

Newsletter of the
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West Oahu Y's Men's Y's WORDS

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

Chartered
January 14, 1984

REGION MID YEAR CABINET MEETING FILLED WITH BUSINESS

The Hawaii Region Mid Year Cabinet Meeting was held on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Ilima Hotel.

RD Sharon Ishida (Kaimuki) kept a good pace on the meeting as several major items were discussed and voted on.

BID FOR 2016 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

By a very slim margin (4 clubs to 5 clubs), the bid proposal to host the 2016 International Convention was voted down.

The primary stumbling block for club support was the lack of manpower and our aging membership that may hamper the success of such an undertaking. With only some 135 members in the whole region, and only around 90 members on Oahu, the task of getting commitment for a five or six day effort seemed insurmountable, especially when considering many of us are already over 70.

The committee that did the research and contact work was actually created by the U. S. Area council. But the Hawaii Region would play the host and would be expected to carry a major part of the manpower needs. The Hawaii Region voted not to support the U. S. Area proposal. The final decision making will come from the U. S. Area council.

PEACE PROJECT

A new regional project is in the making. It will be a short essay and coloring poster contest for 5th graders. It is called "Peace through my eyes". The coordination between the Y's Men and YMCAs is essential, as we will be dependent on the Y youth programs to provide the participants for this contest. The deadline for each club will be to have the activity and judging completed by April 2nd. The first place winners will go to our Saturday luncheon during the Hawaii Region Convention for the final judging.

ROLLBACK MALARIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

A small golf tournament for the Rollback Malaria project is being organized for Wednesday, February 6th at the Leilehua Golf Course. Entry fee is \$100 and includes green fees and 1/2 cart, a "Nuuanu" sandwich for lunch, and a pupu/awards gathering after the round. \$40 of the entry fee is tax deductible.

Y's Men will be asked to help with manpower and seek donations for the prizes to be given. The proceeds will be given to the Rollback Malaria Project.

Editorial on the Bid

The voting for the support for the 2016 International Convention Bid was interesting.

I thought it would go 9-0 against it. Primarily because of the acknowledged lack of numbers from our "dedicated" group of Y's Men who would be looked at to be there to help with whatever needs to be done.

But, the final tally was 4 clubs to 5 clubs! Maybe the members of the committee should have done a little more "politiking" to get one club to go over.

The disappointing thought is that with our declining membership, we will probably never be able to host another International Convention.

DISTRICT WANTS US IN A CHORAL GROUP! HA! HA! HA! or is it HO! HO! HO!

DG Garret Ho had suggested the creation of a district choral group. Questions as to the committed effort to undertake such an entertaining group was raised at the Metro District Meeting. Several clubs do some caroling in the spirit of the season, but spend little time to "practice"!

Looking at our club members ... I don't see any of us with musical talent!

CALENDAR

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

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

**January 10th
(Thursday)
BUSINESS MEETING
Meeting
7:00 pm**

**November 19th
(Saturday)
METRO DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
Meeting
10:00 am**

CLUB CALENDAR

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???

Our sympathies to **Kathy & Kimberly Ishimoto** and family on the passing of Kathy's father, Dr. Kenneth Ishimoto.

Maile Kanemaru and family on the passing of her mother, Phyllis M. Higa.

family of Bob "Steamy" Chow, long time (over 40 years) dedicated Y's Man from the Hilo Y's Men's Club. In earlier times, we

would always see him at the regional conventions.

Steamy was a great cook and was one in the cooking group in the Hilo club that always created a great dinner.



Hope for a **Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Seto**, who underwent rotator cuff surgery, and is recovering under nurse Ray's care (I guess she really want to get better ... fast!)

Congratulations to Bobby Stivers-Apiki who will be the newest Alexander Scholarship Fund Trustee. He will serve a two year term, and will help with the investing of the ASF funds.

Next US AREA CONVENTION

July 18 - 21, 2013
Hampton Tropicana, Las Vegas

\$150 registration (includes 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners) with rooms of \$84 per night.

WEST OAHU Y'S MEN ADOPT A FAMILY

Its that time for giving!

The West Oahu Y's Men with the Mililani Y staff and board are pooling their funds to have a happy Thanksgiving for some less fortunate families in our area.

Coordinated with some of our A+ schools' staff, we will provide the whole Thanksgiving dinner package ... to as many families as our dollar will go!

We also plan on a similar program for Christmas, only in addition to the dinner, we will be providing gifts as well! Again, this is to as many families as our dollar will go.

(Keola is hoping for one family from each of his A+ sites!!!)

Club members are asked to send your donation to Kathy Ishimoto, who will forward the payments to the Mililani Y. Please designate to Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Thank you!

METRO DISTRICT MEETING NOTES

The Metro District Council met on Saturday, October 13th at Kalihi Y. On hand were representatives of the six clubs in the district. Representing the West Oahu Y's Men's Club were club president Walter Osakoda and Bob Kuwahara.

Items of interest:

DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The joint Metro District Christmas Party was set for Friday, November 30th at the Kalihi Y.

(However, subsequently, DG Garret Ho found out that there was a problem and the place could not be used. Currently, a new location or date is being re-searched.)

HIROSHIMA PROJECT

Noa Hussey, the branch exec at Kaimuki and coordinator for next year's Hiroshima Project has asked the Metro District to assist with the welcome dinner for the Hiroshima delegates and their hosts. Information related to this project are:

- There will be approximately 10 to 12 Hiroshima youths (high school) and a similar number of Honolulu youth hosts
- The Y of Honolulu has set a budget of \$1,500
- The Y's Men would
 - find the venue
 - provide manpower for the event
 - provide decorations
- The Kaimuki Y's Men would act as liaison.

The project called "Let's Get Together" celebrated their 50th Anniversary last year when a delegation from the Hiroshima Y's Men accompanied the youth group.

Next meeting at 10 am on Saturday, January 19th at Kalihi Y.