

Newsletter of the
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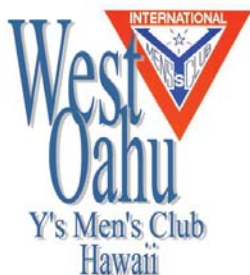
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www.ysmenusa.com
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Walter Osakoda

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Walter is still trying to figure out where all his money went during his stay in Las Vegas early this month! ... so we are giving him a break from this issue ... He should be back in good dialogue in February!



The Zodiac Year of the Dragon in 2012 began on January 23rd and ends on February 9, 2013.

In Chinese astrology the Dragon is the only animal in the Chinese zodiac year that is not real. It is quite special and revered. The Dragon symbolizes a powerful, almighty king. It was not seen as a threatening evil being, rather a symbol of power, superiority and rule.

Today, it is the ultimate auspicious symbol signifying success and happiness. May the celestial Dragon bring great good luck to everyone.

Year of the Dragon

Gung Hee Fat Choy!

Happy New Year!

CALENDAR

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

**January 30th
(Tuesday)
Annual Support
Campaign Kickoff
6 pm
Mililani Y**

**February 9
(Thursday)
Business Meeting
7 pm
Mililani YMCA**

**March 9
(Friday)
"Victory
Celebration"
6 pm
Mililani Y**

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

Start Planning!

Mililani YMCA

ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

Its the beginning of the year ... so it is time for the YMCA's annual fundraiser ... the Annual Support Campaign. This year, with the leadership changes at the branch, there is some juggling. JEN TOWNSEND will continue to oversee the Mililani campaign. The Campaign Chair will be KATHY ISHIMOTO.

Kickoff is on Tuesday, January 31st beginning at 6:30 pm! The kickoff will include an abbreviated training program. Ya' all come now!

Weekly telephone night calling will be scheduled at the Y.

The West Oahu Y's Men's Club will be hosting the "victory" celebration planned for Friday, March 9th at the branch. The program will begin around 6:30 pm. (I think they liked last year's menu ... chopped steak and chicken ... etc. ... anybody seen any stray cow around?) We will discuss the menu and assignments at our regular meeting on February 9th.

Metro District Conference ...

plan for a dinner at the Pearl Country Club on March 24th. The Metro District will subsidize \$10 off the meal. Put this in your calendar, more information to follow.

introducing ... **KEOLAMAICALANI TANIGUCHI**
 ... the new branch director for Mililani YMCA



The new branch executive director for the Mililani YMCA is Keolamaikalani "Keola" Taniguchi. He takes charge effective January 30th after approval by the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Honolulu.

"Keola" will be going through some adjustments in the initial months. As you may recall, JEN TOWNSEND shifted over to the Leeward Y in October as branch exec ... with Keola, then the temporary in-charge at Leeward, assisting JEN in her orientation with the Leeward Y.

Additionally, doesn't "Taniguchi" sounds familiar? As Alissa "Taniguchi" ... who is his spouse, and is a program director at Mililani. So the word is ... Alissa is to report to JEN until Metro can work out the organizational details. .. interesting! As Keola puts it ... he don't want to boss Alissa during the day and get "lick'ns" when he gets home!

There will be some exchange of responsibilities for a time until everyone is familiar with their positions.

From our initial introductions, Keola appears very positive in attitude. And he is also very positive on Y's Men ... a good sign!

He originally came from the Nuuanu branch, serving as youth program director. He moved to the Leeward Y, serving as membership and marketing director and then, associate executive director under Mike Doss.

He just completed the Honolulu Marathon in December ... and plans to run (and also signed up Alissa) in the 2012 Honolulu Marathon.

KYOTO PRINCE Y'S MEN NISHIMURA SCHEDULED TO VISIT

Hiroshi and Yoshiko Nishimura of the Kyoto Prince Y's Men's Club are tentatively scheduled to visit with us in February (around February 20th??). We are awaiting their itinerary and will advise when we receive more information.

We hope we will have great weather when then arrive.

HAWAII MEALS ON WHEELS ready to start ...

After several months of preparation ... including an orientation ... TB test clearance ... and field orientation of the stops ... the Hawaii Meals on Wheels project appears ready to go!

Our coordinator JEAN MATSUDA has been busily communicating and assigned two man teams. We will begin distributing the hot lunches in early February (if every everything goes well).

Volunteers from the West Oahu Y's Men include WALTER OSAKODA (but has he got his TB test, yet?), LINDA CHUNG, JEANETTE KUWAHARA, BOB KUWAHARA, MAILE KANEMARU and JEAN MATSUDA. Any additional may be added so please let Jean know of your interest.

Commitment will be serving teams of two to work once every three weeks (as we have the manpower).

Hawaii Meals of Wheels uses Zippy's (and everyone knows, I love Zippy's) because they provide hot meals. (Hawaii Meals is a separate non profit organization from Lanakila Meals of Wheels.)

CHRISTMAS PROJECT MAKES MERRY TO FAMILY OF TEN!

ALISSA TANIGUCHI reported that our monetary donations went to a Kipapa school family that totaled 10 individuals. The family was elated by the gifts and Chirstmas dinner trimmings.

Thank you, West Oahu Y's Men, for your support!

LAS VEGAS CONVENTION

With the Hawaii Region Convention only three months away, the West Oahu Y's Men have six that have/will signed up ... DUKE and LINDA CHUNG, WALTER and DOROTHY OSAKODA, JEANETTE and BOB KUWAHARA.

If you want to go to the city of that never sleeps ... why not in early May (May 4th and 5th) ... and learn gambling from DUKE!



Aloha,

Mei-Chih Chun

September 17, 1936 - December 26, 2011

You loved helping Phil, your children, your grandchildren, and anyone asking ...

We will miss you!