



# Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club  
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## Windward Wins Top Awards at Convention

We're the tops! At the recent Regional Convention, our club was recognized as Club of the Year for 2006-2007, out of all nine clubs in the region.

Not only did we win the top club award, our president, **Marion Liu**, was named Club President of the Year along with Hilo Y's Men's Club President **Lance Niimi**. Officials said both presidents were such outstanding leaders that the decision was made to make them both winners.

In addition to being the sole Club of the Year, our club won five "Standards of Excellence" awards, for World Service, YMCA Service, Membership & Conservation, Community Service and Club Bulletin.

**Paul Kuromoto**, regional service director for awards, made these comments in his report on the awards:

President of the Year: "What makes a president deserving of this award? I used three criteria:

"1. Effective club leadership, as demonstrated by their ability to motivate their club to remain active and involved in all club activities and by the role model they are through their own participation, involvement and hard work.

"2. YMCA leadership, as dem-

onstrated by participation and involvement at their Y and by the leadership roles they assume at their Y, and

"3. Regional leadership or participation as demonstrated by their personal participation in regional events and activities, assumption of regional leadership roles or active support of the region and its goals."

Both Marion and Lance met those criteria, he said.

Club of the Year: "To begin with, that club should meet standards of excellence for all service

award areas. In addition, their number of activities and intensity of involvement of its members in a broad variety of activities with excellent attendance is needed.

"Finally, members are involved in levels of activities beyond the club level, regionally, in the area and in the international programs.

"You will know an outstanding club when you see its members involved in almost everything Y's Men." Paul also congratulated Windward, Central and East Kauai for having a net gain in membership for the year.



Regional Director **Phil Sammer**, center, poses with Presidents of the Year **Lance Niimi** (Hilo) on the left and **Marion Liu** (Windward) on the right, at the awards luncheon during the recent 71st Hawaii Regional Convention at the Pagoda Hotel.

**Our Next Meeting:**

**June 6, Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
at Windward YMCA.**

Windward Y's Men's  
& Women's Club  
2006/2007

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President: Marion Liu  
Vice president: Jim Kanehira  
Secretary: Bill Stone  
Treasurer: Ken Kadomoto

Members:

Karel A. Ling, Kenneth Ling,  
Russ Lynch, Joe-Ann  
McCarthy, Jack McCarthy,  
Donna Saito, Justin Saito,  
Diane Sanderson, Donald  
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## *Inspiration*

### Christian Emphasis

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.”

- *Proverbs 3:5-6*

“A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

*Dwight L. Moody*

## *Hawaii Region News -*

# Regional Convention Was a Success

The 71st Hawaii Region Y's Men International Convention went smoothly and busily and achieved a lot, with plenty of social time too.

Sure, there were some glitches, such as last-minute adjustments to the program, but those were more obvious to the organizers than the rank-and-file attendees.

Now that the May 18-20 convention is over, initial figures show that the Metro District made a profit of about \$5,000 on the convention. The money may well come in handy next year, when the convention is at a much more expensive location, Maui.

The profit was also made possible, in part, by donations from our club and others, such as food for the happy hours and items for the auctions. Individual members of our club made significant contributions of these items and some cash for the Society of Young Magicians who performed on the Saturday morning.

Most of us felt that having all the events in one room, the Pagoda Hotel's C'Est Si Bon room, made for a good convention with a smooth transition from meetings to events.

Decisions were made that will affect our club.

### 2008 Convention

The convention next year will be in the hands of the Orchid-Valley-Garden District, made up of the Big Island, Maui and Kauai Clubs. It will be held on Maui. However, all clubs in the Region are being asked to participate in the planning, in what may be a test of possibly placing the whole convention responsibility in the future into a statewide structure.

The host club, Maui, has only five members and will need all the help it can get and much of that will come from the Metro District, meaning our club will again be

called upon for a lot of work.

Our own **Russ Lynch**, who becomes Metro District Governor July 1, was named cochairman for the next convention, with East Kauai's **Champ Ono** as chairman.

