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'Friends of Youth' - Our Goal is \$68,000

The YMCA of Honolulu's 2007 Annual Support Campaign, called "Friends of Youth," has an overall goal of \$1 million for all the branches in Hawaii and the goals for our Windward Branch are:

— Raise \$68,000, up 6.25 percent from last year's goal of \$64,000, and

— Sign up 900 donors.

Our club has always raised a substantial part of the Windward Branch target and this year should be no exception.

Note: Whatever we raise stays with our branch, helping people who can't afford programs at the Windward YMCA.

Bill Stone, our branch executive director (and a long-time member of our club) told a coaching rally on January 19 about some changes for this year.

One is that no campaigner will be asked to make "cold calls," attempting to solicit donations from people who have never contributed to the YMCA. There are

contact lists available from the YMCA staff if you want to step in and pick up a few and anyone is welcome to contact friends and family. But there is no pressure to do so.

Campaigners will get some blue sheets, names and addresses of people who have given before or at least made pledges.

Bill suggested an approach for those who have not fulfilled past pledges: Tell them we understand they may have realized they offered more than they could afford and give them an opportunity to pledge something less this time.

Bill is confident that this year's goals will be met. We should all attend the kickoff dinner — another fine vegetarian Chinese dinner from Pah Ke's — on January 31 at the Castle Medical Center.

Bill asks that we get rolling quickly and turn in at least our own pledges and two others before the first phone night at Coldwell Banker on February 8.

If we can do that "we'll be three-quarters of the way there," he said.

We can drop our packages off at the YMCA any time.

This program is important because all the proceeds go into a fund that helps financially struggling kids and adults take part in "Y" programs they need but can't afford.

The community recognizes that and is ready to give.

"People are open to being asked," Stone said. \$100 can

teach a child to swim. \$500 provides after-school programs for a middle-school student. \$1,000 "provides child with summer programs and experiences to last a lifetime," a campaign brochure says.

See Club Calendar on Page Four for details of "Friends of Youth" events.



Breakfast with Santa

Donna and **Marion** get ready to help serve food at Breakfast with Santa, the annual fund-raiser for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. Our members manned the "fishing" game and helped in the food line over the two days of the event, December 16 and 17.

Y's Men's Motto:
*"To Acknowledge
the Duty that Accompanies
Every Right"*



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News from Our YMCA

*Bill Stone and Diane Sanderson,
YMCA Liaison*

Check out the "Family Tree" in the Windward Branch lobby, put together by **Ananda Chou**, recently promoted to office manager from part-time desk clerk.

It contains photos of Annual Support Campaign campaigners. As of mid-January there were 50 such "leaves" on the tree. We want more volunteers so we can have a bushier tree.

Meanwhile, there are still discussions going on about the possibility of developing a new Windward Branch.

YMCA of Honolulu President **Larry Bush** has been meeting with leaders of the state Department of Land & Natural Resources, the Office of Hawaiian

President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007



I am sure everyone had a wonderful holiday celebration with wonderful, wonderful gatherings with family and friends etc.

Now it's time to get rid of that wonderful opu we all acquired. Why not join the YMCA?

They have more-than-wonderful people and equipment and will gladly help us..

I must say we have had a very productive year to date. In July we did the Summer Fun Fair. In August, the Bowl-A-Thon. In September, the Kahaluu Elementary Fun Fair. In October, we had the Boys & Girls Club Garage Sale. In November there was the Craft Fair at Pohai Nani and in December, Breakfast with Santa for Prevent Child Abuse.

We did a community service every month. Thank you to all of those who participated, particularly those who are still working. Many of you have been members for 10 years or more, plus your regular job. I didn't become a Y's Man until I retired from Liberty House because I couldn't do what you are doing now. My hat's off to you.

Thank you! Mahalo! Arigato! Shay Shay Nee!

A particular thank you to Donna for all your work with the program for the 71st Hawaii Region Convention. Thank you, members, for your help, too.

I am off to Fun City with my 94-year-old sister Gladys Ing, my 83-year-old brother and my 79-year-old sister-in-law.

Maybe, just maybe, I will be able to fulfill my 2007 YMCA pledge with money from Las Vegas!

See you all in February at our next meeting.

— **Marion**

Affairs, the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation to discuss the swapping of our current facility and its surrounding acreage for a parcel on Hamakua Drive in the middle of Kailua.

The success of this plan depends primarily on whether the state, OHA and foundations are willing to ensure enough money for us to not only make the move but build a nice new facility too.

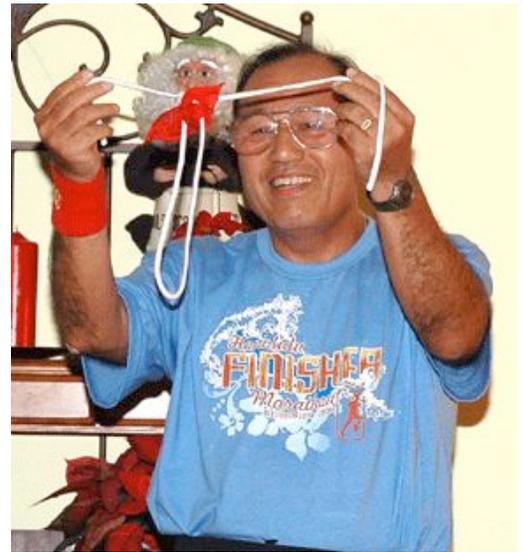
The funds that staff, board members, the community and club members donated previously

to the Capital Campaign has all been spent on the planning and permitting process, plus the sewer hookup, which cost more than \$300,000.

No one can see the improvement but we haven't had a backed-up toilet since that was finished.

The Branch has two critical staff openings and we are looking for good candidates to fill those positions.

