

TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT.



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### President's Message

All Club members, families and friends....

In March, we are found busy with the YMCA's Annual Support Campaign (ASC). Nuuuanu YMCA's goal is \$175,000 and our Nuuuanu club has two (2) teams led by Albert Lee and Steve Wong. Please see the Progress Update Letter on this front page dated March 31, 2015, and the latest April 22<sup>nd</sup> Update below it. We can do it!

This is the last issue of the 2014-2015 Hawaii Y's Men's Bulletin Year which runs from April to March. This bulletin has reminders for upcoming (or perhaps immediate past) events and has a condensed version of our Brother Club Osaka Centennial's March bulletin featuring articles regarding both our Osaka Centennial and Bauhinia brother clubs.

In April, there is the Metro District Conference and the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day at the Bishop Museum. In May, our club has our annual Book and Bread Sale at Nuuuanu YMCA and then there's the finale of the year, the 79<sup>th</sup> Hawaii Region Convention in Las Vegas followed by the Endowment Dinner.

It was a good 2014-2015 year and I'd just like to say a really big heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for your hard work and efforts in making this past year one of outstanding service, commitment, cooperation and comradery!

Your Nuuuanu leadership team will remain the same for the 2015-2016 year: yours truly as President, Cheryl Dacus as Vice-President, Celine Allouchery as Secretary, and Stephen Wong as Treasurer. We look forward to once again humbly serving you in the next Y's Men year to come.

With Many Blessings,

Gary

### NUUANU YMCA 2015 ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN (ASC) UPDATE

Date: March 31, 2015  
To: Nu'uuanu YMCA Volunteers  
From: Lynette Arakawa & Jordan Odo  
Re: 2015 Annual Support Campaign – week 7

#### Week 7 - Progress Update: \$136,425

We are at 78% of our goal of \$175,000.

We appreciate everyone's efforts so far, but we still have work to do. Randal & Kathy will be contacting everyone with outstanding blue and green cards.

Also, as we mentioned at the Board meeting last week, we have committed to 5 scholarships for homeless Royal Elementary school students to attend our Summer Fun program, including a meal plan. The link below is to a short video from YUSA describing the Hop the Gap program, which is what we hope to do for those elementary school students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgU0cXko2U&feature=youtu.be>

The Nu'uuanu YMCA will also be providing free swim lessons in April and May to children that are living at the IHS shelter, and we are planning on extending our pilot spring intersession program for homeless Central Middle School students into the summer as well.

This is what our community needs and this is what the Nu'uuanu YMCA can provide. But we need everyone's help getting pledges to fund these efforts. Please consider asking one new person, sending them the link and sharing what the Nu'uuanu YMCA is doing to help our community. Together we can clearly make a difference in the lives of children in our community.

PHI –LAN  
THRO-PY!

#### APRIL 22 ASC UPDATE!

From: Randal Ikeda, Nuuuanu YMCA Branch Executive Director

Week 10 - Progress Update: \$145,601

We are at 83% of our goal of \$175,000.

One last push – we're just under \$30,000 short of our goal, but we've had an anonymous donor step up and offer a 1 to 1 match for a last push to reach our goal of \$175,000, by May 8th. The generous match puts us just \$15,000 short of goal. So please help us by following up with anyone you weren't able to get in touch with during the campaign, or new person you might be able to call, or if you could contribute just a little more; all we need is \$500 more from each of you.

**2015  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MARCH**

- Focus: Brother Club  
 02 Club Business Meeting  
 05 Nuuanu-ASC Call Night  
 14 Nuuanu-ASC Call Afternoon  
 25 ASC Victory Dinner

**APRIL**

- Focus: Leadership Training  
 04 Metro District Conference  
 06 Club Business Meeting  
 11 YMCA Healthy Kids Day at the Bishop Museum, 8am to 2pm  
 25 World Malaria Day

**MAY**

- Focus: Regional Convention  
 02 Club Bread & Book Sale  
 04 Club Business Meeting  
 13-14 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Region Convention, Main Street Station, Las Vegas, Nevada  
 22 Annual Endowment Dinner

**CLUB LUMINARIES**

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

STAN & PHYLLIS SAKANE POPOVICH

**INTERNATIONAL News**

**Beautiful Pictures from Itoh-san**

Keisuke Itoh is from the Osaka Kawachi Y's Men's club in Japan.

