

Newsletter of the
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West Oahu Y's Men's

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Other Website of Interest
www.ysmenusa.com
www.hawaiiysmen.org

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Walter Osakoda

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob, Duke, Linda and I attended the Metro District Meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, hosted by the Kaimuki Y's Men Club at the Kaimuki YMCA. The Lanikila Meals on Wheels project was revisited and DG Bill Stone proposed that the Metro District participate by having clubs adopt a route to make deliveries. There are seven homes in the Mililani area and deliveries would occur on Thursday. (If our participate, we would rotate our members to cover that day.)

Another item proposed was to offer a monetary award to clubs who report a net gain in membership and a fine for clubs who report a net loss in membership. Period for calculation would be from Convention to Convention. This is one idea to foster member recruitment. We are looking for other ideas.

Also, it was proposed was that the Metro District participate as a District at the YMCA of Honolulu Healthy Kids Day event. DG Bill will discuss this with YMCA and report back.

At our September club meeting, we volunteered to help with the games at the October 22-23 Mililani YMCA Haunted House event. The event will be held on Friday, October 22nd from 5:00pm to 10:00pm and on Saturday, October 23rd from 5:00pm to 10:30pm. Please call me at 753-5051 if you can help.

In the spirit of the season, we voted to adopt one or more needy families in our A+ program to provide a Thanksgiving Meal for the family(s). We will be collecting a voluntary contribution from members at our October 4th "Time of Fast" dinner meeting at the Kuwahara's home. Please make your checks payable to West Oahu Y's Men and give them to Kathy Ishimoto. If you cannot attend the October 4th meeting, please mail your check to Kathy. This is a new project for the Club.

We will also be collecting a voluntary contribution to adopt one or more needy family(s) to provide a Christmas Family Meal at our November 8th club meeting. This is an annual project for our club.

Finally, please add the Mililani YMCA Fun Run on Sunday, December 19th to your Club calendar. Details to follow at a later date.

Walter was so complete in his president's message, he left the editor virtually ... wordless ... as he covered all the information of interest.

CALENDAR

**October 22, 23
(Friday/Saturday)
Mililani YMCA
Haunted House**

**Mililani YMCA
5:00 to 10:00/10:30**

**November 8th
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Mililani YMCA
7 pm**

**November 20th??
(Saturday)
HAWAII REGION
MID YEAR CABINET
MEETING**

**PTBA
9 AM**

**December 11th
(Saturday)
METRO DISTRICT
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Kalihi YMCA



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!**

METRO DISTRICT MEETING NOTES

... some other bits from the Metro District meeting

Dinner was Chef Brad Ishida's special spaghetti.

Joint Christmas Party - scheduled for Saturday, December 11th at the Kalihi YMCA; more information forthcoming

The following District Meeting will be hosted by the WEST OAHU Y's MEN at the Mililani YMCA on Wednesday, January 5th! ... Happy New Year!

Endowment/Induction Dinner is scheduled for March 19th, ptba.

MEMBERSHIP SINKS

The semi-annual rosters are in, and the news is not very good! The region is down 9 members!

Club	Reg Mbr	Yth Mbr	Change
Central	11		-5
East Kauai	19		-
Hilo	18		-
Kaimuki	21	1	-1
Kalihi	16		-2
Maui	4	1	-
Nuuanu	15		-
West Oahu	11		-
Windward	14	3	-1
Total	129	5	-9

DG Bill Stone is looking at an incentive or possible stick program to muster greater efforts to increasing membership. I am quite sure our leadership can use some help to develop a super recruitment program.

INT'L LEADERS

NEW INTERNATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY at the International Convention in Japan, a new ISG has been presented. He is Takao Nishimura from Kawasaki City, Japan!

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT is Hirotooshi Fujii of Japan.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT is Finn Pedersen of Norway.

TRAVELS

Jeanette and Bob to Singapore, Malaysia and Manila.

Duke and Linda to San Jose and another change at luck!

Walter and Dorothy will venture to LV to visit their deposits in November.

TIME OF FAST MEETING

We had a special meeting (special was no meeting) for Time of Fast at the Kuwahara's on Monday, October 4th. We got a good representation of our membership as Alissa Taniguchi, Jen Townsend, Walter and Dorothy Osakoda, Duke and Linda Chung, Jean Matsuda, Jeanette and Bob Kuwahara, Kathy Ishimoto and Derwin Hayashi attended.

The menu included the famous Hiroshima Okonomiyaki (at right) and Portuguese Bean Soup (with not much beans). The Hiroshima Y's Men provided to us their special recipe for the Okonomiyaki so we could take back and share! Of course, Jeanette claims we forget the wide spatula to flip it.

We collected \$10 per head for Time of Fast, so managed to meet most of our annual Time of Fast commitment. Additionally, we collected donations for our Thanksgiving "adopt a family" which will be coordinated by our Y staff to identify. The funds will hopefully provide a good dinner on our annual Day of Thanks.

Bob managed to use the TV to view the DVD pics of the Japan West Region Convention in Hiroshima (last June), send by the Hiroshima Y's Men. There were a lot of pics! with a few identifiable Y's Men ... us!



NEXT U. S. AREA CONVENTION

St. Louis Missouri in 2011

(Maybe with the change in fiscal year, they will change the month ... so it won't be as hot!!!)

NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Norway in 2012

BENJAMIN T. INOUE ...

June 22, 2021 - July 23, 2010

**DEDICATED Y'S MAN and YMCA SUP-
PORTER**

Hawaii has lost another dedicated Y's man and YMCA supporter with the passing of Ben Inoue.

Ben was inducted into the Hilo Y's Men's Club on September 21, 1979, and quickly ascended through Y's Men leadership ranks, serving as regional director from 1984-1986. Thereafter, he continued to be a dedicated Y's Man, attending most of the Hawaii Region Conventions, until illness limited his presence. He contributed his knowledge and leadership during the business sessions and enjoyed the gatherings to renew and begin new friendships.

As a YMCA volunteer, he supported the Waiakea Settlement YMCA and later, the Island of Hawaii YMCA as the Big Island YMCA sought expansion.

Our condolences to Lily and the Inoue family.