

Newsletter of the  
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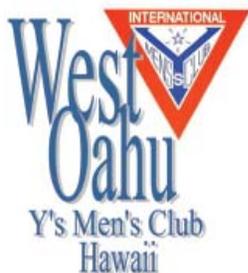
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West Oahu Y's Men's

# Y's WORDS

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Other Website of Interest  
[www.ysmenusa.com](http://www.ysmenusa.com)  
[www.ysmenhawaii.org](http://www.ysmenhawaii.org)

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Aloha, Shoji family!*



## CALENDAR

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

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

**January 18th  
(Friday)  
METRO DISTRICT  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY  
Kalihi YMCA  
6:30 Parking  
7:00 Dinner**

**January 19th  
(Saturday)  
METRO DISTRICT  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Kalihi YMCA  
10:00 am**

**RBM GOLF TOURNA-  
MENT  
Meeting  
follows**

The West Oahu Y's Men welcome the Shoji family, led by Osamu "Sam" Shoji of the Windward Y's Men and Osaka Senboku Y's Men's Club. Nine of the ten came to run in the Honolulu Marathon, with the tenth, Yasuko, being the manager. On Tuesday, December 11th, we had a potluck dinner at the Kuwahara's, and had an enjoyable time. The next day, they departed for Osaka.

Sam and Yasuko plans to return for the Hawaii Region Convention at the end of May.

### METRO DISTRICT PLANS NEW YEAR'S PARTY

After some scheduling problems, DG Garret Ho and LDG James Chong have set a New Year's Party at the Kalihi Y on Friday, January 18th, with a meet and greet at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm.

Initially planned as a joint Christmas Party on November 30th, a scheduling problem at the Y put our party in conflict with another party. After some e-mail discussion, the gathering was set for January 18th. More details will be forthcoming ... hopefully, soon.

### OUR BROTHER CLUB MEMBERS FROM KYOTO PRINCE Y'S MEN PLAN VISIT

Shinjiro and Setsuko Mori and Hiroshi and Yoshiko Nishimura are planning to visit us during the next Hawaii Region Convention.

When we get more details of their itinerary, we can plan to be good Hawaiian hosts to our friends.

## CLUB CALENDAR

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???

## HAWAII REGION CONVENTION MEETING NOTES

Duke Chung, called the Convention committee together for a meeting on Saturday, December 8th. On hand were members from all six Metro District clubs.

The details were discussed in order to provide sufficient information to complete the convention registration form by the Kalihi club.

A lengthy discussion was generated on the convention registration fee. In the past, the fee was assessed to registered "delegates". However, it was believed that a more equitable means would be to assess the clubs based on their eligible delegates. The committee voted to assess the clubs the registration fee. The fee would be \$40 per delegate.

Other proposed charges are:

Meal package (five meals) .....	\$ 140.00
Individual Meals	
Friday dinner .....	40.00
Saturday breakfast .....	15.00
Saturday lunch .....	37.00
Saturday dinner .....	40.00
Sunday lunch .....	20.00

All meals, except Sunday's lunch, would be at the Manoa Grand Ballroom. Sunday's lunch will be at the Ilima Hotel.

Hotel rooms will be \$113.96 per night. Accommodations include a studio room with 2 double or 1 king size bed with a full kitchen.

West Oahu Y's men will be sharing responsibilities with Kaimuki Y's men to plan the programs.

More information to be forthcoming.

## WEST OAHU Y'S MEN ADOPT A FAMILY

*Our Mililani Y Exec and Y's Men member, Keola Taniguchi sends the follow appreciative message for the support for the Adopt a Family project ...*

Aloha and Good Evening,

I hope that this message finds you in good health and in good spirits.

The true essence of Thanksgiving can be best described by "world-renowned" author and motivational speaker Brian Tracy, *"Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others."*

With your support & love, we (the Mililani YMCA family) were able to provide 10 deserving families a hearty, fulfilling Thanksgiving meal. Our West Oahu Y's Men provided four of these ten Thanksgiving meals.

Here are some of the families' stories:

A single-mom (with 2 children) made a tough decision to create a better life for her children by leaving an abusive relationship and filing a TRO against her abuser. Much of the abuse had been witnessed, firsthand, by the children. Their Thanksgiving was made better because of you. In mom's own words, "I do the best that I can to provide for my 2 boys. We feel really blessed this season; we have never had anything given to us like this before. I wish you could see the smiles on my children's faces."

Mom and dad (with 4 children of their own) decided to foster (and eventually) adopt 4 additional children into their loving family. The 4 adopted children had been previously in the care of adults who were dealing with drug abuse in the home. This family had a Thanksgiving filled with love, care, and support because of you.

A single-mom (with 4 children, ages ranging from kindergarten to 7th grade) works 2 hours a day as a part-time lunch monitor receiving minimum wage. Mom is also receiving public assistance. Mom is, often times, out of work because of medical issues she must attend to for herself and her children. Two of the children are twins who experience seizures and are in the special needs program at the school. Thanksgiving, this year, was a special time for the family to be together because of you.

Thank you for supporting our efforts and thank you for giving from your heart!

Have a Happy Holiday Season.

*Keola Taniguchi*

**Have you read the latest Y's Alliance** ... some interesting items ...

... both the International and U. S. Area council will be having their meetings in Hawaii in February.

... the International Council have voted to return to a June 30th fiscal year. The U. S. Area has not taken a position on changing their fiscal year. They need to file notice of change with the Internal Revenue Service and California regulatory agencies ... which they did it a few years ago ... so they want to be sure that International does not change, again.

... with the change in International's fiscal year, the payments deadlines for our Brotherhood Fund and Time of Fast has been moved back. (However, the Hawaii Region will follow our current schedule to collect and remit by the funds by February.)