



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club
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ASC Wraps Up at 90 Percent of Goal

The Annual Support Campaign for our Windward YMCA brought in pledges totaling \$60,000, a very strong effort and a credit to all taking part.

True, we didn't make the goal of \$68,000 but we did get to about 90 percent of it and our club members brought in their usual significant share of the pledges as well as strong personal donations.

The goal was a bit higher than last year and it was a splendid effort by everyone to come close to it.

From the kickoff dinner at Castle Medical on January 31, through three report/phone nights at Coldwell Banker in Kailua and the uplifting Victory Dinner March 7 at Re/Max in Aikahi, our team worked hard.

There are still a few potential donors to be chased down and not all the numbers are in, but as of the last formal tally the news was good.

We had several goal busters:

Ken Kadomoto, Karel Ling, Ken Ling and Marion Liu.

We had five members hit the "Youth Booster" category with more than \$1,000 each in pledges: **Jim Kanehira, Ken Ling, Karel Ling, Marion Liu and Bill Stone.**

And there were substantial donations by our members themselves, aside from what they brought in from others.

Marion as well as **Bill** and **Trudy Stone** were in the \$1,000-or-more category in personal pledges.

Joe-Ann McCarthy was in the \$500-\$999 group, **Ken Ling** and **Karel Ling** each gave in the \$200-\$249 category and in the \$100-\$199 category were **Ken Kadomoto, Russ Lynch** and a number of members' spouses and other family members were significant donors. As usual, our club was well up there, showing its usual strong support for Windward YMCA with more than one-third of the total pledges brought in by all campaigners.

This annual event is very important to the less-fortunate people who want to take part in YMCA programs. The money goes into a special fund to provide financial

assistance to those needy families and individuals.

The Windward YMCA says nobody in need is ever turned down, and to achieve that means the fund has to be constantly replenished.

There are still some name and address cards of potential donors that for one reason or another were not pursued. They will be followed up so the numbers you see here are not final.

Kalaheo High Fund-Raiser



Because one of our youth members, **Lindsey McMonigle**, is graduating from Kalaheo High School this year, we helped raise funds for the school's "Project Grad," which will bring the students a healthy and happy alcohol-free graduation night. Our team turned out in force for the Friday afternoon, to run a shave-ice stand at the students' fund-raising carnival March 2. Lindsey and her friend Anthony did most of the work, running the shave-ice machine. We sold \$173 worth of shave ice.

Our Next Meeting:

**May 2, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
at Windward YMCA.**

In Our Web Pages:

**Photos of Annual Support
Campaign and other activities. Go to:**

<http://ysmenwin.com>

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Vice president: Jim Kanehira
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Treasurer: Ken Kadomoto

Members:

Karel A. Ling, Kenneth Ling,
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McCarthy, Jack McCarthy,
Donna Saito, Justin Saito,
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Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.”

-Daniel 2:20-22

Ken, Marion and Jim enjoy the ASC Victory Dinner at a real estate office in the Aikahi shopping center on March 7. Our members were recognized for their contribution to the Windward YMCA “Family Tree” fund-raiser.



Y's Spy --

Why does **Jim Kanehira** so happily take on leadership roles such as being the emcee at the upcoming Hawaii Region Convention? Because of his hearing problem, he told our March meeting. “That’s why I like to lead groups. I don’t have to listen!” We’re all grateful that Jim, whose old friends remember him as a shy kid, is such an enthusiastic leader and willing to do the talking. And, of course, leading the songs.

As we go to press, **Ken** and **Lillian Kadomoto** are in Japan. **Joe-Ann** and **Jack McCarthy** are back from a mainland trip and we’re keen to hear their stories of visiting with our far-flung member, **Don Scott**. He told Joe-Ann he would bring a rice cooker to Florida because he knows Hawaii people can’t live without their rice.

Russ and Eiko Lynch will get a second grandson in August and daughter **Jen** says the new Philadelphia resident might even arrive on Granddad’s birthday, August 18.

Speaking of birthdays, a very happy one to **Emma Thomas** on April 28 and, looking ahead a bit, Happy Birthday to **Sam Shoji** on May 10. Don’t forget Japan’s a day ahead us, so turn your thought’s in Osamu’s direction on May ninth here.

Signs of fun – On a plumber’s truck: “We repair what your husband fixed.” At an optometrist’s: “If you don’t see what you’re looking for, you’ve come to the right place.” Outside a funeral home: “Drive carefully. We’ll wait.”

Region Guidelines

Regional Director **Phil Sammer** has responded this way to questions about whether Hawaii Region guidelines last worked over in October would require constitutional amendments: “I will simply ask the convention to accept the Guidelines for now.” A committee will be formed to work later on the proper format to include them in the bylaws at next year’s convention. For those who have lost their copy, the proposed guidelines can be found online by using the link that follows.

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

Burglars Hit YMCA

but Money Comes Back!

Our Windward YMCA was burglarized in the night of March 26 and the thieves made off with a 200-pound safe, containing about \$1,600 in cash and a bunch of checks.

But there was a positive ending to the story that gives reason for faith in human nature — the parents of the teenagers responsible brought back the money.

Aside from the cash loss and the cost of some building repairs to repair break-in damage, staff had to call about 100 people who had written checks and advise them to get stop-payment orders in place.

The YMCA offered to reimburse them for the stop-payment fees, some \$25 per check.

Executive director **Bill Stone** told the YMCA board about the trouble at its meeting the next night. But good news came fast.

