



Windward Y'er

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Community Service Work for Pohai Nani

By Russ Lynch

How often do you get to pour a whole gallon of shoyu into anything? Not often, I'll bet.

Work with the tireless **Nora Takeno** on one of her volunteer food-preparation projects and you'll get to do that and more.

Some of our members turned out for "Auntie Nora's" annual effort for the craft fair at the Pohai Nani retirement home in Kaneohe. We were on our feet for hours on Friday afternoon, November 2, in the cafeteria Nora runs at Kahaluu Elementary School.

The work involved preparing and cooking teriyaki chicken, teriyaki beef, chili, rice, hot dogs and other goodies, making bento, slicing pastrami for sandwiches, and other chores.

And, of course, plenty of washing and wiping giant pots and pans, along with her team of other volunteers.

Some of the work the first day was advance preparation for the Pohai Nani fair next day and some of it was for Kahaluu Elementary's "Movie Night" that Friday night.

We started at 1:30 and the work was still going on when I left at 4:30. For me, a lot of time on my feet and plenty sweat, but a worthwhile effort. The proceeds from the food sales would help

various projects for the kids at Kahaluu Elementary as well as the folks at Pohai Nani.

Ken, Donna and **Russ** worked that Friday afternoon session.

Next morning, the Saturday November 3, we were back at work, this time at Pohai Nani itself, starting at 8 a.m. **Donna** couldn't make it because of previously set appointments but **Jim**, who didn't make the Friday session because he was at work, was on hand.

In fact, after a long early stint and leaving to take care of some business, Jim came back because he could see how much work there was to do.

Ken was there again, as was **Russ**, who brought spouse **Eiko**, knowing all available hands would be needed.

This time it was a full-on cafeteria operation, preparing, warming and serving teriyaki plate lunches, chili, hot dogs, nachos, more of those pastrami sandwiches and so on to a line of customers that started forming well before the 9 a.m. start time and continued right through the lunch hour.

One lesson learned: Two people making Spam musubi with only one musubi press isn't enough. It was very hard to keep up with demand.

Many of our members were away and unable to help, but those of us that could be there were very much needed for this worthwhile and appreciated,

community-service project. It was hard work but very rewarding, even after the aches and pains set in next day.



Jim Kanehira and "boss" **Nora Takeno** at work Saturday in the Pohai Nani cafeteria.



Jim with **Ken Kadomoto** and loads of goodies in the Pohai Nani food warmers.



Ken with **Donna Saito** making Spam musubi in the Kahaluu Elementary cafeteria on Friday afternoon, November 2

Our Next Meeting:
December 5, Wednesday,
7 p.m. at Windward YMCA.

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

Christian Emphasis

“You have heard that it was said,
‘You shall love your neighbor and
hate your enemy.’ But I say to you,
love your enemies, bless those who
curse you, do good to those who hate
you, and pray for those who spite-
fully use you and persecute you, that
you may be sons of your Father in
heaven; for He makes His sun rise on
the evil and on the good, and sends
rain on the just and on the unjust. For
if you love those who love you, what
reward have you? Do not even the
tax collectors do the same?”

Matthew 5:43-46



Seen at Hallo-Wine: At left, our **Bill Stone** with **Cindy Bersion** and **Denise Wong**. At right, a group of characters with **Mark Cabral** (far right), board chairman of Windward YMCA.

Hallo-Wine Succeeds Again

A number of those who took part in the third annual Windward YMCA “Hallo-Wine” fund-raiser just before Halloween thought it was the best yet.

It certainly appears to have raised more money for our “Y” than either of the previous efforts. The final numbers are not yet available but the net profit could be as much as \$10,000 and will be of great help to the Windward Branch as it struggles to meet new and higher budget demands.

Russ Lynch was the only non-YMCA member of our club to attend and had a great time. Our club secretary **Bill Stone** was there, naturally, since he is executive director of the branch. Member **Diane Sanderson**, also a key branch staffer, was on hand. Both were in costume. Russ elected not to try a costume but about a third of those attending did dress up for the occasion on October 26, five days before Halloween.

