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Ken Ling, a Good Man and a Good Y's Man

1939-2008

Y'sdom lost a leader and a good friend and the world lost a good man when **Kenneth Kui Min Ling** died on March 2 after off-and-on illnesses that finally had him in hospital for nearly a month.

Ken, who was only 68 when he passed, was a member of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club for 15 years and he and his wife **Karel** showed their dedication and interest by always attending meetings and events and serving as club officers.

Ken was a fun guy to be around but, from his work with the Family Court, he also understood the serious importance of our support for youth and families through the YMCA and our other community activities.

As a strong Christian and dedicated member of the Kailua Christian Church, Ken became a great Christian Emphasis service director for our club, just one of a number of offices he held.

"Through the example he has set, his writings, invocations and especially his thoughtful presentations at Hawaiian Regional functions, Kenneth has increased the emphasis on Christianity in the Y's

Men's movement," says the joint entry for Ken and Karel in the "Golden Book" of Y's Men International.

Ken and Karel joined our club in 1993 together, as a couple, a rarity for Y'sdom in Hawaii.

Ken held a number of offices in our club, always willing to pitch in and do his bit.

Ken met and married Karel, an Oregon girl, when both were at Linfield College in Oregon. That was in 1960 and 48 years later they were still happily married, the parents of sons **Scot, Mark and Lance** and daughters **Heidi Cummings and Heather Oleole**.

There are 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. When he was with us, Ken never

talked about his work much, although we knew he was a very well respected official in the state courts. He simply couldn't talk about it because so much of what he dealt with was confidential.

His career started with 15 years working with at-risk and disadvantage youth at Palama Settlement, where he also coached the Pop Warner football and basketball teams with great success.

From Palama, he spent five years as superintendent of the Family Court Detention Home Facility. Next Ken became Family Court Director in the State Judiciary, where he won many awards.

In July 1996, the Judiciary pre-
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Members will be notified of a new date for our March meeting. The April meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday April 2 at Windward YMCA. Don't forget ASC Victory Dinner, March 12 (see calendar)

A celebration of the life of Kenneth Ling will be held Thursday, March 13, at Borthwick Mortuary, 1330 Maunakea St., in downtown Honolulu. Visitation starts at 10 a.m. and the service will be at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow. For a Web gallery of more photos see:



<http://gallery.mac.com/russlynch#100203>

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Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

“The Lord reigns forever; He has established his throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness; He will govern the peoples with justice. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.”

-Psalm 9:7-10

President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007



Kung hee fat choy! May you have much prosperity. Kung ho sun nin! That means “happy new year.” So kung ho sun nin to everyone this Year of the Rat. Along with it goes kung hee fat choy. No “pake” would ever wish you Happy New Year without also wishing you lots of prosperity, good fortune and so on.

Our February meeting at the Lings' was so wonderful. The pot luck was delicious, the fellowship better. It was great to see the Lings again, enjoy a meal with them and have them take part in our February meeting.

Ryan McMonigle, who is my 15-year-old grandson and a Youth Member of our club, is in the OIA championship JV baseball team at Kailua High School. He pitched two games in the championship series. One was the division championship and one was the overall championship. He was relief pitcher and he won those two games. Those were the most important games he ever pitched — division champions and the OIA! He is a freshman at Kailua High and enjoys playing baseball 100 percent. He's been doing it since he was six. He also does well academically.

On Sunday, February 10, **Joe-Ann, Bill, Russ** and I attended New Hope Kailua Fellowship as our observance of YMCA Sunday. New Hope Kailua is a new branch that was launched on August 5, 2007. It is pastored by Rick Stinton.

On Saturday, February 16, **Russ Lynch** had an organizing committee meeting for the 72nd Hawaii Region Convention, with the presidents and representatives of each Metro club present. Much was accomplished. It is getting close to Convention time (May 16-18, 2008).

Please send in your registration as soon as possible.

Also, please return all your Annual Support Campaign packets to Bill at the YMCA. If you can't finish calling the people on your blue cards, don't hesitate to ask for help. There are others who can take care of them for you.

