



Windward Y'er

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Bookings Are Strong for Convention

Thanks to a late rush of bookings, the 71st Hawaii Region Convention will be strongly attended and, thanks to the hard work of a lot of people — including our own club's efforts on the program side — it will be a creative, informative and enjoyable meeting.

As of April 14, a total of 69 people had paid registration fees for the convention itself. When spouses and other guests are added in, the attendance count gets much higher. At the peak, there are 84 persons slated to attend the Saturday night dinner.

Windward has its usual good participation, with 10 people listed: **Russ Lynch, Ken and Karel Ling, Joe-Ann McCarthy, Marion Liu, Ken and Lillian Kadamoto, Jim and Gladys Kanehira and Sam Shoji.**

A lot of the non-business activity at the May 18-20 convention at the Pagoda Hotel was arranged by our club, since we were responsible for the convention program.

That will include fun and entertainment. Don't forget to have some dollar bills on hand to pay up the "Y's Guy" who will be assessing what could be called "fines with fun."

Convention organizers have

already hinted that those who booked late can expect to be hit for a dollar or two.

A lot of the credit for the program work goes to **Donna**, who put countless hours into the effort, including attending lots of convention committee meetings.

The "program" work included picking people to hand out "early bird" tickets and award prizes, arranging the emcee (our own **Jim Kanehira**) and selecting people to give the invocations, along with a lot of smaller details.

On the Saturday morning, before lunch, the Honolulu Chap-

ter of the Society of Young Magicians, made up of kids aged 7 through 16, will put on a half-hour show, arranged by Russ.

This year, the Y's Men's & Women's Academy, the educational aspect organized by **Linda Chung** (West Oahu) and **Sharon Ishida** (Kaimuki), will be part of the convention on Saturday, rather than a separate event. (See Page 3 for some details).

There will be the serious business of the convention itself as we work to ensure the future of Y's-dom in Hawaii, but plenty of hospitality activities too.



Phil Sammer, Regional Director, opens a letter from **Sam Shoji** at the Metro District Conference on April 18. In his hand he holds a check from Shoji-san for \$200 for the Y's Men's Endowment Fund. Sam donated the money as a way of celebrating the fact that his accounting business has been operating for 35 years.. Next to Phil are Metro Governor **Rick Lau**, Metro Secretary-Treasurer **Roy Hirama** (Central) and **Reggie Takaki** (Central).

Our Next Meeting:
May 2, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
at Windward YMCA.

Windward Y's Men's
& Women's Club
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Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.”

-Proverbs 3:3-4

“That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil - this is the gift of God.”

-Ecclesiastes 3:13

Hawaii Region News -

Convention Planning May Go Statewide

Hawaii clubs are being asked to consider making the organization of the annual Regional Convention a direct function of the statewide body, rather than the responsibility of the district in which it is being held.

Among other things, the change would recognize that there are clubs in Hawaii whose membership is so small that having a convention on their island would be an almost-impossible burden without outside help.

Regional Director **Phil Sammer** recently issued a “talking points” paper for clubs to consider. Phil proposes a vote on the matter in 2008 with the changes to take effect in 2009.

With membership shrinking in the Region, it is getting increasingly difficult for some clubs to handle logistics of conventions on their islands, Phil says.

Under the existing setup, the money needed to set up the convention must come from one district's treasury.

Money taken in from the auctions etc. at the convention currently benefit only one district and cannot be used to balance the Hawaii Region budget, even though all convention attendees contribute, regardless of their home district.

Here's what RD Sammer suggests:

The entire region would participate in convention planning and execution each year.

There will still be Districts and the District Governor would still be the convention chair when the convention is to be held in his or her district. That would work on an alternating basis, starting with Metro District in 2009.

In other words, starting with a convention on Oahu in 2009, the convention chair post would alter-

nate between the district governors of Metro and Orchid-Garden-Valley.

