

Newsletter of the
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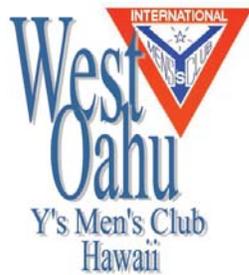
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West Oahu Y's Men's

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www.ysmenusa.com
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Chartered
January 14, 1984



Walter Osakoda

SPECIAL DINNER MEETING

**Assagio's
Mililani Town Center
6:30 pm**

Thursday, August 16, 2012

We haven't heard from Walter ... but after his "vacation from retirement" in Las Vegas, he promises to direct his thoughts to Y's Men in the next issue! So stay tuned.

Our August business meeting has been changed ... to Thursday, August 16 ... at Assagio's in the Mililani Town Center. We will have a hosted dinner meeting starting at 6:30 pm. It is hosted by Duke and Linda Chung's PV installation ... if you come, we will explain.

So ya all come! (Kathy, please bring your chauffer!)

INTERNATIONAL BALLOT

IHQ has distributed a ballot to reduce the number of International Council Members from 21 to 15, and the creation of a new class of member called "Young Member" between the ages of 26 and 39. Two of the 15 seats would be provided to the Young Member. Each Area would have one ICM and the balance would be proportioned by membership numbers.

Walter has received the club's ballot and will be discussing it at the next meeting. (Although he already knows how he will vote!)

CALENDAR

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

**August 16th
(Thursday)
BUSINESS MEETING
Special Dinner
Meeting
6:30 pm**

**September 8th
(Saturday)
YMCA Open House
Mililani YMCA**

**September 23rd
(Sunday)
CANE HAUL RUN
Waipahu**

**October 13th
(Saturday)
METRO DISTRICT
MEETING**

**November 3rd
(Saturday)
HIR MID YEAR
CABINET MEETING**

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

according to our just completed club calendar, we have two projects coming up in September ... The YMCA Open House on the 8th and the Cane Haul Run on the 23rd. More information will be available at the meeting.

METRO DISTRICT MEETS

The first Metro District meeting for the new year was held on July 14th at the Ilima Hotel. All six clubs were in attendance. West Oahu Y's Men were represented by Duke Chung (District Secretary), Linda Chung, Walter Osakoda (Club President) and Bob Kuwahara.

Major items discussed were:

- elimination of the club incentive program for increasing membership
- An alternative plan was to have the District pay for new members at the Endowment induction dinner. This was tabled to the next meeting.
- Lt. DG James Chong will coordinate the District Christmas Party at the Kalihi YMCA.
- Future meetings will be held on October 13, January 19, and March 16.
- \$500 was given to the YMCA of Honolulu, representing half of the Healthy Kids Day Shaved Ice profits.

REGION'S MEMBERSHIP DIPS

All clubs reporting, the August 1st dues and membership reports a dip in the total count ... a one member decline. Changes by clubs ... Central, -2; East Kauai, +1; Kaimuki -1; WEST OAHU +1.

MAJOR ISSUE
AT THE CONVENTION

In the evaluation comments from the last (Las Vegas) Convention, one comment was that "registration needs to be applied to all members not only delegates but at a lower cost/\$25 for a booklet is too much".

The registration fee has always created some discussion. I wish to provide some thought behind the "registration" fee.

In the regional constitution, a "registration" fee is provided to help offset the convention costs.

The convention costs include: cost of the US Area representative to our convention (the air costs is covered by the US Area). The room, meals and other costs is the cost for the region, which is includable in the "registration" fee. Hospitality costs are also With the increasing hotel costs, other service costs (audio, video, refreshments during meetings) must also be covered. The Las Vegas Convention's budgeted cost was \$1,750. The actual costs totaled \$823.48.

	Budget	Actual
Area Representative	500	490
Area Rep Gift	100	50
Meeting Refreshments	250	0
Hospitality	450	169
Leis & Supplies	100	14
Name Tags	50	0
Booklets	200	57
Others	100	43

Because the budget must be developed early, there may be some differences.

Allocation of the registration fee has been pondered in the past with various factors:

BASED ON DELEGATES is the most accepted in the past.

BASED ON ATTENDEE reduced the "per charge", but the concern is the cost to a "one meal" attendee. As the Metro District attempts to push as many members to attend, the added charge may cause some consideration in attending. For example, a registration fee of \$15 per attendee would raise the one function attendee's cost from \$35 to \$50. A major deterrent in attendance.

MILILANI YMCA FAMILY FAIR

The Mililani YMCA held its annual Family Fair during the Summer Fun Program on Friday, July 20th from 4 pm to 6 pm.

The West Oahu Y's Men helped by handling the snack shop ... with donations of chips, bottled water, and other snacks from the Y and parents of program participants. The Y's Men provided Linda Chung's spam musubi, Jeanette Kuwahara and Jean Matsuda's sandwiches, and Jean Matsuda's assorted breads. We managed to sell \$371 ... and was pretty much sold out in two hours.

The first item to go was Linda Chung's spam musubi ... then the sandwiches.

Present were Linda Chung, Walter Osakoda, Jean Matsuda, Jeanette and Bob Kuwahara, Alissa and Keola Taniguchi.

SO WHO PAID TAXES IN 2009?

With all the hype about Mitt Romney's tax rate, the Internal Revenue Service has some statistics of individual income tax for 2009: (AGI = Adjusted Gross Income or the last line on the first page of your Form 1040.)

- the total tax generated in all tax rates was \$953 billion
- taxpayers filed 81.9 million taxable returns
- "high-income" returns representing almost 2.8% of all returns filed in 2009. (Don't know what "high-income" covers)
- the average tax rate for taxable returns decreased .8% to 12.8%
- the top 1 percent of taxpayers, with an average AGI of \$960,000 accounted for 16.9% of the total AGI
- the top 10 percent of taxpayers, with an approximate average AGI of \$245,000, accounted for 43.2% of AGI
- the bottom 50 percent of taxpayers, with an average AGI of \$15,000, accounting for 13.5% of AGI
- for returns with positive AGI, the top 1 percent had an average tax rate of 24%; the top 10% had an average tax rate of 18.1%; the bottom 50% of taxpayers had an average tax rate of 1.9%.

BASED ON CLUB MEMBERSHIP is an option that has never been used.

Maybe we need a change, and have new individuals provide a new look at some of the methodology for the regional convention.

You may wish to be a part in the planning committee or choose your club members to the committee who have a greater perspective and can provide their input for a better convention and "fair" cost structure.

The 2013 convention chair is Duke Chung and he has asked each club to provide two members to the committee. Of course, the travel costs for our OGV club members are too high for the convention to cover, so hopefully, electronic communications may be used to allow greater input for these three clubs.