



ISAAC SAKAMOTO
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE!

As we begin to move into this holiday season, I pray for safety and good health for all. May blessings come your way to carry you through these challenging times.

Restrictions currently limit our ability to meet and gather in groups to conduct acts of service in person. However, that does not hinder us from staying involved when and where we are able.

This year, the club's annual **Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens** will not be able to be done in person. However, the club has decided to gift the residents of Kalanihua Community Center with small snack/goodie bags in lieu of dinner. Cheryl volunteered to spearhead this project so we can carry on the legacy of giving to these senior citizens for the past 50 years.

One of the bright lights that has come out of all of this, is the reliance on technology and this thing called Zoom. Through it, we can continue to see each other's wonderful faces, hear each other's voices, and it doesn't matter whether we're in different rooms in the same house, our own separate homes, or across the ocean in another land. Because of these **Zoom** connections, we can continue to hold club business meetings, and attend Metro District and Hawaii Region meetings. The added blessing is we are also able to spend some quality time in face-to-face conversations with our Brother Club members from the Y's Men's Club of Osaka Centennial! We would never have even thought of doing this in pre-pandemic times.

Since we are not having a Christmas party this year, **PLEASE JOIN US** at our **NEXT CLUB MEETING** on **Monday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**. This will be a "brief meeting" with some agenda items. The main focus of this **special** meeting is to see **and hear each other** and "talk story" a bit to send us off into the Christmas season and wishing/praying for each other good health and for a very Happy New Year! **The Meeting ID is 829 1109 9823; Passcode: 917047**. An invitation will be sent via email as well prior to the meeting.

Our next **OSAKA-NUUANU** joint meeting is planned for Japan time Saturday, December 19th at 13:30, Hawaii time Friday, the 18th at 7:30 p.m. The Osaka club has a Hawaiian Band led by Mitsuo Shibata, and they play the Y's Men Hymn and Kaimana Hila, a Hawaiian song composed in 1916 by Charles E. King. Kaimana Hila means Diamond Head. Wikipedia states the song is extremely popular in Japan because of the imagery of Diamond Head from Waikiki in Honolulu, one of the Japanese people's most popular tourist destinations in Hawaii. The Osaka club also has an ad hoc Hula Dance team made up of female members from several other clubs who will dance the hula.

Everyone, I am repeating what I recently wrote to you. I am so blessed to have all of you, to be part of this club, this organization, so willing and able to make things happen for others. It is truly a joy to see and experience. Our purpose shines brightly...

"To be a worldwide fellowship of men and women of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and with common loyalty to the YMCA, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all mankind."

Happy Thanksgiving all! Again, our next online business meeting is Monday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. Join in, everyone!

Grateful ... oh so grateful,

Isaac

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Chartered May 29, 1964

Brother Clubs

Y's Men's Club of Osaka Centennial
Y's Men's Club of Bauhinia

HAWAII REGION EMPHASIS

November Emphasis is Brotherhood Fund (BF), led by RSD Celine Allouchery (Nuuanu)

December Emphasis is Christian Emphasis (CE), led by RSD Isaac Sakamoto (Nuuanu)

Goodie Bags for Thanksgiving

By Cheryl Dacus

This year, due to the current situation with the pandemic, our club decided to cancel the annual Thanksgiving dinner (held for the last 40+ years) and instead give a goodie bag to all the residents of Kalanihuia housing, located in Honolulu.

My husband Chris, along with a small group of volunteers (Loke, Daisy and Alan) helped to assemble 150 goodie bags comprised of chips, cookies, gummies, a *Generation* magazine and a cute piggy bank donated by DTRIC Insurance, and hand sanitizer and cookies donated by Foodland.

All the goodies were placed in a bright green bag and delivered to each resident by the housing staff. Although this was a fun project, we hope to continue the club's tradition of having an annual Thanksgiving dinner for the residents next year.



Items in the goodie bags:
A Generation magazine &
lots of treats & sweets!



Chris, Loke, Daisy and Alan help
to assemble the goodie bags



150 bags/boxes were delivered
for distribution

The BROTHERHOOD FUND

Contributed by Celine Allouchery, RSD BF



Founded in 1932, the Brotherhood Fund's initial purpose was to promote our movement outside North America and to enable Y's Men from other areas to attend International Conventions. Over time, its purpose expanded to strengthen the brotherhood of Y's Men throughout the world and help Y's Men to attend Area and Regional Conventions in distant Regions.

2020 certainly has been an unprecedented year with all its challenges. Yet it is in these times of crisis and uncertainty that we see miracles happen when people come together.

Despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, funds will still be awarded and used, when traveling will be permitted, noting that every approved grant will be honored!

