



The Bulletin Board

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Newsletter of the Hawai'i Region of Y Service Clubs International

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Hawai'i Region Clubs:

Metro District:
Central, Kaimuki, Kalihi,
Nu'uuanu, West O'ahu, Wind-
ward

OVG District:
Maui, East Kaua'i, Hilo

Leadership Team:

RD: Sharon Ishida
Regional Sec./Treas.:
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Club Presidents:

Central: Troy Tomita
East Kauai: Jesse Castro
Hilo: Bobby Stivers-Apiki
Kaimuki: Tiffany Kiyabu
Kalihi: Jaunette Quiroz
Maui: Donna Jones
Nu'uuanu: Albert Lee
West O'ahu: Walter Osakoda
Windward: James Kanehira

Important Links:

Hawaii Region Website
<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

U.S. Area:
<http://www.ysmenusa.com>

International:
<http://www.ysmen.org>

RD's Message by Sharon Ishida, Regional Director *One Heart in Service*

Warmest aloha to our friends in Y'sdom!

Our Hawaii Region's new term was kick started with a memorable 75th Regional Convention in Las Vegas in early May. Much appreciation to Convention Chairman **Duke Chung** and committee members for such a well-thought out balance of fun and business. Duke is already starting with preliminary plans for the next Convention in May 2013 in Honolulu, which will likely include the Endowment Dinner and Y's Men's and Women's Academy into the events.

The 16th Annual Endowment Dinner was held on May 24th at the Japanese Cultural Center. Family, friends and Y Serv-

ice Club members honored this year's Golden book recipients: **Garret Ho** (Central), **Ken Okimoto** (Hilo), **Tets Ushijima** (Kaimuki), **Keoki Malott** (Kalihi), **Albert S. Lee** (Nuuanu) and **Jane Kienutske Okazaki** (Windward). Presidents were also installed during the evening, as well as an induction of new club members. Keynote speaker Pastor **Ron Ching** presented a short video about validating the worth of others and shared some insightful ideas for garnering members for the YMCA. Mahalo to **Raymond Seto**, RSD, Endowment and DG **Garret Ho** for their hard work and efforts!

The Hawaii Regional Leadership team hit the ground running with an intense Club Presidents training on June 9th. Skillfully coordinated by Training RSD, **Linda Chung** (West Oahu), participants included club presidents: **Donna Jones** (Maui), **Tiffany Kiyabu** (Kaimuki), **James Kanehira** (Windward), **Albert Lee** (Nuuanu), **Walter Osakoda** (West Oahu), **Jaunette Quiroz** (Kalihi), **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** (Hilo), and **Troy Tomita** (Central), with Metro District Governor, **Garret Ho** (Central) and Orchid-Valley-Garden District Governor, **Lance Niimi** (Hilo) also in attendance. Hours of preparation by trainers **Duke Chung** (West Oahu), **Ken Kadomoto** (Windward), **Rick Lau** (Central), **Russ Lynch** (Windward), **Joe-Ann McCarthy** (Windward) and in absentia, **Stephen Wong** (Nuuanu), who were also joined by veteran Presidents **Walter** and **Donna**, shared a wealth of practical knowledge, experiences and encouragement with the group. Thanks to all who attended. Its success will hopefully be reflected in their club year!

Within the next few months, I will be visiting all clubs in the Region. I have asked all club presidents to let me know of any work projects or functions so I can schedule to participate as well as meet the members to "talk story" while being useful. It will be a pleasure to see familiar faces and meet new friends.

Recently, I read a quote from Helen Keller: "When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another."

With every service project and smile that we share, we have that opportunity.

God bless you all for spreading your incredible good works!

Wishing you all a happy and safe Summer! — **Sharon**



Also see Sharon's report from the U.S. Area Council meeting, Page 3

Convention Was a Good Mix

By Duke Chung, Convention Chair

It seems we all survived Las Vegas in 2012 (May 4-5). Some of us richer and some less fortunate but I believe all who attended enjoyed their stay, even those of us who took some germs back to Hawaii. I want to extend my thanks to all members who participated and made the trek to Sin City with spouses and friends.

The scheduling could have been better to avoid the May Day crowding but considerations such as graduations, Mother's Day and other activities dictated the scheduling. Possibly we can select an earlier or later date the next time around 2017?

