



Nuanu Y's Men and Women's Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What A Wonderful World it would Be

In June, I attended the Japan West Convention held in Kumamoto Japan. As I was doing the itinerary planning, I thought how was I to get from the airport to the hotel? Taxi/Bus/Train? I'll be arriving at night and would not know my way around. As I asked for help in the transfer, one of the Kumamoto Y's Man in charge of registration offered to pick me up at the airport and take me to the hotel. That's Great!

Kayoko Maeda, a member of the Kumamoto James Y's Men's Club was waiting for me at the airport with a name card. She took me in her car to the hotel situated in downtown Kumamoto on a side street. What great service! Throughout the convention, she would check to see if everything is OK, as I have very limited command of the Japanese Language.

After the convention, she Emailed me and stated that she and her family will be visiting Honolulu. That's wonderful! I met her family, four adults and her 10 month old grandchild with flower leis. I arranged for a flat rate taxi to carry four adults with an infant baby seat as all of them would not fit in my car. A couple of days later, I took Kayoko and Yutaka, her husband, sight seeing around Honolulu and had lunch at Gyo Taku restaurant. It was a joyful reunion!

Thank you Kayoko Maeda! **What a wonderful World it is! Maurice**



John 8 : 12 Jesus spoke to them again, "I am the light of the world . Whoever follows me will have light of life and will never walk in the darkness

YMCA NEWS – The YMCA of Honolulu Strategic Leadership Dinner & Meeting taking place on Wed, November 15, 5:45 pm - 7:30 pm, at Harris United Methodist Church.

Metro Board of Directors approved a new equity and inclusion mission statement. This was a first step in ensuring our policies, practices and programs advance our organizational commitment to diversity and inclusion. Our next step is to join our YMCA's Diversity, Inclusion and Global (DIG) Innovation Network which consists of 73 YMCAs (and counting!). These Y's have committed to integrate diversity, inclusion and global strategies across key operational and programmatic areas to strengthen their capacity to serve diverse and underserved populations, foster community cohesion, and address social equity and inclusion issues. Integrating DIG strategies across key operational areas not only contributes to a YMCA's community benefit and impact and also advances the Y's business goals. Three Y-USA professionals are coming to Oahu to provide an overview of what DIG is, how it relates to Y-USA's new 2018 – 2023 Strategic Plan and its relevance to our Association's strategic plan.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS: BROTHER CLUB OSAKA CENTENNIAL The highlight of the meeting was a speech made by Ms. Machiko Yamada, a freelance announcer.

Titled on "The reunion with the American dolls with blue eyes", she spoke about fates of the dolls which were presented to the many Japanese kindergartens and elementary schools back in 1927 with the hope of improving ever deteriorating situations between Japan and the USA at that time. According to the appeal made by an American missionary, Dr. Sidney Gulick, 12,739 dolls were gathered from the churches and private



organizations such as YMCA, YWCA, etc. of all over the United States to be sent to Japan. They were distributed among various kindergartens and etc. In Japan. In turn, 58 Japanese dolls in long sleeve Kimono with household utensils were presented to every state of the USA at Christmas the same year. Despite these efforts made by both nations, we regret to say the Pacific War broke out and these dolls faced harsh realities during the war time.

At present, there are only about 360 dolls held in Japan. On the other hand, some dolls presented from Japan are also found at a museum in the USA. On May 27, 2016, surviving dolls in both Japan and USA finally met together in Kobe,

thus a magnificent re union gathering was held where a grandson of Dr. Sidney Gulick III attended. This is a good sign that these dolls still play an important mission as the goodwill ambassadors of both countries.

The Bauhinia club of Hong Kong NEWS



"Cake with Love 2017" Our club donated HK\$17200 for 400 boxes of moon cake and all of them had been delivered to the low-income families, single elderly and deprived groups in Shatin district in the this mid-autumn festival. " Cake with Love 2017" ceremony was held on 30th September 2017, Our Club President Ms. Edith Law, 1st VP Daisy Wong, PP Kathleen Chui, PP Pauline NG and five guests had attended the ceremony and joined the production of moon cake.