Our club has one responsibility at the Convention on Maui in May, finding and organizing “Y's Guys” to “fine” people at the events and pass the hat around to collect these small amounts that go a long way toward financing the convention. Please help District Governor Russ when he asks for your input.

— Aloha, Marion

Farewell, Ken Ling

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sented him with its Distinguished Service Award. Ken started thinking about retirement but held off and stayed on when, in 2001, the Judiciary reorganized and selected him to be Chief Court Administrator.

He finally managed to retire in 2004 and the extent to which he

was recognized and admired by his colleagues was shown by the big crowd that attended his retirement party at the Ilikai.

Kenneth K.M. Ling was born in Honolulu on July 31, 1939. He and Karel were married in Bend, Oregon, on February 19, 1960.

Ken had a Bachelor of Arts from Linfield College and a Master's in social work at the University of Hawaii.

Pledges Still Needed After ASC 'Victory'

The Windward Branch of the YMCA of Honolulu will hold a "Victory Dinner" March 12 to celebrate the success of this year's Fiesta-themed Annual Support Campaign, which has raised many thousands of dollars to support programs at the "Y."

The goal of \$70,000 has not been reached, however. All the volunteers who have been making phone calls, banging on doors and talking to their friends will need to keep the effort going.

For now, we must turn in our reports to make the "Victory" as sweet as it can be.

ASC does not end with the Victory Dinner but it will be a good celebration of the success so far, with rewards for those who have done so well.

While the total pledged at the end of the third report night on February 20 was still well short of this year's goal, enthusiasm was still running high and the numbers are something to brag about, given all the worries about the economy and the competition from a host of other fund-raising activities.

Preliminary figures, with pledges still flowing in and not yet counting the fourth report night or later pledges, showed a total of \$30,933, or 44 percent of this year's goal of \$75,000.

A number of our members made significant personal donations and raised really significant amounts from others, creating several "quota buster" recognitions.

By the time the Victory Dinner comes around we will have done even more and we will keep on after that to do our best to meet the goal for this year.

These pledges are vital to the YMCA branch because they allow it to continue its long-held policy of never turning down people who are really in need of YMCA programs but can't afford them.

In the Y's Men's & Women's Club group, three people so far have become "Youth Busters" by each producing \$1,000 or more. They are **Bill Stone**, **Jim Kanehira** and **Marion Liu**.

In addition, **Ken Kadomoto** and **Russ Lynch** are "quota busters" for producing more than their goals.

And remember, this was as of late February, with a lot of calls not returned, many pitches still to be made, pledges not yet reported and one report night not tallied.

So there really is cause for celebration and Bill and his staff and volunteers are making sure the Victory Dinner will be a celebration indeed.

So let's be there, have a good time and stay enthusiastic:

Where: RE/MAX Kai Lani real estate offices meeting room, Aikahi Park Shopping Center.

Those with Internet access can see pictures from this year's Windward YMCA Annual Support Campaign at: <http://gallery.mac.com/russlynch#100179>

When:

Wednesday
March 12, 6-8
p.m.

What: Fiesta-theme Victory Celebration, with a tasty taco bar provided by Cisco's Cantina.

Please note, for catering purposes it is important to let Bill or someone at the YMCA know you are coming. Phone the branch at 261-0808.

And if you still have calls you haven't made, please just keep plugging away, and remember this advice from Bill Stone in one of the ASC progress newsletters:

"It may sound trite, but it certainly is true — people who don't get asked don't make a donation.

"Turned around the other way — you have to ask to receive. Or in the Biblical phrase — seek and thou shall find."



Metro District Conference Set for March 29

The Metropolitan District of Y's Men Hawaii, made up of the six clubs on Oahu, will hold a District Conference on Saturday, March 29. There will be some business, primarily a convention committee meeting with Neighbor Island leaders on hand, but it will be primarily a social occasion. That means dinner and drinks and lots of mixing and conversation. District Governor **Russ Lynch** has not yet chosen a location but asks that we keep that evening free so as many members (and spouses) as possible can attend. He promises that the price will be affordable for all of us. All Metro members will be advised by email as soon as arrangements are finalized.