**Kyoto 2015:**

<http://itosan.justhpb.jp/kyoto-2015-ma/>



**Castle Park 2015:**

<http://itosan.justhpb.jp/ume-2015/>



**METRO DISTRICT**

- Saturday, April 4 – Metro District Conference, 10am to 1pm at Faith Baptist Church (1230 Kailua Rd., Kailua). The Windward Club is hosting the conference.
- Saturday, April 11 – Healthy Kids Day at the Bishop Museum, 8am to 2pm. The Metro District is doing the Shaved Ice Booth.

**HAWAII REGION**

- Wednesday & Thursday, May 13 & 14 – 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Region Convention at Main Street Station in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- HAWAII REGION EMPHASIS for MARCH: **BROTHER CLUB**  
 Regional Service Director: **JIMMY KANEHIRA**, Windward

**US AREA**



- Thursday to Sunday, July 9 to 12, 2015 – Y Service Club International 2015 US Area Convention at Double-Tree/Hilton Grand Rapids Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**INTERNATIONAL**



- Saturday, April 25, 2015 – World Malaria Day

**Message from the Chairperson, World Malaria Day**



**BENSON WABULE**  
 Past International President  
 Y's Men International  
 Chairperson YMI/UN Project Committee

*"Members of Y's Men's "UN Projects Committee" appeal to all Y's Men to increase their efforts in raising money and contributing to the Roll Back Malaria project which is helping in achieving many objectives including the prevention of malaria especially in Area Africa and reducing mortality rates particularly in children, improving the health of persons and in strengthening our relations with UN Agencies and thus fulfilling the spirit underlying Y's Men International (YMI) Special Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations."*

**CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS**

- *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*
- *Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14*

**A LITTLE HUMOR**

- Q: With pointed fangs I sit and wait; with piercing force I crunch out fate; grabbing victims, proclaiming might; physically joining with a single bite. What am I?  
 A: A stapler ☺

**International News - BROTHER CLUB NEWS FROM OSAKA** (condensed)**THE CENTENNIAL NEWS LETTER***The Y's men's Club of Osaka Centennial*

March, 2015

(The Girl's Doll Festival—March 3<sup>rd</sup>)**1. Regular Monthly Meeting**

On February 18, the venue was changed to a class room of the Osaka Y for the February meeting. A total of 18 Y's men, Y's Menettes, and a Y'sling (1 year and 5 months old girl) gathered. No meals served due to this month's emphasis on the "Time of Fast" program, only snacks were served.

The highlights of the February meeting were the presentations made by the members who visited our two IBC clubs in Hawaii and Hong Kong last November, December and this February. Those who visited to Hawaii and Hong Kong are as follows:

**Hawaii:** November 2014 – Kan & Yumi Tanikawa to attend 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Hawaii Club / December 2014 – Tetsuro & Chiharu Sakamoto

**Hong Kong:** February 2015 – Kouji & Kazuko Matsuura, Tetsuro & Chiharu Sakamoto, He Zao Lin & Mayuko He, Shigetaka Nakamura, Sam Fujiwara.

Showing many photos and video films, they each spoke about how they enjoyed fellowship with the members of Hawaii's Nuuanu club and Hong Kong's Bauhinia club, thus we were able to make our ties with our IBC clubs much closer.

It was also announced that \$120 is given to the Endowment Fund in the name of Mr. Hideo Yamanaka, who was successful in recruiting a new member, a new Y's menette and also other contributions to the club. His name will be listed on the Golden Book.

Y's menette Chiaki Yamanaka was also successful in raising Yen 9,000 by selling the tea utensils and sweets of the Uraenke Head Family's "Hatsugama-shiki," a special tea ceremony celebrating New Year.

Yen 11,500 was collected at the meeting for the club's niko niko (smiling fund) together with the sheets of the commemorative New Year stamps and Yen 500 coins.

Thank you for kind support given by all.

**2. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Hawaii Y's Men and Women's Club** (written by Kan Tanikawa)

My wife and I enjoyed our participation on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration very much. What impressed us most was that they worked so hard as a team to make this memorable event successful. What a wonderful team spirit! It was significant that they invited not only Y's Men and Women friends, but many young people – YMCA leaders. This proves their club's dedicated service to Y'sdom and also to local YMCAs. The program included old pictures from days past, wonderful buffet lunch, "Jan-Ken-Po" games with many prizes. It was a lot of fun for us to be with them.