The convention planning committee could meet on Oahu with the Neighbor Island members being brought in at Region expense.

Money from auctions and “Y's Guy” at the convention would go to the Region, to help defray convention costs and other expenses.

“The plan puts the responsibility for the convention on the entire region every year, rather than one district, and broadens the pool of planners,” Phil said.

International News -

New Clubs in India

A flurry of new-club openings in India is boosting Y's Men International at an amazing rate.

So far in 2007 alone, there have been 20 new clubs applying for recognition.

Of those 19 are in India and one is in a new territory for Y's-dom, Kosovo.

Altogether, the 19 clubs signing on in 2007 have about 370 members. There was a similar rate of expansion last year, again largely in India. The total listed on the Y's Men International website is still “almost 1,500 clubs with around 28,000 members in 72 countries on all continents.”

We're pretty sure that is out of date but even if it is lower than the most-recent tally, it is impressive, reminding us that we are part of a very big organization indeed.

The U.S. Area, by the way, has about 140 clubs, or less than 10 percent of the world's total.

In total membership, the U.S. clubs list a bit less than 2,200, or less than 8 percent of the world's total. India alone has about one-third of the world's membership.

Y's Spy ---

A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. "That's the smartest dog I ever saw," he said in awe. "Nah, he's not so smart," the dog owner said. "I beat him three games out of five."

OK, moving right along. Let's wish a Happy Birthday to **Sam Shoji**, who celebrates May 10.

And let's go to the dogs again:

A man walks into a bar with his dog and proclaims, "My dog can talk and I'll buy a round of drinks if he doesn't." The bartender calls him on it and the guy says to the dog: "What's on top of a house?" The dog goes: "Roof."

"OK, how does sandpaper feel?"

Dog: "Rough."

"All right, who was the greatest ball player of all time?" The dog thinks a bit and says: "Ruth."

Naturally, the bartender yells foul and tosses them out and the dog turns to his master in the street and says: "Should I have said Mickey Mantle?"

'Academy' Features Prominent Speakers

The Y's Men's & Women's Academy to be held as part of the Hawaii Region Convention will feature Honolulu public relations and marketing expert **Barbra Pleadwell**, who will talk on Saturday morning on "Building Membership Through Public Relations."

The afternoon session of the Academy will feature **Maile Kanemaru**, executive director of Central YMCA and Executive Director here of the federal Weed & Seed program, that works to reduce violent crime, drug use and gang activity in our communities.

The third Academy speaker will be **John White**, project manager of Saint Consulting Group.

Members Share Stories of Activities

*Thanks to Vice President **Jim Kanehira**, who ran most of our April meeting because **Marion** was tied up in Honolulu, we had a great time learning what everybody was up to. Jim just asked everyone to share what they'd been doing and any plans for travel and so on that they have. The result was some really warm and often fun sharing. Here is some of it:*

Diane: Heading for Dallas next month for a convention about YMCA membership. (She's our YMCA's membership director).

Ken & Karel: Going to Las Vegas again soon.

Bill: Going to Maui with wife **Trudy** in late April to see and hear the Dalai Lama. "We figure it's our only chance probably to see someone of that stature in any religion." Bill and Trudy have to move house since the unit they rent at Windward Passage has been sold. They've found a nice place in Kaneohe, behind the Safeway store, out on the end with a great view of the bay looking towards Chinaman's Hat. Have to be out of their current place by May 13 but probably won't get into the new one until June.

Russ: No specific travel plans but all kinds of ideas. Going to be a Granddaddy again in August and will probably go to Philadelphia for that. Official predicted date daughter **Jen** will give birth is August 18, Russ's birthday. (Jim said his twins were born on their grandmother's birthday).

Donna: Son **Justin**, also a member of our club, just got back from Hong Kong and Japan, where he really enjoyed himself. Donna will be in Alexandria, VA, in May for a conference. In June, she has another one in Las Vegas. In July it's Garden Grove, CA. She goes to

another one in Philadelphia in August. (Bump into Russ?). Had two conferences set for one month but decided enough is enough. These meetings are all to do with her work in purchasing for the Marine Corps.

