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# Y's Words

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

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## Membership

April 1, 2007 12  
Losses 4  
Current Roster 8

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**HIROSHIMA Y'S MEN'S CLUB**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Walter Osakoda

**Our president is convalescing from some minor or is it arthroscopic surgery ... so we will dispense with this eloquent comments.**

**Let's call this the CONVENTION ISSUE ...**

### DINNER MEETING

At our March meeting, we were honored by the presence of our RD, PHIL SAMMER, who updated us on the happenings of the region and Area, and his expected involvement at the next level.

Walter requested some ideas for our 2008-2009 club calendar, and will attempt to formulate one at our next meeting in May (May 12th). It will be held at the Duke and Linda Chung's, as Duke continues to re-coup. That night, we will be making the Convention Name Tags.

### METRO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MURPHY'S BAR at the corner of Merchant and Nuuanu was the setting of our annual district conference on April 19th. Although the acoustics was a little bad for the discussions going on, the place was comfortable and the food and service was good. The district hosted the dinner with some 25 attending from all six Metro clubs and CHAMP ONO from East Kauai and DONNA JONES from Maui there to discuss the on-going convention planning.

Some items of interest:

CENTRAL reported an increase of 4 members; Reggie Takaki is ailing; they will honor Maile Kanemaru in the golden book; will have a fundraiser selling cookbooks (isn't this the club that when hosting the Metro District meetings served takeout pizza?)

KAIMUKI reported an increase of 7 members; has planned the Metro gathering on May 22nd for the Endowment and New Member Induction Dinner at the Japanese Cultural Center

KALIHI will have rotational officers for the year.

NUUANU has a new member (same new member on Central's roster ... so not sure how that will work. Maybe the region, area and Intl will collect double?)

## CALENDAR

### May 12th (Monday) BUSINESS MEETING

Duke & Linda Chung's  
6:30 pm

### May 16th—18th HAWAII REGION CONVENTION

Royal Lahaina Resort

### May 22nd (Thursday) ENDOWMENT DINNER NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Japanese Chamber  
of Commerce  
\$30.00 per

WEST OAHU reported a LOSS of 4 members (we tend to go against the rest of the clubs, anyway), but will add 1 with Maile Kanemaru the newest member.

WINDWARD has lost two key members with the passing the Ken Ling and Diane Sanderson's relocation.

Next year's Metro District Governor will be PHIL CHUN. His LDG and Convention Chair will be WALTER OSAKODA.

## HAWAII REGION CONVENTION

Well the deadline has passed.

Our attendance totals are:

|  | Members | Youths |
|--|---------|--------|
| * includes Regional Officers from club |         |        |
| US Area                                | 2       |        |
| Kyoto Palace                           | 8       |        |
| Others                                 | 2       |        |
| Central                                | 4**     |        |
| East Kauai                             | 7*      |        |
| Hilo                                   | 5       |        |
| Kaimuki                                | 9*      | 2      |
| Kalihi                                 | 2       |        |
| Maui                                   | 4*      |        |
| Nuuuanu                                | 6       |        |
| Windward                               | 11*     | 3      |
| West Oahu                              | 2       |        |
| TOTAL                                  | 62      | 5      |

Other bits of information:

- ☺ So far, all golfers will win (if prizes cover 2 places)... figure that out!
- ☺ Windward has in its delegation OSAMU SHOJI and his family totaling 6 adults and three children (ages 3, 4, and 7)
- ☺ Newest member attending is CHRISTINA ALFRED who is listed under Central, but Nuuanu has collected her dues as a member of their club, and will be roommate of Donna Schulze during convention.
- ☺ US Area Representative is Debbie Redmond and her husband (but the convention registration committee has not received any registration from them)
- ☺ "Others" attending are Edgar and Renate Engert from PSWR ... who has attended several conventions in the past.

## UPPER ORGANIZATION EVENTS & NOTICES

### NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Herning, Denmark  
July 31 - August 3, 2008

Yokohama, Japan  
2010

### US AREA

CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL SAMMER!

PHIL has won the election for AREA PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2008-2010. He will then serve as AREA PRESIDENT from 2010-2012.

## CONVENTION

This year's convention is in a great location ... in a resort area for fun and relaxation. But it appears that is not enough to attract our shrinking and aging membership and is foreboding a trend for reduced attendance at our regional convention by our membership.

Without the Kyoto Palace and Osamu Shoji groups and Edgar and Renate Engert, we would have 42 members and spouses. A number that would be representative of the delegation in past conventions.

We may need to rethink future regional conventions. With the expected high air and hotel costs, how can we entice our membership to this annual event? Otherwise, we may need to move ... similarly to the two year term for the RD ... toward a biannual convention, with a cabinet meeting taking the place of the convention, just to deal with the business of the region. Your suggestions are needed to to address this issue. Probably, in the very near future.