



Y's Words

Hawaii Region

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

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MEETING
MONDAY
NOVEMBER 14TH
MILILANI YMCA
7:00 PM

Y's Men International ... an organization serving our YMCA and Community

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON BUSINESS MEETING

Nov
14

Mililani YMCA
7 pm

SAT "MEETINGS" DAY

Nov
19

Ilima Hotel
444 Nohonani Street

Metro District Meeting

Agenda items

1. Discuss proposed changes by RD Paul related to Metro Distr
2. After Kids to Camp

Regional Counselors Meeting

Preliminary organizational meeting of attending regional counselors including selection of chair; determination of purpose

Regional Mid-Year Meeting

Agenda items

1. Kids to Camp
2. RD change proposals
3. '06 Hawaii Region Convention update

GAMES & SILENT AUCTION

A "Casino Night" format from 4 pm to 8 pm

FRI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec
2

Friday, December 2nd 6:30 pm
 Approximately \$30.00 per person

PREZ SEZ

By Bob Kuwahara, President

Well, I guess we can't beat Mother Nature ... as the rains caused a postponement of our Wahiawa General Hospital paint project ...

AT OUR CLUB MEETING ... after a hiatus in September, we returned to our monthly meeting to find an extended agenda that included:

COMING EVENTS

MILILANI Y WORK PROJECT MATERIALIZING: Duke reported that our club will be assisting in upgrading the Donor's Display care by (1) have the glass taken down, (2) cleaning the walls and plaques, and (3) having the glass replaced. More information to come.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH WINDWARD Linda reported that the joint Christmas Party with the Windward club will be held on Friday, December 2nd at Natsunoya Tea House, beginning around 6:30 pm. We will have the upstairs room which have chairs! After a review of the menus, we expect a cost of \$30.00 after tax and tip.

RD SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE

It was a split decision (we accepted some, but was not enthusiastic on others) on RD Paul Kuromoto's suggestions for change.

On proposal 1, regarding the consolidation of the districts into one, we believe that (1) the region needs the district organization level to strengthen the ties among the clubs in the Metro District, (2) the lack of a district organization level might run contrary to the Y's Men organizational structure, (3)

the organization needs a more active district organization as a link to strengthen clubs and increase membership.

On proposal 2, Academy/training to be held during convention, we concur that the inclusion of the academy/training to be held during convention program might be beneficial by increasing attendance and reducing the attendees' costs to attend both if held at different times during the year.

On proposal 3, Develop policies and procedures manual, we believe a written policies and procedures manual would enhance the information to our leadership and members.

On proposal 4, Kids to Camp no longer be a signature project, we concur that the project should not be a regional signature project. (And the committee to review the project are inclined to terminate the project

West Oahu Y's Men 2005-2006 CALENDAR

- May 7—Wahiawa General Hospital work project
- July 14—Prep for Summer Fun Fair
- July 15—Mililani Summer Fun Fair

October —Wahiawa General Hospital Work Project

YMCA Work Project

November 19—Regional Cabinet Meeting and District Conference

December 2 — Christmas Party

January —YMCA Sunday
Jan/Feb—YMCA Annual Support Campaign

Jan/Feb—Time of Fast "What I Didn't Want for Christmas" Auction

March—Kids to Camp

May—Hawaii Region Convention

for the future, with two proposals for the use of the accumulated funds in the account which will be discussed at the Metro District meeting on November 19th.)

On proposal 5, the regional counselors council will be formed with a chair appointed by the RD. we question the functionality of the council. The counselors are on all islands. If the counselors are to meet to tend to the business of the region, there are only two meetings during the year (Mid Year and Convention) without incurring additional travel costs. This may inhibit the communication for all regional counselors and possible action from the group. We believe select committees should be established on a need basis for any specials concerns of the RD. They may expedite fact finding, and present their report and recommendations to the cabinet or convention. The select committees should be comprised of active Y's Men, and not limited to the regional counselors.

On proposal 6, to change the year to correspond to International, that being July 1 to June 30, we believe the convention to convention year is best suited to maximize the initial efforts of the incoming RD. With our regional terms ending one month earlier than the rest, we are able to complete all reports and remit funds on time. We wonder if the change in term period would affect the timing of the officers' installation charge. The possibility of moving the convention after the Memorial Day weekend, to say June or July would not be financially prudent as hotel facilities would be catering to the incoming visitors on vacation.

U. S. AREA PROPOSED CHANGES

We approved all five proposed changes to the U. S. Area Constitution.

MUCH INFO COMING OUT THAT WILL GUIDE HAWAII REGION AND ITS DISTRICTS

RD Paul Kuromoto has been busy attempting to put on paper his ideas for change in our organization structure and process, to circulate these ideas for the attendees to be aware with the hope that the attendees will be prepared to take action on various items of discussion.

A great volume of paper with some ideas that need to be discussed.

Items proposed by the US Area, have been circulated to the clubs for approval with each of our region's clubs to cast their ballot before the mid year meeting.

The items concerning our region and district will have much discussion. Hopefully, we can get enough discussion to allow attendees to return to their clubs for further discussion and to make a decision. One must remember that although the cabinet may approve these items, because many of these items require the change in the regional constitution and by-laws, these items must be resubmitted as amendment proposals to our constitution and by-laws, for the item to be approved. Additionally, some of these items for discussion may have a major impact on the future of our region that such a deferment for further discussion would be recommended.

So we can adopt the concept, and still have six months for dialogue before the FINAL vote of approval.



Windward and West Oahu Y's Men Christmas Party

Natsunoya Tea House
Friday, December 2nd
6:30 pm
\$30.00

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67th International Convention
August 3—6, 2006
Busan, Korea

From IP Benson Wabule
Some statistics relating to our movement:

- ▽ 20% are women
- ▽ 53% of members have been Y's Men for more than 10 years
- ▽ The average age of our membership is 58
- ▽ Africa has the lowest average age at 45
- ▽ South Pacific Area has the highest average age at 72
- ▽ 118 youth clubs with a membership of 2,435
- ▽ Y's Men's Clubs contribute US \$4,850,000 to local YMCAs annually
- ▽ Y's Men's Clubs contribute US \$2,770,000 to local communities annually

U. S. AREA

**Phil Sammer will attend
the RD-E Training
at the Mayfair Hotel
in St. Louis, Missouri
November 11-13**

REGION

Mid-Year meeting is scheduled
for November 19th
at the Ilima Hotel

CLUBS

Anyone interested in jams, jellies, chutney and other items from Jeanette's Kitchen may inquire and order through an e-mail to kuwaharar002@hawaii.rr.com for delivery on November 19th at the Ilima Hotel.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**