

Newsletter of the
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www.ysmenusa.com
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Walter Osakoda

This year, we are having a busy fall-winter:

Camp Erdman Metro District Project

Duke, Linda and I represented our club at the Metro District MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY work project at Camp Erdman on October 10th from 9:30am to 12 noon. Members from the Kalihi, Central, Kaimuki and Windward also participated, for a total of about 18 Y's Men. Camp wanted our group to do touch up painting on the exterior of the Multi Purpose building and gardening at the "KaBoom" natural space playground. Our group opted to do the painting. We were able to complete two stairwells and the ramp to the 2nd floor cafeteria. We all gathered for a pot luck lunch and fellowship after washing up. **Duke & Linda** provided ono Kal Bi to add to the chicken, salads, rice and desert contributed by other clubs. This was a very successful project and Camp was pleased with our work.

Brother Club News

I received a letter and flyer from the Hiroshima Y'sMen club inviting us to attend the Japan West Region Convention in Hiroshima City on June 12 & 13, 2010. The Hiroshima Y's Men Club is hosting the convention. We will discuss this at our Monday November 9th club meeting. (See page 2 for more information.)

Halloween Event at the Mililani YMCA

The Mililani Y had a "haunted house" and games at the branch on Friday, October 30th. About 100 participants and adults attended the event that featured the Haunted House, a short program, games and food.

Besides **JEN TOWNSEND** and **ALISSA TANIGUCHI**, present were **KATHY ISHIMOTO, WALTER OSAKODA, and BOB KUWAHARA**. **JEN** and **ALISSA** were involved in the Haunted House, while **Kathy, Walter** and **Bob** helped distribute paper bags, stickers and markers for the children to keep their prizes, and assisted with the games.

November 9th Club Pot Luck Meeting

Meeting will start at 6:30 pm at Classroom 1 at the Mililani YMCA with a pot luck dinner. **Regional Director Rick Lau** will be making his official club visitation. Regional Service Director for Dollars for Scholars and **Alexander Scholarship Fund, Larry Hiranaka**, from the Nuuanu Club, will also be a special guest, along with wife, **Mae**. Our third guest will be **Deborah Thierbach**, one of our two ASF awardees along with our own **Alissa Taniguchi**. **Larry and Rick** will make the presentations.

CALENDAR

**November 9
(Monday)**
Business Meeting
Mililani YMCA
7 pm

**November 21
(Saturday)**
Hawaii Region
Mid Year Cabinet
Meeting
Ilima Hotel
9 am

**December 4
(Friday)**
Joint Christmas
Party
Kalihi Y
6:30 pm

**November 13
(Sunday)**
Mililani Fun Run
(joint project of
Mililani Town Cen-
ter and Mililani Y)
setup 5:00 am
run 6:00



Walter and Kathy helping at the game booth at the Halloween event.



DIS 'N DATS

HAWAII REGION GROWS, NOT AS MUCH

When the final totals were, the Hawaii Region grew by a net FIVE. Changes in club reports were ... Central, added 1, lost 1; Hilo, lost 4; Kaimuki, added 1; Kalihi, added 5; Windward, added 3. The region added 10, lost 5.

MILILANI YMCA ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN GEARING UP

The 2010 Mililani YMCA's Annual Support Campaign is getting organized!

This year's goal is \$46,000, a \$1,000 increase from last year.

The Y's Men are asked to help with this annual fundraiser in support of the various programs that the YMCA provides.

The campaign will kickoff on Tuesday, February 2nd.

More news will be forthcoming!

REGION'S RD-ELECT EDGAR RUSSELL LYNCH to Area RD-E Training

Russ Lynch gets to find out "what he got himself into" when he attends the U. S. Area Regional Director-Elect Training in Torrance, California on November 13-15.

When he returns, he should have a "plan" and must review all the applications for the various positions in his Hawaii Region Team.

Help a Needy Family

We are again **collecting can goods for Christmas baskets for needy family(s) so please bring your items to this meeting.** If you cannot make the meeting and want to contribute drop off your items at the Mililani YMCA, att: Alissa. We will also dedicate money collected at the Christmas Party on December 4th, in lieu of grab bag gifts, to purchase ready to eat Christmas meals. Like last year, this will be in partnership with the Mililani YMCA staff.

NEW TWIST TO "JAPAN IN 2010"

Our thoughts of going to Japan in 2010 to take part in the International Convention in Yokohama, Japan, has a slight variable with the receipt of an invitation from Hiroshima Y's Men's president, Akiko Yamamoto, to attend the Japan West Region in Hiroshima. The 13th Annual Japan West Region Convention will be held in Hiroshima, and our brother club, the Hiroshima Y's Men, are the host club, with support from other clubs in that area. The convention will be held on (Sat) June 12th and (Sun) 13th. Specific information currently available are:

Convention Site: International Conference Center & Rihga Royal Hotel
Theme: "To the World Hiroshima sends a Message of Peace"
Registration Fee: Y20,000 per person
Y35,000 couples special
Y18,000 early bird registration (by March 31st)

Walter wish to discuss these options at our November meeting.

HAWAII REGION CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETS

Duke Chung held a followup convention committee meeting on Saturday, November 7th at the Kalihi YMCA.

All six clubs in the District were present, and approved the following:

- The convention site will be the Pacific Beach Hotel on May 15th and 16th.
- The convention will begin on Saturday, around 11 am and end with a later afternoon program on Sunday
- Convention Registration Fee will be kept at \$25.00 for delegates
- Room prices will approximate \$123.13 per night (inclusive of taxes), maximum four to a room; the price will be held from Thursday to Tuesday
- The meal package of four meals (Sat Lunch & Dinner, Sun Breakfast and Lunch) will be \$125.00; Individual meal prices are being worked on
- The meals is tentatively set (individual prices are being worked on)
 - Saturday Deli Lunch Buffet, guessed price of \$27.00
 - Saturday Buffet Dinner, guessed price of \$48.00
 - Sunday Breakfast Buffet, guessed price of \$25.00
 - Sunday Grilled Salmon Lunch, guessed price of \$30.00
- Free parking to hotel room guest will be provided, one car per room
- Parking for daily function is \$3 for up to 12 hours
- "Captain's Bar" service will be provided at the dinner, with approximate prices of \$5.25 for beer; \$3.00 for a can of soda; \$33.50 for a bottle of wine (price are tax and tip included)

The next Convention meeting will be held immediately after the Region's Mid Year Cabinet Meeting on November 21st at the Ilima Hotel. A draft of the registration form will be distributed at that time, and if no changes, will be distributed thereafter.