

Newsletter of the
West Oahu Y's Men's Club
of Mililani YMCA,
Oahu, Hawaii

c/o Robert K. Kuwahara
P. O. Box 1027
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

e-mail address:
kuwahara002@hawaii.rr.com

President Walter Osakoda
Vice President Jeanette
Nakano-Kuwahara
Secretary Linda Chung
Treasurer Kathy Ishimoto

Bulletin Editor Bob Kuwahara

Members
Duke Chung, Jr.
Maile Kanemaru
Dennis Kuwabara
Jean Matsuda
Alissa Taniguchi
Jennifer Townsend

Brother Club Affiliation
HIROSHIMA Y'S MEN CLUB



West Oahu Y's Men's

Y's WORDS

AUGUST 2010

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

Chartered
January 14, 1984



by Walter Osakoda

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MILILANI YMCA SUMMER FUN FAMILY FAIR

Thank You all for your help with our food booth at this year's Mililani YMCA Family Fair on July 23th. The Fair started at 1:00pm and ended around 6:30pm. We were concerned that several members and friends were not going to be able to help this year and that we would be shorthanded but in true Y's Men fashion our members were able to recruit other family members and friends and the YMCA Summer Fun Staff were a great help with the set up of the food booth. Actually due to the fact that there was no mad rush at anytime during the event we were over staffed. This was OK because we were able to get to know the new additions to our work force.

The shaved ice, a new item on our menu, was a great idea and did very well. Thank You to Duke Chung III for the equipment and running the shave ice machine.

We met our objective for this project which was to provide food for sale to the families as a fund raiser for the club as well as providing the hardworking Summer Fun Staff with lunch as a Thank You. The club will net a little over \$300.

NEXT MEETING

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Monday August 9th club meeting at the Mililani YMCA at 7:00pm. Please bring your thoughts and ideas for planning our calendar of events for this Y's Men year.



Top: staff help put up sign; Jean and Jeanette readying andagi cooking area; Jean, Jeanette and Justin; Linda at the Shaved Ice booth; Right: Kristy, Ron and Linda in Kitchen; late afternoon program.

CALENDAR

August 1
Semi-Annual
Dues and Rosters

August 9
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
7 pm

September 13
(Monday)
BUSINESS MEETING

Mililani YMCA
7 pm

September 15
(Wednesday)
METRO DISTRICT
MEETING

ptba

EAST KAUAI Y'S MEN CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY by Duke Chung

On July 17, 2010 the East Kauai Y Service Club had a luncheon celebrating their 60th Anniversary at the Kauai Beach Resort Hotel.

There were over 50 people attending this event including Phil Sammer, US Area President; Russell Lynch, Hawaii Regional Director; Maurice Shimoni-shi, representing the Nuuanu Club; Lance Niimi and Jimmy Fujimoto representing the Hilo Club; and Duke Chung, representing the West Oahu Club. Also attending was Bernard Cravalho, Mayor of Kauai.

The Master of Ceremonies was former Hawaii Regional Director and retired judge Alfred Laureta who kept things lively with a few timely humorous stories.

Certificates of achievement for 60 years of service were presented to charter members Champ Ono and Nato Mikasa, by Area President, Phil Sammer and certificates of achievement and gifts were presented to the East Kauai Club from the Hawaiian Region, Nuuanu, Hilo and West Oahu Clubs.

Luncheon music and entertainment was provided by Larry Rivera an old time Kauai entertainer from the days of the Coco Palms.

The program was full but brief and was concluded with the singing of Y's Men song "Once More We Stand".

BENJAMIN T. INOUE ...

June 22, 2021 - July 23, 2010
DEDICATED Y'S MAN and YMCA SUPPORTER

Hawaii has lost another dedicated Y's man and YMCA supporter with the passing of Ben Inouye.



Ben was inducted into the Hilo Y's Men's Club on September 21, 1979, and quickly ascended through Y's Men leadership ranks, serving as regional director from 1984-1986. Throughout, he was a dedicated Y's Man, attending most of the Hawaii Region Conventions, until illness limited his presence. He contributed his knowledge and leadership during the business sessions and enjoyed the gatherings to renew and begin new friendships.

As a YMCA volunteer, he supported the Waiakea Settlement YMCA and later, the Island of Hawaii YMCA as the Big Island YMCA sought expansion.

Our condolences to Lily and the Inouye family.

METRO DISTRICT MEETING HELD

The first meeting of the new administration for the Metro District was noteworthy in the change of the district's leadership.

The meeting was held at the Windward YMCA on July 1st, with the Windward Y's Men providing dinner. Five of the six clubs were present (Kaimuki was missing).

The "noteworthiness" was the withdrawal of the DG nominee, John Putz, and the appointment of Bill Stone as the DG for the current term. John will be relocating to Phoenix, necessitating his resignation. With the announcement, RD Russ Lynch installed Bill in a ceremony preceding the meeting.

Bill, the executive director at Windward, has not been very visible at the Metro or Regional level, but has been a strong supporter for the Windward Y's Men's Club. (So now he will be more visible.)

Items of interest on the agenda included:

- Proposal to assist with an Association-wide teen event for July 24th at the Windward Branch
- Scheduling of Metro District meetings for the year
September 15h ... hosted by Kaimuki Y's Men
November 20th ... in conjunction with Hawaii Region's MidYear meeting
January 5th ... hosted by West Oahu Y's Men
April 6th ... hosted by Central Y's Men
- The Joint Christmas Party will be held on December 11th (Saturday) at the Kalihi YMCA
- Proposal to support the Meals on Wheel program, helping with delivery. As explained the project would require rotation of members to help with the delivery. A member may have the responsibility once a month.

DIS 'N DATS

... the region's membership has fallen by 8 or 9 (with on two clubs to report) over the past six months

... Y's Men International has a new AREA ... Korea will be a new Area (separating from Area Asia)

... next Hawaiian Region Convention leadership ... looking at Hilo ... Hilo Hawaiian Hotel ... weekend of May 20 - 22 (Friday to Sunday schedule). Hilo Y's Men logistics team of Bobby Stivers-Apiki and Lance Niimi are "on top of it" and will have a detailed report at the initial convention meeting. In their initial program draft, they include a lot of "fun" things for the "not so Y's Men interested" or "on vacation" participants ... such as golf (we heard that before!) ... volcano tour (looking for a virgin to sacrifice!) ... Imiloa Astronomy Center ... World Botanical Gardens ... tour of downtown Hilo and market place (looking for bargains!) ... walk around Coconut Island/Queen Liliuokalani Park ... so you all come now!