

Newsletter of the
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Walter Osakoda

Another Hawaii Region Y's Men year is coming to an end. Our Y's Men year ends at the close of the Hawaii Region Convention. We've had another successful year and I want to thank everyone for their contribution. Everyone should take pride in the work we do to support our Mililani YMCA, the Metro District Y's Men, the Hawaii Region Y's Men and our community.

Thank you to our club officers who have chosen to continue to serve for another year. We would like to have new officers but until we can recruit more members and mentor them to become strong Y's Men we will carry on. Let our goal for the new 2010-11 year be to recruit 5 members for our club.

If you haven't registered for the May 15 convention dinner and or the training on May 16 please do so NOW!

CALENDAR

May 10
(Monday)
Business Meeting
Mililani YMCA
7 pm

May 15 - 16
(Saturday - Sunday)
Hawaii Region
Convention
Pacific Beach Hotel

May 17
(Monday)
Dinner with
Kyoto Prince Y's
Men
Don Ho's Island
Grill
6:30 pm

May 18
(Tuesday)
Golf

Dinner with
Kyoto Prince Y's
Men
Kuwahara's
6:30 pm

VISITING Y'sMEN from JAPAN

Two members and their spouses from the Kyoto Prince Y's Men's Club will be coming to Hawaii. They are Hiroshi and Yashiko Nishimura and Shinjiro and Setsuko Mori. During our 2007 visit to Japan, they greeted and escorted us while we were in Kyoto, and attended their joint club meeting. Shinjiro was one of the three tour guides (the others were Kosei Watanabe of the same club and Sam Fujiwara of the Osaka Centennial Y's Men ... brother club of the Nuuanu Y's Men).

We hope to extend our appreciation for their kindness as they will be here over the Hawaii Region Convention weekend and a few more days. They will arrive on Oahu (after spending a few days on the Big Island) on Saturday, May 15th and will attend the Convention Banquet. The next morning, they will join us for breakfast and then have a golf tour to Makaha. Monday, we hope to take them on a tour and shopping before having a club dinner at Don Ho's Island Grill at the Aloha Tower Marketplace, beginning around 6:30 pm. On Tuesday, we are scheduling a golf outing and will have a Hawaiian plate dinner at the Kuwahara's.

In Search of Mt. Fuji

JAPAN 2010

Plans are in the final stage as we are in correspondence with our Brother Club, the Hiroshima Y's Men's Club, and our travel coordinator, Maurice Shimonishi. Our group of six, Duke and Linda Chung, Walter and Dorothy Osakoda and Jeanette & Bob Kuwahara, will revisit (although the Chung's did not go) some of the places in our 2007 trip, but will have a new city added to our itinerary, Nagoya.

We look forward to our trip as we will participate in our first regional convention in Japan. It may prove educational as well as allow us to renew our relationship with the Hiroshima Y's Men's Club.

DIS 'N DATS

GATHERINGS OF NOTE

U. S. Area Council Meeting
Hot Springs, Arkansas
July 6-8, 2010

International Convention
Yokohama, Japan
August 5-8, 2010

HAWAII REGION CONVENTION

The annual Hawaii Region Convention will be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel on May 15-16, 2010.

This year, chair Duke Chung has set an abbreviated schedule beginning around 11 am on Saturday and ending after lunch on Sunday. The Area Representative will be AP-E Elect Mary Ann Phillips from the Pacific Central Region.

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day . . . a Success

by Jen Townsend
On Saturday, April 17th, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the YMCA held it's Healthy Kid's Day Event at the Bishop Museum. Healthy Kid's Day was a free, fun-filled day of activities designed to promote healthy kids and families in spirit, mind, & body. A total of 3,171 children and adults attended in addition to 850 volunteer, vendor, community partner, and family & friend participants. As part of the event, the YMCA also collected 1,324 canned good to donate to the Hawaii Food-bank.

West Oahu Host Metro District Conference Dinner & Installation

The West Oahu Club made arrangement for the Metro District Conference at the Pearl Country Club on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Although dinner cost was a little pricy, those who attended were treated to a good dinner and excellent service provided by the Pearl CC staff. Many people were also able to take some food home for a midnight snack or ??

A total of 35 people representing all Metro District Clubs attended the event.

After dinner District Governor Phil Chun conducted a brief meeting then introduced the key note speaker Tony Pfaltzgraff, a member of the Kalihi Club and Kalihi YMCA Executive Director. Tony gave an overview of the YMCA's emphasis over the past years and the current change in direction from a focus on improving its finances to a stronger emphasis on community service. Following Tony's interesting and informative yMCA overview, Regional Director, Rick Lau installed the Metro District Club officers for the coming year.

We all had an enjoyable time socializing with other Club members who we have not seen for awhile and getting to know the new club members and officers who attended.

West Oahu Club secretary Linda Chung made all arrangements with Pearl CC and picked up a cake and pupu stuff from Costco... Mahalo to Club members and others Walter and Dorothy Osakoda and Maile Kanemaru of West Oahu and Lillian Kadamoto of Windward who all helped with set-up of pupus and decorations.

Mililani YMCA Family Fair

by Alissa Taniguchi
On Friday, July 23rd, 2010 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Mililani YMCA will be having it's annual Family Fair. Join us for some games, food, family swim and performances from our very own summer children and more! What a great way to end the summer with this family event! More information coming soon!

NEW LEADERSHIP COMING

Congratulations to Russ Lynch, the new Regional Director for the Hawaii Region who will take office at the end of the Convention's business session.

With Deepest Sympathies

TO THE FAMILY OF HARVEY CUMMING CHONG, SR.

Y's Men of the Hawaii Region have lost a dedicated supporter on May 4th. Harvey was dedicated to his club, the Hilo Y's Men, and the Hawaii Region. He served as the International Director (way back when as the Hawaii Region's Director). As a regional counselor and member of the Hilo Club, his comments helped to resolve (let's say) differences of opinion. He had a keen sense of humor. At the regional conventions, he gave his handmade (cleaned and polished with his old dental equipment) kukui nut leis for the annual fundraising auction.

Our sympathies go to his wife, Phyllis, daughter, Wayette Mariani, and son, Dr. Harvey C. Chong, Jr. and the members of the Chong family.

Aloha, Harvey.