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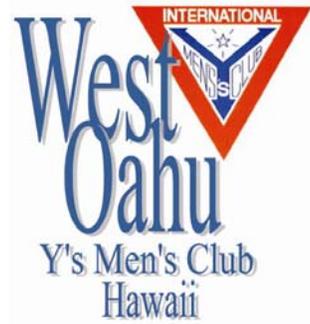
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# Y's Words

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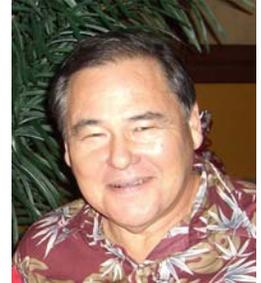
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Walter Osakoda

As this Y's Men year comes to a close I want to thank you for your hard work and support. We have one more meeting on May 11 at 7:00pm at the Mililani YMCA where we will be start our planning for the Mililani YMCA fencing project on June 7 and the Mililani YMCA Family Fair food booth project on July 17.



The 73rd Hawaii Region Convention is on May 16 and 17 at the Ilima and Miramar Hotels. There will be a raffle/auction and each club is asked to provide 1 item per every 4 club members value of \$20 or more so West Oahu needs to provide 2 items. If anyone has anything to donate for this activity please bring it to the meeting if you are not attending the convention on the 16th. We also need items for door prizes, enticement for attendees to get to functions on time. Any items for door prizes will also be appreciated.

## CONVENTION PLANNING UPDATE

The 73rd Hawaiian Region Convention is .... here (at least next weekend, May 16 and 17). This year's facilities are a little different, with rooms and Saturday's meetings provided at the Ilima Hotel, and Sunday's meetings and meals at the Miramar Hotel.

The business session will prove to be interesting with varying thoughts on the regional convention, initiating a new recognition program for members and finding a regional director-elect to succeed RICK LAU in 2010.

The U. S. Area Representative is WAYNE SMITH, who has served as Area President several terms ago, and is currently the resource person (or answer man) on the Area executive committee.

The numbers registering this year is a little down. Hilo Y's Men are staying back in support of a major fundraiser for the Waiakea Settlement YMCA, which is having financial difficulties, on Sunday. And no large contingent from Japan to join us this year.

## MAJOR ISSUE AT THE CONVENTION

A topic being discussed and scheduled for further discussion at the upcoming Convention's business session is the convention hosting. Currently, the regional constitution

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## CALENDAR

**May 11th (Monday)**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**

7:00 pm  
Mililani YMCA

**May 16-17**  
**REGIONAL**  
**CONVENTION**

**June 7th**  
**YMCA FENCE**  
**PROJECT**  
Mililani YMCA

provides that the hosting of the “annual” convention be on a rotational basis among all islands. This provision was developed several years ago. Since that time, the planning and responsibilities of the convention has changed. Previously, the host district provided all planning and support. At the 2007 convention, the convention delegates agreed to have a regionally run convention, with any profits going to the region. The first prototype convention was held on Maui in 2008, and this year’s convention is in Waikiki is the second.

Now, we are looking for a bid to host in 2010. The region turned to East Kauai to have the convention on their island. East Kauai voted not to support a convention on Kauai due to the aging of the “old guard” and the lack of experience of the “young lions”. With Hilo directing to their attention in support of their YMCA, the responsibilities may again fall with the Metro District.

Comments on this issue include the need for an annual convention for fellowship among the members on the various islands, and the recognition that Oahu has more clubs and more manpower resources to hold a convention.

So the question is “do we wish to change the constitution to hold a convention every other year?”, some other rotational selection or other understanding. The concern is that we have the same individuals planning and directing the convention each year. In order not to overtask our current manpower resources, we need to re-think this.

## VISITING Y’S MEN

In March, KOUSEI WATANABE and his wife, JUNKO, visited Hawaii. KOUSEI is a member of the Kyoto Prince club and is also a member of the Nuuanu Y’s Men. KOUSEI, SHINJIRO MORI (also of the Kyoto Prince club) and SAM FUJIWARA (of the Osaka Centennial club) provides a special tour for our group when we visited Kyoto in 2007.

WALTER OSAKODA and JEANETTE KUWAHARA provided a tour of our West Side (actually middle .. Waipahu, Mililani, North Shore), visiting our Mililani YMCA branch with a lunch stop at Ruby Tuesday. On another day, the WATANABE’s attended our Time of Fast potluck dinner at the Kuwahara’s.

KOUSEI and his Kyoto Prince club is looking to establish ties with the Y’s Men in Hawaii. SHINJIRO and SETSUKO MORI and HIROSHI and YOSHIKO NISHIMURA had scheduled to come during our regional convention, but cancelled their trip. They hope to come at a later date.



## In Memorium CHESTER OBARA



November 20, 1942 - February 28, 2009

A charter member of the West Oahu Y’s Men’s Club. He was not interested in the planning part, but came out when we needed him at our projects and activities. He was a CPA, who had recently retired and was looking forward to retirement life with wife, Kathy.

## Mililani YMCA ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

**GOAL: \$45,000**

Mililani YMCA reached and passed their Annual Support Campaign goal of \$45,000.

Getting increasing support from volunteers from its program participants, the campaign achieved its goal in the set timetable. Congratulations to Campaign Chair KATHY ISHIMOTO and Y staff for their networking of past and present supporters.