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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Walter Osakoda

For those who missed our rescheduled Sept. 29 meeting at the Mililani YMCA please note that this was a combined September/October meeting so our next meeting will be on November 10th at the Mililani YMCA beginning at 7 pm. You also missed meeting our newest member **Alissa Taniguchi** who is a Program Director at the Mililani Branch. Actually many of you know her because she has been at the branch for 13 years. You also missed seeing Duke getting around really well using his walker. Our September meeting was held at the YMCA because Duke told me we didn't have to meet at their home because he has little trouble getting around. Many thanks to Duke and Linda and family for hosting our meetings at their home so that they could more easily participate.



You should all have received the minutes from our September 29th club meeting, I think Linda is trying to prove she is getting the Secretary's job right because she really wants to give this up for another club position. Notice that we have finally worked on our club calendar for 2008-2009 (Nov- YMCA fencing project; Dec-"Adopt a Family/Lokahi" project with Y Staff and Board; Feb- Y ASC; Apr- gift bags).

Bob and Jeanette just returned from Los Vegas and Dorothy and I leave today for our long awaited cruise on the NCL Jewel from New York to Quebec and back. Will be away from October 6th to 19th.

CALENDAR

October 22nd
(Wednesday)
METRO DISTRICT
Kalihi YMCA

November 10th
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING
Mililani YMCA
7 pm

November 15th
(Saturday)
HAWAII REGION
MIDYEAR CABINET
MEETING

MILILANI YMCA RECEIVES DOLLAR FOR SCHOLARS FUNDING

Branch exec JEN TOWNSEND reports that the Mililani Y applied for and were approved for Dollars for Scholars funding for three of her staff (**Deborah Thierbach, Karena Tigrett, and Mary Hiapo**) to attend the "Principles and Practices" workshop on October 6—19th. However, Mary had to withdraw from the workshop.

I believe this is the first application by the Mililani Y.

HAWAII REGION MEMBERSHIP UP

The Hawaii Region has increased membership based on preliminary reports to date! Awaiting rosters Maui, and gave a verbal total of "no change", the rest of the region reports 12 new members, and a loss of 6 members ... **a NET PLUS SIX!**

CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

The Convention Planning Committee has been busy with data gathering ... and this time we even had some food gathering as well (at dinner at Sammy's in the Miramar Hotel ... something new to me ... who has never been in the Miramar Hotel.) in August!

Using the Ilima Hotel conference room for discussions, we walked over to the Ohana East Hotel and Miramar Hotel at the intersection of Kaiulani and Kuhio. It was a ten minute walk. The group of twelve (Phil Sammer, Rick Lau, Walter Osakoda, Phil Chun, Donna Saito, Joe-Ann McCarthy, Sharon and Brad Ishida, Maurice Shimonishi, Duke and Linda Chung, and Bob Kuwahara) toured the proposed banquet and meeting facilities.

At the Ohana East Hotel we viewed a banquet room on the first floor with an occupancy limit of 130.

At the Miramar Hotel, we viewed

Banquet room on the first floor with an occupancy limit of 250 (or split in half for 125)

Adjoining room to the restaurant on the fifth floor with an occupancy limit of 90

Parking would be \$3 for five hours (still subject to negotiation for more hours)

We enjoyed dinner at Sammy's on the fifth floor. The special for the night was "furikake crusted sea bass" and "loco moco" for \$15.50. Very reasonable and great tasting. The garlic steak was also great as reported by those selecting that dish.

Discussion continued on the format and facilities for the convention. A subsequent meeting was held in September to discuss the general program outline.

Right now, we will have the convention during the 3rd weekend in May (weekend before the Memorial Day weekend). We will use the Ilima Hotel for the hotel rooms and possible meetings. Lunches and dinners will be at restaurants or hotels in the walking vicinity. The convention will begin around 11 am on SATURDAY and continue into SUNDAY, with the scheduled program ending Sunday night. Monday will be travel day for the OGV District attendees, with possible options added.

One addition to the committee responsibilities was in the discussion of the development of a DVD to be shown at the convention. Sharon Ishida is the point person, with Russ Lynch gathering the various pictures, and Jesse Castro assisting in the production. It is hoped that the DVD can then be used by clubs as a recruitment and orientation tool.

A tentative schedule has been circulated to discussion at the club meetings prior to the next Metro District meeting on October 22nd, where the committee's proposals will be discussed.

The next convention meeting will be held on November 15th at the Ilima Hotel, following the Region's Mid Year Cabinet Meeting.

UPPER ORGANIZATION EVENTS & NOTICES

NEXT

U. S. AREA CONVENTION

Joint Area Canada-US-Caribbean

Asilomar Conference Center?
Near Monterey, California?
July 23—26, 2009

NEXT

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Yokohama, Japan
2010

Metro District CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 5th
Kalihi YMCA
6 pm
Price: \$15
Children 6—12: \$8

This year's Christmas Party will be a joint club activity. So meet your "old" friends, meet new friends from your brother clubs in the district and have a great time!

Food will be catered from Gyotaku Restaurant, and hope to have members from all clubs from the Metro District.

In lieu of grab bags and in the spirit of the season, clubs are urged to collect contributions to a charity of your club's choice.

So save this date and let Prez Walter know that you will be attending.

Traffic advisory: Plan to carpool, as the parking at the Kalihi Y is limited.