



Y's Words

Hawaii Region

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

**NEXT MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 10TH**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 10 BUSINESS MEETING
Duke & Linda Chung's
6:30 pm

Sep 27 JAPAN 2007
Club group tour to Tokyo—
Kyoto-Hiroshima-Osaka

Oct 10

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JAPAN 2007 FIRST BROTHER CLUB VISITATION BY US!

Our Brother Club visitation to Hiroshima is fast approaching, as well as our September 27 to October 10 tour of Japan, with members WALTER & wife DOROTHY OSAKODA, BOB & JEANETTE KUWAHARA, DUKE & LINDA CHUNG, JEAN MATSUDA & guest JAN SANDUSKY, former member but still helping us with projects TRUDY & husband DAN ZUKEMURA are busy preparing for the trip.

Our club gift to the Hiroshima Club will be a beautiful Milo wood Bowl. We are also preparing gift bags for the Hiroshima Club Members and also for the Kyoto Y's Men who volunteered to show us around Kyoto on our free day.

DOROTHY & I, BOB & JEANETTE and DUKE & LINDA will be attending the Kyoto Y's Men Joint Meeting on October 3rd.

We are grateful to LARRY & MAE HIRANAKA, of the Nuuanu Club, who have made numerous Japan trips and have been attending our planning meetings to advise us on protocol and giving us hints re catching the train, shopping etc. We also appreciate all the help from MAURICE SHIMONISHI, MSStravelperks and Nuuanu Club member, who is our travel agent for the trip.

SPECIAL DUES ASSESSMENT ... NO FUNDRAISER!

At our August 13th meeting we discussed fundraising ideas but couldn't find one that we felt would be great so we reviewed members participation in fundraising over the past several years and discovered with few exceptions most of the members did the minimum. With this information we voted to access each member \$50 in lieu of a fundraiser for this year. Our treasurer is very low and I would appreciate it if each member will mail a check for \$100.00 (\$50 dues & \$50 assessment) to treasurer Dr. Kathy Ishimoto, 94-748 Hikimoe St. Suite C, Waipahu Hi 96797. If you have any questions please call me at 753-5051.

NEW CLUB SHIRTS BEING PLANNED



We are looking into new club shirts ... very nice with an embroidered logo (above).

Shirts may be ordered. We are planning to purchase the shirts for \$25. You can also provide your own shirts, and the logo can be embroidered for approximately \$5.

I guess you can call the shirt — our formal wear, with the over-washed(?) blues our work shirts???

Orders may be sent to Bob Kuwahara at kuwaharar002@hawaii.rr.com or call 206-7251. Please provide quantity and size, with sizes being a little roomier (Cross Creek Brand).

JAPAN 2007 ITINERARY

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| Sep 27 | Depart Honolulu
8:30 am | . Met at station by
Hiroshima Y's Men |
| Sep 28 | Arrive Narita Airport
11:40 am
. Check in to hotel
Le Meridian Pacific Tokyo
. On own | . Peace Memorial
. Get together at YMCA
. Accommodations at
Pacific Century 21 Hotel |
| Sep 29 | Grand Tokyo Tour | Oct 7 Miyajima Island with
Hiroshima Y's Men |
| Sep 30 | Nikko & Kegon Waterfall | Oct 8 Tour with Hiroshima Y's Men |
| Oct 1 | Kamakura Walking Tour | Oct 9 Hiroshima-Osaka travel
. Accommodations at
Hotel Granvia Osaka |
| Oct 2 | Tokyo-Mt Fuji—Hakone travel
Evening accommodations at
Kajikaso Ryokan | Oct 10 Half Day Tour
Depart Osaka Kansai Airport
HOME 10:30 am |
| Oct 3 | Hakone-Kyoto travel
. New Miyako Kyoto Hotel
. Dinner with Kyoto Y's Men's
Clubs | |
| Oct 4 | Kyoto Nara Tour | |
| Oct 5 | Special Tour with Y's Men
Sam Fujiwara
Kosei Watanabe
Shinjiro Mori | |
| Oct 6 | Kyoto-Hiroshima travel | |



(Boy!, we really have a full schedule ... hopes no one misses the plane!)

UPPER ORGANIZATION EVENTS & NOTICES

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Herning, Denmark
July 31 - August 3, 2008

Yokohama, Japan
2010

YMCA of HONOLULU

KRISTY PAUL, recent branch exec at Kaimuki, will be leaving for the mainland.

Also, Leeward YMCA is looking for a branch exec!

Time of Fast Report

From Phil Chun, Regional Service Director

"Time of Fast" is the Y's Men's International Program which supports Community Development and Family Involvement all over the World in more than 60 countries. This is one of the best ways the Y's Men and Women can support International development.

Projects originate from local YMCAs and Y's men's Clubs who know the needs of the local community and can put the funds to the wisest use. Local YMCAs administer the projects, with only a small percentage of the donations going to administrative expenses.

This global program recognizes that both poverty stricken and developed countries have communities in need of help. Part of the "Time of Fast" fund raising program calls for the Y's Men and Women donors to give up at least one meal so that they can identify with the everyday life of the poor and needy.

While there are times when things go wrong in the projects funded, many good things happen too. A community center equipped with job training tools transformed a whole slum community with dirt tracks and a once-a-day bus service into a thriving town provided with electricity, water, sewage treatment and properly maintained streets. Other projects just quietly continue to provide the elderly poor with shelter and enough to help feed their families. Still others help countries change derelict buildings into new YMCAs that bring hope into depressed communities. Young people adopt a rural school of 1400 students and provide it with its first running water and separate toilets for boys and girls.

And when disaster strikes, the International President's Discretionary Fund can be used to ensure that relief money goes quickly where it is needed.

2008 HAWAII REGION CONVENTION PLANNING

The Hawaii Region Convention Planning committee met on Saturday, August 4th at the Ilima Hotel. After Maui's reluctant acceptance to host the convention and plea for assistance, all the clubs in the region will be assisting with the convention.

The big news ... forget Maui Beach Hotel ... next year, its **ROYAL LAHAINA RESORT!** (a 5star ... maybe 4 1/2star ... hotel). Price for the room will be \$175 + tax per night.

Other items of interest ...

- ☺ DEBBIE REDMOND, the U. S. Area Secretary, will be the Area Representative
- ☺ AUCTION ITEMS REQUESTED will be from the clubs. An allocation of 1 auction item for each 4 members (to keep the items down). These items should be a minimum of \$20 each. Door and lucky number items are also requested and should be a minimum of \$2.
- ☺ TRANSPORTATION will NOT be provided. Clubs are asked to coordinate among your members attending. Information on shuttles and other services will be made available.
- ☺ PROFITS TO REGION! This will be a test year of an all region planned convention. Any profits will go to the region. This will help to reduce the annual regional assessment (so all members and clubs in the region save!).
- ☺ CLUB ASSIGNMENTS have been made.

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

CENTRAL	PROGRAM
EAST KAUAI	
HILO	HOSPITALITY
KAIMUKI	AUCTION
KALIHI	BOOKLET
MAUI	SUNDAY SER
	VICE
NUUANU	GOODIE BAGS