

Newsletter of the
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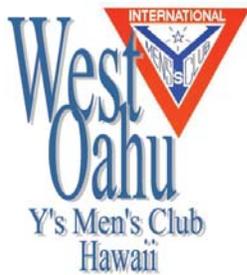
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Walter Osakoda

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our club bulletin editor's "vacation" is over! And, we have much to say ...

Mililani YMCA ASC 2011 Campaign (JANUARY - FEBRUARY)

I would like to thank all of our members for your help in a successful Mililani YMCA ASC 2011 campaign. Mililani YMCA was the first Y to meet our goal of \$47,500. But by the Victory Dinner on March 4th we had exceeded our goal. As of this night it was reported that we had raised \$ 54,000. Thank You also to Bob and Jeanette Kuwahara for donating the salad, buns and desert; and Duke and Linda Chung for donating the chicken, Walter Osakoda for donating the steaks, and Kathy Ishimoto for donating the rice.

Hiroshi and Yoshiko Nishimura Visit (Kyoto Prince Y's Men)

On February 16th, Bob and Jeanette greeted the Nishimura's at the airport and made a stop at Ala Moana Center on their way to their dinner. Our club hosted them at Lobster King Restaurant. On Thursday, Bob and I met the Nishimura's at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and stopped at Anna Miller's for breakfast on our way to the North Shore with a stop at the Dole Pineapple. On the way back we had shaved ice at Matsumoto's. That evening, we met at the Kuwahara's for a pot luck dinner. Hiroshi read a message (in English) from Shinjiro Mori, Kyoto Prince Club President, requesting West Oahu Y's Men to become their Brother Club and invited us to the Japan West Convention in Kyoto for the signing. On Friday morning Bob, Duke and Walter met the Nishimura's at the Hilton Hawaiian Village to transport them to the airport for their return to Kyoto. We had breakfast at the Wailana Coffee Shop and made a quick stop at Ala Moana Shopping Center on our way to airport.

CALENDAR

At our last meeting, we decided to change of monthly meeting to the second THURSDAY of the month to accommodate our members.

**May 12th
(Thursday)
Business Meeting
7 pm
Mililani YMCA**

**May 20 - 22nd
Hawaii Region
Convention
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
Hilo, Hawaii**

**June 5 - 15th
Japan Trip
Kyushu - Kyoto**



Dukie Chung at the Shaved Ice Machine at Healthy Kids day Fstivities

Tribute to Kimberly Anne Aiko Ishimoto at Endowment Dinner

The Metro District held the Endowment Dinner on March 25th at the Japanese Cultural Center. Our club was honored to present a living tribute to Kimberly Anne Aiko Ishimoto.



Y's Men Support Healthy Kids Day Festivities at the Bishop Museum

Members from the six clubs in the Metro District helped man a shaved ice booth plus other areas at the YMCA of Honolulu's Healthy Kids Day program at the Bishop Museum. DG Bill Stone did a great job in coordinating the project.

Hawaii Region Convention at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

The annual Hawaii Region Convention will be held at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel from Friday, May 20th to Sunday, May 22nd. Convention Chair Duke Chung has been busy

finalizing details for a successful convention. So far, over fifty members and spouses have signed up and has a program to entertain with various pre-convention tours and during-convention activities.

U. S. Area representative to our convention is Bob Daniels, who has various positions in the Y's Service organization. He hails from St. Louis, the site of the upcoming U. S. Area Convention and should have some details to entice you to attend.

The major issues of the business session is the selection of a regional director-elect person to succeed current RD Russ Lynch and the convention chair and location for the next Hawaii Region Convention.

West Oahu to attend Japan West Region Convention

We have a small group that will visit Japan (Northern Kyushu and Kyoto) and attend the Japan West Region Convention in Kyoto on June 11th-12th.

The travel group includes WALTER and DOROTHY OSAKODA, BOB and JEANETTE OSAKODA, and daughter JERILYN CANNIFF, and her two daughters, MEGAN and MIRANDA.

We anticipate signing an International Brother Club agreement with the Kyoto Prince Y's Men and they will be our escorts to the various interests in Kyoto.



At 2010 Japan West Region Convention in Hiroshima. Many well-wishers with an attendance for the dinner of around 1,000. Wow!

Hiroshima Y's Men coming in July/August

A group from the Hiroshima Y's Men, led by YMCA of Hiroshima's general secretary Shoji Kamikubo, will be coming for a short visit from July 28th to August 1st. Their hope is to visit with our club and attend some of the festivities during the 50th Anniversary of the Let's Get Together program between the Hiroshima YMCA and YMCA of Honolulu.

The Hiroshima Y's Men, our International Brother Club, has not come for a visit for many years. I recall two visits, in 1993 and in late 1990's.

We are waiting for their specific numbers (estimated at 10) and names and will be attempting to coordinate the details of their itinerary with them. We will let you know.

SOME THOUGHTS

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ... **ROLL-BACK MALARIA** is program for the next FIVE years and the International asks for your support.

The program had been had been well received several years ago, and since then has been accepted as a World Health Organization program. The program raises funds to purchase nets for underdeveloped area that have high instances of malaria. The net costs around 7.50 SwFr. With the increasing strength of the Swiss Franc or the decreasing value of the USDollar (you decide), the dollar cost is more like \$8.00 per net.

The item will be up for discussion at the regional convention.

US AREA or INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in HAWAII ...

There is some talk of the Hawaii Region placing a bid for the US Area or International Convention in the next few years.

My thoughts of such a proposal is that we do not have a strong leadership and membership to create a successful convention.

If we want one, we need to double our membership ... with youth ... and dedication AND change the attitude of our current membership to accept and seek leadership positions. Then, the effort will not be limited to only a small nucleus of members.

Another suggestion is to change the period during the year for these conventions. They appear to be in mid-summer, during the hottest part of most areas. Changing the period to late spring or early fall would be more acceptable, weatherwise, for many potential attendees. For example, what would your wife say if you said ... "Let's go to the US Area Convention in St. Louis in Late July?" ... would you get a better response with "Let's go to the US Area Convention in St. Louis in Late September?"