



Nuuanu Y's Men and Women's Club

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MEETINGS are held on the FIRST MONDAY of each month.

Chartered May 29, 1964



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Maurice Shimonishi

April – After doing our 6th Annual Book & Bread Sale, we enjoyed helping the YMCA Healthy Kid's Day at the Bishop Museum. The Metro Y Service Club's shave ice booth was a great success as it sold out all of the Shave Ice! Helping at the Country Store was also fun!

May – We look forward to attending the Hawaii Region Convention in Hilo. Thanks to the Hilo club, there will be a variety of events to attend.

June - We will begin gift bags preparation for the Seniors Thanksgiving event.



Thank you all for your support!

Aloha,
Maurice Shimonishi

(Maurice can be reached by email at msstravelperks@hawaii.rr.com)

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Contributed by Mel Ishihara

Galatians 5:1
"Freedom is what we have - Christ has set us free!
Stand, then, as free men, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again



THE YMCA – OUR MISSION

The YMCA of Honolulu is a fellowship dedicated to putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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Hi Maurice,

“On behalf of the YMCA I wanted to thank you for all your help on Saturday and share with you how successful our Farmers Market was. The market made \$1,232.75, thanks to your enthusiastic salesmanship. You made the afternoon so delightful and you energized the market. I look forward to having you volunteer at next years Healthy Kids Day...at the Farmers Market. Once again thank you so much for your help.”

Holly Cummings
Program Recruiter

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YMCA ACTIVITIES

Annual Support Campaign – CAR WASH

Saturday, April 30th
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
\$7 Car & \$10 SUV, Vans, & Trucks
\$40 Vehicle Detailing



****100% of the proceeds will go to the Annual Support Campaign to provide Financial Assistance****



SUMMER DAY CAMP!

School is almost over and summer is quickly approaching! To view all of the YMCA's Summer Programs please visit our website to view our online catalog at the following address:

http://www.ymcahonolulu.org/about/upcoming_programs/summer_program



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Thank you for your support!

On Saturday, April 16, close to 5,000 attendees came to the Bishop Museum for the 3rd annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day! Together we collected over 1,220 canned good donations for the Hawaii Foodbank and showed the community the importance of a healthy lifestyle.



Healthy Kids Day is a family event that encourages parents and their children to come out and have fun while learning about being healthy.

There were activities, games and prizes for the whole 'ohana!

Mahalo to our generous sponsors and supporters who made this event possible.

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It is still not too late to sign up for the Hawaii Regional Convention, though you may have to pay a late charge.



75th HAWAII REGIONAL CONVENTION

May 20-22, 2011
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Nuuanu Members Attending:
MAURICE SHIMONISHI
HAROLD KUWAHARA
ALBERT LEE
STEPHEN & SUSAN WONG
JAMES OUCHI

The Nuuanu Y's Men will be responsible for Saturday's Program.

Regional Convention Chair:
DUKE CHUNG



REMINDER:

US AREA CONVENTION

St. Louis, Missouri
July 7-10, 2011
Missouri Athletic Club

Theme:
INNER STRENGTH-CENTEREDNESS

Honorary Chair:
RACHELLE REEG
Past International President

Registration: \$285 for 8 meals, entertainment, programs and workshops

Deadline: June 20, 2011.

Hotel Reservation: \$80 + tax.

For additional information, contact:
BOB DANIELS at 324-368-3699
or MCKINLEY JOHNSON
at 314-651-7871.

YMCA & METRO DISTRICT NEWS



**YMCA OF HONOLULU
HEALTHY KIDS DAY - 04/16/11**

By Harold Kuwahara

Our club was represented by Maurice Shimonishi, Steve Wong, Albert Lee, James Ouchi and Harold Kuwahara at the Metro District Shave Ice Booth on Saturday. It seemed that there were more kids and parents in attendance than in past years. It was a nice, sunny day, which helped our sales, too.

