

*Aloha
 to our brother club
 members!*

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

CALENDAR

September 18th (Thursday)

BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
 7:00 pm

October 16th (Thursday)

BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
 7:00 pm

October 25th (Saturday)

**MILILANI Y
 TRUNK & TREAT**

Mililani YMCA
 5 pm to 9 pm

November 8th (Saturday)

**Hawaii Region
 MIDYEAR CABINET MEETING**

Ilima Hotel
 9:00 am

November 20th (Thursday)

BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
 7:00 pm

Donations for Thanksgiving
 And Christmas Dinners
 Send Checks to Kathy

Hey Travelers ... ever thought of visiting Hokkaido.

We are looking into visiting Hokkaido in 2015 with some of our Kyoto Prince Y's Men's Club members.

Right now, nothing definite, although we are looking at the fall (September to early November). SHINJIRO MORI of the Kyoto Prince club suggested this and will be providing ideas as we develop an itinerary. If you have any thoughts, just send them this way! Jeanette and Bob did visit Hokkaido in 2009, but was limited to Asahikawa and Sapporo ... and even then, they did not see everything!

So start saving ... maybe \$300 per month ... for some good times, good food, good fellowship!



79th Hawaii Region Convention ... in Las Vegas, May 13—14, 2015

Start reading on "How to beat the odds in Vegas" so you will be prepared for the stress of protecting your assets.

The Convention Committee is proposing Las Vegas in '15, with the venue at the Main Street Station Hotel and Casino.

The best deal for this is a Vacations Hawaii package for approximately \$800. This includes air, transfer to the hotel and back, room (shared), and meal package.

So start planning to go, and when this proposal is approved at the Mid Year Cabinet Meeting, go for it! Remember in Vegas its ... "Not In No Win!"



For Shinjiro-san ... our pictures of our recent trip ... Jakarta (won't do that again), Bali, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Left: Bali Beach ... notice no people.
 Right: Merlion Park in Singapore.



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HIROSHIMA Y'S MEN'S CLUB
KYOTO PRINCE Y'S MEN'S CLUB

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IT HAPPENED THIRTY YEARS AGO ...

(for our new members .. Some history ...)

It was January 14, 1984. The place ... Kemoo Farms Restaurant, located along Kamehameha Highway next to Lake Wilson, serving their famous prime rib buffet. It was the chartering of the West Oahu Y's Men's Club.

We had a few notables coming as the U. S. Area scheduled their midyear meeting in Hawaii (at the old Pagoda Terrace) and joined us in the celebration. Area President Ivan Klatt did the charter presentation to the West Oahu Club.

The initial club officers were Allen Watanabe, president; Jack Y. Endo, vice president; Cindy T. Kawamoto, Secretary/Treasurer.

The program listed

- ▽ MC Milton Choy, Metro DG, and a member of the Kaimuki club
- ▽ Invocation by Conrad Tsukayama, of the Windward club
- ▽ Y's Guy was Sam Naipo, of the Windward club
- ▽ IPRD Bob Kuwahara gave a special presentation (only I can't think what it was)
- ▽ Induction charge of the charter members was led by Peter Ackman of the Nuuanu club
- ▽ Installation of the club officers was done by RD Warren Orikasa of the Maui club
- ▽ Charter Presentation by AP Ivan Klatt
- ▽ Congratulatory messages was provided by
 - ◇ Warren Orikasa, RD
 - ◇ Maile Kanemaru, Executive Director of the West Oahu YMCA
- ▽ Response message from Allen Watanabe, president of the West Oahu club

Teruo Yoshida was charged with the program, Naomi Aimoto brought the leis, and Milton Choy, Bob Kuwahara and Robin Yamane (Windward) were reservation coordinators.

The composition of the West Oahu Y's Men came from several groups supporting the Leeward side. There were those parents involved in the Y Indian Guides, friends in the Jaycees in the area, some Y staff and several other cliques that all came together to form the West Oahu Y's men.

Maile Kanemaru was the common denominator, and the force that pushed to get the club started.

The club since has evolved ... charter members are 30 years older ... some have left, and new ones have joined to take their place.

Now, we have thirteen members, more women than men. We have learned about the Y's Men movement, and a core group has risen to be regional directors, and continue to take leadership positions in the region.

Our members have a strong belief in support of the YMCA and community volunteerism, and many do not wish to get involved in the higher organizational structure of the (now called) Y Service International. In fact, they more supportive to retaining the Y's Men's Club name.

Along the way, we have developed two International Brother Club affiliations. They are with the Hiroshima Y's Men's Club and the Kyoto Prince Y's Men's Club. Members of the Kyoto Prince Y's Men's Club appear to have more flexibility to be able to travel to Hawaii and comes every other year. The Hiroshima Y's Men have visited us only three times: On the IBC signing, as part of one of the Hiroshima Y's Men's business trips to Hawaii, and in 2011 with the "Let's Get Together" Program with the Hiroshima-Honolulu YMCAs.

Of course, the West Oahu Y's Men have not been world travelers. We have visited with our brother clubs in 2007, 2010 and 2011. Now, we are discussing the possible trip in 2015!