

Newsletter of the
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www.ysmenusa.com
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PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BID TO BE DISCUSSED AT MID YEAR CABINET MEETING

The committee created to study a possible bid for the 2016 International Convention has circulated a report that proposes that the Hawaii Region support such a bid.

The committee was created by the US Area to investigate a possible bid for the 2016 International Convention and consist of Ray Seto, Phil Sammer and Rick Lau. They have circulated the following expectations for the Host (Hawaii) Region:

1. the Host Chair is to coordinate with the International Chair
2. the Treasurer is to work with the Hawaii State Tours on registration
3. a News team with photographer and reporters would create a daily bulletin
4. Marshalls ... requirement of 10 to 25 would be needed
5. Registration fee would approximate \$600
6. a minimum of 50 Y's Men would be needed
7. a request for volunteers from the YMCA of Honolulu would supplement our manpower needs
8. a Youth Convocation would be held at Camp Erdman concurrent to the Convention

The proposed dates for the convention will be September 8 to 11. International Conventions have been limited to late July or August, so this may be a hard sell.

The Committee has been working with Hawaii State Tours to provide much of the logistical needs including registration, greeting and transfers to and from the airport.

Clubs are asked to discuss this issue prior to the Mid Year Cabinet Meeting on November 3rd to determine the commitment from the membership to proceed with the bid process.

Looking at the clubs, the bulk of the member resources will come from the Metro District Clubs which number around 90. The commitment needed would approximate 50 to 65 'full time' volunteers during the four to five day convention period. And we may not have much manpower left to oversee a Youth Convocation.

Additionally, we do not have the experience of key leadership in handling such a convention. Duke Chung has been Chair of the convention for multi-years because no one else has stepped up. Can we expect a planning group to volunteer and give the additional planning hours?

So a "yes" vote is your commitment to be at the convention! (This is not like the Rail ... when everyone voting for it ... thinks everyone else will use the Rail. There is no "everyone else")

GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR ICM PLANNED

Ray Seto has brought up a golf tournament for visiting members of the International Council who will be here for the mid year meeting.

Reservations have been made at the Leilehua Golf Course for Wednesday, February 6, 2013 from 12 noon to 2 pm.

A fee of \$100 is proposed which will include the green fees and cart, sandwiches (provided by the Nuuanu club), and a pupu awards gathering at the end. Any profits will be donated to the Roll Back Malaria project.

In order to get a more support, the project will be brought up at the next Metro District Council

MID YEAR CABINET MEETING FILLED WITH BUSINESS

The Hawaii region's mid year cabinet meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd at the Ilima Hotel beginning at 9 am.

This year's agenda is full with three new items for discussion ...
1) the bid for the 2016 International Convention,
2) the drawing/essay contest,
3) a golf tournament for the ICM ... in addition to the normal items such as
4) Hawaii Region Convention and
5) Academy,
6) budget approval, plus the normal reports.

Lunch will be provided ... so please commit early, so Walter can call in our club's attendees for Lunch.

Maybe we need dinner, too!

CALENDAR

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

**October 11th
(Thursday)
BUSINESS MEETING
Meeting
7:00 pm**

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

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

**November 8th
(Thursday)
BUSINESS MEETING
Meeting
7:00 pm**

CLUB CALENDAR

- October
Halloween Fun Nite???
- November
Adopt-a-Family
- December
Adopt-a-Family
- January
5 - Y Open House/Plant Sale
- January - February
Annual Support Campaign
- April
13 - Healthy Kids Day
- May
Hawaii Region Convention

So, anyone with a green thumb to grow something to sell???

CANE HAUL RUN

The Cane Haul Run was held on Saturday, September 22nd. This year, the start, finish and route was changed. This year the start/finish was the Waipahu Town Center on the West end of Waipahu ... and the route was 5K along Farrington Highway. It was a mite more difficult with a slightly longer route and two hills (vs one in the past) to contend with.

Some 300 runners participated ... which was good considering that the schools were not participating this year.

The West Oahu Y's Men assisting were Keola Taniguchi, Duke and Linda Chung, Maile Kanemaru, Jean Matsuda, and Bob and Jeanette Kuwahara. We then had an enjoyable breakfast at Sizzlers in the shopping center. See you next year!

The start ... and two of our workers



INTERNATIONAL BALLOT COMING ... A SHORT REPORT ON OUR TRIP HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD ...

A ballot is forthcoming from International offices to approve the new International name for our organization ... International Association of Y Clubs ... in addition to a ballot for International President. On the ballot of three candidates is past U. S. Area president Fred Leonard. (The other two we don't know.)

Jeanette and Bob Kuwahara had a two week tour to South Africa ... yes, their time is 12 hours ahead. It took us 26 hours of air time to get there ... 9 hours to Seoul ... 3.5 hours to Hong Kong ... and short layover and hotel ... then 13 hours to South Africa ... 2 hours to Zambia.

Highlights including observing a herd of elephants come down a hill ... and cross the river to an island. We had three opportunities to go on safari viewing (no shooting as it was a game preserve) ... its just like going to Disney's Adventure Park and go on the safari ride ... only there are no barriers ...

How to and How Not to ...



When riding the ostrich ... do not grab it by the neck ... a definite "no-no" ...