



*Ka Ho'olaha*

*Kanisehua*

*"...To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right..."*

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SECRETARY

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# Saints Preserve Us

The phrase "saints preserve us" is an Irish saying that refers to one asking for help by invoking saints of the church. Not only does this phrase align the upcoming holiday, St. Patrick's Day, but also, with the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawai'i's "Friend's Clothes Closet." The Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club will be collecting NEW, UNOPENED packages of underwear and socks to support this initiative and so we say to you, "saints preserve us and donate now!" Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## ... | President's Message | ...

### World Malaria Day

Coming soon, on April 25, is World Malaria Day. So, starting from April 1, Y's Men Clubs worldwide have activities during April that observe the "Roll Back Malaria" awareness and fundraising campaign. In the past we have contributed funds to the international effort, as well as done things locally like having a guest speaker and donating mosquito repellent wristbands to help homeless families who live in our island's forests. Although we do not have malaria locally, it is a similar problem of preventing disease from mosquitoes. So, bring up any creative ideas to fundraise for this important cause!

— Ken Okimoto, Club President

# Calendar

## March (*Malaki*)

- 08 Y's Business Meeting
- 11 QLG Clean-Up
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 22 Y's Program Meeting
- 25 Traven's Birthday

# Funny Kine Stuff...

WITH AUNTEH NANI KALANI KANANI

$\sqrt{-1}$   $2^3$   $\Sigma$   $\pi$   
...and it was delicious!

# Christian Emphasis

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

- Psalm 42:11

## ... | Y's Additions | ...



Aloha. My name is Patricia Dunn. I was born and raised in Hilo and retired from the Hawai'i County Elderly Activities in December 2014. I spent my weekends and summers in Kalapana with my grandparents. I have four sons and seven grandchildren. I have six siblings and I belong to many organizations and do a lot of volunteer work. The organizations I belong to are the Order of Eastern Star, HGEA Retirees, 'Akaka Falls Lions Club (Past President), Pāpa'ikou Senior Club (Vice-President), Big Island Senior Guard, and I also dance hula and am active with my church. Also, I'm involved with Meals on Wheels and Aunty Sally's Nutrition Program. In my spare time, I enjoy reading. I also enjoy being around people and I am excited to be a member of the Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club. (Pictured: Club President Ken and New Member Patricia)



## It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Lance and June Niimi who recently became grandparents with the newest addition to their (and our) Y's family, granddaughter Arden.



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Mr. Moon sang-bong of Yeosu, Korea, has been elected International President Elect for 2017-2018. Election results were announced at the Mid-Year International Y's Men meeting in Bangalore, India.

## U.S. Area NEWS



U.S. Area President Elect Tibor Foki will represent the U.S. Area at our Hawaii Region Convention on Kauai, May 5-7, 2017. Tibor, born in Hungary and came to the U.S. at the age of 11. In 1978, he became a charter member of the Long Beach Uptown Y's Men's Club and has held numerous positions including Regional Director for the Pacific Southwest Region. Tibor for many years has been the Y's Men's Supply Store Manager and joining him on Kauai will be his wife, Charl.

### U.S Area -Canada/Caribbean Area Convention August 4-7, 2017

Information and Registration is now available on the Hawaii Region Y Service Clubs website. Convention will be held at the Hampton Inn Tropicana Hotel.

## HAWAII REGION NEWS

### Hawai'i District

The Metro District held its meeting on February 4 and DG Albert Yee reminded clubs to register for the 81st Hawaii Region Convention. The Metro District is busy with YMCA Healthy Kids Day at Bishop Museum April 8; Peace Poster Contest and Camp Erdman service project.

### Hawai'i Region

One of the best Y Service Conventions in the U.S. Area will be held on the beautiful island of Kauai, May 5-7, 2017. The Hawaii Region plans and organizes purposeful conventions filled with educational leadership opportunities and fellowship activities for members, their families and guests from Hawaii, U.S. continent and Japan. Registration and Information is now available on the Hawaii Region Y Service Clubs website. E Ola Pū Kākou...Together, We Thrive.

### Hawai'i Convention

The Convention on Kāua'i is right around the corner and the current roster of Hilo Y's Men who will be attending the event are:

Ken Okimoto, Club President  
Lance Niimi, Club Treasurer  
Traven 'Āpiki  
Kea Calpito  
Chris Omerod  
Bobby Stivers-'Āpiki

## PARTNERSHIP NEWS - YMCA

Mark your calendar, **SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 YMCA Healthy Kids Day and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mother's Day Walk.** Healthy Kids Day is a family event that brings parents and their children to come out and have fun while learning about being healthy. There will be organizations with displays and resources, activities and games for the whole family. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mother's Day Walk will be on the new 1 mile Kapi'olani Street Extension. Fun activities along the walk and every mom will receive a special gift.