



# Y's Words

Hawaii Region

Newsletter of the West Oahu Y's Men's Club

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 11** BUSINESS MEETING  
 Mililani YMCA  
 7:00 pm
- Jul 9** BUSINESS MEETING  
 Mililani YMCA  
 7:00 pm
- Jul 20** MILILANI YMCA SUMMER FAIR  
 Mililani YMCA  
 12 noon setup  
 1:30—6:30 pm  
 Followed by cleanup

## WALTER OSAKODA, PRESIDENT

Walter Osakoda takes over the helm of our little ship, the West Oahu Y's Men's Club. We can expect much of the same, and maybe a little of a new!

So we will give him a respite to plan his administration and year.

Good Luck, Walter!



## CONVENTION WRAP-UP

The 71st Hawaiian Region Convention was held at the Pagoda Hotel from Friday, May 18th to Sunday, May 20th.

With some 98 in attendance, the convention program went very well.

Highlights of the event:

- ☉ WINDWARD Y'S MEN named Outstanding Club of the Year.
- ☉ LANCE NIIMI of Hilo and MARION LIU of Windward named Outstanding Presidents for the Year.
- ☉ A quick paced business session, that provided
  - RICK LAU elected regional director elect
  - Adoption of the Regional Guidelines, that in discussion presented it has guidelines that may or may not be followed
  - MAUI Club/Orchid-Valley-Garden District extended bid to host convention, with the support (literally) of all clubs in the region. (If goes well, might result in adoption of Phil Sammer's discussion piece regarding having the region be responsible for the convention)
- ☉ Attendance of 20 visiting Y's Men and spouses from Japan including 10 from the Osaka Centennial Y's Men (brother club to Nuuanu Y's Men)

This was the first convention in many years that provided an optional activities selection, rather one mainstream program. There were a few takers, any maybe it will cause more interest to the borderline member and not-so-interested spouse to attend. A direction more for the fellowship and enjoyment of a vacation format, rather than the rigidity of the a "business conference", and with more input from attendees at the next convention, we may see a, hopefully, swell in attendance.

On to Maui!

## RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to:

**KATHY ISHIMOTO**, current perennial Mililani Board of Managers Chair, and the West Oahu Y's Men's Club received the **HERO Award** by the YMCA of Honolulu!

**MARION LIU**, of Windward Y and the Windward Y's Men's Club, received the **HERO Award** by the YMCA of Honolulu!

**DONNA SCHULZE**, of East Kauai Y's Men, receiving the **Boots Faubian Award**, presented by the US Area to a full-time or retired YMCA professional in recognition of outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to Y's dom. The award includes airfare, registration and hotel stay at the US Area Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

### NEW OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

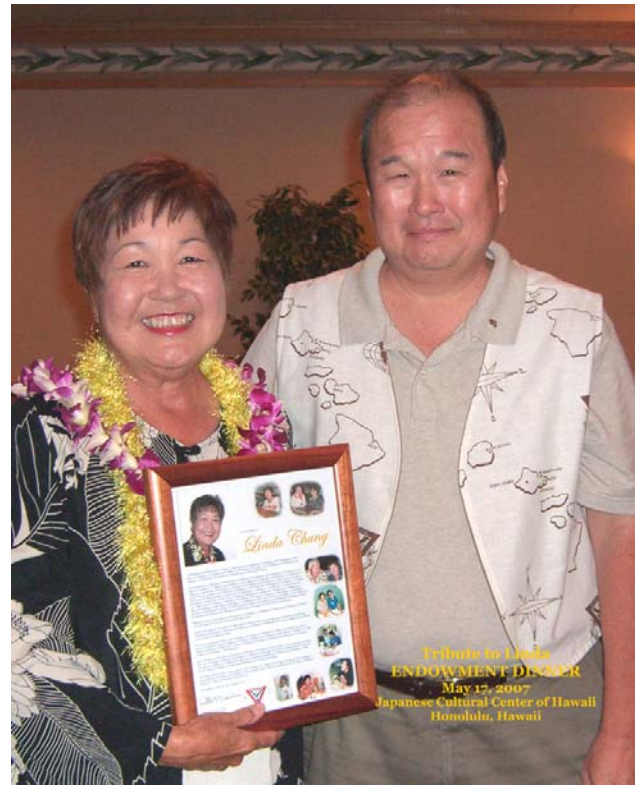
We will have a new slate of officers for 2007-2008! They are:  
WALTER OSAKODA, president  
JEANETTE NAKANO-KUWAHARA, vice president  
LINDA CHUNG, secretary  
KATHY ISHIMOTO, treasurer

Congratulations! We look forward to a great year!

### ENDOWMENT TRIBUTE

At the Endowment Dinner held on Thursday, May 17th at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, LINDA CHUNG was presented with a living tribute for her dedicated service to the Y's Men's Movement and community.

On hand to celebrate from the West Oahu Y's Men were WALTER and DOROTHY OSAKODA, BOB and JEANETTE KUWAHARA, and DUKE CHUNG.



← FRIENDSHIPS are renewed at the Convention! ... JIMMY KANEHIRA (who won the Convention Golf Tournament) and OSAMU SHOJI.

CONVENTION'S OPTIONAL ACTIVITY to Moanalua Gardens to see the Hitachi Tree (in background), then off for some shopping at the Waikele Premium Outlets.

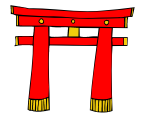


## Convention Tour 'A'

Hitachi Tree



## JAPAN 2007



Tentative Departure:  
**September 27th**  
Tentative Return:  
**October 10th**

We received a proposed schedule while in Hiroshima from the Hiroshima Y's Men, and we will follow their recommendations.

Additionally, at the Convention, MAURICE discussed the plusses and minuses of our visit in the Kyoto area, and got brother club members SAM FUJIWARA, KOSEI WATANABE and Dr. TAKAYUKI NAKAMURA to help with a day's tour of something different than the commercial tours.

We have eleven signed up: DUKE & LINDA CHUNG, WALTER & DOROTHY OSAKODA, JEAN MATSUDA and friend, BOB & JEANETTE KUWAHARA, and MARJORY NAKANISHI.

So there is excitement and anticipation in the air ... almost like Christmas ... as we get closer to our departure date!