



Y's Alliance

Y Service Clubs International - US Area

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HAWAII REGION ARTICLE

Aloha to all from the Hawaii Region; as we wrap up our fiscal year at the end of this month we look forward to a very busy next couple of months.



The Hawaii Region membership is at 138 (net gain of +2) for this 2nd semester; with 11 new members we are still finding it difficult to get over the 140 mark as we lost 9 members.

Most recently we had opened the new year with another lost in the passing of our Metro District secretary **HAROLD KUWAHARA**, Harold first joined the Hilo club back in 1962 and the Maui club when he relocated in 1966, and finally in 1968 moved to Honolulu where he's been a member of the Nuuanu Y's Men & Women's Club ever since. Harold, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, received the region's most esteemed award, the Order of the Red Triangle, in 2014 culminating 55 years of Y service, Harold was 88. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife **MIYOKO** and daughter **SUSAN**.

Membership & Training: Membership RSD **BOBBY STIVER-APIKI** and Training co-RSDs **KEOLA TANIGUCHI** and **SHARON ISHIDA** will be teaming up at the upcoming Hawaii Region Convention to hold a new member orientation session with the added emphasis of bringing in new members, Keola will talk about millennials (and gen X'ers). All three are long-time Y's men and woman, Bobby and Sharon are both former Y branch execs and Keola, currently the branch exec at the Mililani Y, bring years of YMCA and Y's experience to the table.

Conservation: The key to retaining membership in any organization is to keep your club active and offer new and interesting projects and activities, an active club is a happy club! Joint club activities is one way to do it! The Nuuanu club has taken it upon themselves to coordinate a second joint club work project coming up on March 25 at the Camp Erdman YMCA on the North Shore of Oahu. The YMCA of Honolulu will be holding their annual Healthy Kids Day on the grounds of the Bishop Museum on Saturday, April 8; each year under the coordination of Windward club's **JOANN MCCARTHY**, the 6 metro clubs come together and run the shave Ice (a very popular year-round item in Hawaii) booth at \$3 a pop. Net proceeds are split between the Metro District and YMCA. Last year's free event drew more than 5,000 kids and their families.

The metro clubs will be participating in another joint club project with the YMCA of Honolulu working the Par Hawaii Golf Tournament on September 22 at the Kapolei Country Club in West Oahu. The Y has been selected by Par Hawaii, the state's largest refinery of petroleum products, as one of two beneficiaries of their charitable tournament guaranteeing the Y a \$15K donation (to go toward the teen program), one stipulation being the Y needs to provide 20-25 volunteers to work

on tournament day. Being on a work day, the Y cannot provide enough manpower, and that's where the Y Service clubs fit in. Its projects like this that create a greater bond between the Y and our organization.

Annual Support Campaign (ASC): For those Y Directors that cannot see the value of having a Y Service Club at your Y, please read on. The YMCA of Honolulu along with the YMCAs in Hilo, Maui and Kauai kicked-off their annual fund raising campaign in January. In 2016, the Hawaii region Y's Men & Women and Y Service Clubs brought in \$169,000 in ASC pledges or 15% of the \$1.5M in total pledges. Club members not only solicit pledges and make personal contributions, their clubs fund raise to make a club donation. So Y Directors without a Y Service Club, how would you like to increase your annual fund raising by 15%?

The 81st Hawaii Region Convention at the Courtyard Marriott on Kauai is coming up just around the corner, May 5-7 and this year's convention committee promises this one to be a special one, paying homage and getting reacquainted with our old brothers and sisters of the East Kauai Y's Men's Club. We are looking forward to having **APE TIBOR FOKI** (and **CHARL**) in attendance as our US Area representative.

I am looking forward to and hoping Hawaii will be well represented at the US Area Convention in August, after all Vegas is a favorite destination for many in Hawaii.

I'd like to thank my Hawaii region Secretary Treasure, **DUKE CHUNG** and IPRD **BOBBY STIVER-APIKI**, who by the way are this year's convention co-chairs, for all their help and support they provide for the region and myself, and my admiration to the Y's men and women of the Hawaii region for your outstanding service.

ALOHA!

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E Ola Pū Kākou... (Together, we Thrive...)



ASF

The Dollars for Scholars (DFS) program still has \$4,190 available to grant through June of 2017. Please inform your YMCA of the opportunity to receive a grant of up to \$500/pp. DFS grants are available on a first come basis.



