

Newsletter of the  
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www.ysmenusa.com  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Walter Osakoda

Thank You for all of your hard work at the July 24th Mililani YMCA Family Fair Food Booth. In Addition to having 100% of our members participating in the cooking, serving, selling and doing the clean up we had our always helpful volunteers: Kimberly Ishimoto who has been present at this project since she was a baby, Susan Kuwabara who has been helping for the past 4 or 5? years and Derwin Hayashi who is like a non dues paying member helping us with all of our projects/activities and one of the Mililani YMCA A+ Site Directors.

In addition to raising \$360 for our treasury we recruited TWO prospective members; Lyle Kanemaru, Mililani CPB Manager and Mililani YMCA Board of Managers and Derwin Hayashi, Attorney/Photographer. Lyle came by the booth and as I was trying to recruit him Derwin joined the conversation and a challenge to join the Club was issued by Lyle and accepted by Derwin. Lyle and Derwin are Wahiawa boys and know each other.

Reminder to all: **Club meeting Monday Aug. 10 at 7:00 pm at the Mililani YMCA.** We will be discussing the year's calendar and bagging the toiletries that we collected.

## CALENDAR

**August 10 (Monday)**

**Business Meeting  
plus  
Work Project: Bag  
toiletries for non  
profit organization  
Mililani YMCA  
7 pm**

**Future Projects in  
the Planning Stages  
Fence Project  
Open House  
at Mililani Y  
Annual Support  
Campaign**

AND

**The West Oahu Y's  
Men will host the  
Metro District Con-  
ference in March  
2010.**

**This provides an op-  
portune time to show  
and tell of our branch  
facilities.**

**More to come on the  
planning for this!**

## DA SNOOP on JEN TOWNSEND

The Executive Director for the Mililani YMCA. She Began in the YMCA organization at Nuuanu branch, moved to Central and then Atherton. With only two years at the helm at Mililani, she has seen key staff changes. It is hoped that the branch can undergo some stability of personnel to provide a strong foundation for growth. With much guidance from Maile Kanemaru, she is getting accustomed to the seasonal schedule of the Youth programs and seeking to re-establish a strong board presence.



Born in Honolulu.

Married, to Richard S. Townsend  
(Congratulations as they celebrated their 4th anniversary on August 6th)  
One child: a daughter, Ry K.

Interests include ... "Ukulele" (so we have someone with talent and can lead us in singing ... when we find someone that can sing!)

Must be smart ... cuz she has Masters of Business Administration

Sponsored by Walter Osakoda

# DIS 'N DATS

## JAPAN IN 2010??

The International Convention will be held in Yokohama, Japan in August 2010.

With many friends and brother clubs in Japan, Hawaii Region will be sending a larger contingent than normal. So will the West Oahu club be organizing something??

Costs will run around \$550 for the registration (includes all meals for the four day/three night convention). Rooms run up to \$400 per night/double.

Maybe we need to discuss this to begin planning if we do decide ... YES!

## CONVENTION PLANNING

DUKE CHUNG and BOB KUWAHARA will be serving on the upcoming Regional Convention Planning Committee. Two members have been requested to serve from each of the Metro District clubs, plus representatives from the OVG clubs (neighbor island clubs). The OVG representatives will be kept informed by e-mail..

The initial meeting is scheduled for this month. The BIG question is ... where is it going to happen?? Las Vegas ... Lanai ... Molokai ... Oahu ... or ??? (Volunteer to be part of the planning committee and be one of the first to know!)

DUKE is researching the various options, with some information and, hopefully, direction from the committee.

# MILILANI YMCA SUMMER FUN FAIR

The Annual Mililani YMCA Summer Fun Fair held on Friday, July 24th, was well attended by our members as we needed a maximum manpower presence to handle the preparation, cooking, sales and serving for the food booth. Various options of chili, hot dogs, andagi, chicken, and anda-dogs was well received by the customers.

With a drop in registrants for the last week of summer fun, we cut the food preparation ... and ended up selling out on much of the food and drink supplies.

Our club achieved several objectives for the event:

- provided refreshments to the attendees
- provided free meal to the staff and volunteers
- made some funds for future activities
- an may have initiated the recruitment of a few good men

On hand to help were: WALTER, DUKE & LINDA CHUNG, JEAN MATSUDA, KATHY & KIM ISHIMOTO, DERWIN HAYASHI, DENNIS & SUSAN KUWABARA, MAILE KANEMARU, JEN TOWNSEND, ALISSA TANIGUCHI, JEANETTE & BOB KUWAHARA.

It was very interesting as KATHY was recuperating, and had only returned to work that week. DUKE and LINDA just returned from their Alaskan cruise. So is was not know the support expected for the day.

Thank you, all, for helping!



Is this the way we treat the branch exec at Mililani Y .. YES that is JEN Townsend getting drenched (in black)



And Alissa Taniguchi gets no respect, either.

On the happier side (we whistle while we work) .. clockwise, from top left ... LINDA CHUNG gives a wave; KATHY ISHIMOTO and JEANETTE KUWAHARA making the dough; DUKE CHUNG smiles as he sees the chicken turn to bucks; WALTER OSAKODA and SUSAN KUWABARA waits for orders.