Jim: Took a full-day course from **Dr. Kunio Miyazawa**, Kaneohe gynecologist, acupuncturist, herbal medicine expert and Reiki Master. The \$200 course taught Jim and others the how to use Reiki, a Japanese healing art that uses that taps life-force energy to improve a person's well-being or cure pain. "You can even cure people who are away by using energy." The group managed to transmit that energy to a person in another room. The **Kanehiras** and **Kadomotots** are off to Vegas for a 58th high-school class reunion.

Joe-Ann: Just got back from a family trip to Florida, two weeks that included spring vacation. "There were eight of us because **Don Scott** (our member living in North Carolina) joined us." Went to Disney World and Busch Gardens. They have some "crazy" roller coasters at Busch Gardens.

Marion: Had a great trip to Vegas and at 78 was the youngest in the quartet that went. "My brother, 83, loves to play poker. My sister, Gladys, is 94." Gladys had been in Las Vegas and just recently got home but when Marion told her she was going with her brother **Tim** she decided to come along. The 94-year-old is "totally well, she doesn't have any aches and pains," just forgets things sometimes, except when she's playing mahjongg. "She plays a very good game of mah-jongg and "never made a mistake. I think that's why, at 94, we expect too much of her." The other one in the party was Marion's sister-in-law **Ellen**, who is 80. They're all keen to go again.

Club Calendar

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 6, Wednesday

Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
at Windward YMCA

June 23, Saturday

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

July 12-15

U.S. Area Convention
Charleston, South Carolina

May Focus: Regional Convention

President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007



Thank you, members, for the hard work in achieving Y's Men's Annual Support Campaign goal. We went 30 percent over our division goal. The "Y" still has several thousand dollars to go in order to accomplish our \$68,000 goal.

So don't stop now until we reach it!

Donna, Jim, Russ and myself attended the Metro District Conference on April 18. Our Russell Lynch did the invocation. I did our Windward report and Donna presented her program report (for the Convention).

We are 90 percent complete with the convention preparations. Hopefully, the convention committee will hold its last meeting May 4 at Kalihi Y. It takes many villagers to accomplish this feat but we'll do it — and very well, at that!

Thanks Donna. You did an outstanding job with setting up the program for the convention.

Osamu will be here for the Endowment Honors. He sent me a check for \$200 US to be presented to the Region's Endowment treasury. I presented the check to Phil Sammer at the Metro Conference.

Osamu is celebrating his 35th anniversary as a tax accountant. He must have started his business wearing short pants. Congratulations, Sam. You are a totally giving person.

See you at the Endowment Dinner and of course the convention. Windward will be heading program. We'll all be busy bees.

Aloha, Marion

'New' Officers Elected

At our club's monthly meeting on April 4, a slate of officers was elected to serve for the coming club year, July 1 2007 through June 30, 2008.

And it's recycling time. All the 2006/2007 officers agreed to serve for another term.

Marion Liu is president. **Jim Kanehira** once again takes up the post of vice president. **Bill Stone** will continue to serve as secretary. And **Ken Kadomoto** carries on as treasurer.

U.S. Area Convention

The U.S. Area of Y's Men International is still taking bookings for the Area Convention July 12-15 in Charleston, South Carolina. Contact **Terry Bradley**, convention chairman, at (704)857-3206
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Bird's-Eye View -

This is what our Windward YMCA looks like from above, as shown in "Google Earth," a neat computer program that lets you type in an address anywhere in the world and zoom in on it. It's made up of satellite and aerial photos. A word of caution: To make it work, you have to download and install a fairly big computer program and have a fast Internet connection. Here, the buildings, the pool and the parking lot are clearly seen. There is no indication as to exactly when the picture was taken. It's not quite good enough for you to recognize your own car!