

Newsletter of the  
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Walter Osakoda

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Alissa reported that donations collected from club members for our Thanksgiving Meal Project allowed her to purchase 3 Thanksgiving Complete gift cards to 3 needy families from Manana Elementary School. They were very grateful to the Club for the gift.

Reminder: We voted to ask club members to make a voluntary contribution to again provide Christmas meals to needy families from one of our A plus sites. Please check to Dr. Kathy Ishimoto or bring it to Christmas Party on December 10th.

The Mid Year Regional Cabinet Meeting was held on November 20th at the Board Room at Honolulu YMCA. Duke, Bob and I represented the WO Y's Men Club at this meeting. All Hawaii Region clubs were represented.

The Metro District Christmas Party's date was changed from December 11th to December 10th at the request of the Kalihi YMCA due to a scheduling conflict. The Party will be on Friday, December 10th beginning at 6:00 pm at the Kalihi YMCA.

The West Oahu Y's Men will host the Metro District meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at the Mililani YMCA starting at 6:30 with dinner. All members are welcome to attend.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### **METRO DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY**

## **"Tis Da Season"**

After some last minute adjustments, the Metro District Christmas Party has been changed. It will be held

**FRIDAY, December 10th  
6 pm  
Kalihi YMCA**

Apparently, there was some scheduling snafu at Kalihi Y, and the 11th (as originally planned) could not take place. The options were change the place or the date. After discussion at the Mid Year Cabinet Meeting, the option of changing the date was more acceptable ... so the date was changed to Friday!

2nd Annual Reindeer 5K Fun Run

## **West Oahu Y's Men Responsible for Registration**

Get a good night's sleep on December 18th ... wake early ... and be at the Mililani District Park (94-1150 Lanikuhana Avenue ... other side of Kam Highway ... near the "bottom parking lot" end) by 5:30 am ... The West Oahu Y's Men are responsible for the registration. Registration begins at 6 am ... so expect some early birds, and come early to setup!

A Volunteers meeting and dinner will be held on December 12th from 6 to 7 pm at the Mililani Y. The duties and procedures for registration will be explained.

## **CALENDAR**

**December 10th  
(Friday)  
6:00 pm  
Kalihi YMCA  
Metro District  
Christmas Party**

**December 12th  
(Sunday)  
Mililani's 2nd  
Annual Reindeer  
Fun Run 5K  
Volunteer Meeting  
dinner included  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**December 19th  
(Sunday)  
Mililani's 2nd  
Annual Reindeer  
Fun Run 5K**

**Registration Booth  
5:30 am briefing  
6:00 am - 7:30 am**

**January 5th  
(Wednesday)  
Metro District  
Meeting  
6:30 pm  
Mililani YMCA  
WE HOSTING!**

## Hawaii Region Mid Year Cabinet Meeting

The mid year cabinet meeting was held at the Metro Board Room on Saturday, November 20th at 9 am.

All nine clubs were present, but the total numbers was a little short ... only 20, with a few leaving early.

Some items of note ...

Rick Lau was the 2009-2010 recipient of the Henry Grimes Award as Outstanding Regional Director for the U. S. Area. Congratulations, Rick!

The International organization is in support of continuing the Rollback Malaria program until 2015. More information will be forthcoming.

The Hawaii Region Convention committee is attempting to confirm its information and will be having a meeting in January. Hopefully, the registration form will then be completed and circulated.

The next U. S. Area Convention is scheduled for St. Louis, Missouri on July 7 to 10, 2011 at the Missouri Athletic Club (room cost of approximately \$80 per night).

## **Tis the Season**

### **HELP US HELP!**

This is the giving season. Our little club had collected some \$250 and have converted it into three Thanksgiving Dinners for three families from the Mililani Y's Manana area.

We are cranking up and want to **do the same for Christmas**. So, if you have not done so, please send a check to Kathy Ishimoto (check payable to West Oahu Y's Men's Club) or bring it to the Metro District Christmas Party on December 10th.

Let's make a Christmas Merry for some!

## **Convention Thoughts**

As part of the interesting things to do at the next Hawaii Region Convention in Hilo, several Friday activities are being offered. Of course, there is golf at the Hilo Muni. Other options include tours of the Pacific Tsunami Museum, Imilola Astronomy Center, the World Botanical Gardens and Volcano National Park.

Here is some information on the Imilola Astronomy Center.

The center is located close to UH-Hilo. (sorry not on the slopes of Maunakea) Included as part of the tour are:

- full-dome planetarium
- amazing 4D2U Theatre
- a native garden
- interactive exploration of Hawaii's voyaging heritage
- Astounding journey through the creation of the Hawaiian islands - Hawaiian style
- Renown museum store with an extensive collection of science and Hawaiian cultural books and gifts
- Sky Garden Restaurant serving 'ono'licious breakfast, lunch and dinner

## **Some Bits ...**

Bobby Stivers-Apiki is retiring as the CEO for the Island of Hawaii YMCA effective December 1st.

Larry H. Bush has a retirement party scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th at the Dole Cannery Ballroom from 6 pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Call Sandi at 541-5484.

## **We are Hosting the Next Metro District Meeting**

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

6:30 pm

we don't need to drive all the way to another Y ... Why? Cuz we are hosting the next Metro District Meeting at the Mililani YMCA. A sort of show and tell ...

So we need a little help in bringing all them goodies ... so what should we have??? No, we don't want frozen reheated leftovers from the Metro District Christmas Party ... although some would find it not leftovers because they missed the party ... Probably with everyone full from the New Year's Partying we can do with something light ... but bread and water might no go well, especially after the other members traveling so far ...

We have a few weeks to work on the menu ... maybe someone will come across some onolicious item ... where is June Niimi's (from the Hilo club) recipe book when we need it???

We still need the manpower, so you all come!!!



*We found some flowers ... plenty flowers ... in Singapore.*