All in all, we are doing very well and looking forward to a prosperous 2007.



A "Magical" Christmas --

Our club Christmas party at **Emma & Ace's** house on December 10 was a joyous and well-attended occasion, made even more fun by **Sam Shoji's** demonstration of his magic skills, with the assistance of **Jim Kanehira**. Sam, in from Japan a couple of days earlier, completed the Honolulu Marathon earlier on the day of the party. Before the party, members packaged cosmetics for the women at a spouse abuse center and wrapped gifts for their kids, donated by members.

Hawaii Convention

Planning continues apace for the 71st Hawaii Region Convention of Y's Men International, to be held at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu May 18-20, 2007.

Our own **Donna Saito** is working hard on the Metro District's convention committee and has done excellent work on the "program" aspects of the convention, which is Windward's responsibility.

It's getting close to time to finalize your own plans to attend what will be one of the best conventions ever. The deadline to register is not until March 31, but everyone should be making plans now.

There will be a Metro District meeting soon to finalize convention details. It was set for February 21 but that may change to February 28. It was hoped to hold the meeting at the rebuilt Kalihi YMCA but it is not available on the night of the 21st.

Get the convention registration documents at:

<http://homepage.mac.com/russlynch/ConvRegstr.pdf>

Print out the registration form and mail it to Convention Registrar **Bob Kuwahara** as specified on the forms.

(If you have trouble with the Internet link displayed here please contact me and I can mail you a set of the forms. Russ)

Arranging the meeting is our club's responsibility and as of this printing your offices the choices were to shift it to the 28th so we can still hold it at Kalihi or to have it at our Windward Branch on the 21st.

Treasurer's Report

As of January 10, we had a cash balance of \$2,466.44, Treasurer **Ken Kadomoto** reported at our January 10 club meeting.

That was after expenses of \$91.04 in connection with our participation in December in the Breakfast with Santa event for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

The money primarily was for the purchase of the packaged candies that the kids caught on their lines during the fishing game.

The reason our club is so in

the black is the success of our annual sale of tickets for Zippy's chili.

Our thanks to Ken for his fine work in keeping the books balanced.

Club Meetings

Our meeting schedule has been thrown off a bit by the holidays and clashes with other events.

We didn't have a December meeting and the January meeting was held late, on the 10th, because so many members were on the move in the first week.

We are back on schedule for this month and the February meeting will be on the first Wednesday, the 7th, at 7 p.m. at the Windward YMCA.

The March meeting might have to be rescheduled because the first Wednesday, the 7th, is the date of the multi-club Victory Dinner for the "Friends of Youth" YMCA Annual Support Campaign.

(See Calendar on Page 4)

To keep posted on important dates, please visit your club's Web site regularly. It's at:

<http://ysmenwin.com>

Club Calendar

January 23, Tuesday

"Friends of Youth" coaching rally, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Windward YMCA.

January 31, Wednesday

Kickoff Dinner for "Friends of Youth". 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Castle Medical Center.

February 7, Wednesday

7 p.m. Club Meeting. Windward YMCA

February 8, Thursday

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Phone Night for "Friends of Youth," office of Coldwell Banker, Kailua

February 15 and 22, Thursdays

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Phone Nights, Coldwell Banker.

February 21, possibly Feb. 28

6 p.m. Metro District Meeting
Location to be announced

March 7, Wednesday

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. "Friends of Youth" Victory Dinner at the brand-new Leeward YMCA in Waipahu. (Joint event of Windward, Leeward & Nuuanu Branches.

May 18-20, 2007

Hawaii Region Convention at the Pagoda Hotel

January Focus: YMCA Service

February Focus: Time of Fast

Inspiration

"It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.

"He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn."

-Psalm 18:32-36

Y'sSpy ---

Joke time:

Father O' Malley answers the phone. "Hello. This is the IRS. Can you help us?" "I can."

"Do you have a Ted Houlihan in your congregation?" "Yes."

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will!"

And another:

Two roaches were munching garbage in an alley. One says: "I was in that new restaurant across the street. It's so clean! The kitchen is spotless and floors are a gleaming white. There's no dirt anywhere. It's so sanitary the whole place shines."

"Please," says the other roach, frowning. "Not while I'm eating."

Y'sSpy notes that **Marion** took off for Las Vegas with family members. She expects to win plenty so she can easily donate to the YMCA's Annual Support Campaign. See her President's Report on Page 2.

Speaking of Marion, a big Happy Birthday to her, January 24.

Did you know there aren't "Indian Guides" at the YMCA any more? In these days wish of political correctness they are now known as "Adventure Guides." Just like you can't call a sports team the "Braves" any more.

Y'sSpy sees that our friends at Boys & Girls Club, Kailua, beneficiaries of our October garage sale, are moving ahead strongly with their fund-raising, with a

New Year's gift of \$200,000 from the Schuler Family Foundation.

The Kailua clubhouse director, **Duane Samson**, who was the guest speaker at our November meeting, said the donation brings the club half-way to its \$10 million funding goal. Big money!

Editor's Note: -

This issue is a bit later in the month than usual and so was the last one. Holidays have a way of doing that to you.

My excuse is being away for a couple of weeks over Christmas & New Year's in Philadelphia, visiting my daughter Jen, her husband Dan and, of course, my 22-month-old grandson Danny.

What a great Christmas it was! The biggest joy was seeing it through the eyes of a boy who is not quite 2 years old and we did the whole thing - cookies and milk for Santa, carrots for the reindeer, even church on Christmas morning. It made my 67 years just fade away.

I did pay some heed to my publishing responsibilities. As you can see from the picture, I paused to get some advice from fellow publisher Ben Franklin, who let me share his bench on the U. Penn campus. Thus inspired, I look forward to working with you all this year. Happy New Year!

Russ