That's our **Ryan McMonigle**, middle of the back row, with the Kailua High JV "Surriders" baseball team, winners of the OIA Championship, thanks in no small part to Ryan's pitching. Ryan is a youth member of our club and a grandson of President **Marion Liu**. (See President's Report on Page 2).



Club Calendar

March 12, Wednesday

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at RE/MAX Kai

Lani offices, Aikahi Park Shopping Center.
Windward YMCA
ASC Victory Dinner.

March 13, Thursday

Ken Ling's funeral, Borthwick Mortuary, Maunakea Street.
Visit from 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m. Lunch follows.

March 15, Saturday

John Parker's funeral at Calvary Episcopal, Kaneohe. Be there at 9 a.m. to help set up, back for visitation from noon, services at 1 p.m.

March 29, Saturday

6 p.m. Metro District Conference. Social hour and dinner. Location to be announced.

April 2, Wednesday

7 p.m. Club Meeting
Windward YMCA

May 16-18, Friday-Sunday

72nd Y's Men Hawaii
Regional Convention, Maui.

March Focus:

What's In A Name?

U.S. Area President Fred Leonard says he's glad that Y's Men International has hired a public relations firm to review the Y's Men's image around the world.

Fred, known to us in Hawaii from his visit as Area President-elect, said he went to a big YMCA Expo in Dallas with Area Corporate Secretary Debbie Redmond.

They ran into "a real problem" with the name "Y's Men," Fred said in "Y's Alliance," the Area bulletin.

"Just having the banner displayed caused a few women to stop and accuse of sexism," he said. "They obviously didn't know anything about Y'sdom."

"And what do we call our clubs ... Y's Men, Y's Men and Women's Clubs, Y Service Clubs etc.? There's no unified image of Y'sdom."

We'll be seeing Debbie at our Hawaii Region Convention on Maui, May 16-18, and we can ask her about this and anything else from the Area and International.

John Parker, Friend of the Windward YMCA

John Parker, owner (with his wife Cheryl) of Round Table Pizza in Enchanted Lake and a longtime friend of our YMCA branch, died March 5, another big loss.

John was a longtime member of the board of managers of our local YMCA and regularly worked out there as well. Many of us got to know John through the Annual Support Campaign, where he was a prominent fund-raiser. We also got to know him some more when we volunteered our help at his pizza stand for the "I Love Kailua" street parties.

Our club will be helping out at John's funeral Saturday, March 15, at Calvary Episcopal Church in Kaneohe. We will be there at 9 a.m. to help arrange the chairs and we need to back at noon to help hand out programs.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m., the service is expected to run from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. and after that there will be a get-together at Round Table Pizza in the Enchanted Lake Shopping Center.

Marion's Brother Dr. Tim Lee Passes Away

Our sympathies and prayers are with our President, Marion Liu, because of the passing of her brother on February 28. **Dr. Chung Tim Lee**, known in the family as Timmy, was 84.

Dr. Lee was a "family doctor," taking care of all of his patients' illnesses, the type of doctor that is harder to find in these days of huge Health Maintenance Organization businesses.

Born in Honolulu, he was a graduate of McKinley High School and a veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of the University of Southern California and Des Moines University in Iowa. Dr. Lee was a past president of the See Yup Benevolent Society and the Lee Association of Hawaii. As his obituary in the Honolulu newspapers said, he "will be best remembered by his fellow doctors and patients as a very thoughtful and caring doctor."

He is survived by his wife **Ellen**, daughters **Gaylen Ree Rasmolete** and **Mariann H.W. Lee**, grandchildren **Christian, Alanna, Andre, Dominique** and **Sean**, and sisters **Gladys Ing** and **Marion Liu**.

Dr. Lee also had many nieces and nephews.

Services were held March 6 at Nuuanu Memorial Park & Mortuary and Dr. Lee was buried at Diamond Head Memorial Park.



John Parker, center, with his wife **Cheryl** and Windward YMCA Executive Director **Bill Stone**, at the 2006 ASC Victory Dinner.