Duke Chung reported that we grossed \$1,180. and netted \$762. after expenses. At \$2.00 per cup, that means that we sold 590 individual cups. We could have sold more, but ran out of ice at 12:30pm. It was recommended that we donate \$400.00 to the YMCA and the balance of \$362.00 be deposited into the Metro District treasury.

All in all, it was a successful day for our Y's Service Clubs. We look forward to next year when we should have more blocks of ice to serve more cups of shaved ice.



KATHY AHLO at the Vegetable Stand.



BEVERLY WONG, HAROLD KUWAHARA & ALBERT LEE serving shaved ice to customers.



New Y Service Club sign. Pictured: DUKE CHUNG, STEPHEN WONG & BILL STONE.



JAMES OUCHI & GARY OGATA preparing shaved ice.



Please find more beautiful Sakura photos from **KEISUKE ITOH.**

ITOH-san is with the Osaka Kawachi Y's Men's Club in Japan.



There is no BAUHINIA NEWS for the month of MAY.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

OSAKA CENTENNIAL'S CLUB ACTIVITIES



From Sam Fujiwara
The Y's men's Club of Osaka Centennial

≡≡≡ Club Activities (April, 2011) ≡≡≡

On April 20, the club's April meeting was held at Hotel Granvia Osaka with a total of 27 Y's men, Y's menettes, Y's comet, and guests in attendance.

With its emphasis on "YMCA Service and ASF" this month, Y's man NAOYUKI MIURA briefed the purposes and meanings of these programs.

The highlight of the April meeting was the speeches made by Mr. KAZUHISA MIKAMI, Principal of Osaka Municipal Higashi Sumiyoshi High School and Mr. HIDETAKA KUGE, Director of the course of Public Entertainment and Traditional Culture of the high school.

Mr. KAZUHISA MIKAMI spoke about the outline and fundamental principle of the education at his high school and then Mr. HIDETAKA KUGE introduced the curriculums and the activities of his unique Course, the only one such course available in Japan.

He stressed that this course was established in 1993 to preserve and develop the Japanese traditional culture and to master skills of the theatrical performance and image broadcasting, not to train professional entertainers.

Showing the numbers of the interesting video films, Mr. KUGE zealously told us the learning activities and good results attained at his Course.

Yen 85,100 was collected for the club's Niko-Niko (smiling) fund which will be donated to the OSAKA YMCA for supporting those children suffering from the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster.

*"Thank you very much for your nice Y's Up.
Congratulations for your wonderful success of inducting two new members!
I also thank you for your kind comment on our recent big disaster in Eastern Japan.
Although the troubles at the nuclear plants still remain unsettled and more than 15,000 people are still missing, the reconstruction of the devastated area has gradually started, supported by the thoughtful assistances from the USA and many other countries in the world.
I am quite sure the reconstruction will be further accelerated if the troubles at the nuclear plants would be settled down safely.
Thank you again for sharing your bulletin and take care!"*

Sam Fujiwara
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**CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2011***

- APR 30 – CAR WASH for ASC, Nuuanu YMCA
- MAY 2 – Business Mtg
- MAY – Orientation of New Members
- MAY 20-22 – Regional Convention Hilo
- JUN 11 or 12 (tentative) – Nuuanu’s Got Talent & Prepare Seniors Gift Bags
- JUL – Nuuanu Y Summer Family Fun Fair
- JUL 7-10 – US Area Convention St. Louis
- SEP 25 – Chicken Sale
- SEP – Foodland Give Aloha Program
- OCT – Teen Bowling
- OCT – Halloween Event?
- NOV – Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting
- NOV – Nuuanu YMCA Turkey Swim
- NOV – Thanksgiving Seniors Dinner
- DEC – Christmas Party Metro
- DEC – Nuuanu Y Pancake Breakfast

2012 CLUB CALENDAR*

- JAN – YMCA Sunday
- FEB 3-4 – Punahou Carnival Pkg Fundraiser
- FEB – ASC Kick-Off
- FEB – Club Dinner Event ASC 2nd Report
- MAR – ASC Victory Dinner
- APR 7th – Annual Book & Bread Sale
- APR – Healthy Kids Day – YMCA of Honolulu 3rd Saturday
- MAY – Hawaii Regional Convention

*Events Subject to Change

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- WICHIAN BOONMAPAJORN

Dear Maurice,

“Sawasdee Pi Mai-Happy Thai New Year Greeting to you all with good mind, body and spirit to serve the community in your area.