Some of the comments received on the evaluations were that the food was not great. However, to get a meeting room, we needed to pay the piper (Sam Boyd) and eat his food.

We could try to be more selective in planning the next Las Vegas outing but that is a few years away and for the next Las Vegas Committee to ponder.

The mix of Convention activities and business seemed to be just about right and thanks to all Convention Committee members who executed their assigned tasks for a relatively stress-free Convention. From the slot tourney, ribbon leis made by Windward ...terrific raffle and ending with a luncheon with former Hilo members Roy and Toni Ishii joining us to the closing group photo arranged by Maurice it was a good Convention.

The slot tournament was a rousing start to each day and the raffle was tremendous... 58 prizes worth about \$3,200 were awarded more \$\$ in prizes than ticket sales is astounding thanks to the many generous donors...

Mahalo to the committee and club members who helped. Club members: Linda Chung, Walter Osakoda, Robert Kuwahara, Sharon Ishida, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Garret Ho, Jimmy Ouchi, Joe-Ann McCarthy, Freda Nakamoto, Maurice Shimonishi, Ethel Takamatsu, Steve Wong, Harold Kuwahara, Albert Lee, Dan Takamatsu, Russ Lynch, Brad Ishida.

YMCA and a Y's Man Get A Nice Public Recognition

Our close ties with the YMCA make us a part of the Y without technically being a part of it. That's why it's gratifying to see such positive publicity as the following article in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. It's doubly gratifying that the young man featured is one of us, **Jay Nishimura**, vice president of the **Kaimuki Y's Men's Club**. The article was Michael Tsai's "Incidental Lives" column on Friday, August 17.

By Michael Tsai
Star-Advertiser Writer

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Given the dynamism of the contemporary employment landscape, it's worth an appreciative nod when someone approaches a quarter-century with the same organization —especially if that person is only 29 years old.

Granted, Jay Nishimura wasn't exactly thinking pre-employment training when he spent his first chlorine-infused summer splashing around at the Leeward YMCA. Nor was he necessarily scouting office space when he later served as a junior leader at the Y's Kaimuki-Waiālae branch.

Yet while there are many who have served at the YMCA of Hawaii longer than Nishimura, it's hard to imagine anyone with a deeper connection to its life-shaping values and traditions.

"When I was in the teen program, we had more than 100 people, but we were all one big family," Nishimura says. "I try to re-create that feeling with the teens I work with now. For me it goes back to our mission of strengthening the community, developing youth and promoting good health."

If the nonprofit company line flows easily from Nishimura's mouth, it is because the Y has been a treasured constant throughout his life.

Nishimura started out in the youth program, served as a junior leader as a teen, then worked with the A+ after-school program at the Kaimuki YMCA while going to college.

This summer, Nishimura graduated from the University of Hawaii with a degree in family resources, a major that has practical application to Nishimura's current position as teen coordinator.

Last month Nishimura joined two other counselors and a group of teens on a biennial exchange visit to Hiroshima. The visit had special resonance for Nishimura, whose nisei grandfather worked at Red Hill and, like other Japanese-American contractors, was detained on suspicion of being a saboteur after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Nishimura said he was gratified that the trip allowed his young charges — who spent a full year preparing to go — to experience meaningful cultural interaction while reaffirming lessons on mutual understanding and respect.

A new set of lessons will come into play this weekend as the teens take part in the Y's Youth in Government Program.

"It's a touchy age," he says. "But it's also an age where you can make one of the biggest positive impacts on helping them grow in a positive direction. They have a lot of passion and ideas, and I just want to help provide them a place where they feel safe and comfortable to try new things and discover who they want to be."

Hawaii Region 'Peace Project' Gets the Go-Ahead

Hawaii Y Service clubs have voted to approve the Peace Project, which was proposed as a follow-up to an original idea by **Jenny Yukimura** of the East Kauai Y's Men's Club.

Sharon Ishida, Regional Director, had asked the nine clubs to consider a community project that would have fifth-graders, reached through their local YMCA branches, enter a contest by submitting their thoughts on peace.

It was to be either a poster/drawing or an essay. Each Y Service Club would collect local entries, judge them and pick a local winner. From those, a statewide winner would be chosen and all winners would be invited to our next convention. A committee was formed to handle the details.

