



Y's Words

Hawaii Region

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

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**JANUARY
 MEETING
 AT CENTRAL Y
 JANUARY 9TH
 6:30 PM**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON BUSINESS MEETING

Jan 9 CENTRAL YMCA
 6:30 pm

MON JAPAN YMCA VISITORS DINNER

Jan 16 Kaimuki YMCA
 6:00 pm
 Potluck Dinner

MILILANI YMCA ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

Goal: \$30,000

- Jan 17 Leader/Worker Training
- Jan 19 Leader/Worker Training
- Jan 31 ASC Kick-off
 6:30 pm
 Mililani YMCA
- Feb 7 Phone Report
- Feb 14 Report Dinner
- Feb 21 Phone Report
- Feb 28 Victory Dinner

PREZ SEZ

By Bob Kuwahara, President

**belated Merry Christmas
 ... and Happy New Year!**

BUSY CALENDAR

January will have a busy calendar with the visitation of our International President BENSON WALUBE in early January, followed by a YMCA group from Japan.

MEET WITH IP BENSON WALUBE

A joint meeting of the Central and West Oahu Y's Men will be held on Monday, January 9th at the Central YMCA beginning at 6:30 pm. (Parking is in the Yacht Harbor Towers, with validated parking for 2 1/2 hours at the Y.) The gathering will be open to other Y's Men, as many will not have opportunity to meet him. Sorry, no dinner ... on our own ... so let's plan to ... after the meeting and discuss some of our agenda items.

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INPUT

We do have a business agenda to discuss, which I propose to gather input prior and have a short meeting. So I will highlight the items on the agenda to facilitate discussion and decision making:

1. Scheduling for the **Wahiawa General Hospital paint project** (which was postponed in October due to the heavy rains) need to be planned. We plan to paint the two stairwells.
2. **Mililani YMCA's Annual Support Campaign** will begin with a kickoff on Tuesday, January 31st at the Y.

With our illustrious member, WALTER OSAKODA, volunteering as chair for Mililani Y's Annual Support Campaign

(ASC), we must volunteer to help him in his quest for success.

With that our club has the task of **hosting the kickoff** for the campaign on **Tuesday, January 31st!** ... and a strong support in soliciting funds!

We're looking at a similar menu when we hosted a report meeting this past February. (It was well received, but we had a communication problem and did not anticipate the numbers that showed up.) Chair for the project is JEANETTE KUWAHARA, who coordinated last year's project.

As I recall, we had steaks (sliced into pupu) and chicken cooked on the Y's new grill (by now, old), veggie platter for Costco/Sam's (I forgot which), rice (for Walter), dinner rolls and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the food!

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
- November 19—Regional Cabinet Meeting and District Conference
- December 2 — Christmas Party

January -YMCA Sunday

YMCA Work Project

Jan/Feb—YMCA Annual Support Campaign

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

February —Wahiawa General Hospital Work Project

May—Hawaii Region Convention

I think we are looking at 50 to 75 attendees!

We ask for your support by:

1. **becoming a worker/captain** to call for pledges/donations
2. **help the Club in our hosting** of the kickoff at the Mililani Y ...
3. WALTER wishes! As campaign chair, WALTER wants a well run program. We are looking for **help to process the reports and to accumulate better data** than what is currently being provided by the Metro staff. We will be developing much of the information that will go in the weekly campaign report to workers. We will be creating/updating a data base of contributors, and we need help to input the data.
3. **Nominations for IP-E and IT** have been received. We have a few weeks to submit

our ballot.

4. Our Club Planning Schedule called for a **YMCA Sunday program**, which is to be coordinated by WALTER OSAKODA, which we need to discuss.

DINNER FOR GROUP FROM JAPAN YMCA

The Kaimuki Y's Men are hosting/coordinating a potluck dinner for ten YMCA personnel from Tokyo on Monday, January 16th (Martin Luther King's Holiday) from 6 pm at the Kaimuki YMCA. Ray Seto is requesting a headcount.

Sorry ... we were too busy with preparations and holidays ... and could not get the Y's Words for December out!

CLUBS

Our condolences to Steve Wong (Nuuanu) and family on the passing of his father, Yuen Kong Wong ... (services will be held on Sunday, January 8th at Borthwick).

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NATSUNOYA TEA HOUSE!

No meeting was held in December, as we enjoyed the fellowship of other Y's Men and spouses at our joint Christmas Party with the Windward Y's Men's Club held this year at the Natsunoya Tea House on Friday, December 3rd.

The planning committee of LINDA CHUNG and MERLE IWAMASA from our club, and KEN LING from the Windward Club presented a great location, menu, and program.

They recognized the aging of our group with settings with chairs, a great menu, and a well planned singing of Christmas songs along a Christmas story, that was led by storyteller JIM KANEHIRA.

Present were DUKE and LINDA CHUNG, MERLE

IWAMASA, BOB and JEANETTE KUWAHARA, JEAN MATSUDA, CHESTER and KATHY OBARA, and WALTER and DOROTHY OSAKODA from our club; KEN and LILLIAN KADOMOTO, JIM and GLADYS KANEHIRA, KEN and KAREL LING, RUSS LYNCH, JOEANN MCCARTHY, DONNA SAITO, and BILL STONE from the Windward club; visiting SHARYN NAKANO and son, ISAAC SUMERA, LARRY and MAE HIRANAKA, and STEVE and SUSAN WONG.

As our annual time for giving ... we collected gifts for the Catholic Charities.



METRO DISTRICT MEETING

The Metro District meeting was held on November 19th at the Ilima Hotel. All clubs were represented.

Items on the agenda included:

KIDS TO CAMP Report ... recommendation to return excess funds to clubs with the intent that these funds be used for "Kids to Camp" purposes was approved 4-2.

RD's proposals was passed ... except for the dissolution or consolidation of the districts into one.

After the meeting, a joint meeting with the Orchid-Valley-Garden District delegation was held. It appears that the thoughts shared were similar with much centered on the consolidation of districts proposal and having the region run the convention and receive the surplus.

REGIONAL CABINET MEETING

The Regional Cabinet Meeting was held in the afternoon of November 19th at the Ilima Hotel.

Agenda items of note included:

- ▽ Regional convention is planned for the Naniloa Hotel on May 19th—22nd.
- ▽ Approval of RD's five proposals
 1. Holding Academy and Training at Regional Convention,
 2. Establish a Regional Policies and Procedures,
 3. Discontinue the Kids to Camp project as a regional project,
 4. Formation of the Regional

5. Counselors Council, and Change term of RD to July 1 to June 30,

- ▽ Defeat of RD's proposal to consolidate districts.
- ▽ Proposal to rename "Trident" Awards to "Milton Hakoda Trident" Award with suggested special funds for subsidizing or covering costs of recipients to convention.
- ▽ Approval of the Hawaii Region Policy and Procedures Manual in concept ... however, much of draft needs to be reviewed before adoption.

All approved items need to be drafted into amendments for the upcoming Regional Convention Business Session for final approval.