireworks on New Year's! With Kosei & Junko Watanabe, Hiroshi & Yoshiko Nishimura, Shinjiro & Setsuko Mori