First, though, the idea was put to the vote and Sharon had this to say about the result:

"Congratulations, Hawaii Region!

"By unanimous vote, all clubs have accepted the proposed Peace Project. Once again, mahalo to Jenny Yukimura for such a marvelous idea!

"**Lisa Joy Andres** (Kaimuki) and her committee have met to start on the many details and decisions that need to be made. The following has been decided so far:

"This will be a drawing contest with a short written description for fifth graders. The theme will be 'Peace Through My Eyes.'

"A video will be created by our Region's youth rep, **Joy Andres**, to explain and instruct.

"Parent permission forms are also being researched by **Alissa Taniguchi** (child care staff at Leeward YMCA) and **Maile Kanemaru** of West Oahu's Club.

"More details to follow. Proud to be a Y's man!"

Sharon Ishida

U.S. Area, Y Service Clubs International

Report from the Mid-Year Council Meeting in Chicago

By Sharon Ishida

The U.S. Area Mid-Year Cabinet meeting kicked off with dinner on July 12, 2012, with AP **Mary Ann Phillips** presiding. Immediate Past U. S. Area President, **Phil Sammer** and APE **Debbie Redmond** reported on their meeting with representatives from the YMCA of the USA staff in Chicago.

Many exciting connections are on the horizon between the Y and the Y Service Clubs, including the involvement of our organization with the YMCA "Movement Strengthening," lending our expertise and resources to the YMCA. Debbie will be brainstorming on how to make valuable connections in that area. We will hear much more of this vital development from Phil as time goes on.

The prestigious Henry Grimes Award which is given to the outstanding Regional Director for the past year was deservedly presented to **Ashley "Buck" Cox** of the Pacific Central Region. Buck is a tireless, enthusiastic Y'sman who is active in other service organizations in his community.

If any Y Service Club member is interested in applying as a Brotherhood Fund Delegate to San Paolo for 2013-2014, applications must be in by November 1, 2012. Please let me know and I will find out more details and the process.

All Community Service Club Directors! Please submit articles and photos for Y's Alliance Editor, **Fred Leonard**; Hawaii website and Bulletin and U.S. Area website (**Russ Lynch** and **Bob Daniels**, respectively). We need to see the great work that is being done in the Hawaii Region and broadcast to the rest of the Area! Y's Alliance's next deadline for

articles is September 12th to leonard@cablelynx.com; U.S. Area Webmaster, Bob can be reached at bdaniels@prodigy.net and of course, our own Regional Bulletin editor and Webmaster, Russ' email is russlynch@mac.com.

Even though the Region has designated August as our Community Service emphasis month, do not hesitate to continue to send news out year long!

News from International

Votes in On Council Change

For nearly two years, the leadership of our parent organization, Y Service Clubs International, has been discussing changes in the structure of the International Council that makes the decisions affecting the operations and future of our movement.

Recently, their conclusions were put into the form of proposed amendments to the international constitution and all clubs were asked to get their votes to International HQ in Geneva by September 28. One club, one vote.

The main change is to reduce the International Council to 15 members, from 21. Each of the nine Areas would get one seat and the rest are to be allocated on a proportional basis, with no Area having more than three seats.

In addition, two of the 15 Council seats will be for "young" members, aged 26-39 years.

The need for the changes are needed, according to the Council, to make our international organization more functional, save costs and reduce complications. We have 30,000 members. Rotary International, with 1.3 million, has a Council of 19.

Club Corner: Club and Member News from Around the Region

Central Y Service Club

On June 30, the members of the Central Y Service club volunteered at the annual Friends of the Library's Book Sale at McKinley High School. We had three members and four other volunteers there to represent the club.

We were assigned to either total up the cost of the books or be cashiers. Prior years we assisted on the first weekend, which was just packed with people, so this year we helped on the second weekend, which was much more mellow.

The six-hour shift went by relatively fast. It was very interesting to see the types of books people buy. There were great deals that day, not only are the books already cheap, but it was 50 percent off on that day also.

