



Winter 2006

# The Bulletin Board

Newsletter of the Hawai'i Region of Y's Men International

## Important Dates:

### December:

1 AFS & DFS  
Payments Due  
25 Merry Christmas!

### January 2007:

1 Happy New Year!  
19: Welcome Dinner  
For MYM 07  
21 YMCA Sunday

### February:

15 Bulletin Board  
Articles due  
28 BF Fund and TOF  
Payments Due

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Kalihi

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Hilo

## SPREAD Y'SDOM!

Through:

Membership Development, Leadership Development, Publicity, Embracing Change

## Regional Director's Corner by Phil Sammer RD

Aloha!

Hard to believe six months have passed since our regional convention. It has been an active time across the state with all clubs planning and carrying out both existing and new projects. I have tried to visit all the clubs in the region but still have one or two more to see. I am really encouraged by the enthusiasm and dedication in this region from existing and new members alike. I especially enjoy seeing the young children of members and the energy and just plain fun they add to a meeting! It wakes us up and reminds us of the need to plan for the future of the movement because membership is still an area of concern. Some clubs have added members but our total reported paid count as of October 2006 was 139, down from 145 in April. This is a US Area as well as a regional problem and needs to be one of our main preoccupations. There are many sources of new members including the YMCA, church, friends and family.



The best way to attract them to Y'sdom is to invite them to an activity and get them interested in community or YMCA service. Many people want to help out but do not want to be tied down by meetings and organizational concerns. This is hard for us to accept sometimes but might be the only way to attract and retain new members. As we move into the new year I want to encourage all of you to think about becoming leaders at which ever level you feel comfortable. Let's stop recycling presidents (and RDs!) and begin developing the leadership that will take us into the next years and beyond. The survival of Y'sdom depends on it. I wish you all a Mele Kalikimaka and a prosperous, joyful Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

## Report on the RDE Training

I attended the RDE training in St. Louis, Missouri from November 9 to 12, 2006. All of the regions of the US Area were represented by either the RDE or the current RD. I have been to this training twice in the past including my first term as RDE in 2001. The meeting is conducted by the US Area ASD for Training with the help of the ISD for Training/Organizational Development and includes Area Canada. In addition to preparing you for the duties of the RD, the meeting also puts you in close contact with your "class" of RDs, that is, the Y's men and women who will be doing the RD job in their regions. To me, this interaction is the most valuable part of the training and worth the long trip to St. Louis because, during my year, I will be able to contact my "classmates" if I have any questions or concerns and will know that I have a friendly listener on the other end. I also get to know Y's men and women from around the country and expand my circle of Y'sdom beyond our region. I have often said that this is one of the greatest advantages and pleasures of being a Y's man!

## Regional Issues Update

Several issues were decided at the Mid Year Cabinet Meeting on October 14:

-The proposed Regional Procedures Manual was altered to become a guide to the regional constitution and bylaws as well as a compilation of many standard procedures that had never really been written down before. I think it will be a great help to all officers in the region and I would like to thank everyone who participated in its creation.

-The cabinet voted to approve the proposed 1 Swiss Franc increase in International Dues raising the annual assessment to 35 Swiss Francs (about \$29) effective July 2007.

-The Hawai'i Region will support the bid of the Pacific Southwest Region to host the International Convention in 2010. IHQ had requested that the US Area make a bid. Duties have not yet been determined but could involve helping with registration and other non site-specific responsibilities.

-The Hawai'i Region will host the mid year meeting of Y'smen International to be held at the 'Ilima Hotel in Waikiki from January 18 to January 25, 2007. This meeting is attended by the Area Presidents-elect and international officers and is used to discuss issues of importance to the movement and to train the incoming area presidents. The Region will host a welcome dinner at the Japanese Cultural Center in Honolulu on Friday January 19, 2007 at 7 PM (see Metro News page 4).

## Regional Service Reports

-RSD for Public Relations **Donna Schulze** continues to write and send articles about regional activities to local publications as well as to The Y's Alliance, newsletter of the US Area. She needs your kokua so please remember to send her a copy of your newsletter by *snail mail!*

-RSD for Brotherhood Fund **Phyllis Seto** has applied for a partial BF grant to attend the US Area Convention next year in Charleston. The value of the grant is \$600. These grants are open to all Y's men and women but often are not distributed for lack of applicants!