“ I will share your six pages of news with pictures that could tell many things to friends of Y'sdom without much words to my Club President-Mr. Thanya and incoming President-Mr. Taweechai and Officers in charge of the Bangkok Club with the new arrangement meeting to be held on the 4th week of the Thursday of each month at the Bangkok Christian Guesthouse (BCG) from 19.00 hrs onwards, after the Board Meeting of the YMCA Bangkok at the same venue.

“We have raised some funds to assist our beloved YMCA Sendai and also the Y'sdom of Japan and National YMCA of Japan since with photo attached. Gambare Nippon!!!

“I wish you all well and do appreciate of your sending your Y's Up for my sharing. It's a wonderful reflection.”



**Sawasdee/
Wichian Boonmapajorn**

*Wichian & Maurice are pictured above



*Pictures courtesy of Wichian Boonmapajorn

IP's Expression of Gratitude



To Y's Men, Y's Women, Y's Menettes and Y's Youths of the World, As you must have heard already, Japan has suffered unprecedented damage from an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 and the tsunami which followed.

Firstly, I offer my respects to the deceased. I also hope that the wounded will get well again soon and that the sufferers in the refugee camps will be able to maintain their health.

With each day that passes, the number of those killed, missing and wounded rises. The death toll is expected to surpass 10,000. The damage to the nuclear power stations in the affected area is also a cause of great concern and anxiety.

As the International President from Japan, I would first like to say how deeply touched we all are in Japan by the friendship and compassion shown by the people around the world. We, the International Headquarters and I, have received many personal messages of consolation and encouragement from all corners of the world.

Over 100 countries and numerous organizations have offered assistance. Rescue teams are arriving in succession. The support we have received gives us courage and power.

I would also like to ask you to pray for the Y's Men who have not been accounted for. There are four Y's Men's Clubs in the region including one to be chartered in May. Fortunately I have not received any report of any casualties in Y'sdom except partial destruction of some members' houses.

The YMCA and Y's Men in Japan have been quick to respond to this disaster. Sendai YMCA buildings were damaged by the earthquake, but in spite of this, the YMCA has been providing food to the sufferers.

Y's Men, Y's Youths and others have joined in the effort. The Japan East Region and the Alliance of YMCAs in Japan have set up headquarters for the relief effort.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude for all your prayers, support and compassion as a Y's Man in Japan as well as International President.

Sincerely yours,

Hirotohi Fujii

International President 2010/11

*Re-printed from <http://ysmen.org>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 30- MAE HIRANAKA

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 4 - MEL & MURIEL ISHIHARA

OBSERVANCES

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 14 - Armed Forces Day

May 30 - Memorial Day (Observed)



Please send comments, corrections, questions & contributions to bulletin editor Phyllis Sakane Popovich, email: psakane@hotmail.com



**Second Annual
Nuuanu's Got Talent Event**

On **June 11, Saturday**, our club will prepare the gift bags for the Seniors Thanksgiving day event with a plate lunch gathering.

While we are preparing the gift bags, we will showcase our talented members:

Singing Enka* songs – Larry Hiranaka, Harold Kuwahara, Randall Jay

Classical Piano Music – Albert Lee and Dr Mark Lee

Singing Popular Tunes – Naomi Aimoto

On the Ukulele and Guitar – Tina Alfred and Randy Ahlo.

Maybe we can get some hula dancing too!

Please save your toiletries from your trips, stuffed animals, and other knickknacks for the seniors to enjoy.



Come and have a fun time and enjoy our Talented group!

***Enka** is a popular Japanese music genre considered to resemble traditional Japanese music stylistically.

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