### Family Memberships

The convention approved a change to the Regional dues structure proposed by Maui's **Fred Tamasaka**. Currently, youth members do not pay dues to the Hawaii Region but once they reach 18 and become full members, they pay full regional dues.

Under the new structure, as long as they have a parent or guardian as a member of their club, they will pay only half the Region dues until they turn 25.

### Regional Guidelines

The Hawaiian Region Leadership Guidelines were adopted as “optional” policy and operational procedures. This is the document worked for a couple of years by Immediate Past Regional Director **Paul Kuromoto** and worked over by all the clubs.

### Attendance

The official attendance record showed 98 people, with 72 paying the registration fee to take part in the convention itself. Windward had good participation, with 10 people attending: **Marion Liu, Russ Lynch, Bill Stone, Ken and Karel Ling, Ken and Lillian Kadomoto, Jim and Gladys Kanehira and Sam Shoji.**

**Joe-Ann McCarthy** had to cancel because she was sick.

Photos of our members participating will be posted soon on our club's Web pages at:

<http://ysmenwin.com>

More information about the convention, more photos and a lot of other news and information can be found in the Hawaii Region Web pages at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

# Sam Shoji Honored by Endowment Gift

**Sam Shoji**, an active member of our club despite living far away in Japan, has been honored with a gift of \$100 from our club to the Y's Men's Endowment Fund. Sam, a leader in our International Brother Club Osaka-Senboku Y's Men, also gave \$200 of his own money to the Endowment Fund to celebrate the 35th anniversary of his accounting business. **Jim Kanehira** wrote this tribute to Sam and read it out at the Endowment Dinner on May 17:

Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club is proud to place Osamu "Sam" Shoji into the Endowment Golden Book. Osamu is a member of our Brother Club, Osaka-Senboku Y's Men's Club from Osaka Japan, and also a member of Windward Club.

Osamu first came to Hawaii as a chaperone to eight youth, including his two older daughters, Junko and Tokiko, to attend the Hawaii Y's Men Pacific Youth Convocation held at Camp Erdman, Oahu in 1991.

Since then, Osamu came annually to attend all Hawaii Regional Conventions, joined membership in the Windward Club, developed numerous friends and has become well known. Osamu's outward, friendly personality and generosity contributed to memorable moments at the conventions.

Osamu sang karaoke a la "Elvis Presley," performed magic, presented clubs with personally hand-written calligraphy, and distributed numerous "omiyage" to fellow club members and friends.

He took pictures galore and graciously mailed photos from Japan to the people involved.

Besides attending conventions, Osamu ran and completed four Honolulu Marathons. In December 2002, Osamu promoted and enrolled 22 Y's Men/Women

and family, including his wife Yasuko, from Japan to participate in the Honolulu Marathon and enjoy Hawaii's Aloha Spirit. 2002 marked the 10th anniversary of our Brother-Club relationship and a fun-filled Christmas Party was held to celebrate the occasion.

Osamu runs a very successful tax accounting business, is a loving family oriented father, a dedicated, generous and outstanding Y's Man, who makes time to pursue diversified hobbies in photography, calligraphy, magic, jogging, learning and speaking English, traveling, making friends, always being thankful for a meaningful and wonderful life.

The Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club truly consider Osamu as a "Happy Kamaaina" and we deeply appreciate his role in maintaining a close relationship between Brother Clubs.

