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President's Message

All Club members, families and friends....

May's Bread & Book Sale was very successful and I would like to thank Maurice for chairing this fundraiser. Thank you to Kathy for her suggestion of asking for donations for the books instead of pricing them; this made a positive difference in the amount raised from the book sale alone. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought bread, donated and bought books, and to all who came out to help that day!

The 79th Hawaii Region Convention was held in Las Vegas this May and highlights will be featured in the June bulletin, as well as the Endowment Dinner.

A new 2014-2015 Calendar of Events is forthcoming. Thank you for all your tireless efforts in serving!

*With Many Blessings,
Gary*

NUUANU'S BREAD & BOOK SALE

Nuuanu YMCA, Saturday, May 2, 2015

Thank you to everyone for participating in this year's Bread and Book Sale.! 300 cinnamon bread were sold and over 2000 books were donated. This year, the books were not priced but "donations from the heart" were requested instead. Special thanks to Paula and Kathy for packing the books left over after the sale, which were donated to Friends of the Library.



*"So many books,
so little time."
— Frank Zappa*

YMCA ASC UPDATE

GREAT NEWS!!! We made our 2015 ASC goal of \$175,000!!! We raised over \$15,000 for our match campaign in the last 2 weeks. Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time and also to those who persevered right down to the very end. We appreciate all of you!!! We're here to make good things happen for other people. Take care and have a great weekend. I know I will. Mahalo, **Kathy Ahlo**, Office Manager, YMCA of Honolulu

**2015
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

MAY

- Focus: Regional Convention
 02 Club Bread & Book Sale
 04 Club Business Meeting
 13-14 79th Hawaii Region Convention
 22 Endowment Dinner
 24 Jordan & Cara Odo Scholarship Foundation – Fundraiser Luncheon
 29 Nuuanu Y’s Men Chartered in 1964

JUNE

- Focus: Public Relations
 01 Club Business Meeting

JULY

- Focus:
 Membership/Conservation/Extension
 06 Club Business Meeting
 25 Nuuanu Y Summer Family Fair

CLUB LUMINARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS
 CHRIS DACUS
 MAE HIRANAKA

INTERNATIONAL News

Beautiful Pictures from Itoh-san

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

Rose 2015:

<http://itosan.justhpbs.jp/rose-2015ki/>



METRO DISTRICT

- METRO DISTRICT ENDOWMENT DINNER – Friday, May 22, 2015 at the Manoa Grand Ballroom, Japanese Cultural Center.

HAWAII REGION

- 79th ANNUAL HAWAII REGION CONVENTION - Main Street Station in Las Vegas, Nevada, Wednesday & Thursday, May 13 & 14, 2015.
- HAWAII REGION EMPHASIS for MAY: **REGIONAL CONVENTION**
 Regional Service Director: **DUKE CHUNG**, West Oahu
- HAWAII REGION MID-YEAR MEETING: Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Ilima Hotel, 10am to 2pm.

US AREA

- 2015 US AREA CONVENTION, Y SERVICE CLUB INTERNATIONAL - Thursday to Sunday, July 9 to 12, 2015 –at Double-Tree/Hilton Grand Rapids Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

INTERNATIONAL

- 2015 ASIA AREA CONVENTION – Friday to Sunday, July 31 to August 2, 2015, Kyoto, Japan. Nuuanu club member and Metro District Governor ALBERT LEE plans to attend.
- Beautiful and Original Water Color Paintings From “Sam’s Gallery” – 2nd Edition, Sam (Masami) Fujiwara, The Y’s Men’s Club of Osaka Centennial

The pictures below were awarded best pictures for the month of June and July at Sam’s art school, "Sakura Art Salon." This was the first time for Sam to be awarded after about 6 years of lessons at the school. *“The first picture of the castle is called "Garasha's castle" in Kyoto, built for a tragic princess of Hosokawa Garasha in 1563-1600. The other picture of the temple is called "Yakushiji Temple" in Nara and this is a copy of a the picture painted by a well known Japanese painter, Hirayama Ikuo, I hope you will enjoy them. Thank you.” ~ Sam*



CONGRATULATIONS, SAM! Beautiful Art!

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS †

- *“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* (John 15:13, NIV)
- *“The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, The Lord is with you!"* (Judges 6:12, NLT)
- *“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”* (Philippians 2:13, NLT)

A LITTLE HUMOR

- Why are fish so smart? Because they live in schools.
- What is the computer’s favorite dance? Disk-o.

THE CENTENNIAL NEWS LETTER

The Y's men's Club of Osaka Centennial

May 1, 2015



On April 15, our club's April meeting was held at Hotel Granvia Osaka with a total of 22 Y's men, Y's menettes, and a Y's ling in attendance.

The highlight of the meeting was a speech made by Ms. Chan Wanduragala, a lecturer of Osaka Jogakuin University, and also Konan University in Osaka and nearby. Titled "My 25 years' romance with Japan," she told us how she had carried a variety of life in Japan led by God, especially at the turning points of her life.



Born in Sri Lanka, she moved to the UK with her family in 1969. After receiving higher education there, she came to Japan at first in 1990 for teaching English at Fukuoka YMCA. This decision was influenced by her mother, who wanted to come to Japan. She wanted to go back to the UK three times during her 25 years' life in Japan but each time she was led to stay in Japan by **some magic powers**.

This may be a secret of her longer living in Japan. She had her life changing experience while living in Kobe in 1995 when it was hit by the Great Hanshin Earthquake. She could narrowly escaped from the disaster. On that morning she happened to open the Bible for the day's reading - **Psalm 60-1.2**: "You have rejected us, God, and burst upon us; you have been angry - now restore us! You have shaken the land and torn it open; mend its fractures, for it is quaking."

Her another life changing experience came in 1998, when she went to the Osaka Jogakuin University to have an interview. At the entrance arch of the university, she found her most favorite biblical message; **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,"** which made her decide to stay rather than leaving this country. What she told us was like spiritual messages came from her life experiences and we are deeply moved with much interest.



(The entrance arch of the Osaka J. University)



(At the women's soccer final match in London)

When she is often asked here which of these 3 countries – SL, UK or Japan you have so far lived you like the most, she answered that Sri Lanka is her mother, UK her father and Japan her soul-mate.

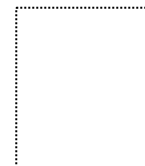
Now she loves people, culture, food, art and craft, way of life and so many things in this country.

At the women's soccer final match of Japan vs. USA in the London Olympic Game, she supported the Japanese team strongly, cheering and waving Japanese National flag among US supporters.

Yen 14,300 was collected for the club's (niko-niko) smiling fund.

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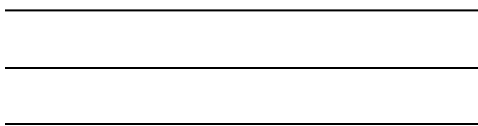
Welcome to the world of Y's Men's International.

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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