



Windward Y'er

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Lots of Activities Set for July and August

Let's hope everyone had a good Fourth of July break because after that, it is going to get busy. But it promises to be fun, too.

We have three events in July: Family Fun Fair at the Windward YMCA on the 20th, a party for **Sam Shoji** on the 27th and a Teen Night at the YMCA on the 28th. Following that, some of us will be going August 4th to a meeting in Waikiki to start organizing the 72nd Y's Men Hawaii Region Convention to held next May on Maui.

Because of the rush of events, the regularly monthly club meeting for August has been set back a week and will now be held on the second Wednesday, the 8th.

Fun Fair: This is the annual party at the Y for the kids in the Summer Fun program and their parents. As usual we will be manning a food and drinks booth. Volunteers have been lined up and if you don't remember what you promised to bring, get hold of President **Marion**.

We'll need to be at the "Y" at 5:30 p.m. to set up for the event, which runs 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Shoji's Party: Our Japan member and frequent Isle visitor **Sam Shoji** will be in Honolulu July 22-28 for another English learning

session, at the Academia Language School. We're making the most of the occasion by holding a club party at the home of **Emma** and **Ace Thomas** on the night of Friday, July 27. Aside from our members and spouses, participants will include **Yoshi Tsukayama**, widow of our late member **Conrad**.

Again, Marion will have the list of who's bringing what.

Take note: **Joe-Ann's** chocolate fountain will be operating.

Teen Night: We'll be making shave ice, acting as chaperones and doing other chores at the first "Teen Night" at the Y on the 28th.

The entire YMCA will be opened up for teen-agers to enjoy. It will be a busy and fun night. See a write-up on the event, written by Y Director **Bill Stone**, on Page 3.

This is the first of what the branch hopes will be

regular monthly teen nights to be held at our YMCA. Bill says the Y would welcome our help at any of these community events.

Our Day at the Bowl-A-Thon

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Diane, Joe-Ann and Marion getting ready to serve breakfast at the Bowl-A-Thon for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii on June 23..



Shift change time. **Jim** (afternoon shift) gets together with **Russ** (morning) at the Bowl-A-Thon. Photo by Diane Sanderson

Meeting Date Changed:
Next meeting is August 8,
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

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

-Proverbs 18:10

Hawaii Region News -

Planning is Under Way for Convention

It may seem early, but preliminary work has begun for the 72nd Hawaii Region Y's Men's Convention to be held on Maui in May.

Those involved in organizing the most recent convention, or any of the earlier ones, know you can never get started too early.

Convention Chair **Champ Ono** (East Kauai club, Orchid-Valley-Garden District Governor) is getting his people lined up and Metro District Governor **Russ Lynch** (Windward) has begun asking Oahu leaders and members to take part.

Donna Jones, President of the host club, Maui, has also started her investigation of hotels and other facilities on the host island.

This will begin to come together at a steering committee meeting, to be held August 4 at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki, starting at 10 a.m.

Our club will be represented by, at least, **Marion, Donna, Ken K.** and **Russ**, with the last two also having Metro District roles

(Secretary-Treasurer and Governor).

Phil Sammer, Regional Director, hopes to set up a Convention Task Force that could have its first get-together that same day, after the steering committee meeting, since Neighbor Island leaders will be on Oahu. The aim of the Task Force will be to figure out the best way to run future conventions under a statewide organization structure.

The Region is paying the air fares for Neighbor Island leaders. The reason for all the inter-island activity is that for the 2008 convention, the host district, OVG, and the host club, Maui, will be getting help from Oahu.

Organizers of the 2007 convention set the pace with a forward-looking discussion May 30 at Liu's Chop Suey in the Kamehameha Shopping Center.

At our July meeting, our club decided what we would like to do, which is provide whatever food the Y's Men are allowed to bring in for social events.



Convention wrap-up: Organizers of the 71st Hawaiian Region Convention met at a Chinese restaurant in Kalihi on May 30 with the convention still fresh in their minds, to talk about that experience and how to use it to make the 72nd Convention even better. Here is part of the group.

“Bowl-A-Thon” Fund-Raiser Activity

On June 23, Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii held its 25th annual “Bowl-A-Thon” to raise money for its worthy cause and, since is one of the organizations we regularly support in our community service activities, we were once again on hand to help.

Our job, as it has been for the four or five years we’ve been participating, was to set out and maintain the food-service tables. For the early shift, **Marion, Joe-Ann, Diane** and Russ worked from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., putting out bagels and cream cheese, scones, muffins, cut pineapple,

coffee, fruit punch, cookies and so on, as a continental breakfast for the early bowlers.

At shift change at 11 a.m., **Jim** came in and took over. The rest of us left him in the lions’ den, the Aiea Lions, that is, who took over to serve the more-substantial meal, lunch. “The lions were roaring,” Jim said.

He served as emcee, making sure the Y’s Men got good mentions,

and also had fun going among the bowlers handing out prizes.

Other events kept some of our members busy elsewhere and also kept the number of bowlers down a bit from last year.

But **Aileen Deese**, Prevent Child Abuse program director, called the event a success and was grateful for our help.

See an online album of photos from this event at:
<http://web.mac.com/russlynch/iWeb/Site/Bowl-A-Thon.html>
For more information on Prevent Child Abuse go to:
<http://www.preventchildabusehawaii.org/>

Teen Night at the Y

Thanks to a grant from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, the Windward YMCA will host its first Teen Night from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

The event will feature food, fun and free swimming in the Y’s heated pool.

Teen Night is a collaboration among the Windward YMCA, Faith Baptist Church and the Boys & Girls Club of Kailua. Teens from all three groups are helping with the planning along with adult volunteers from each group.

