



The Bulletin Board

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Hawai'i Region Clubs:

Metro District:
Central, Kaimuki, Kalihi,
Nu'uuanu, West O'ahu,
Windward

OVG District:
Maui, East Kaua'i, Hilo

Leadership Team:

RD: Rick Lau
RDE: Russ Lynch
Regional Sec./Treas.:
Bob Kuwahara
Metro DG: Phil Chun
Metro Lt DG:
Walter Osakoda
OVG DG: Lance Niimi

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Central: Darryl Tupinio
East Kauai: John Simpson
Hilo: Lanny Neel
Kaimuki: Keahi Kaawa
Kalihi: Sally Wong
Maui: Donna Jones
Nu'uuanu: Kathy Ahlo
West O'ahu: Walter Osakoda
Windward: Joe-Ann
McCarthy

Important Links:

Hawaii Region Website
<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

U.S. Area:
<http://www.ysmenusa.com>

International:
<http://www.ysmen.org>

Y's Men Grants Awarded to Local Y Staffers

U.S. Area Y's Men's education grants of \$3,000 each are being processed to go to two Mililani YMCA employees to further their education so they can advance to higher positions in the Y. At the same time three grants of \$500 each to Kaimuki YMCA staffers have been awarded and \$350 is also in the works for a Nuuanu Y employee.

Dean Currie, U.S. Area service director for the Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF) and the Dollars For Scholars (DFS) program, announced the awards in late September. **Larry Hiranaka**, Hawaii Region service director for the awards programs, said the awards are really good news, coming in the month in which Hawaii clubs must make their annual payments into the national ASF and DFS funds.

He believes it is the first time ASF grant money has come to Hawaii after decades of payments (\$10 per member per year) into the fund. The DFS program also calls for an annual donation of \$10 per local club member per year.

Mililani's **Alissa Taniguchi** and **Deborah Thierbach** have been selected for ASF grants of \$3,000 each. "West Oahu club will be tasked with administering the grant," said **Walter Osakoda**, president of the West Oahu Y's Men's Club. "We will have a pot luck at our Nov. 12 club meeting and hope to make the initial payment under the grant," he said.

Hiranaka said DFS grants of \$500 each were made to Kaimuki Y's **Ryan Chang**, **Daniel Morisato** and **Mitchell Okamura** to help finance their attendance at the National Youth Workers Convention in Los Angeles in September. **Tobias Ragoosing** of the Nuuanu Y is awaiting word on his application for \$350 to pay for his attendance at the YMCA Executive Academy Program at the Honolulu Metro Y this month.

"All of the Hawaii Region members have been very supportive of these programs and now that the Y staffs are really using the grants . . . we are really benefitting from the grants that are being used by the staff members, and this can only mean that the local Y programs will get better," Hiranaka said.

The Alexander Scholarship Fund, named for the founder of Y's Men International, provides higher-education funding for Y-oriented students to prepare them for good jobs at the YMCA. Dollars For Scholars is for on-the-job training.

Important Dates

OCTOBER 10, Saturday - Metro District work day at YMCA Camp Erdman

NOVEMBER 21, Saturday - Regional Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting

9 a.m., Ilima Hotel, Waikiki

Attendance is mandatory for all club presidents, cabinet members and regional service directors. Others welcome.

DECEMBER 4 - Metro District Christmas Party.

OCTOBER FOCUS: Alexander Scholarship/Dollars for Scholars.

RSD: Larry Hiranaka (Nuuanu).

NOVEMBER FOCUS: Brotherhood Fund.

RSD: John Simpson (East Kauai)

STRENGTH IN UNITY



Regional Director's Corner by Rick Lau, RD

Thanks to Convention Chair **Duke Chung** (West Oahu) as well as all the clubs in the Hawaii Region we have finalized the venue of next year's convention. It will take place on the weekend of May 15 – 16, 2010 at the Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki. Block off those dates on your personal planner book so you can spend some fellowship with your other Y's men and women from other clubs within the region. Also joining us will be **Stephen Kasoro** from Uganda on the Brotherhood Fund program endorsed by IHQ. On that subject if you have any candidates that would like to travel, please contact RSD Brotherhood Fund **John Simpson** (East Kauai) for application forms. I'm proud to announce that the Hawaii Region is right on target in achieving it's membership growth. Continue to recruit as the goal is a net increase of 10% for each club. Some clubs have already hit their goal.

ASD/DFS RSD **Larry Hiranaka** is doing an outstanding job and he reports that 2 staff members from Kaimuki YMCA qualified for a grant. I encourage you all to check with your respective YMCA branches to see if any of the staff wants to take advantage of this program. Your dues pay for it so make use of it. In November, RDE **Russ Lynch** travels to California for RDE Training and then we will have the Mid Year Cabinet meeting on Saturday November 21 at 9:00 AM – Ilima Hotel. Please encourage your board of directors to attend this mandatory meeting for all Club Presidents, Regional board members, RSDs and Regional Counselors. And I promise to adjourn the meeting in time for you all to watch the UH – San Jose away game on TV.

2010 Convention Shapes Up as a Busy, Efficient Event

By Duke Chung 2010 Convention Chair

The following decisions were made at our first Convention committee meeting on August 22nd at the Kalihi YMCA:

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday...May 15 and 16, 2010

WHERE: Will be held in Honolulu again!! – Negotiations with the Pacific Beach Hotel are ongoing by Area President, Phil Sammer who is making them "Offers They Can't Refuse".

WHAT: We are planning to have a condensed schedule incorporating the Endowment dinner and member induction that is normally a separate event.

