

Newsletter of the
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Walter Osakoda

Dorothy and I took a brief trip to Los Vegas on September 27th to October 1st. We had a great time (Does that mean you won, Walter?).

Bob, Jeanette and family are of on another family vacation from October 5th to 14th.

IGLOO REPAIR PROJECT

Our scheduled project, Igloo Cooler Repair, for our September meeting was rescheduled to our October 12th Club Meeting because Duke and Linda were not able to attend the September Meeting. If you have a Igloo Cooler that needs new hinges, drain spout, etc. let Duke know and he will order parts for you. We spent our September Meeting coming up with ideas for games we could build to use at Mililani YMCA functions and we came up with some good ideas. Now all we have to do is draw up the plans and schedule a work project to build them.

CAMP ERDMAN PROJECT

Metro District has scheduled a Make A Difference Day work project at Camp Erdman for Saturday, October 10th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, followed by a potluck. Any club member who can help needs to call me by Tuesday so I can let Phil Chun, Metro District Governor, know how many WO Club members will attend. Right now I have Duke, Linda and me.

ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Our Club sponsored Alissa Taniguchi and Deborah Thiebach, Mililani Y staff members, application to the Alexander Scholarship Fund for assistance to complete coursework on their Bachelor's Degree. I was notified by Area Service Director for Alexander Scholarship Fund that their applications have been approved. We will make a presentation at our scheduled November 9th potluck Club Meeting. Regional Director Rick Lau and Regional Service Director for Alexander Scholarship Fund Larry Hiranaka have been invited to this meeting.

YMCA PROJECTS NEEDS OUR PARTICIPATION

The Mililani YMCA is planning two projects by the end of the year that need our help.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED

A Halloween theme Haunted House fun night is planned for Friday, October 30th at the Branch. We are proposing to involve the Y's men by providing nachos and cheese for the attendees. The cost for the supplies would come from our club's treasury.

MILILANI FUN RUN

The Mililani YMCA and the Mililani Town Center are coordinating a 5K fun run on Sunday, December 13th beginning around 7 am. The run will be through the Mililani community crossing Kamehameha Highway and ending at the Mililani YMCA. The Y is planning craft and other booths. The Y's Men are asked to participate in this project, although the specifics has not been determined as yet.

CALENDAR

October 10
(Saturday)
Camp Erdman
Work Project
9 am

October 12
(Monday)
Business Meeting
Mililani YMCA
7 pm

October 30
(Friday)
Halloween Haunted
House
Mililani YMCA

November 9
(Monday)
Business Meeting
Mililani YMCA
7 pm

November 21
(Saturday)
Hawaii Region
Mid Year Cabinet
Meeting
Ilima Hotel
9 am

DIS 'N DATS

JAPAN IN 2010

Save August 5 - 8, 2010
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Yokohama, Japan

HAWAII REGION GROWS

With seven of the nine clubs submitting their October 1st mid year report, the region has had TEN new members and one deletion ... a good direction to meet RD RICK LAU's goal in membership. Clubs with new members include Central (1), Kaimuki (1), Kalihi (5), and Windward (3).

RD VISITATION MOVED

RD RICK LAU has revised his scheduled visit with our club to Monday, February 8th.

MILILANI YMCA ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN GEARING UP

The 2010 Mililani YMCA's Annual Support Campaign is getting organized!

This year's goal is \$46,000, a \$1,000 increase from last year.

The Y's Men are asked to help with this annual fundraiser in support of the various programs that the YMCA provides.

The campaign will kickoff on Tuesday, February 2nd.

More news will be forthcoming!

METRO DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Metro District Council is coordinating the second annual Christmas Party at the Kalihi YMCA on Friday, December 4th beginning around 7 pm. Windward Y's Men are coordinating this project.

JAPAN IN 2010

At the November meeting, we will also be discussing the possibility of a Japan trip to coincide with the International Convention. With the expected hot and humid weather at that time, we need to find a cooler area in Japan ... maybe.



Our latest trip to Japan took us to Hokkaido where we toured the countryside ... this is a garden outside Asahikawa (above) and the bazaar at Asakusa (below)



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The Dollars for Scholars program is created to assist current Y Staff in funding training costs. Applications are submitted through the Y's Men hierarchy, who will advise them of the approval or disapproval of their application. West Oahu YMCA had three individuals approved for training to the mainland (but one had to withdraw) in the 2008-2009 year.

ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Alexander Scholarship Fund assists individuals wishing to become Y professional staff with their education costs.

Applications are submitted through the Y's Men hierarchy and to a committee that approves the applications.

This year, West Oahu Y's Men sponsored two staff at the Mililani Y, and each will be receiving funding from this program.

This year's regional service director for these programs is LARRY HIRANAKA of the Nuuanu club.

The region's goal is \$10 per member for Dollars for Scholars and \$10 per member for the Alexander Scholarship Fund. The annual promotional program for Dollars for Scholars is made through the Winter issue of the Y's Alliance. Donors names are included in the annual holiday issue in the U. S. Area's newsletter, The Y's Alliance. In this way, Y's Men send their holiday greetings to all Y's Men in the area and helps this program.

The regional deadline is October 15th, which will provide needed time to forward the names of donors.