



# Windward Y'er

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## 'Teens-Only' Night Opened YMCA to Kids

Responding to a charge from its board of managers to do more for local teen-agers, the Windward YMCA has begun a series of open houses for teens and our club is helping with snacks and shave ice. The first of these events was held on Saturday, July 28, and it was rated a big success, with an official count of 57 kids taking part.

On the warm summer night, our shave ice was in great demand. There will be another of these "Teens-Only" nights on Saturday, August 25, and we'll be there again, not only with shave ice but with snacks too.

This is something we are doing free as a service to the Y and the community kids.

**Bill Stone**, Windward Y executive director, thinks the attendance numbers will grow substantially now that the kids are back in school spreading the word. Bill hopes that it will be a monthly event, giving local teens something fun to do in a supervised environment and introducing them to the Y at the same time.

Those that came to the July event clearly had fun. Only a few took advantage of the chance to try out the fitness equipment (under the close supervision of YMCA personnel, of course). Part

of the reason was the "no open-toe shoes" rule. Kids did not come prepared. They were prepared for the warmed swimming pool, however, and many used it.

There was volleyball on the back lawn and dancing to good music in the courtyard.

A very popular attraction was the Nintendo Wii computer-TV game system that had been donated to the Y. Kids lined up to try tennis and bowling and other sports on the big screen in the meeting room.

Our crew was busy from setting up before the 6 p.m. start all the way through the 10 p.m. clos-

ing. The events are made possible by a grant from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Also participating with both kids and adult watchers is the Faith Baptist Church next to the Y.

And the Boys & Girls Club Kailua is also a participant. Although none of their kids came to the first one, they are expected in the future. Keneke's Catering provided the hot food for the July event.

The Y's Men & Women are on tap for at least the August one. It's clear that Windward teens like the idea and those that came will attract others next time.



Our gang works the shave-ice stand at "Teens-Only Night" July 28 at the Windward YMCA. The free cool treat was popular all night and we will be doing it again. For an album of photos go to: <http://web.mac.com/russlynch/iWeb/Site/Teens.html>

**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

“I came that you may have  
and enjoy life and have it in  
abundance, until it over-  
flows.” - **John 10:10**

“I have been driven many  
times to my knees by the  
overwhelming conviction  
that I had nowhere else to go.  
My own wisdom, and that of  
all about me, seemed insuffi-  
cient for the day.” - **Abraham  
Lincoln**

## President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007



Thank you to all who participated at the Family Fun Fair on July 20th and at the Y teen-age boys' and girls' night on July 28th.

The shave ice was a very big hit, especially with these hot summer nights. We will be serving shave ice again and providing the snacks for the August 25th teens' get-together.

Wasn't it fun to see Sam Shoji, after his one-week English class?

He told us his hobby is coming to Hawaii. True to his word, he will be back in December for his third trip of the year, along with wife Yasuko, Tokiko (number two daughter) and her son Yasuke and daughter Kaho.

Yasuke and Sam will be running the Honolulu Marathon.

This will be Sam's fifth marathon here.

We came very close to meeting our goals for 2006/2007.

I haven't talked much about our goals for 2007/2008. Our new challenges are as follows:

Number One: Recruit three new members.

Number Two: Participate in three new community service projects.

Number Three: Continue to support the Windward Y in its ASC campaign.

Number Four: More interaction with other Metro District clubs.

I know our willing and hard-working members will do all they can to help our club reach these goals.

*Aloha, Marion*



**SHOJI PARTY:** This photo was taken by **Sam Shoji** (front and center) using his camera on a timer, and it shows a good group of us all together, Members and friends gathered at the home of **Emma** and **Ace Thomas** on Friday, July 27, for a potluck party to say "aloha" to Shoji-san as he was getting ready to head home to Japan after a week of English-language study in Honolulu. There was great food, including fruit dipped into **Joe-Ann's** chocolate fountain and **Bill's** barbecued pork loin, and great fellowship. Sam, who in his high-school days ranked number three in all of Japan in his use of the soroban (abacus), tried us out with a math quiz and then let himself be put to the test with complex, multi-digit sums. The calculator showed he got them all right.

# Statewide Convention Planning Begins

Representatives from all clubs in the Hawaii Region joined regional and district officers August 4 for the first all-out statewide convention planning meeting.

Those who met at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki agreed on how to parcel out responsibilities for the 72nd Hawaii Region Convention of Y's Men International.

Under the new setup agreed to at the last convention, the Orchid-Valley-Garden District has overall responsibility but all clubs are helping.

Arrangements need to be finalized, particularly with the hotel, but here are the basics:

*(Note: This is from notes taken by Russ Lynch and is not the official minutes).*

**Convention Dates:** May 16, 17 & 18, 2008 (weekend before Memorial Day)

**Location:** Maui

**Hotel:** Probably the Royal Lahaina Resort, Kaanapali.

**Cost:** \$175 a night (plus taxes of \$20 or so) for "garden cottage" single/double occupancy. Up to two adults included in the \$175. Kids 17-and-under free if using existing furniture. Extra charge (maybe \$35) per additional adult. Note: There have been no negotiations yet to try to get room rate reduced for selling a certain number of rooms. (We make our own individual bookings and payment direct with the hotel).

**Meeting Rooms:** Free if we guarantee at least \$500 for food, which we will.

**Location:** Kaanapali Beach, about 32 miles from Kahului Airport, only six miles from Kapalua Airport, about the same from Lahaina Town.

