

It's Honolulu Marathon Time

By Don Eovino

Welcome all runners and running observers. We expect more than 35 OCC Marathoners to compete in this year's Honolulu Marathon on Sunday, December 8.

A pre-event carbo-loading party will be held on Friday, December 6 from 6-9 p.m. at the Snack Shop area. A pasta bar, salad bar, dessert, beverage, coffee, music, and motivational words will all be available for only \$20. Last year, the OCC management provided "Chariots of Fire" to motivate us.

Running singlets will be handed out to Marathon runners, as supply allows, at the carbo-load party. Running shorts, embroidered with our OCC logo will be available at \$20 each to all members.

Our ebullient staff, led by John Rader, will set up an OCC tent across from the entrance to the Club, at the 25.5 mile mark, to cheer on our runners during that last exhausting stretch down Kalakaua Avenue. All members are encouraged to come cheer our finishers.

A special personal massage will be provided for OCC finishers. Drop by to say "hello", listen to war-stories, or simply get inspiration for next year's marathon at our tent on the Ewa side of the tennis courts.

A finisher's board will be posted for all to see and be registered on, which we hope to transfer to the Club as a small form of recognition for accomplishing this remarkable achievement.

A delightful surprise will await all finishers who choose to have breakfast back at the Club with family and friends afterwards, providing they can prove they finished the marathon by displaying their finishers T-shirt, award medallion, water-wrinkled feet, blackened toenails, or other suitable verification.

Marathon Day

- 4 a.m. Group pictures at the Club
- 4:10 a.m. OCC vans transport us to the starting line
- 5 a.m. Marathon begins
- 7 a.m. Through noon and beyond: we finish

We need volunteers to drive runners to the starting line. Please call Don Eovino at 735-3066 if you're available.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of OCC members and friends at the end of a very long 26.2 mile accomplishment. See you there! ☺