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



Chartered: January 14, 1984

Membership

April 1, 2007 12
Losses 4
Current Roster 8

Newsletter of the
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Brother Club Affiliation with
HIROSHIMA Y'S MEN'S CLUB

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Walter Osakoda

DINNER MEETING

At our February meeting, we decided to restart our Time of Fast Dinner, and with Duke still recuperating, we will have this at our March meeting ... March 17th ... St. Patrick's Day! ... at the Chung's. We will begin at 6:30 pm or when most of the food arrives, whichever comes first. Sorry no corned beef ... but Korean Kal Bi beef is the main dish. So come!!

DINNER FOR VISITING OSAKA Y'S MEN

Bob and Jeanette and Dorothy and I joined the Nuuanu Y's Men's Club for a welcome dinner for their Osaka Centennial Brother Club President **TETSURO SAKAMOTO** and wife **CHIHARU** at Makino Chaya at Aloha Tower Market Place on Jan. 28, 2008. We had met the Sakamoto's on our trip to Kyoto and were very happy to see them again. There was great food and fellowship.

Then the four of us joined the Nuuanu Y's Men's Club for a dinner for their Osaka Centennial Brother Club member **SAM FUJIWARA** and his three golf buddies at Hee Hing Chinese Restaurant on March 6th. SAM organized and directed our tour of Kyoto while we were there. The four were college-mates some 50 years ago and have continued to renew their friendships and golfing skills! →



We thank the Nuuanu Y's Men for allowing us to participate in these great events.

MILILANI YMCA ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

The Mililani YMCA Kicked Off their 2008 Annual Support Campaign on Feb. 5 at the Mililani YMCA and we were asked to prepare the food for this event. I called Jeanette and asked her to plan the menu and she came up with Kalua Pork/Turkey, toss salad, veggie platter, buns, rice and desert. The change of menu from our past chopped steak and chicken was initiated due to the lack of "Duke"-power this year. She pre-

CALENDAR

March 17th (Monday) BUSINESS MEETING

Duke & Linda Chung's
6:30 pm
Our Time of Fast Dinner

March 29th (Saturday) METRO DISTRICT

Annual Conference
More info to follow

May 16th—18th HAWAII REGION CONVENTION

Royal Lahaina Resort
Registration forms are
out and yours probably
has not been completed.

pared the Kalua Port/Turkey and desert and she and Bob would pick up the salad, veggie platter and buns. I volunteered to cook the rice. However on Sunday, February 3rd, I came down with a gastrointestinal flu and had to call Judy Kuwabara, Dennis's wife, to help me out by taking over my assignment which she agreed to do without any hesitation. I wasn't able to attend the kick off but called Bob on Wednesday and he said everything went according to plan. THANK YOU JEANETTE, BOB AND JUDY!

(I'm happy to report that this flu bug that's going around takes about 4 days, the 1st 2 are a killer, to pass through your body so I'm doing OK.)

Under the Campaign Chairpersonship of KATHY ISHIMOTO, the branch surpassed its goal of \$33,000 to \$42,220 and still working on cleanup. The Y's Men provided a substantial part of the pledges with \$13,470.

HAWAII REGION CONVENTION

Time is getting short to commit to going to the convention on Maui. The registration forms are out and due by

Thus far, we have only WALTER and BOB signed up.

MEMBERSHIP

Our club has had a major change in membership with the withdrawal of KEN ASATO and CHESTER OBARA, in addition to SHIN DOMEN and MERLE IWAMASA who withdrew only a few month earlier.

With only eight roster members, we will need to re-think our recruitment and retention ideas with the hope of increasing our membership base.

This year has not been a good

year for the Y's Men in Hawaii. We have lost key individuals in support of our clubs. Gone are GEORGE SCHULZE from East Kauai, KEN ARATANI and LESLIE WUNG of Hilo, ELAINE TAMASAKA of Maui, and KEN LING of Windward. Their years of service total over 200 years.

This dedication cannot be immediately replaced. Hopefully, over time our new members will be instilled in commitment to our organization and YMCA.

UPPER ORGANIZATION EVENTS & NOTICES

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Herning, Denmark
July 31 - August 3, 2008

Yokohama, Japan
2010

US AREA

CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL SAMMER!

PHIL has won the election for AREA PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2008-2010. He will then serve as AREA PRESIDENT from 2010-2012.

MILILANI YMCA

With the departure of SHIN DOMEN as branch exec in December, the branch is in a musical chairs mode at the top ... MONICA GRANT is the boss three days a week and MAILE KANEMARU is the boss two days a week.

This is expected to last a three or four months, which makes the transition to a full time exec about due.

West Oahu's next project for the Y will be the Y Summer Fun Fair on July 18th. So save the date!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHIES



Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Elaine Tamasaka and Ken Ling.

KEN LING was a dedicated member of the Windward Y's Men's Club and dedicated his life to the youth of our community.

ELAINE TAMASAKA was not a member on the roster of Maui Y's Men, but helped Fred in so many ways. Her absence will be greatly missed by Fred and the Maui Y's Men's Club.

