

Newsletter of the
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Walter Osakoda

Our new Y's Men year officially started on May 16, 2009 at the Mid Year Cabinet meeting at the 73rd Hawaii Region Convention at the Incoming Cabinet meeting. The Hawaii Region holds four meetings a year starting with the Incoming Cabinet meeting held after the Business Sessions at the Annual Hawaii Region Convention. Next there is a Mid Year Cabinet Meeting in October or November (usually) and the Outgoing Cabinet meeting prior to the Business Sessions at the Hawaii Region Convention. These meetings are chaired by the Regional Director (RD) and all Regional Officers, Regional Service Directors (RSD), District Officers and Club Officers are members of the Regional Cabinet.

Bob & Jeanette, Duke & Linda and I attended the Metro District Meeting hosted by the Kalihi Club at the Kalihi YMCA on June 24th. Schedule for the Metro District for this term are October 28th hosted by Nuuanu Club, January 27th hosted by Central Club and March 24th hosted by West Oahu Club. It was decided to hold a Metro District Christmas Party again this on December 4th even though no club volunteered to chair event. District Governor Phil Chun (DG) will check with Camp Erdman to see if he can schedule a Metro Dist. work project for Make a Difference Day in October. The Kaimuki Club will hold a Casino Night on August 8th and the Kalihi club will hold a Casino Night on July 18th. Both clubs invited any interested Y's Men to attend their Casino Nights.

Our Mililani YMCA Family Fair will be held on July 24th from 1pm to 7 pm at the Mililani YMCA. We will again do our food booth for this event and we need as many members and friends to come out and help. We will be setting up at 11:30 am and start cooking the chicken. We have scheduled our July meeting for July 23 at 6:30 pm at Duke and Linda's home to also prep the chicken. Following the prep we will have dinner. Linda will serve her curry stew & rice, Jeanette will provide salad and Jen and Alissa will provide desert. The rest of the members will be given the opportunity to provide food at future pot lucks. This way we don't have to beg people to take home food. Following dinner we will have our club meeting and for those who can multi task we may be able to assemble the travel toiletries we collected for a shelter.

ACADEMY

The Academy TRI-Deans of LINDA CHUNG, SHARON ISHIDA, and PAUL KUROMOTO presented a great program on Sunday, May 17th. Hopefully, club members received certain aids to assist them in orientations and membership recruitment and retention for the future, with hopes of increasing overall membership.

The aids included a powerpoint presentation on the ABC's of Y'sdom that can be modified by the clubs to include club pictures and other specific information. One CD was presented to each club to do such changes. (So if you haven't seen it, check with your president.)

Hopefully, the next step will be to provide guidance on the technicals of making a quality presentation.

CALENDAR

July 23 (Thursday)

Prep Food and Short
Meeting + Potluck
Duke & Linda Chung's
6:30 pm

July 24 (Friday)

Mililani YMCA
Summer Family Fair
Mililani YMCA
11:30 am setup
2:00 pm Fair Begins
7:00 pm Fair Ends
followed by Cleanup

August 10 (Monday)

Business Meeting
Mililani YMCA
7 pm

Sorry!

No space for pictures in
this issue ... maybe next
one will have a few from
the Convention!

Editor

DIS 'N TADS

KATHY ISHIMOTO

Get Well Soon ... KATHY ISHIMOTO is on the mends as she had a large kidney stone removed ... OUCH!

DUKE & LINDA CHUNG

Bon Voyage ... DUKE and LINDA CHUNG are off on their first cruise ... joining MAURICE SHIMONISHI on the Alaskan cruise for a week. They will be back in time for Mililani YMCA's Summer Family Fair!

WALTER & DOROTHY OSAKODA

WALTER and DOROTHY did a quick trip to the Seattle, Washington area to visit their son and daughter in law in June.

KALIHI Y's Men CASINO NIGHT

The Kalihi Y's Men invites all to their Casino Night to be held on Saturday, July 18th at the Kalihi Y, 2nd Floor. The program begins at 6 pm and for a fee of \$10.00, the individual will be provided with dinner and play money.

KAIMUKI Y's Men CASINO NIGHT

The Kaimuki Y's Men invites all to their Casino Night to be held on August 8th at the Kaimuki Y.

FOUR from HAWAII to AREA COUNCIL MTG

Hawaii will be well represented to the U. S. Area Council Meeting in Santa Barbara. Going are incoming AP Phil Sammer, RD Rick Lau, RD-E Russ Lynch, and ASD Youth Activities Sharon Ishida.

METRO DISTRICT MEETING

DG PHIL CHUN called the first meeting of the Metro District Council on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Kalihi YMCA. A beef stew dinner was provided by the Kalihi Y's Men with a nominal charge of \$5 per person to some 22 members in attendance representing all six clubs in the District.

Reports from all clubs show a positive direction in membership as Windward, Central, and Kalihi reported membership increase.

Future meetings for the year will be hosted by the Nuuanu Y's Men on October 28th, Central Y's Men on January 27th, and the West Oahu Y's Men on or about March 24th (Annual District Conference). Dinners that will precede the meetings will be provided at a nominal charge, except for the District Conference which is covered by the Metro District.

Other Programs on the Agenda

- A District Christmas Party is being set for Friday, December 4th at the Kalihi YMCA. To provide more time to working members, the program will begin around 7 pm.
- A Camp Project in October (during Make a Difference Day)
- Individuals willing to be part of the Orientation Teams are asked to sign up. Thus far, Walter Osakoda and Sharon Ishida have volunteered.
- The Endowment Dinner will be a District Program in 2010.

DUKE CHUNG, chair of the 2010 Hawaii Region Convention, voiced some concern with the respect to the willingness of the East Kauai Y's Men to assist in the coordination with the Kauai hotels if the convention is located there.

HAWAIIAN REGION CONVENTION

The 73rd Hawaiian Region Convention was an interesting outing for Y's Men. This year, the room accommodation was at the Ilima Hotel, while the meetings and meals were shared at the Ilima and Miramar Hotels. The schedule of the convention began in earnest around noon on Saturday, and ended with the Sunday night banquet.

The convention program was a bit interesting. RUSS LYNCH of the Windward Y's Men graciously accepted the nomination for Regional Director Elect prior to the convention, but the hosting of the 2010 convention was in question.

MAURICE SHIMONISHI led a discussion that resulted in all clubs deciding that an annual convention was good and should be continued. However, the thought of having a convention on Kauai was up in the air, with the East Kauai Y's Men voting not to "host" on Kauai. It was thought that their concern was the work related with chairing the convention. Under the new organization, Duke Chung was appointed the convention chair, and the Metro District clubs would then provide much of the planning. It was discussed and explained that the only responsibility for the East Kauai club was coordinating with the Hotels on the meals and hotel accommodations. At this point, JOHN SIMPSON, their incoming president, accepted the idea. However, the East Kauai club have not accepted this thought as of this writing.

More information ... hopefully by the next issue of our bulletin which is not very scheduled of late.