

Newsletter of the  
West Oahu Y's Men's Club  
of Mililani YMCA,  
Oahu, Hawaii

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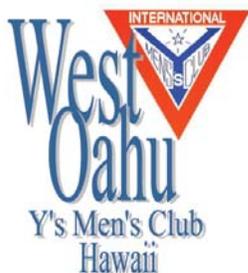
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HIROSHIMA Y'S MEN'S CLUB  
KYOTO PRINCE Y'S MEN'S  
CLUB



West Oahu Y's Men's

**Y's WORDS**

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (good thing belated, otherwise I may have been a turkey instead of Santa ... see left for my picture)

Hope your Thanksgiving was as great as ours with great food and fellowship with family. We truly have much to be thankful for. I'm wondering if anyone besides me is concerned that Christmas is intruding on Thanksgiving? I'm still of the opinion that Christmas shouldn't be starting until

the week after Thanksgiving.

### Wheels on Meals Project

Thank You Jean Matsuda for recruiting club members and friends to volunteer with deliver of hot meals to those in need. Thank you also for coordinating the orientation workshop for volunteers on September 10, 2011 at the Mililani YMCA. Our club has committed to deliver lunch meals on Tuesday and Thursday in the Mililani area.

We are waiting for an orientation of the delivery route. (You know, where the dogs are ... what fences to climb over ... the usual)

### Thanksgiving Adopt A Family Project

Thank You Alissa Taniguchi! she worked with her A+ staff and administrators of Lehua Elementary School, Manana Elementary School, Palasades Elementary School, Kaala Elementary School & Kipapa Elementary School to identify families to receive our Thanksgiving gift. She reported that the families were very grateful. Thank You to our members who generously contributed to this project.

### Christmas Adopt A Family Project

Alissa and staff will again be working with our A+ schools to identify families to receive our Christmas gift. Again thank you to members who generously contributed to this project.

### Mililani YMCA Branch Executive Interviews

Bob Kuwahara and I and two other members of the Mililani YMCA Board of Managers made up one of three interview panels (The other two were comprised of Mililani YMCA Staff & YMCA of Honolulu VP's) who interviewed candidates for this position. The candidate recommended is now being voted on by the Mililani YMCA Board of Managers and the YMCA of Honolulu Board of Directors. I don't expect there will be any problem with having our recommended candidate accepted by both Board of Managers but we cannot announce who the candidate is until the votes are in.

### Club Christmas Party

Well, a little late in planning, so our two selections for restaurants could not accomodate us. So, we will go into improvise mode .. and have a potluck on Saturday, December 10th at the Kuwahara's. So, please call Jeanette by December 7th with your contribution and number coming.

We will not have a formal club meeting in December, but will discuss any urgent issues at our Christmas Party.

Next club meeting will be on January 12, 2012 at 7:00pm at Mililani YMCA.

## CALENDAR

**Our meetings are  
held on the 2nd  
Thursday of the  
month**

**December 10th  
(Saturday)  
Christmas Party  
6 pm  
Kuwahara's**

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

**January 21st  
(Saturday)  
Metro District  
Meeting  
Windward Y  
11:30 am**

**May 4 - 5, 2012  
(Friday - Saturday)  
Hawaii Region  
Convention  
Las Vegas**

**Start Planning!**

## **JEN TOWNSEND** **to be New Leeward Branch Exec**

Jen Townsend has been selected as the new Leeward YMCA branch exec effective October 1st. She also continued as Mililani's branch exec until a branch exec has been approved. So, she is one busy gal ... spending half her time at Mililani and half her time at Leeward.

At Leeward, she will have a larger staff and the challenge of a "full service" YMCA and "one old smoke-stack".



JEN is a member of the West Oahu Y's Men and has asked that a Y's Men's club be formed at Leeward branch. A meeting was held and the first step of finding names with live bodies to them be identified. The thought that the group could

begin with a few work projects to get acquainted was suggested.

At Mililani Y, Jen will be missed. She has managed the branch over four strong years creating an enthusiastic staff and a positive environment for our members. She has supported the Y's Men's club there.

We wish her well in her new position! We know she will do a good job!

Aloha Jen!

## **KYOTO PRINCE Y'S MEN'S CLUB** **celebrating their 25th Anniversary!**

Our new brother club, the Kyoto Prince Y's Men's Club will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. They were chartered on November 11, 1986. "11/11" is very auspicious date and all meeting locations were taken. So the club will do their celebrating on February 24, 2012.

## **U. S. AREA CONVENTION**

Reading the Windward Y'er, they had an article on the next U. S. Area Convention in 2013. The Area Convention committee has selected the Hampton Inn in Las Vegas in mid-July.

So, I pull out the travel guide and maps of Las Vegas, and cannot find a Hampton Inn. No wonder, the maps and guides only list Hotel WITH casinos. So off to the internet and they list the Hampton Inns in the Las Vegas area. The one closest to the strip is on Tropicana on a mile from MGM, etal. Not bad if this is the one ... and the listed price is \$99 per night. I wonder if the convention got a better rate?

Anyway, the mid-July part may be a bit difficult to sell. Unless, they have a science project and bring a dozen eggs to test the temperature on the sidewalks. Mid-July may not be hot August ... but it will be close.

## **CHINA VISITED**

Jeanette and Bob Kuwahara visited Jeanette's family village in an area called Chungshan, a quick one night stay in Kowloon and a week in Taiwan to view the 100 Anniversary of the Chinese Revolution.

Chungshan is an area between Hong Kong and Canton where 80% of the Chinese that settled in Hawaii came from. Our hotel was in the city of Shekki. It was a modern city. And from there, we were able to visit the neighboring areas.

Our tour guide for the trip was a very knowledgeable Hawaii resident in Chinese history and culture, and speaks fluent Mandarin. He was able to speak to locals in the villages we visited to help guide us to the right village area and temples.

In Kowloon, he picked a hotel only a block from the Jade Market, a half block from the night market! The night market is set up as the roadway is closed, and merchants setup tables and tents to sell their goods during the evening.



*They grow big in China ... must be the fertilizer they use.*

In Taiwan, the celebration for the 100th Anniversary activities had very tight security. In fact, we were held up from entering for some time until they found our tour guide's name on the invitation list.

An unusual stop was visiting an MD in a local hospital who is the world known collector of small women's shoes. What you say is this? Well, in the history of Chinese history, women would wrap

*Our group in Taiwan's National Museum in front on Sun Yat Sen statue.*



their feet in small shoes that reflected their high status. Wearing the small shoes, their movement was limited. This MD has gathered much notes from interviews with these women, and has amassed a collection of over 10,000 shoes.

Every Chinese meal (lunch and dinner) were an eleven course meal + desserts.

Its good to visit ... but ...