There were more than enough costumes to create a real fun atmosphere. Thanks to branch Board Chairman **Mark Cabral**, who made the arrangements, the band Ahi Wela performed free throughout the night as a donation to the YMCA.

Two things were different this time, the location and the day of the week. Moving away from the Mid-Pacific Country Club, the Y chose the grand ballroom at the Koolau Golf Club and it turned out

to be a great spot for the function with tons of room.

Using a Friday night instead of a Saturday night worked too, as the event was very well attended.

As usual, Kalapawai Market arranged the top-notch supply of wines and about 100 items were snapped up in the silent auction.

You can see more of Russ's pictures at:

<http://gallery.mac.com/russlynch/100123>

Party is Postponed

The Christmas party luncheon the club had planned for Monday, December 10 has been called off and instead we will have what V.P. **Jim Kanehira** calls “a Happy New Year! party” some time early in 2008.

The earlier date was chosen because we wanted to have **Sam Shoji** with us and he had planned to be here for the Honolulu Marathon the day before. Alas, Sam wasn't able to get Marathon air tickets for his family group of five and decided not to come for the Marathon this year. (You may have read in the papers how plane tickets from Japan for the marathon were selling out).

Since there are a number of events in December and we are all busy, it was decided at the November 7 club meeting that we will skip the Christmas party and do something for New Year's instead. (Date to be announced).

November Club Meeting News

Treasurer **Ken Kadomoto** told our regular monthly meeting on November 7 that our club has more than \$3,300 in the bank, due in large part to a net profit of \$1,042.20 from our annual sale of tickets for Zippy's chili.

We sold 386 tickets at \$6 each, for a total of \$2,316, and the cost to us for each chili container sold was \$3.30, for a total cost of \$1,273.80.

The chili sale continues to be our major source of income.

Expenses had included the required payments to the Hawaii Region for the national Alexander Scholarship Fund (\$75 from our club) and Dollars for Scholars (\$150). The amounts are based on 15 paying members in Windward.

Other items from the November meeting were:

Make A Difference Day: Bill Stone reported that his talks with people at Maunawili School about a project we could participate in did not come up with a conclusion.

The school is looking for people to tutor math students, but Bill (quite correctly, judging by the members' reaction at the meeting) told them he didn't think that would suit us.

He will continue to talk to them about ways we can help.

Hallo-Wine 2007: Bill and Russ, who both attended, reported on the success of the Windward YMCA's third "Hallo-Wine" fundraiser, which was held on October 26. (See story on Page 2).

Bill said reaction was very positive and the affair was a definite financial success. Most attendees praised everything although there had been some minority criticism of the hot food.

He said the proceeds, which will go towards helping financially stressed families take part in YMCA programs they could not

otherwise afford, will be a great help to the Windward Branch budget.

This year, Windward has to budget for a greatly increased payment to YMCA of Honolulu headquarters. The result is considerable pressure on the branch budget. Bill, who is branch executive director, said he believes the branch will meet its expectations.

Teen Night: There will be no "Teens-Only" night at the YMCA in November but a Christmas-themed one will be held Saturday December 15. Our club will participate by operating our popular chocolate fountain. Previous occasions showed that our shave-ice machine was not so popular when the chocolate fountain was there too, so it was decided that in future we'll do one or the other, not both.

Hawaii Region News

Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting: All members are welcome to attend the Hawaii Region Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki on Saturday, November 24, starting at 10 a.m. Important topics to be discussed will include arrangements for the 2008 Convention on Maui in May. Lunch is included.

Metro District Meeting: Starting at 9 a.m., same place, same day as the Mid-Year, the Metro District will meet for an hour. District Governor **Russ Lynch** says he will try to avoid too much duplication of convention matters, reports and so on, that will come up at the later Region meeting. One important topic will be to seek suggestions for the use of the \$5,800 profit the Metro District made from the 2007 Convention. All members of Metro clubs are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Y's Spy ---

Joe-Ann McCarthy and hubby **Jack** are back from Las Vegas carrying more cash than they took with them, always a good feeling. **Jim Kanehira** had some success there, too, and now **Ken Kadomoto** has headed off to Nevada to see what he can do. **Donna Saito** will be in Reno soon, on business. Will she have time to play? (Note, Y's Spy does not talk about how much may have been "invested" over the years before the positive results). **Bill** and **Trudy Stone** will spend Thanksgiving Week kicking back, and cooling off, on Lanai, in the sometimes misty territory up above Lanai City.