Clubs are invited to consider to find alternative and innovative ways to promote the objectives of BF within the confines of the "new normal" – cross cultural experience, international volunteerism, mentorship, member fellowship and leadership development.

The PAUL WILLIAMS ALEXANDER LEGACY FUND

LEGACY INITIATIVES

The Paul William Alexander Legacy Task Force was established in 2018 by then IP Moon Sang-bong. The intent was to explore and determine ways by which to honor our founder, Paul William Alexander before our 100th Anniversary in 2022.

SIX TRACKS ACTION PLANS

- Installation of a headstone for the unmarked grave of Paul William Alexander in Toledo Woodlawn Cemetery. **COMPLETED.**
 - The naming of a Toledo public park after Paul William Alexander by the Toledo City. **COMPLETED.**
 - Purchase of International Headquarters Office (IHQ) office space, preferably in a building to be shared with the World Alliance of YMCAs in Geneva in a joint property venture.
 - Digitalization of Legacy archives and the creation of an online museum.
 - Establishment of a Y's Men Legacy Wall at the YMCA Greater Toledo.
- Establishment of a new international service project in the name of our founder.

GOAL: \$1,000,000
U.S. AREA \$50,000

Recommended Minimum
Contributions

Area Clubs: \$100 And More.

Members: \$30 And More One Time or Three Payments of \$10 and More.

To donate, please visit: <https://yserviceclubsusa.org/paul-william-alexander-legacy-fund/>



Dear our Brother club friends in Hawaii,

Attached is a photo of our Osaka YMCA IHS class students wearing face masks which you kindly sent us. We shared your gifts with our YMCA students. They are quite happy wearing those masks. We now see further increase of Covid-19 virus spreading in Osaka as we approach winter time here.

We are very much worried about the infection spreading among students. There is a strong demand for the masks.

We are therefore quite pleased to share those masks with the Osaka Y students. Please pass once again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness to your club members.

With best wishes,
Kan Tanikawa

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Courtesy of my friend Randall Lim



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS



God is in Control

In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

~ Job 12:10

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS from our last club meeting:

- * Thank you to everyone who made donations and gave your support to the Nuuanu club through the Foodland Give Aloha program!
- * The club will be making a \$120 contribution to the Golden Book honoring most well-deserved, club member **WES NAKAMURA**. More to come!

YMCA NEWS

The best way to stay connected with what's going on with the YMCA across the island, is to connect to their website: <https://www.ymcahonolulu.org/about/news>. YMCA of Honolulu schedules, how to make reservations, current COVID-19 rules, etc. can all be found there!

METRO DISTRICT NEWS

A Metro District Meeting was held on Saturday, November 14th, following the Mid-Year Regional Cabinet Meeting via Zoom, led by DG Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida. The Week4Waste Clean Up Project was one of the items discussed. The next Metro District Meeting is tentatively planned for January 2021.

HAWAII REGION NEWS

- The Hawaii Region's BIDFS (Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars Fund) fee for 2020-2021 will be voluntary this year in light of hardships being experienced due to COVID19.
- A Mid-Year Regional Cabinet Meeting was held on Saturday, November 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, led by RD Sharon Ishida.
- The 84th Hawaii Region Convention is scheduled for Friday, May 28—Sunday, May 30, 2021, led by Albert Lee (Nuuanu) and Eddie Miwa (Kalihi).

US AREA NEWS



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

The 2022 International Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA from 11-14 August, 2022.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dear Y's Men all over the world,

Our IP, Jacob Kristensen, has chosen a project for the coming year and hopefully all clubs will follow up on that and also think about it in the near future, too.

The aim of the project **Week4Waste** ([link](#)) is to make the world greener by picking up waste in your surroundings...



Go out now in small groups and motivate all Y's Men in your club to be ready for **Week4Waste in April 2021**.

Please set up a date from **18-24 April** where you are on the streets, in parks, along rivers and beaches to pick up garbage. My hope is that more and more Y's Men will be active - maybe together with friends, scouts, school students. etc.

Week4Waste Waistcoats

We are in the period of the "100 Days Membership Campaign" but I already want you to be active now. Show your face and wear a waistcoat with our logo.

Regions are invited to order specially manufactured, high-visibility, safety waistcoats with our logo for 5 Swiss francs each, including shipping. The waistcoats come in one size.

If you would like to order waistcoats for your club, **contact your Regional Director**. Any Region placing an order before 27 November 2020 will receive five waistcoats free of charge.

Let's together build a better tomorrow and make this world a better place to live!!

Ulrik Lauridsen Chairman for Week4Waste

