

Newsletter of the
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Other Website of Interest
www.ysmenusa.com
www.hawaiiysmen.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Walter Osakoda

Walter is off on vacation. But I don't know how you can take a vacation from retirement! He is trying to get motivated visiting the slot machines in Las Vegas for the week.

**I wonder if this is the club's fundraiser for the year?!
Go Walter!**

In Search of Mt. Fuji

JAPAN 2010

Our club did go to Japan in 2007. But we missed something.

To the right is the only view of Mt. Fuji we were able to see. And it was on the wall of a tour boat (that's the boat in the foreground) ... an advertisement poster.

When we did get to the slope of Mt. Fuji, our souvenir photo is below



So, we are ready to see the "real thing".

Of course, an invitation from our brother club, the Hiroshima Y's Men's Club, to attend the Japan West Region convention in June, is helping our decision making. The Hiroshima club is one of the hosts for the convention to be held in Hiroshima City.

Right now, we have three couples (Duke and Linda Chung, Walter and Dorothy Osakoda, and Bob & Jeanette Kuwahara), with a few "maybes" that show signs of interest.

We are trying to work out the details. We are looking at an eleven day trip, with stops in Tokyo,



Hakone, Hiroshima and Nagoya.

We are seeking ideas and suggestions as we mold our travel itinerary, with Maurice Shimonishi providing his guidance.

We only hope the US\$ gets stronger against the Japanese Yen! Or all those Kaiseki dinners will turn into Ramen dinners!

CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**January 27
(Wednesday)
Metro District
Meeting
Stevenson Middle**

**February 2
(Tuesday)
Mililani YMCA
Annual Support
Campaign
Kickoff
Mililani YMCA**

**February 14
(Sunday)
Lunar New Year**

Gung Hee Fat Choy



Year of the Tiger!

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

AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET in Waikiki

The Area Exec Committee spent a few days in Waikiki holding their mid-year meeting. On Wednesday, January 13th, a few Hawaii Y's Men shared a dinner at the Waikiki Yacht Club. From West Oahu were Duke & Linda, Bob & Jeanette.

HAWAII REGION CONVENTION

The annual Hawaii Region Convention will be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel on May 15-16, 2010.

This year, chair Duke Chung has set an abbreviated schedule beginning around 11 am on Saturday and ending after lunch on Sunday. The Area Representative will be AP-E Elect Mary Ann Phillips from the Pacific Central Region.

Please plan to attend at least a dinner (there is only one and will be on Saturday).

The room rate for the convention is a very affordable (for Waikiki). Why not take a few more days and enjoy the Waikiki backdrop. After all, when did you last take a stroll down Kalakaua Avenue?

Registration forms may be downloaded from the Hawaii Region website
www.hawaiiysmen.org

Mililani YMCA Annual Support Campaign KICK-OFF

The Mililani YMCA will kick-off their Annual Support Campaign at the Mililani YMCA on Tuesday, February 2nd. This is the annual fundraising campaign in support of the various programs that the YMCA provides. This year's goal for the branch is \$46,000, a \$1,000 increase from last year. The convention chair is Kathy Ishimoto (again).

The West Oahu Y's Men are hosting the dinner with Jeanette's Kalua Turkey as the main entree.

The Menu

Kalua Turkey
Veggie Platter
Fruit Platter
Dinner Rolls
Rice
Assorted Desserts

Plan to come around 6 pm to help setup. The dinner and program begins at 6:30 pm. So come down and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

(The campaign continues each week, with a Victory Dinner scheduled for March 2nd, place to be announced.)

Christmas Project

In lieu of exchanging gifts we asked our members to make a cash donation to help purchase "Ready To Eat Christmas Meals" for needy families in our area. Kathy reported that \$250 was collected for this project. Maile coordinated this project for the club providing canned goods and two "figt" cards from Foodland to two families with participants in Kipapa School.

Maile received the following e-mail ...

On behalf of Kipapa School, we would like to extend a big mahalo to you and your organization for the wonderful food donations and gift cards. We selected two families that we felt would benefit greatly. Both families have many children that have walked Kipapa's halls. As you requested, let me give you a slight profile for both families.

Family A is a large extended family with six children. The single mother has two children of her own. In addition she cares for four other children that were her sisters'. All of the children are or were Kipapa students. Four have moved on to middle and high schools, and two remain with us in grades 4 and 5.

Family B is a family with five children. The family is struggling financially and emotionally. Kipapa has tried to help in the past by providing clothes and occasional food items. This family is most appreciative of the donations provided.

Again, thank you for your generosity. Have a happy holiday season.

*Silvia Koch
Kipapa School Counselor*