-Time of Fast announced at the International Convention that HIV/AIDS would be the Major Project for the fund. New projects for 2006-2007 include programs in Ethiopia, Togo, Czech Republic and India. There are also YMCA related projects in Bulgaria and India.

-Dollars For Scholars is another fund that often has no applicants. Any full or part time YMCA employee may apply for a grant to study any topic related to the YMCA. There is a need in the region to publicize this fund better at the YMCA level. RSD **Donna Jones** has more information and applications.

-Web Master **Russ Lynch** has brought the regional website up to date and will be happy to enter the names of new members or make any changes to the information about your club. His email address is [russlynch@mac.com](mailto:russlynch@mac.com).



The members of the Central and Kaimuki clubs welcomed **Hitoshi and Yuko Inoue** of the Kyoto Palace Club at a potluck dinner on November 15 at the Kaimuki YMCA.



Kalihi members build benches at YMCA Camp Erdman.



The teens of Nu'uuanu YMCA help out during the annual huluhuli chicken sale.

**Club Corner: Club and Member News From Around The Region****Kalihi: FYI**

**Camp Erdman Branch YMCA** has a dozen new benches to put around camp, thanks to the Kalihi Y's Men and Women's Club. Members spent about 5 hours painting and building the benches on Saturday, October 21. President Dan Takamatsu had spent two weekends and a week at home doing the prep work for the project. He purchased the lumber, cut, sanded and primed 108 pieces of 2x4x6 lumber. The Camp staff picked up the lumber and brought them to camp. Also helping with the preplanning were Eddie Miwa and Sunny Young. Dan and Ethel then came early Saturday morning to set up the saw horses and planks and put all of the cut and primed lumber on so the rest of the crew could paint the final coat. Ethel not only worked all day but also baked delicious cake and provided drinks for the workers.

**Windward: Windward Y'RE**

Hallo-Wine III, the third annual wine-tasting fund-raiser for the Windward YMCA on October 28, was an unqualified success and may have raised as much as \$10,000 for programs at our "Y." Much of the money came from the silent auction, a much anticipated part of the event. There were 125 people booked in advance for the occasion at the Mid-Pacific Country Club at \$45 a head. "Adding in sponsors and ticket sales at the door, we may well reach our goal of \$10,000," said **Bill Stone**, executive director of the YMCA.

**Nu'uano: Y's Up****GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM**

Thanks to the contributions to the Foodland Give Aloha program, our club received matching funds from Foodland \$500.70 and Western Union \$104.74 = \$605.44. In Addition we received contributions from friends and club members. Thank you all!

**Hilo: Y's Cracks****DID YOU KNOW?**

The Hilo Y's Men's Club was founded in 1922, and celebrated its charter night at the Seaside club on July 27, 1938. There were 25 Charter Members present, and at that time, according to the constitution of the International Association, 20 of them had to be under age 35. The Christmas tree sales began in 1950, under President Tomoo Okuyama. This year marks 56 years of tree sales, the profits of which are used to fund projects and to provide support for the Hilo YMCA. Membership reached a high of 74 members in the '60s, but this number has slowly been decreasing, until today our membership is 27. It behooves us all to recruit new and younger members to ensure that the legacy of the Hilo Y's Men's Club continues well into the future.

**Maui**

September 28 through October 1 was the annual Fair Parking Fundraiser. Club members worked about 70 hours over the 4 day event. Most assistance came from family and close friends of club members. We netted about \$4200 or about \$1500 more than last year.

**West O'ahu: Y's Words****MILILANI YMCA  
ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN '07**

Plans are currently being developed for the upcoming Annual Support Campaign to be held early next year. The leadership is busily organizing and asking volunteers to serve. So, I guess this is your request to support the Mililani YMCA by your continued commitment to be a worker in this annual project. A major item ... after much looking ... the 2007 campaign chair is ME(Bob Kuwahara)! So, I need to count on YOU for your help!!

