

Newsletter of the
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Walter Osakoda

As five of the usual attendees at our club meeting will not be present on our regularly scheduled second Monday meeting date, it has been rescheduled to June 21st. I hope to see you there, as we reminisce of our trip.

2010 Hawaii Region Convention May 14-16, 2010

Congratulations to Chairman Duke Chung and the convention committee for successfully compressing a traditional two day convention to one day. Our assignment again was to handle registration and thanks to Bob Kuwahara's planning and preparing the material Duke, Linda and Walter, with assistance from Windward club members Marian Liu, Joe-Ann MCarthy and Donald Scott, registration went smoothly. RSD Linda Chung and her committee also ran a successful Officer's Training on Sunday. A special Thanks to all of our club members who came to the Induction, Installation, Endowment banquet Saturday night.

Hosting Hiroshi and Yoshiko Nishimura and Shinjiro and Setsuko Mori from the Kyoto Prince Y's Men Club

The Kyoto Prince Y's Men club hosted our West Oahu Y's Men Club members on our visit to Kyoto in 2007 and this was an opportunity to reciprocate. They attended the Hawaii Region Convention and stayed a few days, until Wednesday and Thursday. It was a time to reconnect in Hawaii and for our club members and friends from Nuuanu Y's Men and Windward Y's Men to join us for the dinners.

On Monday, we were able to take them shopping at Waikele, followed by dinner at Don



Ho's Island Grill. Present at Don Ho's were Maurice Shimonishi, Larry and Mae Hirana-ka, Steve and Susan Wong from Nuuanu, and Alissa, Kathy, Walter & Dorothy, Duke & Linda, and Bob and Jeanette.

Tuesday was a day of golf! After golf and a 19th hole, our Kyoto Prince guests arrived for the dinner at the Kuwahara's a little early. They volunteered their service to head cook Jeanette, who put them to helping the food preparation for the night. Jeanette noted that Setsuko must be a great cook in Japan -- as she was really fast and precise with the knife as she prepped the veggies. Both Setsuko Mori and Yoshiko Nishimura busily assisted with the food for the night.

CALENDAR

June 19
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
7 pm

July 12
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
7 pm

July 23
(Friday)
Mililani YMCA
FAMILY FAIR
Prep: 11:30 am
Fair Opens: 1:00
Fair Closes: 6:00
Cleanup

August 9
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
7 pm

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

JAPAN WEST REGION CONVENTION

The annual West Region Region Convention will be held in Hiroshima on June 12-13, 2010.

Some 700 members and spouses from Y's Men's Clubs from the western side of Japan that includes Osaka, Kyoto and Nagoya, will be attending.

The West Oahu Y's Men will have six present after accepting our brother club, the Hiroshima Y's Men's Club's kind invitation to attend. We will learn their style of hosting a convention. Maybe our Hawaii Region Convention Chair will be taking notes?

Next year's Japan West Region's Convention will be in Kyoto!

LEADERSHIP CHANGE

There was a bit of shuffling at this year's leadership level. Some new faces ... John Putz of Windward is Metro's DG (and will be assisted by LDG Marion Liu) .. Robert Sims is Prez at East Kauai, Juanette Quiroz at Kalihi, Garret Ho at Central. Of course, we have recycles as well.

By the way, it was a Hawaiian plate dinner. Our guests really enjoyed the Kona crab (must've been sweet), but were not too keen on the opihi. They said it was prepared a little differently in Japan. Derwin tried to "sell" the poi to them by adding sugar. The lomi salmon was great ... and gone! The chicken long rice was great with some add-ons! Plenty of lau lau and kalua turkey. And Jean Matsuda's haupia (Jean had a previous meeting, but stopped by early to leave her contribution!) was a hit!

Present were Jim Kanehira and Osamu Shoji from Windward, and Steve and Susan Wong from Nuanu, Rick Lau from Central, plus Duke and Linda, Walter and Dorothy, Kathy, Derwin, Kim and Justin, Trudy and Dan Zukemura, Jeanette and Bob exchanging

Wednesday was Aloha to the Mori's as we had breakfast and dropped them off at the airport. The Nishimura's then enjoyed a stroll down the Aloha Stadium Swapmeet.

The Kyoto Prince members and wives were extremely appreciative for our hospitality.

... Maybe the next time they come, we can do some sightseeing???

74th Hawaii Region Convention

by Duke Chung

Despite early conflicts that were successfully resolved without a war of the worlds, our 74th Convention was very successful due to much work by all Committee members.

Eight of 11 West Oahu members were able to participate in the entire or at least a portion of the Convention activities. Bob and Jeanette, Duke and Linda and Walter and Dorothy participated in the entire Convention. Maile, Kathy and Allisa were able to partially participate. Additionally our guests Hiroshi and Yoshiko Nishimura and Shinjiro and Setsuko Mori from the Kyoto Prince Club of Japan also joined us for the Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

The Saturday Awards, Endowment and Induction dinner was one of the highlights of the Convention and attended by 91 Y's Men and Women and guests. Although the program was lengthy, we were able to Honor Y's Men and Women and many others, induct new members, distribute Club Awards and have an auction for some good deals.

Other highlights of the Convention were the devotional ceremony involving Y's Men and a closely dovetailed training session that featured a inspiring talk by Harry Kim former Head of Civil Defense and Big island Mayor. This was coupled with a presentation related to use of the Hawaii region website to obtain information and other innovative and traditional presentations by Linda Chung, Sharon Ishida, Brad Ishida and Bobby Stivers-Apiki, the training team. Although he was unable to attend Paul Kuromoto helped to support the team's efforts.

Our special thanks also go to Lance Niimi, Orchid/Valley/Garden District Governor and Bobby Stivers-Apiki for their assistance in arranging for Harry Kim to join us.

This Convention was an experiment of sorts in that the Committee attempted to condense activities within a 28 hour period to minimize time spent...Based on comments received in the evaluations it appears most people liked the condensed format.