Keneke’s Catering will be providing a “nacho bar” for the event with chips, chili, salsa, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes and hot sauce. Games will include a Wii competition, Foosball and air hockey.

Planners also expect a YMCA troupe to perform a hip-hop dance demonstration and perhaps hold short dance classes as well.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with chaperone and security duties that night should contact Windward Y executive director **Bill Stone** at 261-0808 or bstone@ymcahonolulu.org.

Y’s Spy —

“Sam I Am” is what it says on **Osamu Shoji’s** hat, getting across his message that he would like us to call him “Sam.” Sam will be here for more English lessons in late July. Will the “no Japanese language, please” rule apply when the club has a party for him at **Emma’s** on July 27th?

We hear that **Ken Ling** has been recovering slowly but steadily from an illness and has been getting his fitness back by swimming in his pool at home. Word is, he is hoping to be fit enough so he and **Karel** can make a run to Vegas at the end of July. Good luck, Ken! By the way, it’s Ken’s birthday July 31.

And a Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Emma** and **Ace** on July 26th. Joke time:

– Jill tells her husband, “Jack, that young couple that just moved in next door seem such a loving twosome. Every morning when he leaves the house he kisses her goodbye, and every evening when he comes home, he brings her a dozen roses. Now, why can’t you do that?”

“Gosh,” says Jack, “I hardly know the girl.”

– A mother complained to her doctor about her daughter’s strange eating habits. “All day long she lies in bed and eats yeast and car wax. What will happen to her?” “Don’t worry,” the doctor said. “Eventually she will rise and shine.”

– The oldest inhabitant tells the new minister, “I am 97 years old, sir, and I haven’t an enemy in the world.” “That’s a beautiful thought,” says the clergyman approvingly. “Yes sir,” says the older. “I’m thankful to say that I’ve outlived them all.”

Club Calendar

July 3, Tuesday

Club meeting. 7 p.m.
at Windward YMCA.
(Date was changed because
of the July 4th holiday)

July 12-15

U.S. Area Convention
Charleston, South Carolina

July 20, Friday

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Windward YMCA "Family
Fun Fair." We operate
food booth.
Please be there at 5:30 p.m.

July 27, Friday

7 p.m. on. Club party for
Sam Shoji at Emma's house,
644 Palawiki St.

July 28, Saturday

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
"Teen Night" at Windward
YMCA.

August 4, Saturday

2008 Convention
Steering Committee Mtg
10 a.m. Ilima Hotel

August 8, Wednesday

Club meeting. 7 p.m.
at Windward YMCA.
(Date was changed from
August 1, because we will
be so busy in late July)

July Focus: Membership & Conservation & Extension

International News

Youth Clubs are gaining momentum in Ysdom. During this year 2006/07 five new Y's Youth Clubs were chartered: Yokohama-Y3 (Japan), Himeji-Y3 (Japan), Bangalore (India), Bendigo (Australia) and Peace Korea (Seoul, Korea).

James Olle from International HQ was in Japan at the beginning of May, and he came back impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of the Yokohama-Y3 Club. There are already 50 members who provide different services to the community.

From the YMCA

Homestay Hosts Sought for World Camp

The organizers of the YMCA World Camp to be held at YMCA Camp Erdman August 10-24 are still seeking families willing to host some of the visiting teens.

To generate more interest in homestay hosting for the more than 100 teens who will be in the islands from over 20 countries, local YMCAs are being offered an incentive.

Any Y branch that can generate home hosting for 20 or more World Camp participants will get a \$1,000 credit to be used for future camp activities conducted by that branch, says **Josh Heimowitz**, executive director of YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman.

The Y's Men can help our branch get that benefit by doing some hosting.

If any Windward members would like to help, they can con-

tact **Bill Stone** at the Windward Y, 261-2808. Bill has flyers, application forms and other information.

The program includes a four-day homestay, followed by a 10-day camp experience designed to encourage and promote intercultural learning, sharing and fellowship among our world's teens.

"The homestay will provide teens the opportunity to learn about everyday life as part of an American family," says one of the flyers. "Together the camper and family will have chance to explore cultural differences and discover surprising similarities."

The homestays will be the "perfect start to what will be a truly amazing two weeks, as the World Camp participants will learn the true meaning of aloha as they live and learn alongside our island families," the organizers said.

U.S. Area

Here are some of the guidelines the U.S. Area of Y's Men International has posted on its Web site for clubs to follow in their relationship with their local YMCAs. Looks like the Windward club stacks up pretty well, but there are opportunities to do more:

Provide personal and financial resources for community outreach to disadvantaged youth.

Provide a source of Y board and committee members. (We have two members on the Windward Y board).

Create public relations programs and develop good will for the YMCA.

Organize and lead Youth Clubs and groups.

Participate in campaigns for new members.

Provide leadership for campaigns for YMCA funds.

Recruit and train volunteer leaders.

Serve as volunteer staff sub-

stitutes at the Y when needed.

Cooperate in maintenance of the YMCA and camps.

Provide "fathers" and "mothers" for one-parent boys and girls in Y youth activities.

Provide leadership, stimulation and resources for involvement of young people.

Provide a base for contact and mutual support of other service clubs and community groups.

Spearhead the international emphasis for your YMCA, including leadership for your World Service activities.

Assist in organizing YMCAs where there are no clubs.

Incidentally, the Number One objective listed for Y's Men's Clubs is:

"To function primarily as service clubs for the YMCA and youth."

There is a lot more information on the Area web site at:

<http://ysmenusa.com>