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



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Membership

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Walter Osakoda

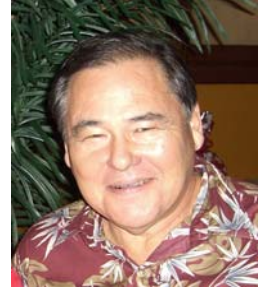
Thank You to all of our members, family and friends who all pitched in to make our Mililani YMCA Family Fair food booth project a success on July 18, 2008.

The first planning meeting for the 73rd Hawaii Region Convention was held on July 12 at the Kalihi YMCA. I, convention chair, along with Bob and Duke and Linda participated. This was a brainstorming meeting to :

1. consider possible site for convention
2. consider ways to make our regional convention more appealing to the non delegate club members/families

We will be asking all clubs/members to share their ideas on how to make the convention more appealing.

New member and Mililani YMCA Branch Exec Jen Townsend has requested our club to install some chain link fencing to subdivide the area back of classroom building to provide separate play areas for the young children. This is a project that we can do and I will be meeting with Jen on the specifics.



METRO DISTRICT MEETING

The first Metro District meeting for the current year was held at the Kalihi YMCA on Wednesday, June 25th. Bento dinner was served. The meeting served as an organizational meeting. DG PHIL CHUN (Kalihi Y's Men) outlined his direction for the district this year. He propose

- ☺ a meeting with the Branch Execs of the YMCA of Honolulu regarding our Y's Men, to gather their support in possible extension
- ☺ joint socials and work projects to bring club members closer together
- ☺ Develop a program to recognize our members
- ☺ Develop better identity awareness for the Y's Men

Future meetings scheduled will be on

1. October 22, hosted by Kaimuki
2. November 15th before the Regional MidYear Cabinet meeting
3. January 28, hosted by Central
4. March 25, hosted by Windward (serve as district conference)

Lt. DG and Convention Chair WALTER OSAKODA will be creating a brainstorming meeting to discuss the planning for the upcoming regional convention, tentatively set for May 15—17. Logistical requirements for the convention include 20—30 rooms, catering for four meals, and availability of meeting rooms, and a hospitality room.

CALENDAR

August 11th (Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

At the Chungs
7 pm

September 8th
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

TBA

November 15th
(Saturday)
HAWAII REGION
MIDYEAR CABINET
MEETING

MILILANI YMCA SUMMER FUN FAIR

The West Oahu Y's Men again manned the food booth at the annual Mililani YMCA Summer Fun Fair on Friday, July 18th. Except for DUKE CHUNG (who is still recuperating), we had all our members present during the activity ... plus a whole bunch of friends and family. On hand to help were WALTER OSAKODA, JEANETTE & BOB KUWAHARA, LINDA CHUNG, KATHY & KIMBERLY ISHIMOTO, KIM'S friends JUSTIN FUJIKAWA, KEVIN OKUMURA & NAOMI ?, DENNIS & SUSAN KUWABARA, JEAN MATSUDA, MAILE KANEMARU, JEN TOWNSEND, Jeanette's friends PAT ONAKA, ALICE MORIOKA, EVELYN HONDA, and Bob friend PETER OTANI.

This year we had two changes ... 1) Our primary menu changed. In prior year's the primary entrée was BBQ chicken. But because of DUKE's incapacity, JEANETTE decided to change to Kalua pork/turkey. The rest of the menu was the same ... Chili, Hot Dogs, Andagi, Andadogs, drinks.

2) The net has been redirect to our club. In prior year's the net went to the Y's Scholarship program. However, our club has lacked a fundraising project, and we agreed that the proceeds would go to our club's treasury. After expenses we netted \$447.72.



UPPER ORGANIZATION EVENTS & NOTICES

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Herning, Denmark
July 31 - August 3, 2008

Yokohama, Japan
2010



Above: Jeanette & Kathy Ishimoto
Left: Maile Kanemaru & Jean Matsuda
Center: Dennis Kuwabara & Walter Osakoda

She's working on the railroad IN CANADA
... maybe its affecting her golf swing?

CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

The first planning meeting for the upcoming Hawaii Region Convention was called to order by chair WALTER OSAKODA on Saturday, July 12th at the Kalihi YMCA.

It was an interesting meeting that brought various ideas for discussion, including:

- ✎ Extending the days from two to three to provide a better ACADEMY (possibly beginning the Academy on Thursday, followed by the convention on Friday)
- ✎ Use of Ilima Hotel for rooms, and possibly hospitality, and smaller meetings
- ✎ Look at other venues for meals and convention business sessions
- ✎ Want greater participating by members