**Kaimuki: Lima Hana****MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

Saturday, October 28th was Make a Difference Day, the national day of volunteerism, and a chance to do something good for the needy, the unfortunate and/or the community. This year, the Kaimuki Y's Men decided to tackle the graffiti located under the Kahala viaduct, including two concrete ditch areas. While the area seemed quite large, due to the constant efforts by others, the amount of graffiti was not that serious. Everyone in attendance agreed that a constant effort is needed to keep the graffiti manageable. Maybe this could become a regular project of the club and the YMCA teens.

**East Kaua'i: The Y's Informer**

The annual Koloa Walk/Run race got off to a "running" start on November 17, 2006. The Kauai Old Koloa Sugar Mill 5K, 10K and 10 mile Walk/Run took participants on a scenic race with views of the historic Koloa Sugar mill and Maha'ulepu coastline. Two of those participants were our Y's club members George and Donna Schulze. George who was still recovering from knee surgery strode along with his rolling cane while Donna faithfully accompanied him to the finish line. and in good spirits. The race was to benefit the Wilcox Health Foundation. It is always good to see our members participate in other good causes for the community.

**Central: The Y's Observer**

Club members were invited to attend a Mahalo cocktail party at the Waikiki Health Center in honor of our participation in the annual Back to School donation canister drive. **Reggie** and **Phil** were able to attend and enjoyed one pupu as well as receiving a thank you plaque. This was a very successful year for the Center thanks in great part to its collaboration with **Longs Drugs** and the **University Health Alliance**. We look forward to distributing canisters again next summer!

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**A Y's Word:**

"The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said".

*Peter F. Drucker*

*To acknowledge the duty  
that accompanies every  
right.*

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**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

[http://www.ysmen  
hawaii.org/](http://www.ysmenhawaii.org/)

## **Metro District News**

The 71st Regional Convention and 5<sup>th</sup> Brother Club Assembly will be held at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu from May 18 to 20, 2007 and continues to be the main preoccupation of the Metro District. The registration forms for both the convention and the brother club assembly were distributed at the regional cabinet meeting and should be returned to registrar **Bob Kuwahara** by March 31, 2007 at the latest. Bob is also polling the membership to find out what type of activities should be offered outside of the official meetings. Suggestions include a Pearl Harbor trip and a visit to the open market at Kapi'olani Community College. The district is also preparing for the Mid Year Meeting of Y'smen International that will take place from January 18 to 25, 2007 at the 'Ilima Hotel. A welcome dinner is planned for Friday January 19 at 7 PM at the Japanese Cultural Center in Mo'ilili. All Hawai'i Y's men and women are invited to attend and meet the leaders of the movement including IP **Choi Han Ki**, IPE **Lasse Bergstedt** and International Secretary General **Rolando Dalmas**. Cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Contact **Ray Seto** for information and reservations. Checks should be made out to Kaimuki Y's Men's Club.

## **OVG District News**

Jenny Yukimura reports that the East Kaua'i Y's Men's Club, in conjunction with several other Kaua'i organizations, is sponsoring a Peaceful Solutions essay contest for all Kaua'i high school students whether public, private or home schooled. The essay should be 500 to 700 words and deal with the student's peaceful solution to conflict, whether it be personal, island wide or international. The entry deadline is February 27, 2007. **Bobby Stivers** is the new Executive Director of the Waiakea Settlement YMCA in Hilo. Bobby came from the Kona Y and before that had a long and distinguished career with the YMCA of Honolulu.

## **US Area and International News**

The US Area convention will be held in Charleston, South Carolina from July 12 to 17, 2007. Registration cost will be \$285 per person which includes five meals as well as entertainment and a special dinner at Middleton Plantation. There are also four optional tours to choose from at \$35 each including a private guided tour of Fort Sumter where the Civil War began. Hotel cost is \$129 per room including a full breakfast. Each room is a suite with refrigerator and microwave oven. A registration form is attached to this copy of the *Bulletin Board*. IHQ reports that Asia and India continue to add clubs at a rapid rate. Recent additions are the Gaya and Kwangju SangRok clubs in Korea with 38 total members and the Karunagappally and Anikad Pathanamthitta clubs in India with a total of 30 members.

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