

Registration & Information Tables

Overview: The Registration and Information tables will be located on the second floor Mezzanine, outside of the Hibiscus Ballroom of the Ala Moana Hotel. Registration hours of operation are; Thursday, October 30th, 9:00AM to 9:00PM, Friday, October 31, 8:00AM to 5:30PM. The registration table is closed On Saturday, November 1. Your registration packet will include a name badge. The Badge is your admission to the Welcome Reception, transportation to and from the Hawaii Theatre, your assigned seat at the theatre for all contests and the Show of Champions, the Sunday Breakfast, Awards Presentation, and Seminars. It is essentially your convention passport. We ask that you keep it with you at all times. It will save you the time and frustration of acquiring a replacement badge. Information table hours are Thursday, October 30th, 9:00AM to 9:00PM, Friday, October 31st, 8:00AM to 5:30PM, and Saturday, November 1st, 10:00AM to 2.30PM. Prior to arrival attendees are encouraged to direct questions to info@panpacificharmony.org and to their Aloha Chapter Host. The information team and the chorus and quartet hosts are working together to provide as much advance information as possible before your arrival. We look forward to meeting you in person. The joy of singing a tag just doesn't work well via email!

Convention venues: The Ala Moana Hotel is the Convention Headquarters and the Hawaii Theatre is the contest and show venue. The theatre is located about three miles northwest of the hotel. Transportation between the two venues will be provided and directions will be available for those that are driving. Schedules will be available at the information table. A detailed transportation discussion follows:

Transportation: PP08 will provide transportation between the Ala Moana Hotel and the Hawaii Theatre. Roberts Hawaii provides inexpensive, 24-hours transportation between the airport and Waikiki hotel, as do many other shuttle services and most hotels. Public transit and taxis also are available. To get from Waikiki to downtown Honolulu, take the B bus on Kuhio Avenue. In Waikiki and downtown Honolulu, you can walk almost anywhere. Shopping and sightseeing trolleys, like Hilo Hattie's free shopping shuttle, run on convenient schedules and are a fun and inexpensive way to get around. You can catch The Bus, rent a scooter or ride a bicycle. Or you can just walk to the beach. If you want to get out of Waikiki, TheBus will take you almost anywhere and back for less that \$5.00. Transportation to many of the island's major attractions and activities can be arranged with a simple phone call and you can be picked up and returned to your hotel. Many tour companies and shuttle services provide transportation to popular tourist destinations like Pearl Harbor and Hanauma Bay. And you won't have to look hard to find a sightseeing tour. If you want to rent a vehicle, there are many choices. The minimum driving age in Hawaii is 16, but most car rental agencies require drivers to be 25. The minimum age for renting a motorcycle is 18. You'll need a valid driver's license and a credit card. . For more information on Things to Do and Transportation, go to virtualltourist.com.

Shopping: The hotel is a short walk across the parking lot to the Ala Moana Mall, one of the largest malls in America. Major American & International stores as well as specialty shops offering Island products are located in this three story complex. For those who are driving the parking lot is between the hotel and mall. Northwest of the mall, within a mile is another shopping area called the Ward Centers which also has more restaurants, stores, and entertainment. Waikiki Beach, with its own restaurants and stores, is about a mile southeast of the hotel.

Dining: The Ala Moana Mall, Ward Center, and Waikiki provide a wide range of dining choices from five-star luxury dining to small shops specializing in a variety of international food choices. The ground floor of the mall also contains a large food court. Downtown, near the Hawaii Theatre, there are many fast food and small restaurants that cater to the business community, tourists, and theater goers. There are clusters of these places near Bishop Square and Fort Street Mall. Information about other dining locations will be available at the information table. Ask us for our own favorite dining locations. It's always enjoyable to share that information with visitors.

Beaches: The Ala Moana Beach Park is directly across the Boulevard from the hotel, and Waikiki Beach is just a mile to the southeast. There are also beaches all around the island, but a rental car will be required to reach them. We will provide directions to other beaches in the vicinity at the information table.

Directions: Living in the Islands does not always lend itself to the usual North, South, East, and West terms. You will likely hear landmarks and/or locations given for directions. Some terms that will help you are; Makai, toward the ocean, South of the Hotel, Mauka, toward the Mountain, North, Diamondhead or Koko Head two prominent landmarks to the East and Ewa, (the w sounds like a v), West of the Hotel and Theatre.

Churches: Churches of many different religions, sects, and denominations can be found throughout Honolulu. None are close to the hotel, but there are at least eight churches within a two mile radius.