Here's what Bill said in an email to board members the next night, the 29th:

"In a very surprising development this evening, the parents of three teenage boys brought back all the checks, cash and paperwork stolen in Monday night's burglary.

"We have not yet recovered the safe, which they sawed open. But we have all the cash and checks, and now must re-contact all the checks' owners to let them know they do not need to fear identity theft."

There will still be expense because some check-cancel fees will be paid for those who acted quickly, but Bill had this to add:

"The heart-warming part is that the parents are stand-up citizens concerned about doing the right thing."

There will be some months before any charges could be heard but the parents want the kids to do volunteer work at the YMCA right now.

President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007

A Happy Easter to all. I hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of sweet treats. You all deserve it.

On the serious side, to those of us who are at home, warm and cozy: Even if there have been a few chilly days, it is nothing compared to what our men and women are going through in this so-called "end-of-war" struggle.

Say a prayer for our men and women who are overseas protecting us.

Say a prayer for the leaders so they may guide us with wisdom for the good of the country, not for their own satisfaction.

I am thanking our Windward members for working so hard to make our 71st Convention a memorable one.

It's a once a year time we gather to enjoy fellowship with our Region.

See you on April 18th at our Metro District Conference.



Aloha, Marion

Hamakua Plan Dies

The idea of a land swap that would allow the building of a new YMCA on Hamakua Street was recognized all along as a long shot, because of the protected nature of the area's wetlands.

Now it is definitely dead. That doesn't mean changes aren't still being considered.

They could include alterations to the existing buildings.

The YMCA staff and board of managers is always alert to possibilities for fixing up the aging Y.

Endowment Dinner

The Kaimuki Y's Men's Club's annual endowment dinner May 17 promises to be its usual lively and inspiring event.

We will see our new member, **Justin Saito**, formally installed and **Sam Shoji** will be honored in the Golden Book as the person selected for our club's gift to the Y's Men's endowment fund for this year. We will have a strong contingent present in addition to Justin and Osamu, bringing the

total from our club to 11, including spouses.

That Thursday will be a great night, thanks to the great efforts of the Kaimuki folk who created this event for the benefit and enjoyment of all Y's Men and Women.

U.S. Area News

Every two years the U.S. Area of Y's Men International announces the winner of the B.P. "Boots" Faubion Award, and this is one of those years.

Remembering a YMCA executive who was a great supporter of the Y's Men in the early years and who died in 1965, the award is for a current full-time YMCA executive or a retired executive who has made an outstanding and significant contribution to Y's-dom at the club, district, region, area or international level.

It is a chance to recognize someone from the YMCA who has been important to us in showing "leadership, dedication and service to the Y's Men's movement."

There is an April 25 deadline for nominations.

Club Calendar

April 4, Wednesday

Club meeting. 7 p.m.
at Windward YMCA.

April 18, Wednesday

Metro Meeting. 6:30 p.m.
at Kalihi YMCA

April 28, Saturday

YMCA Key Leaders Conference. 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

May 2, Wednesday

Club meeting. 7 p.m.
at Windward YMCA.

May 17, Thursday

6:30 p.m., Japanese Cultural Center. Endowment Dinner sponsored by Kaimuki club.

May 18-20, 2007

Hawaii Region Convention at the Pagoda Hotel

June 23, Saturday

Helping at "Bowl-A-Thon" for Prevent Child Abuse
Details later.

April Focus: Leadership Training

Brother Club Marks 25 Years



In formal dress, members of the Osaka-Senboku Y's Men's Club gather to celebrate their club's 25th anniversary in mid-April. Sam Shoji is in kimono at the table at left.

By Osamu "Sam" Shoji

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our club. 91 people came to the party. Our club is only beginning.

We saw the plum blossoms at Tenmangu in Osaka.

Everybody had a good time talking and looking at the blossoms.

My club members, who were wearing black suits or kimono, welcomed people to the party.

The people had a wonderful dinner at an old restaurant called Aioirou. The restaurant is 180 years old.



Mr. Terai, the chief monk from Tenmangu Shrine, talked to the people about the virtues of Japan.

He told us that we should work hard to build a beautiful future.

My club, the Senboku y's club, gave the Sakai YMCA a nice projector and screen. The Senboku Y's club invited a Shamisen player and a traditional singer for the party.

Then, the people enjoyed eating and talking.

After the party, we went to Tutenkaku, a famous tourist site with DBC, Matsumoto Y's members. Then we went to Kuidaore restaurant.

The next day, we went sight-seeing to Osaka castle.

Editor's Note: Our member Sam Shoji, who is also a member of our Brother Club in Japan, Osaka-Senboku Y's Men, sent us this story and the pictures. Shoji-san is shown at left in his kimono, addressing the group.

Editor's Note

Please continue to watch your club Web pages, because their will be changes.

I am introducing a new type of photo album, for instance. See "Latest Photos." It allows slide shows. All you have to do is click "Start Slide Show" and wait a few seconds and the slides run automatically.

It is also the place for changes to the club calendar and other additions and alterations, so keep an eye on it at:

<http://ysmenwin.com>

And a reminder: "Windward Y'er" welcomes stories, anecdotes, comments, jokes, anything at all. Please send something in.

Hawaii Region News

The focus at Regional level right now is, naturally, the 71st Hawaii Region Convention being held in May, but that's not all that's happening. Regional service directors are hard at work at their specialties. One example is **Duke Chung** (West Oahu), who is regional service director for Membership & Conservation. Duke has drawn up a really good one-page essay on recruiting new members. One suggestion: Do more to use your YMCA as a source of members. Find it on the Internet at:

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