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Y's Words

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



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Membership

April 1, 2007 12
Losses 2
Current Roster 10

Newsletter of the
West Oahu Y's Men's Club
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Brother Club Affiliation with
HIROSHIMA Y'S MEN'S CLUB

CALENDAR

January 14th
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

Duke & Linda Chung's
7:00 pm

Upcoming ... but no
specific dates ...

Mililani YMCA
Annual Support
Campaign



Walter and Hiroshima Y's Men's Club
President Yuki Hayashi make toast

Zippy's. After dinner we drove through the
"Honolulu City Lights" before returning them to
the Embassy Suites.

We were fortunate to have Hiroshi and
Yoshiko participate at our West Oahu Y's Men
Christmas Party at Chai's Bistro on Monday
December 17th. We were also fortunate to have
our Nuuanu Y's Men friends Larry and Mae
Hiranaka and Steve and Susan Wong join us
once again. Our members participating were:
Walter & Dorothy and daughter Eileen, Bob &
Jeanette, Duke & Linda, Kathy and Derwin and
former member Trudy and husband Dan Zuke-
mura. If you missed this event you missed a
great party!

As we start the new year we really need everyone to help recruit new members for our
club as we have lost two of our members. Merle has moved to Hawaii Kai and Shin has left
the YMCA.

Our next meeting will be held at Duke and Linda Chung's home at 7:00 pm on Monday,
January 14th. I am encouraging everyone to attend this meeting to help plan our activities
for 2008.

Finally, the Hawaii Region Convention is quickly approaching. Although the registra-
tion forms have not come out as yet, expect rooms to run about \$200 per night (double occu-
pancy) plus a five meal package of \$140. This year, attendees are expected to have their
own transportation, so plan ... and plan early.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Year
Celebration.

Bob and Jeanette and Dorothy and I were fortunate to
host Hiroshi, Kyoto Prince Y's Men Club President, and
wife Yoshiko and their friends Mr. & Mrs. Nishimura for
dinner at Kincaid's Restaurant on Friday, December
14th. Bob & Jeanette had taken Hiroshi and Yoshiko on
a tour during the day, I met them for lunch at Pearl City



Hirokazu and Mikiko Nishimura of the Kyoto Y's Men's
Club, Hiroshi and Yoshiko Nishimura of the Kyoto Prince
Y's Men's Club, Jeanette and Dorothy

Y'S MEN FROM JAPAN



JEANETTE and BOB were the tour guides for HIROSHI and YOSHIKO NISHIMURA of the Kyoto Prince Y's Men's Club during their brief stay in Hawaii in mid December. Hiroshi is the president of their club, whose roster includes KOSEI WATANABE and SHINJIRO MORI, who attended our last Hawaii Region Convention at the Pogoda Hotel and who graciously were our tour guides (along with SAM FUJIWARA of the Osaka Centennial Y's Men's Club) during our visit to Kyoto in October.

The tour was one most frequented by the "tourists". We took them to Kapiolani Park then "into" and "up" Diamond Head Crater (see picture as evidence of our achievement). But boy, I don't recall all those steps the last time I was up there! (They must have added some.)

Then we were off to the lookout at Punchbowl (and I thought we could drive up to the parking lot) ... I guess I haven't been there for a long time, also!

Then, just in time for lunch ... where else but ... ZIPPY'S ... for some local cooking. But this was a special Zippy's ... one that served SUSHI ... and that is the Pearl City Zippy's, where we met up with WALTER OSAKODA. The Nishimura's tried the Hawaii sushi ... and graciously said the Sushi was good! Good ol' Zippy's ... still the same.

Going back into town and their hotel, we detoured to the Pali Lookout ... and again, I was amazed by the changes. The site was extremely windy that day ... so the experience will be remembered by the Nishimuras. Then a slight detour for some pix of Iolani Palace and King Kamehameha statute, and back to their hotel in Waikiki so they could rest a little before WALTER's arrival to pick them up.

(I guess I need to review all the "tourist" sites for then next "tourists" to come into town.)

UPPER ORGANIZATION EVENTS & NOTICES

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Herning, Denmark
July 31 - August 3, 2008

Yokohama, Japan
2010

YMCA of HONOLULU

The YMCA of Honolulu appears to have a staffing concern. We reported the departure of not-too-long-ago appointed branch exec Kristi Paul from the Kaimuki and the branch exec from the Leeward Branch.

Since then, Millani Y exec Shin Domen has departed and Metro CFO Glenn Tsugawa has also left. Maile Kanemaru will be going back to Weed and Seed program after heading Central for several years. Nuuanu's Michael Doss has moved to head the Leeward branch, and several new branch execs will be getting their orientation at Kaimuki, Nuuanu and Central branches.

EDITOR'S NOTE

After not having done a newsletter since October? I have lost my understanding of the new software I had used in the last issue. So, I have returned to MS Publisher for the time being.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Our sympathies to the families of
KEN ARATANI
GEORGE SCHULZE
LESLIE WUNG

GEORGE was a member of the East Kauai club, while KEN and LESLIE were members of the Hilo club. All served over 30 years. They will be missed!