Club members who participated were: Roy Tateishi, Darryl Tupinio, and Troy Tomita. Other volunteers were former member Roy H and his wife, Reina M and Shawn Z. I think we lost Darryl during lunch and when he finally returned, he made up a new job for himself, social greeter. It is always a good project to assist with, the money goes to a good cause and they raised about \$200,000.

Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club

With the high cost of oil, everyone is looking for ways to to reduce their monthly expenses on electricity and water.

At our monthly program club meeting on Wednesday, June 27 at the Encore Restaurant, guest speaker Helen Wai, professional instructor from Hawaii Energy, a State of Hawaii Conservation and Efficiency Program spoke to an enthusiastic group of members and guests. "We pay for the power we use." She recommended turning off the lights when leaving a room, and changing incandescent bulbs to CFLs will also help. Helen gave the club a meter to use that measures the amount of wattage household appliances and electronics use and how much it costs monthly and annually.

For example, a 100 watt light bulb left on 24/7 would cost about \$390/year, while a 15 watt CFL bulb would cost about \$50/year. Each participate received a free energy saving power strip!

Kaimuki Y's Men's Club

Files! Files! Files!

By Brad Ishida

For three Saturdays in late May and June, club members armed with their pens, successfully completed a fundraiser—ahead of the deadline!

Members were asked to give up a few hours each Saturday to inventory files (writing order numbers onto a list), and preparing the completed boxes

to be placed in storage. This opportunity was offered to the club by Real Estate Title Services (RETS), who had purchased a company at bankruptcy.

The Club was approached in late May, and presented with the opportunity, with just one condition... everything had to be done so that the entire space could be vacated by the end of June. That gave us about five weeks to do the job, and with the help of members and their families, the job was completed in three weeks!!

In appreciation for the work done, RETS hosted a thank-you pizza party, scheduled in conjunction with our annual hosting of Kolohe Imamura, our Yoko-hama member, later in July.

Much mahalo to Ray and Phyllis Seto; Tiffany Kiyabu and her parents, Warren and Shirley Kiyabu, and sister, Brittany; Sharon Ishida; Lei Hilea; Cassidy Inamasu; Jay Nishimura; Lisa Joy Andres, with daughters Joy and Marisa; and also YMCA volunteer Corey Katcher for lending their talents and muscle.

Nuuanu Y's Men's and Women's Club

Club members, family & friends wrapped about 120 gift bags in preparation for the club's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens that will be held in November. There to help were James Chong, Cheryl Dacus, Gary Higashionna, Larry and Mae Hiranaka, Robert and Yoshi Kishinami, Harold Kuwahara, Albert Lee, Jimmy Ouchi, Phyllis Sakane Popovich, Maurice Shimonishi, and Stephen and Susan Wong.

Windward Y Service Club

Windward once again fielded a good-sized group of members and kin to staff the food booth for the annual end-of-summer family fair at Windward YMCA. Food was on the healthy side this year, chicken stew instead of beef, turkey hot dogs and that healthiest of all local foods, Spam musubi.

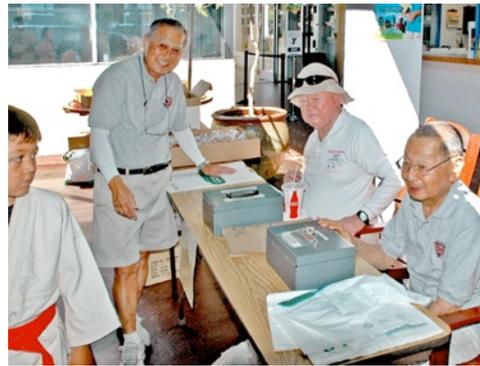
Windward's annual Zippy's sale is under way, wrapping up with the last day of pickup October 3. The club is looking to sell all 250 tickets we got, because we are paying for them all. Each \$8 ticket will get you either a pound and a half of Zippy's Famous Chili, a pound and a half of Portuguese bean soup, a pound and a half of meat sauce or a package of 18 Napoleon's Bakery cookies in ready-to-bake frozen dough form.

Last but not least, look for our members to show up soon wearing our new club shirt, a nice blue polo shirt with a collar and a pocket, sporting a new club logo.

