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The Bulletin Board

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

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OVG District Governor **Lance Niimi**

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Nuuanu **Albert Lee**
West Oahu **Walter Osakoda**
Windward **Russ Lynch**

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Hawaii Region Website
<http://ysmenhawaii.org>
Facebook Group Page
<http://facebook.com/groups/ysmenhawaii>
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<http://www.ysmenusa.com>
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Our International Motto:

*To acknowledge the duty that
accompanies every right.*

RD's Message

by Sharon Ishida, Regional Director
One Heart in Service



The end of the service year 2012 – 2013 is drawing very near. Preparations for the 77th Hawaii Region Convention have been running at a high energy level with DUKE CHUNG and the Convention Committee nailing down the mountain of necessary details. At every committee meeting, I have marveled at the tremendous organizational effort which is expended on ensuring that the Convention is packed with addressing necessary Regional business, celebrations and remembrances, and just having great fellowship and fun. We will be sharing some aloha spirit with Area President-Elect, DEBBIE REDMOND and her husband and Y's Man, CHARLEY REDMOND; and Brother hood Fund delegate, HSIU-KEEN CHEN from Taiwan.

"Peace Through My Eyes" drawing winners will be announced; the Hawaii Y's Men & Women's Academy designed for two sessions – Saturday and Sunday, focusing on personal and leadership development has been planned by the originator of the Academy concept, LINDA CHUNG; in place of a traditional worship service on Sunday morning, Christian Emphasis RSD JOE-ANN McCARTHY, will be inviting everyone to rededicate themselves to our service mission, as well as a remembrance time for Region members who have passed this year. The annual Endowment Dinner planned by Endowment RSD, RAY SETO, is scheduled for the first Convention evening as Golden Book honorees will be recognized with tributes.

As the Regional Director, the Convention is not just the culmination of the year passed, but more importantly, an exciting kick-off for the upcoming service year. My unending gratitude to all of you in the Hawaii Region for your contributions of time, talent and treasure accomplished with "ONE HEART IN SERVICE"!

— Sharon

Our Region's Focus:

June — Public Relations

July — Membership, Conservation & Extension

August — Community Service

September — Endowment

Convention is Here and it is a Winner

The 77th Convention of the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs is upon us and thanks to the lengthy and hard work of Convention Chair Duke Chung (West Oahu), his committee and many volunteers, it is a winner.



Duke Chung

Just one part of the mix of business and fun in the May 31 through June 2 convention is the raffle, ably organized by Cheryl Dacus (Nuuanu) and promoted actively by the clubs. Some

800 of the \$3 tickets were distributed for sale and sales have been brisk. The many prize donations have been fabulous, some of them valued in the hundreds of dollars.

Bringing the Convention and the Endowment Dinner together has also proven to be a great idea, with well over 100 tickets sold for the Friday dinner.

We look forward to hearing from Debbie Redmond from the St. Louis area, who will soon take over as U.S. Area President.

We also expect to hear from Hsiu-Keen Chen (call him "HK") of the Taipei Downtown Y's Men who is visiting Hawaii and attending the convention as Brotherhood Fund delegate.

Convention attendance is strong and there is plenty to do.

The events kick off with a golf tournament Friday morning the 31st at Leilehua Golf Course.

The main events take place at the Manoa Grand Ballroom in the Japanese Chamber of Commerce building in Moiliili. After a 5 p.m. Awards Committee meeting Friday, there'll be registration, a little meet and greet time and the Endowment Dinner, followed by some social time.

Saturday morning we're back at the ballroom area for a continental breakfast followed by Hawaii Region business meetings.

Lunch will include recognition of the fifth-graders who took part in the Region's new art-and-word Peace Project. Hawaii Region and

U.S. Area awards will be presented and then we move into Healthy Living and Officers Training. Dinner Saturday night in the ballroom will include installation of officers, induction of new members, recognition of clubs and members, club anniversaries and so on, followed again by some social time.

Sunday it's find your own breakfast and remain at the host hotel, the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki, where Central's Phil Sammer is general manager.

Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward) will lead a "Rededication and Remembrances" session and there'll be sessions on changes in the YMCA, collaboration with our communities and service to the YMCA, under the overall moderation of Linda Chung.

It all wraps up with an 11 a.m. brunch catered by Sweet Doughs, which is exactly what it sounds like. But note, it's not just their fabulous cupcakes.

This all adds up to one of the great conventions and now it's up to all of us to make sure of that and to enjoy and learn.

Healthy Kids Day Success

The YMCA of Honolulu's "Healthy Kids Day" on the Bishop Museum grounds on April 13. Once again the Metro District's clubs ran the shave ice booth, this time under the direction of Windward's Joe-Ann McCarthy.

Manned by willing Y Service Clubs' volunteers, some of whom are seen in action at right, the booth sold 731 shave ice for total revenue of \$1,462

That was a very good result and was shared, as usual, with the YMCA.

You can see more pictures on the Hawaii Region website.



Club Corner: News from the Hawaii Region Clubs

Central Y Service Club

The Club had a successful WAMOS cookie sale at the YMCA on Saturday May 4 with Uncle Wally Amos, creator of the cookies, in attendance. Wally's been a huge supporter of the YMCA for many years and deserves a little support in return.

