



# Y's Words

Hawaii Region

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

**SEE  
YOU  
AT THE  
CONVENTION!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 19** ENDOWMENT DINNER  
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii  
6:00 pm  
\$26.00 each

**May 18-20** 2007 HAWAII REGION CONVENTION  
Site – Pagoda Hotel  
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## PREZ SEZ

### PREZ ... soon to be Ex ... sez

We had a short meeting in March ... and yours truly forgot April's meeting ... so you would think that there is not much to say ...

### NEW OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

We will have a new slate of officers for 2007-2008! They are:  
WALTER OSAKODA, president  
JEANETTE NAKANO-KUWAHARA, vice president  
LINDA CHUNG, secretary  
KATHY ISHIMOTO, treasurer

Congratulations!



### ENDOWMENT TRIBUTE

We will present a living tribute to LINDA CHUNG, for her dedicated service as club secretary for a period that goes back into history ... naw! ... but actually, Linda has provide much leadership and support at all levels of Y's Men within our region. But, I can assure you that this is not like a retirement thing ... where she can now do less ... no, this is a motivational charge so she can do it for another hundr... err, fift... err, twenty plus years. So keep it up, LINDA.

The living tribute will be presented at the Endowment Dinner scheduled for Thursday, May 17th at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. The price is \$26.00, and will begin at 6 pm. Plan to come and celebrate!

### HAWAII REGIONAL CONVENTION

Planning for the convention is being finalized, with additional information:

- ☺ Convention polo shirts are in the offering. As yet, the color and logo has not been presented. But orders are being accepted with no specific price. What else can I tell you!
- ☺ The options that have been presented at the last metro district meeting will be limited to shopping to Waikale and Pearlridge Shopping Center.
- ☺ Our club's responsibility of registration is being finalized as well, with Duke, our club's representative to the Convention committee keeping me well informed. We do need a few items, such as pens, or may need to just purchase them. We also need a creative way for name tags ... yes ... creative and less costly (cheap). We do plan to begin our registration at the Endowment Dinner, by passing out the

## MILILANI YMCA PERSONNEL CHANGES

SHIN DOMEN has returned to his duties as branch exec for the Mililani Y after a month's leave.

His office manager, LORI OKAMOTO, has left. KARENA TIGRETT, his secretary, was promoted to take the office manager's position.

Additionally, the branch has added a marketing & membership director (ROXANNE DUCUSIN) and an associate aquatics director (JUSTIN DELFIN).

Still missing is the associate executive position that the branch board had recommended as a necessary position to assist the executive director. With so much personnel movement, administering to a quality Y program is a challenge.

convention packets.

- ☺ The Brother Club Assembly has been cancelled as not many visiting Y's Men will be able to attend the entire event.
- ☺ The US Area representative to our Convention is DONNA WARD, past Area president, and will be accompanied by BILL WARD, a past International President. So they bring a lot of knowledge to our convention.
- ☺ This year's convention will have a casino night (replacing the auction) as a means to generate some funds. This will be held on Friday night. Also the meetings schedule has been revised. (see below)

There is still time to sign up!

**METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**DG-NOMINEE**

Two Metro District Meetings were held during the past two months. The agenda was pretty much directed at the Convention planning. Although an important item ... selection of a Metro District Governor for 2007-2008 was accomplished with the acceptance by RUSS LYNCH of the Windward Club.

RUSS was the Windward Club president a year ago, and has been a member since 1991. He is currently the Regional Web Master, and also has a website for the Windward Club. He is Windward's bulletin editor.

Congratulations, RUSS!