Please submit articles about your club's activities, and photos, to Bulletin Board Editor Russ Lynch.
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Clubs do their thing. Top left, Kaimuki's files project. Top right: Kaimuki dishes out bentos at YMCA fair. Below left: Hilo provides snacks for a Blood Bank event. Center: Nuuanu's bread and books sale. Bottom right: Windward's YMCA fair healthy food.



Kids' Day Project a Success

By Duke Chung

Thanks to all the assistance from members, friends, family and YMCA staff we were able to have another successful shave ice booth project in conjunction with the YMCA Healthy Kids Day at the Bishop Museum.

Our appreciation to Joe Ann McCarthy, Windward President who planned and coordinated this project and purchased all the necessary items including paper goods, sugar, syrup concentrate, etc. Our thanks also to the members of the Kalihi, West Oahu and Windward Clubs who made the shave ice syrup and provided and transported the coolers and shave ice machines.

As members may recall we made a commitment to give 50 percent of our net proceeds to the YMCA and were able to give them \$400 from last year's shave ice sale. Early counts showed this year looking a bit better. *(Editor's Note: A final count showed*

the net result this year was about \$1,000, from which we made a \$500 donation to the Y.)

A terrific amount of participation by the following Metro District club members and helpers from all Clubs...my apologies if I missed someone:

Central - Garret, Roy, Darryl, Rick. Kaimuki - Brad and Sharon. Nuuanu - Maurice, Albert, Harold, James, Steve, Gary, Kathy and Susan. Kalihi - Jaunette, Dan, Ethel, Charlee, Dick, Beverly, Eddie and Gary. West Oahu - Walter, Bob, Jeanette, Jean, Duke 2, Duke 3 and Linda. Windward - Joe-Ann, Russ, Donna, Ken, Jimmy, Mak-ena, Marion and Freda.



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Some Y's Words:

*"The mind is like a parachute. It
doesn't work unless it's open."*

- Jordan Maxwell

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right.*

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

And our Facebook page:

[http://www.facebook.com/groups/
ysmenhawaii/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ysmenhawaii/)

A Christian thought --

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." *Matthew 7:7-8*

*From Joe-Ann McCarthy
Regional Service Director
Christian Emphasis.*

Kalihi Volunteers Help Appreciate the Military

By Bev Wong

Military Appreciation Day, Honolulu Zoo, May 19, 2012

From all the years we been volunteering, this year is the biggest/ greatest event ever. The event is sponsored by the City & County of Honolulu, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Outrigger Enterprises, Papa John's Hawaii, Meadow Gold, Aloun Farms, Roberts Hawaii, Navy Exchange, Matson, Geico, Wendy's, Hawaiian Electric Co., Hawaiian Electric Industries, Boeing Company, Oceanic, & Knights of Pythias.

The Military and their families enjoyed a whole day of free pizzas, juices, water- melons, bottle water, and ice creams. A full day of entertainment featuring the Royal Hawaiian Band, the Marine Forces Pacific Band, Chaotic Five, Hula Halau, Island Storm and Odyssey.

We had 19 volunteers from the Wong Society of Hawaii (Wong Kong Har Tong) and the Kalihi Y Service Club. All of us were given name tags, meal tickets, and t-shirts. They provided Starbucks coffee, manapua and pastries. Barbara Thacker, Director of Volunteers greeted us with the logistics of assignments.

At the beginning, we tore apart meal tickets. Some of us were assigned to greeting arrivals and asking them for Military ID, distributing meal tickets, answering questions or helped with deliveries of Papa John Pizzas to the food tent.

It was fun and the rewarding part of this event is seeing over 3,000 members of the military families enjoying the food, the animals and the entertainment. I want to thank all of you for giving up your Saturday to help with this event.



Jaunette Quiroz, center, greets zoo visitors, along with volunteers from the Wong Society of Hawaii.

Y Service Clubs Calendar

July Focus - Membership Conservation & Extension

August Focus - Community Service

September Focus - Endowment.

July 13-14 - U.S. Area Council Meeting, Chicago

August 2-5 - International Convention, Stavanger, Norway

September 30: Send endowment payment and write-up to Ray Seto, Regional Service Director, Endowment

Hawaii Region Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting

**Saturday November 3, 9 a.m. to noon, Ilima Hotel, Waikiki
Lunch provided.**

Must attend: Club presidents, district governors, Regional officers, Regional service directors. Open to all members.