This photo shows us presenting a gift – a wood-block print from our club as a token of thanks for over 30 years of friendship. We were also given an opportunity of visiting the Nuuanu YMCA to see the facilities and their programs.

This was a useful trip. We wish them best of luck for many more years to come.

**3. The IBC Gathering with the Y's Men's Club of Bauhinia Hong Kong** (written by Sam Fujiwara)

"New Year Reunion Dinner" of Y's Men's Club of Bauhinia and Y's Men's Club of Osaka Centennial was held at Shanghai Restaurant, "Xiao Nan Guo Premier" on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in Hong Kong. 5 members and 3 Y's Menettes of our club attended this gathering. We were very happy to see a total of 23 Y's men and other friends, including the members of Bauhinia Club, Tsim Sha Tsui Club, Inland East Club, staffs of Hong Kong YMCA, and members of OISCA International and Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.



After singing Y's song (which was different from the one we usually sing), Ms. Margaret Lo, president of Bauhinia club, introduced each member of our delegation and delivered a heart-warming welcoming address.

We fully enjoyed nice talking and a variety of delicious dishes in a very friendly atmosphere. We were truly overwhelmed with the kind reception given by the Bauhinia Club. Thank you fellow Y's Men and other friends who joined us on that day. You stayed together with us like one big family! That's why we are proud to be Y's Men! Let's meet again at the Asia Area Convention to be held in Kyoto in July to August 2015.

**"A wonderful memory with the Y's men's Club of Bauhinia, Hong Kong"** (written by He Zao Lin, President Elect for 2015-16)

A total of 8 members and Y's Menettes of our Osaka Centennial Club visited Hong Kong for 3 days from February 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The main purpose of this trip was to meet the fellow members of our IBC club, Hong Kong Bauhinia Club.

On the evening of our arrival at Hong Kong, Bauhinia Club set for us an unforgettable heartwarming dinner gathering. A total of 23 Bauhinia Club members and other Y's men in Hong Kong attended the gathering. We were deeply impressed by the warm family like hospitality shown by Bauhinia Club members. We were also impressed by their strong passion towards Y'sdom.

Welcoming address by President Margaret Lo of Bauhinia Club made us so comfortable that we could relax ourselves very much. According to Ms. Margaret Lo, they tried to reserve the window side room of this restaurant "Xiao Nan Guo Premier" in Tsim Sha Tsui almost 6 months ago. Accordingly, we could see the beautiful scenery of the Victoria Harbour and Hong Kong Island which became much beautiful hour by hour because of the New Year's lighting.

Our Sam Fujiwara who had been in Hong Kong for 3 years as a resident executive of a company especially enjoyed reunion with his old friends. We took no notice of time chatting with old and new friends.

We are scheduled to have 2 important conferences in Osaka and Kyoto this year. These are the Japan West District Convention and the Asia Area Convention this summer. Some of the Hong Kong Y's men promised to attend the conference and so, I would like to reciprocate kindness to them while in Japan.

Finally, I would like to give my special thanks to Mr. Andy Fu for his kind guide to Hong Kong YMCA at such a late time after the dinner gathering. We could understand excellent operations and facilities of Hong Kong YMCA which made our trip a much more fruitful one.

Almost 10 years have passed since we visited Hong Kong and I would like to thank you so much for the warm welcome given to us. I am very much looking forward to have a much deepened friendship between our two clubs through this kind of inter-exchanges.

Let's meet again in Japan soon!

(Edited by Sam Fujiwara & Kan Tanikawa)



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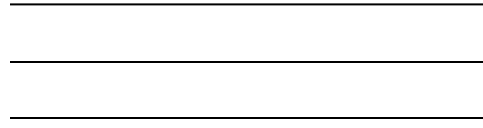
Welcome to the world of Y's Men's International.

We are a worldwide association of Christ-centered service clubs with a common loyalty to the YMCA.

This worldwide Christian fellowship includes men and women of all ages, races, nationalities, religions and socio-economic levels.

Together, with mutual respect and affection, we believe that we can put Christ teachings into action through active service.

During this process, we hope to make our communities, and ultimately the world, a better place to live and raise our children.



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 Chartered May 29, 1964

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