**Transportation:** Individuals and/or clubs arrange their own transportation to and from airport and/

or ferry. There will be no formal pickup arrangement by Y's Men. Host club is checking to see if there is a hotel shuttle.

**Convention Responsibilities:** This is the first Region-organized convention, with all clubs involved.

**Overall:** Chairman, **Champ Ono**, East Kauai (OVG District Governor). Co-chair: **Russ Lynch**, Windward (Metro District Governor).

**Registration:** **Robert Kuwahara** (West Oahu).

**Booklet/Folder** (all reports etc.): Kalihi

**Regional Membership Directory:** Regional Director Elect, **Rick Lau** (Central).

**Program:** Central (activities not part of the convention meetings themselves). Theme of the convention is "training" so speakers may be related to that.

**Auction:** Kaimuki. (Also includes responsibility for door prizes).

**Hospitality Room:** Hilo, assisted by East Kauai.

**Brother Club Assembly:** No, there won't be one. May be a Sunday night dinner. Will be explored by Program (under Central).

**Sunday Service:** Maui

**Financial:** Regional secretary/treasurer will handle the money, make deposits to the hotel if needed.

**Auction/Door prizes details:**

Door prizes, early-bird etc., should be local items, minimum value \$2. (No upper value limit). Every attendee brings at least one. Auction items should be at least \$20 in value. Bring one auction item for each four members in your roster. Home-made or home-grown preferred — something you

make yourself or is representative of your location, such as Maui onions.

**Training:** This convention will include "training," arranged by regional training service directors Naomi Aimoto (Nuuanu) and Paul Kuromoto (Kaimuki). Subjects will be what the various officers and service directors are expected to do.

## Future Conventions

At an after-lunch meeting following the 2008 convention planning, Regional Director **Phil Sammer** appointed the whole group of representatives from all clubs as the members of a new "task force" to work on the whole subject of future conventions, what they should be like and how they should be managed.

To start with, task force members will go back to their clubs with this question:

Should we dispense with registration fees for those attending the convention and replace them with a flat fee based on club membership numbers?

The task force basically liked the idea, which could lead to each club paying a convention fee of \$10 per member, regardless of how many actually attend the convention. Watch for more ideas to come from this task force, which will meet again in the fall and next spring.

## Sammer Wins Award

Regional Director **Phil Sammer** has won the U.S. Area's Henry Grimes Award as outstanding regional director for the area.

The award was announced at the Area Convention in South Carolina in July.

Phil says the award was really a tribute to the men and women if Y'sdom in Hawaii who consistently excel in all aspects of what the organization does.

## Club Calendar

### 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)

### August 25, Saturday

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
"Teens-Only Night" at  
Windward YMCA.

### September 5, Wednesday

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

### September 8, Saturday

Early morning, Ala Moana  
area. Alzheimer's Memory  
Walk community service.

### August Focus:

**Community Service**

## Back to School . . . .

*These are supposed to be real report-card comments:*

1. Since my last report, your child has hit rock bottom and started to dig.
2. Your son sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to meet them.
3. Your child is depriving some village somewhere of an idiot.
4. Your child has delusions of adequacy.
5. This child has been working with glue too much.
6. If this student was any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.

*And a newlywed joke:*

"Darling, now that we're married, do you think you'll be able to live on my small income?"

"Of course, dearest, no problem. But what will you live on?"



Russ with members of the Y's Men's Club of Christchurch. The group includes two charter members of the club. President **Tony Mendonca** is in the blue jacket, middle of the back row.

## A Visit with 'Down Under' Y's Men

*By Russ Lynch*

During a trip to New Zealand in July, I was fortunate enough to meet with members of the last surviving Y's Men's Club in that country, the Y's Men's Club of Christchurch.

Yes, they're old and haven't recruited a younger member in a long time — nothing new in that to most Y's Men in this country, either — but they are an active club and they meet regularly,

While I was there, they were planning a 50th Anniversary luncheon for the following week and they kindly invited me to join them in a Monday night meeting where they were wrapping up the details. Nine of their 15 members, including two of the originals, showed up for the meeting at the Christchurch YMCA, a nicely equipped residential YMCA.

My host **Tony Mendonca** picked me up from my hotel and told me we'd be having dinner at the Y before the meeting. A nice dinner it was, too, a plentiful buffet of hot food and desserts.

We had time to chat and I learned that despite their far-away location, they are fully up on international Y's Men's activities and

do many of the same things American clubs do in support of their YMCA and other parts of their community.

New Zealand is part of the South Pacific Area of Y's Men International, which has 14 clubs in Australia, one in the Solomon Islands and this lone club in New Zealand. With temperatures around freezing outside in the New Zealand mid-winter, we had a very warm and friendly time.

Tony offered to show me around the city after I got back to Christchurch from a train trip across the Southern Alps, but I did not have time to take him up on the offer. I arrived at night and had an early train north in the morning.

I will stay in touch.

By the way Tony pronounces Mendonca with a soft "c" and, as most readers in Hawaii will have guessed, the name is Portuguese.

Tony's origin is Goa, on the West Coast of India. Goa was a Portuguese colony for about 450 years (after explorer Vasco da Gama went there) until 1961, when India marched 40,000 troops in and seized it.

*(I'll have more trip tales in the next issue. - Russ)*