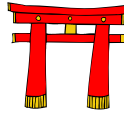
**RD REPORT**

RD PHIL SAMMER reports

- ☺ a loss of net 4 members for the year.
- ☺ FRED TAMASAKA will serve again as Secretary/Treasurer for 2007-2008
- ☺ he is in discussion with the Orchid-Valley-Garden regarding the 2008 Regional Convention
- ☺ PAUL KUROMOTO is asking clubs to submit a memorial for departed Y's Men during the past year to be included in the convention booklet

**JAPAN 2007**

Tentative Departure:  
**September 27th**  
Tentative Return:  
**October 11th**



We received a proposed schedule while in Hiroshima from the Hiroshima Y's Men, and we will most likely follow their recommendations.

It is commitment time for the Japan 2007 tour!

Please contact BOB or MAURICE SHIMONISHI if you are planning to go! MAURICE circulated a tentative itinerary, and needs to get a list of committed individuals. He said that the airfare can be put on a charge card, but will need a check for the ground part of the tour.

We have eleven signed up: DUKE & LINDA CHUNG, WALTER & DOROTHY OSAKODA, JEAN MATSUDA and friend, BOB & JEANETTE KUWAHARA.

**71st Hawaiian Region Convention**  
**SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

4:00 5:00 **Opening Cabinet Meeting**  
5:00 5:10 Introductions  
5:10 6:30 **First Business Session**  
6:30 7:15 free time  
7:15 7:30 Early Bird ticket distribution  
7:30 7:45 Welcome/Introductions; prize drawings; Invocation  
8:00 9:15 **Dinner**  
9:15 9:30 Y's Guy  
9:30 10:00 **Awards Committee Meeting** PTBA  
10:00 Hospitality/Casino Night

11:30 11:35 Invocation  
11:35 1:30 **Awards Lunch**  
1:30 2:00 break  
2:00 4:00 **Academy**  
4:00 4:15 Academy wrap-up  
4:15 6:45 free time  
6:45 7:00 Early Bird ticket distribution  
7:00 7:10 Welcome/prize drawings  
7:10 7:15 Invocation  
7:15 8:30 **Dinner**  
8:30 9:45 **Awards presentation/ Installation**  
9:45 10:00 Y's Guy  
10:00 Hospitality

**SATURDAY**

7:30 Refreshments  
7:30 7:50 Early Bird ticket distribution  
7:50 8:05 Welcome/prize drawings  
8:05 10:00 **Second Business Session**  
10:00 10:45 **Academy:** Introductions/ Barbara Pleadwell  
10:40 11:30 Entertainment (young magicians)

**SUNDAY MORNING**

8:30 8:35 Welcome/Introductions  
8:35 9:00 **Devotion** led by Pastor Terry Bosgra  
9:00 10:30 **Brunch**  
10:30 11:00 Convention wrap-up  
11:00 11:30 **Incoming Cabinet Meeting**  
11:30 Hotel guests checkout

**When there's no News, we can editorialize**

Its that time again, heading into the regional convention, a time for transition for the leadership at all levels of Y'sdom.

The Regional Convention is a time for fellowship and deal with the business of the region.

Except for a few items there will be very little to deliberate at the convention this year. The RD-E has been set (RICK LAU will be it ... or so it was said last year).

The first item is the proposed regional guidelines. Everyone believes it to be a good idea. The authoritative nature of these writing and the process for adoption, deletion and updating have not been worked out. Time may not be with us this year ... there is only 45 minutes in the convention program for the first business session of the convention. (Unless there is a change in the business agenda. Usually, the first session is the longer of the two sessions as the various reports are received during this session.)

FRED TAMASAKA has circulated one amendment .. to add two categories of youth members, reducing their regional dues. This would be in line with the International and US Area dues structure that already provides for such membership.

Another item that may take some time is a discussion memo from RD PHIL SAMMER to make the responsibility of the convention, including the net profits, placed with the region, rather than the districts. This was not well received some two years ago, when then RD PAUL KUROMOTO brought it up.

Maybe its time for some of us Y's-guys who have been around for years to step aside and let the younger ones deal with the future.

Of course, if all of us Y'sguys step aside, there may be no one left to do the planning and work.