*Sam was later presented a framed copy of the write-up, signed by President **Marion Liu**.*



**Sam Shoji** acknowledges the audience applause with **Jim Kanehira** on stage at the Endowment Dinner May 17.

## Y's Spy --

Our own **Jim Kanehira** was top golfer in the 71st Hawaii Region Convention Golf Tournament. Congratulations! Jim also did a terrific job as emcee at the convention. **Russ Lynch** is gearing up to head, as he says, "closer to the South Pole" next month, spending three weeks in his native New Zealand, where it is the middle of winter. He'll stay one night at a Japanese-owned hot spring resort in the mountains of the South Island. And do lots of train rides, "one of them with a steam engine, no less," he says. He hopes not to lose too much in the Kiwi casinos. Other members have been doing some traveling too, including **Donna Saito**, whose business trip to the mainland meant she couldn't attend the Regional Convention she did so much to organize. **Diane Sanderson** got adventurous on her YMCA-business trip to Texas and rode a mechanical bull. Fortunately, she found she had enough riding skill that she didn't get thrown and didn't break anything. Congratulations to youth member **Lindsey McMonigle**, who graduated with honors from Kalaheo High, summa cum laude, 6th in the graduating class. She'll attend University of Washington. Lindsey had some nice scholarship offers.

## Club Calendar

### 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 4, Wednesday

Club meeting. 7 p.m.  
at Windward YMCA.  
(Date probably will be  
changed because of  
the holiday)

### July 12-15

U.S. Area Convention  
Charleston, South Carolina

**June Focus: Public Relations**

## Editor's Note

Please consider contributing your writings and pictures to this bulletin. We have an award-winning bulletin and we can keep it that way with a bit of effort.

But your editor has taken on a lot of responsibility with the Hawaii Region Web pages, the Metro District Governorship and now the cochairmanship for the organizing of the 2008 Hawaii Region Convention.

You are all great story tellers and you all have great stories to tell. Please tell some of them in writing and send them in. What's going on with you and your family? Doing any traveling? Have any ideas for the future of our club and Y'sdom in general?

I would also like to see Service Directors write something about their field of responsibility, particularly when it is the focus of the month.

And I am going to try something I probably should have been doing all along, asking someone to be a reporter and "cover" a particular event. I'm happy doing what I'm doing and find it very fulfilling but maybe I don't need to do it all myself. **Russ**

## President's Report

*from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007*



Congratulations to all of you on a successful 71st Hawaii Region Convention. It was a success because we worked so hard and we also gave a lot as individuals, not just of our own volunteer services but also of goods and even some money. Congratulations to all nine Y's Mens and Women's Clubs.

Did you ever feel that if you missed a convention it was no big thing? Those who didn't come, on purpose or otherwise, you missed a good one indeed.

I truly believe it was good, not by chance but because it had a good chairperson who had a convention committee that started planning very far in advance.

It was by no means perfect, but it was indeed very good!

Communications was also a key factor. It always is.

We enjoyed hearing Dr. Kathy Ishimoto regarding using your eyes and the computer. Do you moisten your eyes and blink?

All the Academy speakers were good and it was successful because they all had a plan. Even the Young Magicians, they had a plan, too.

We have many changes ahead of us in 2007 and 2008. Will we be able to pull off a grand 72nd Convention, doing it from four islands? I think we can.

**Aloha, Marion**

## U.S. Area News

In times of dwindling membership in the Y's Men's movements, there was good news in the charter last month of a new club on the mainland.

It is the Raleigh Y Service Club in Raleigh, North Carolina, and has 19 members. It is based at the A.E. Finley YMCA in Raleigh. Meanwhile, there is an effort going on to ensure the survival of the Y's Men's Club in Toledo, Ohio, the very first Y's Men's Club.

**Donna Ward**, U.S. Area past president, told our Hawaii Region convention that, hearing that the club was down to one member, a number of individual Y's Men and Women recently applied for membership of the Toledo club. The idea is to build it up to a membership level that would allow it to

participate fully in the activities of its region and the U.S. Area

Donna had some Toledo membership applications available at our convention.

## International News

There's a new club in the Solomon Islands, the Y Service Club of Honiara. The charter ceremony in February was conducted by officers of the Australian Region of Y's Men International, which includes the Solomons in its jurisdiction.

The new club already has plans to clean up its city "as well as to assist with the relatively high education costs imposed upon parents," says an article in "Y's Men's World," the publication of Y's Men International.

By the way, there's a South Pacific Area conference in Adelaide, Australia, in August.