US AREA NEWS - APE Bobby Stivers-Apiki

It is with great pleasure for me to announce that Bobby Stivers-Apiki will be the next US Area President Elect/International Council Member Elect (APE/ICME) beginning 2018-2019 to serve as AP/ICM in 2019-2021. As ICM, Bobby will be the sole representative for the US Area on the 15 seat International Council. Previously, only two others from the Hawaii Region, Ray Seto (1993-1994) and Phil Sammer (2009-2011) have held this distinction. So, please all join me in Congratulating Bobby... Bobby please know that you have our abiding support and utmost confidence that you will proudly represent the US Area and the Hawaii Region. ALOHA! Eddie Miwa, RD Hawaii Region



HAWAII REGION NEWS - MID YEAR CABINET MEETING IS ON NOV 4, 2017, AT THE ILIMA HOTEL AT 10 AM. Called by RD Eddie Miwa. ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE THERE. Our Club Representatives: Issac, Steve, Albert, Maurice

HAWAII REGIONAL CONVENTION: MAY 4-6, 2018 -HILO, ISLAND OF HAWAII, HILO HAWAIIAN HOTEL. TIME TO DO YOUR PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION!!



METRO DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOEANN MCCARTHY PRESIDED AT THE OCT 14, 2017 MEETING:

- 1. HEALTHY KIDS DAY TO BE HELD AT CAMP ERDMAN APRIL 14, 2018 - CLUBS TO HELP WITH SHAVE ICE**
- 2. PEACE PROJECT -EACH CLUB TO HONOR ITS OWN WINNER**
- 3. NEXT METRO DISTRICT MEETING JANUARY 27, 2018, AT KALIHI Y**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Oct 2 Club Meeting prepare for Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors**
- Nov 6 Club Meeting Need final count a week before Christmas Party**
- Nov 19 Thanksgiving for the Seniors – Harolyn Coordinating Everyone should be at Kalani Huia at 2:45 pm to help set up and be ready to serve. Entertainers will be there to serenade the seniors.**
- Dec 1 – Fri Club Christmas Party at Pagoda with Windward Club – validated parking at Ross Bldg - Guests are welcome**
- Dec – School Intercession – Teen Bowling**
- Jan 8 Club Meeting**
- Jan 28 – YMCA Sunday project HELP WITH LUNCH SERVING AT INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES– Phyllis Coordinating**

LAUGHS & GIGGLES: On Sunday after All Saints Day, a parish priest was telling, the assembled Sunday School something about the holy day by pointing to some of the youngsters who had come dressed to represent a few of the saints. All went well – St. Nicholas, St. George, St. Anne, and the others until he came to a small figure wearing the mask of a dog. Puzzled, the priest asked what saint he was. The little fellow replied: “I’m St. Bernard” from Capper’s Weekly.

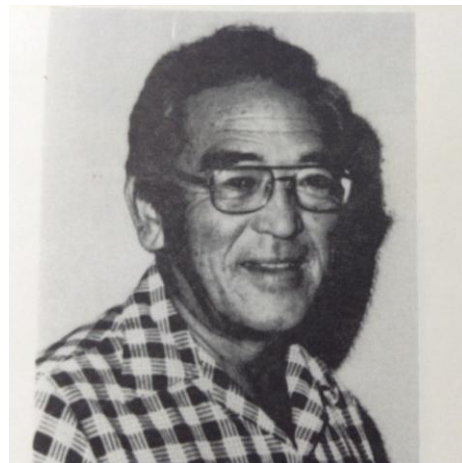


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NUUANU Y’S MEN AND WOMEN’S CLUB, HAWAII REGION, CHARTERED MAY29, 1964: Our Current year’s officers and members for 2017-2018 are: **Maurice Shimonishi, President; Celine Allouchery Vice Pres; Cheryl Dacus, Secretary; Steve Wong Treasurer; Members: Kathy Ahlo, Naomi Aimoto, James Chong, Kat Duran, Paula Gray, Gary Higashionna, Larry Hiranaka, Analee Kinney, Albert Lee, Glenn Matsukawa, Zainisha Ogwaro, James Ouchi, Issac Sakamoto, Phyllis Sakane-Popovich, Abi Tan, Harolyn Toma**

FAREWELL TO THEE:



Helen Yoshida, 95 of Keneohe , Hawaii, went home to be with the Lord on August 8, 2017. She was the wife of Teruo Yoshida, our esteemed leader of our Nuuanu Y’s Men and Women’s Club. Teru was a teacher, a mentor and a visionary in promoting the Y’s Men Organization in Hawaii. We miss both of them!