Happy Birthday to **Joe-Ann** on December 3. **Donna** and **Miles** get to celebrate a wedding anniversary on December 6 and if Y's Spy's math is correct, always a question, it will be their 30th. Actually, it's not just math that raises a question. Donna has two personal "poop sheets" on file with the club. In one of them, she was married in 1976. In the other, 1977. **Joe-Ann** and **Jack** celebrated their 30th on November 19. Congratulations, all!

Joke Time: Why did they fire the school teacher who said "cluck" in class? Because he used fowl language.

Did you hear about the two Irishmen who *didn't* walk into a bar? Not!

Club Calendar

November 2, Friday

1:30 p.m. at Kahaluu Elem.
Food prep community service

November 3, Saturday

8 a.m. at Pohai Nani
Food prep community service

November 7, Wednesday

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

November 24, Saturday

Ilima Hotel, Waikiki
9 a.m. Metro District meeting.
10 a.m. Hawaii Region
Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting
(Followed by lunch and
Convention Committee Mtg)

November 24, Wednesday

5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Sheraton Waikiki
Central Y 95th Anniversary
(See story at right)

December 5, Wednesday

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

December 8 & 9, Sat./Sun.

"Breakfast with Santa"
8 a.m. through lunch.
Shifts available both days.
Helping at fund-raiser for
Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii

December 15, Saturday

6 p.m to 9:30 p.m. at the
Windward YMCA. "Teens-
Only" night.

November Focus:

Brotherhood Fund

December Focus:

Christian Emphasis

Christmas Goodies

Our December 5 club meeting will be used to prepare goody bags for the women at a spouse abuse center. As usual, bring small soaps, shampoos and other personal toiletry items and we'll bag them at the meeting.

Also bring kids' gifts, worth \$10 or so, wrapped and tagged to indicate whether it is for a boy or girl and what age.

Central's 95th Helps Teens at all YMCAs

Teen programs at all Oahu YMCAs can benefit from the big gala celebration of the 95th anniversary of the Central YMCA, set for the night of November 24 at the Sheraton Waikiki.

Part of the proceeds goes into the YMCA of Honolulu's Teen Development Fund, which supports such activities as the Youth Legislature, Leadership Unlimited and more.

Since Y's Men's clubs exist primarily to support the YMCA, it is an event we might want to consider attending. Besides, it will be a great night of food and entertainment and it is also a reunion of Hawaii's old social clubs.

It isn't cheap, however. It's \$85 if you book by November 15 and \$100 per person after that. You can make reservations through the Internet at <http://www.centraly.com> or do it by telephone at 951-1303. Remember, many of us will be in Waikiki that day anyway, for the Hawaii Region Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting.

You can get a full-page printable copy of the poster at right on the Internet if you go to <http://ysmenhawaii.org/centralY95.pdf>



U.S. Area News

The U.S. Area of Y's Men International has set the emphasis for the month of November on the Brotherhood Fund and the Hawaii Region and the clubs in it follow that emphasis.

The fund was started in 1931 and in 1933 the first sale of stamps to create money for the fund was done by a Y's Men's Club, in Quincy, Mass. Our Hawaii clubs have gathered stamps for this purpose over the years. The fund provides travel grants to

promote visits from one region to another and there's usually about \$200,000 in the fund.

For more information look for "Brotherhood Fund" under "Service Areas" on the U.S. Area home page at <http://ysmenusa.com>

By the way, the U.S. Area web pages are a great source of information on Ysdom in the United States and elsewhere and you will enjoy reading the club bulletins from all over the United States.

Find them under "What's New" at the bottom of the home page. Our club is there, of course.

President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007

Marion has been out of town, visiting granddaughter (and Youth Member) **Lindsey** in Seattle so has no report for us this month. She was due back November 8, the day after our monthly meeting.