DFS applications are available on the ASF web site at www.yserviceclubsusa.org, then click on these tabs: Service_Area; Funds; Alexander Scholarship Fund; then on the right hand side scroll to the last paragraph and click on Click here for a DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS application, or go to: www.yserviceclubsusa.org/Documents/ASF_DFS_Appl_05.pdf



DFS support in 2016-17 is \$2,363 to date and will be available to grant in 2017-18. Contributions have been received from seven of the nine Regions. The average DFS contribution is \$2.42 per member for all of the Regions. The goal is \$10 per member. These dollars are used to grant YMCA employees to attend seminars, training and certification courses. DFS grants are awarded on a first come basis, as long as the applicant is qualified and funds are available.

DFS support is also credited to a Region when a club gives directly to their Y for employee training and is reported to their RSD/ASF.

The Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF) has received \$3,363 to date in 2016-17. Seven of the nine regions contributed, averaging \$3.03 per member. The goal is also \$10.00 per member.

For a Region to receive credit for a Y's Men club directly awarding a scholarship, 10% of what was awarded has to be given to Y's Men IHQ through your RD who forwards it to the ASD/ASF.

ASF awards are for YMCA oriented undergraduate students who will seek a career in the YMCA upon graduation. Scholarships are available to Junior's and Senior's attending an accredited college or university and are of families of Y's Men, and to undergraduates who are sponsored by a Y's Men Club. ASF applications may be printed from our web site: www.yserviceclubsusa.org, then click on these tabs: Service_Area; Funds; ASF Application, or go to: www.yserviceclubsusa.org/ASF_Appli_05.pdf

Individual and club contributions are also accepted for the Alexander Scholarship Perpetual Fund (ASPF), an endowment for the long term viability of ASF where the interest is also used to help fund scholarships.

Please be sure to make your checks out to Y's Men International – ASF, and write on the check's memo line which of the three programs the check is to go towards; ASF or DFS. Support is still being received but must be sent soon to be available in the 2016-17 Y's Men year.

Thank you for your support.

Y'sly,

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PORTALBUZZ UPDATE

By now everyone has heard about Portalbuzz. In the past, the US Area had its own roster database to keep track of member contact information. That database has been replaced with Portalbuzz and retired. All official contact information from Y Service Clubs International is in Portalbuzz now. That is why it is extremely important that the information is correct. Y Service Clubs International (YMI) uses that information to count and contact members. It is important that names, postal addresses, phone numbers and emails are correct and that they are listed in the correct club(s).

Everyone can use Portalbuzz to look and make changes to their personal information. Each club needs an administrator; someone who can make changes to club rosters and help individuals who need help with their contact information if asked. There are Regional Administrators working with the Regional Directors who are responsible for making sure club information is updated and correct. The regional information is used to generate the official member count as well as an invoice from YMI Headquarters in Geneva for Regions to pay interna-

tional dues. There is an International Administrator and each Area has an Administrator available to help or make changes if the Regions have problems. This is not different than what was done with the US Area Roster. Every member is responsible for making sure their contact information is correct. The difference is that each member can make corrections to the official roster without having to send the information through the club and region to the Area Roster Secretary.

Here is a short outline of how to access and make changes to personal portalbuzz information

For those who have not registered yet, here are the steps required to get access:

1. Search for "portalbuzz" using any online search engine (yahoo / google / etc.
2. Click on "Portalbuzz". It will take you to the Portalbuzz Login page
3. Go to the bottom of the page and click on Register

Follow the directions. You will be prompted to use your email address as your user name and choose a password.

To review your personal information

1. Log in. For members you will see your name at the top with options to view and edit your profile
2. Click on "Review Profile". You will see your personal information in boxes. Review all the information to ensure it is correct.

When finished, go to the top right of the page and log out.

To make changes to your personal information

1. Log in. For members you will see your name at the top with options to view and edit your profile
2. Click on "Edit Profile". You will see your personal information in boxes. Review all the information. When you come to the information that needs to be changed, highlight and delete the current information. Enter the correct information.
3. Make all the required changes.
4. Go to the bottom of the page and click save. Go to the top right of the page and log out

Changes have been made and saved.

Many people are worried about outside individuals accessing their information. Information can be accessed by the individual and Club Administrator at the club level as well as a limited number of Administrators. In the US Area, assuming each club and Region have one administrator each, only 5 people can access and make changes to anyone's individual information. For those who have phones, your contact information (name, address and phone numbers) is available to anyone who calls up simple search programs online – even for unlisted phone numbers. Portalbuzz is much more secure than any phone company information.

YMI's first contact attempt will always be by email for those who have email addresses in Portalbuzz. Members with email will be the first to receive that information. Those with a postal address may take more than a week if coming from overseas. If a member contact information is incorrectly listed sender will not know that the email or letter was delivered to the wrong person. It is up to the person who received the email/letter to send it back and that may not happen. That is why it is important that all contact information is kept up to date.

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