SCHEDULE: We are also planning to start Saturday morning and conclude the formal portion of the Convention by early Sunday afternoon, essentially one day-plus.

HOW: All Clubs have volunteered for or have been coerced to accept a Convention assignment.

I believe we have an excellent group of people on the Committee representing all Clubs in the Region and committed to making this an enjoyable and hopefully less expensive Convention during these difficult economic times.

The decisions of the committee were based on minimizing cost and maximizing participation and this is the reason for planning to incorporate the Endowment dinner and new member induction as part of the activities for our 2010 Convention.

We hope that many members will be able to participate and we set a benchmark for attendance and participation at our 2010 Convention.

Our decision to select Pacific Beach Hotel as a site was based on information obtained by Ray Seto who has previously been involved in planning of several Regional Conventions. Thanks to Ray and Phil Sammer for volunteering to negotiate with Pacific Beach. In case you don't know Ray was a former U.S. Area President and Phil is the current Area President. With the two of them helping us with this Convention, it cannot help but

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Club Corner: Club and Member News from Around the Region

Central: "Y's Observer"

The Central Y Service Club celebrated its 15th anniversary on October 12 with a dinner at Romano's Macaroni Grill in Ala Moana Center. September was a busy month for the club, with volunteer work September 5 at the Okinawan Festival in Kapiolani Park and a beneficial brain storming session September 12 at the Ilima Hotel, working on great ideas on how to best fulfill the club's role with the YMCA and in the community. Ideas for the future include involvement in rehab centers, the Special Olympics, senior centers, pre-schools, libraries and more Roll Back Malaria fund raising.

Hilo: "Y's Cracks"

The Big Island lost one of its most loyal Y's Men when **Thayer Nakamoto** passed away September 17. Thayer, who had served as vice president of the Hilo club, was elected president for 2007/2008. He was known for his beautiful woodcraft bowls that he donated for club auctions and for the karaoke machine he brought to club socials. He was 69.

Nuuanu: "Y's Up"

The club had another successful chicken sale on September 17 and was happy to have Central and Kalihi members and other volunteers on hand to help on sale day at the Nuuanu YMCA.

Windward: "Windward Y'er"

Members turned out before dawn in the morning September 12 at Ward Warehouse to assist the Alzheimer's Association's Aloha Chapter with their "Memory Walk." Some real early birds helped with registration and cutting fruit for the thirsty and hungry runners and walkers, while others show up around 6 a.m., ready to hand out popsicles to finishers. Turns out there were no popsicles this year but members found plenty of work stuffing goody bags and serving fruit punch and bottled water to finishers.

West Oahu: "Y's Words"

The club will be helping the Mililani YMCA with two projects in the rest of the year. The branch will have a Halloween "Haunted House" on October 30 and the club plans to cater nachos and cheese for the attendees. And the branch and Mililani Town Center a coordinating a 5k fun run for December 13. The Y will have craft and other booths and the Y's Men will help in ways yet to be detailed.

See the Hawaii Region web site for more news from our clubs.



Workers at Nuuanu's chicken sale on September 17 included club President **Kathy Ahlo**, right, and volunteers from other clubs.



Kalihi Y's Men's & Women's Club's country store at Kalihi Y's Summer Fun night. **Willie Wong** eyes the merchandise. The club also sold shave ice in this successful fund raiser.



Central's team packages BBQ chicken for sale at the Okinawan Festival in Kapiolani Park on September 12.

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Some Y's Words:

"Kind words can be short
and easy to speak,
but their echoes
are truly endless."

- Mother Teresa

"It's not what you look at
that matters, it's what you
see."

- Henry David Thoreau

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right.*

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

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The rest of the committee includes Club representatives, Regional and District Officers, and many members who are getting involved with Regional planning for the first time. Additionally, many of the committee members are Regional Counselors (former RD's). I suspect that this Convention committee is stacked because of the concern of many leaders about our Convention and as I noted above with this much experience, we should succeed in having a productive and enjoyable Convention.

If you have any questions or ideas, please let your Club representative(s) on the committee who are listed below know about your concerns or suggestions.

The Committee:

Central – Phil Sammer, AP; Rick Lau, RD; Ben Makaea; and James Ishimoto

East Kauai – John Simpson and Jason Shimauchi

Hilo – Lanny Neel and Lance Niimi, DG

Kalihi – Dan Takamatsu and Phil Chun, DG

Kaimuki – Keahi Kaawa; Paul Kuromoto and Brad Ishida

Maui – Donna Jones and Fred Tamasaka

Nuuanu – Kathy Ahlo; Larry Hiranaka; Maurice Shimonishi; Steve Wong and Harold Kuwahara

West Oahu – Robert Kuwahara; Linda Chung and Duke Chung

Windward – Joe Ann McCarthy; Marion Liu and Russ Lynch, RDE.

Membership Goal Likely Will Be Exceeded

By Duke Chung

RSD, Membership & Conservation

Regional Director Rick Lau set a 2009-2010 goal of a 10% increase in Hawaii Region membership: 14 new members. My initial thoughts were righhht! it's a nice optimistic goal but probably not achievable.

In recent months I have begun to wonder what Rick knew and I didn't. At the time of this article I count at least 5 Kalihi + 3 Windward + 1 Kaimuki + 2 West Oahu.

This is possibly 11 new members

and will likely result at year's end in about 14 new members — 10% or higher increase projected for 2009-2010.

If we beat the bushes and ask people to join and help, it appears we will be able to meet or exceed Rick's goal.

This is something that has not happened in a while and was made possible by all Clubs working to increase their membership to better achieve their individual goal.

Congratulations to all!

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