The Club is gearing up for several annual events this spring including Special Olympics and the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club

The Hilo club, chartered in 1938, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary August 2-4 at the Kilauea Military Camp, which was built in 1938 as a YMCA camp.

A full weekend is planned at KMC with tours to the volcano, historic downtown Hilo & I'miloa Astronomy Center. Hilo says we're all invited. "Bring your golf clubs and play at the only golf course on a volcano! Come & enjoy a Big Island BBQ dinner & cosmic bowling!

Kaimuki Y's Men's Club

Kaimuki held its 50th Anniversary celebration on April 7th at Tree Tops Restaurant in Manoa.

Check out the special 50th anniversary edition of Kaimuki's bulletin "Lima Hana" on the Hawaii Region website.



Kaimuki's Celebration: Left to right, Club President Tiffany Kiyabu, Charter Member Ray Seto, Bruce Coppa from the Governor's office and Mike Broderick of YMCA of Honolulu



Mickey and Minnie, from Disney's Aulani Resort, were on hand to untie the maile lei, launching Windward YMCA's new KaBOOM! playground. Windward Y Service Club members were on hand through the whole design and construction process.

It has great pictures, a fine congratulatory message from Mike Broderick, president and CEO of the YMCA of Honolulu and a wonderful piece by RD Sharon Ishida on Ray Seto, the only Charter member remaining. The club was chartered in 1963.

Nuuanu Y Service Club

Club members got a chance to meet new Nuuanu YMCA Branch Executive, Randall Ikeda, who came to the April business meeting. Randall answered questions regarding the Teen Lounge renovation project and provided helpful information on the Y's strategic planning process.

The club was also joined by guest Ga Bi Cho, a UH Student and friend of Albert Lee. Nuuanu had another successful Book and Bead Sale May 11 at the Y.

Windward Y Service Club

Members worked long hours to help the branch volunteers built a new playground for kids at the

branch. Engineered by the national nonprofit KaBOOM! playground organization and financed by its national partner Disney, the playground was built entirely by volunteers.

Windward members turned out in force for two full days to feed volunteers on the site preparation day May 23 and then on the big "Build Day" on Saturday May 25, when Windward served food all day to the more than 200 volunteers who managed to do the actual build in about four and a half hours.

In addition to Y members there were dozens of military volunteers, others from all walks of life in Windward Oahu and some 70 from the staff at Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa at Ko Olina.

YMCA of Honolulu was represented on the construction patch by soon sweat-stained and mussed up Acting CEO Mike Doss and Philanthropy Director Kent Coarsey.

Christian Thoughts

“Never say there is nothing beautiful in the world anymore. There is always something to make you wonder in the shape of a tree, the trembling of a leaf.” Albert Schweitzer.

“A man may lose the good things of this life against his will; but if he loses the eternal blessings, he does so with his own consent.” Augustine.

YMCA News

Y Service Clubs Played Huge Part in ASC

Y Service Clubs on Oahu produced a phenomenal 13 percent of this year’s YMCA of Honolulu Annual Support Campaign, called “Transforming Communities, One Life at a Time,” and the Y’s appreciation is deep.

The six clubs on Oahu gleaned about \$130,000 in pledges and donations, a huge amount of money for what really amounts to a small number of volunteers compared to the hundreds of YMCA staff, Y members and others.

Here’s what Kent Coarsey, Director of Philanthropy for the



Australian RD

Graeme Wilson, Regional Director of the Australian Region, visited with Hawaii Region leaders May 8 at a casual dinner at the Waikiki Yacht Club. From left, former US Area President Phil Sammer, Graeme, his wife Lyn and Russ Lynch, Immediate Past RD, Hawaii.



Taiwan Visitor

Brotherhood Fund Delegate Hsiu-Keen Chen, from Taipei, Taiwan, had dinner with Windward Y Service Club members at Ichiriki in Kaneohe on May 28. He’s seen here with Windward President Jim Kanehira and member Ken Kadomoto, who is also Hawaii Region Travel Coordinator. “HK” will attend our 77th Convention. Windward hosted him for homestay, sightseeing and meals and then he left for the hospitality of the East Kauai Club. After the convention he is hosted on Hawaii island by the Hilo club.

YMCA of Honolulu, had to say: “You all did a great job. Please extend my personal thanks and appreciation to the group as this is a very significant block of support to the campaign and obviously we we could not make our goal without it.”

International News

New Publications

The latest issue of Y’s Men’s World, publication of Y Service Clubs International, has an interesting article about community

A Touch of Humor

An opera singer who was married asked her husband, “Why do you always go out onto the balcony whenever I sing? Don’t you like my singing?” So the husband said, “No, no. I just go out so that all the neighbors can see that I’m not beating you.”

service in India and a good piece by Takao “Nishi” Nishimura on how to charter new clubs. Plus, there’s “Hawaii Golf for Roll Back Malaria.”

You can find it and a new “Youth World” on the website ysmen.org.

Calendar of Events –

77th Hawaii Region Convention

May 31-June 2,

Ilima Hotel, Waikiki, and
Manoa

Grand Ballroom,
Moiliili.

U.S. Area Convention

July 18-21, Hamp-
ton Inn Tropicana Hotel,