



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club

Chartered April 5, 1980

Busy Times: Convention, Shoji Visit etc.

Our club has had so much going on, both in Y'sdom and in our personal lives, these past few months that time has just flashed past.

So fast, in fact, that this is the first club bulletin since early March.

It has been a really exciting and rewarding time, happily keeping us busy enough to move us past the sad losses of our member **Ken Ling** and a good friend and Windward YMCA supporter, **John Parker**.

So much has been going on, and is still going on, that we're going to have to summarize it all, or we'll never get this issue out at all. Let's take a look at the events one by one:

72nd Hawaii Region Convention

Although our club did not have a big role in the organization of the Regional Convention that was held on Maui May 16-18, **Russ Lynch** was busy as convention co-chair, coordinating the Oahu clubs' role for Convention Chairman **Champ Ono** of Maui.

Many members were busily involved in travel and other activities and were not able to attend the convention, but we were well represented by **Russ**, **Ken Kadomoto**, **Jim Kanehira** and the Kadomoto and Kanehira spouses, **Lillian** and **Gladys**.

And, of course, by that ball of energy and fun, **Sam Shoji**, our

Japan member who brought wife **Yasuko** and seven other members of his family along with him from Osaka, for a fast and active Hawaii vacation.

Our club's gifts of YMCA pedometers and luggage labels, donated by our Y branch, went over great as early-bird door prizes for the various meals and events and our more-expensive auction items sold for good prices.

Ken and Jim did a superb job running the "Y's Guys" good-natured fining system, which produced \$220 that was donated to help Maui youth member **Trevor Jones** attend an upcoming International Y's Men's youth convocation in Europe.

And Jim also showed his great ability to enthuse a crowd by leading some action songs and generally getting people breathing and their blood circulation going.

There were two significant convention highlights for our club, — the presence of Shoji-san and his family and a chance at an informal Sunday morning memorial to have other clubs join us in remembering **Kenneth Ling** and other departed Y's Men. At the Awards Luncheon on the Satur-

day, Windward received awards as "Outstanding" for YMCA Service and "Qualified" in World Service, Community Service and Club Bulletin.

Shoji Dinner Party

Once again **Emma** and **Ace Thomas** opened their Enchanted Lake home for one of our club dinner parties, this time to have fun with our visitors from Japan, **Sam Shoji**, his wife **Yasuko**, and a delightful collection of younger family members.

The May 19 party, right after the convention on Maui, was a great success. Terrific food, great socializing and even a boisterous action song by the Shoji family, "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree" in Japanese and English.

See pictures on our Web site:

<http://ysmenwin.com>

Endowment Dinner

A strong Windward contingent attended the Metro District Endowment Dinner and New Members Induction May 22 at the Japanese Cultural Center.

As always with this annual event, the Kaimuki Y's Men put on a great dinner party and we were

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**Our July meeting will be
at 7 p.m. Wednesday
July 2 at Windward YMCA.**

Right: **Sam Shoji** and his family at the Saturday night dinner at the convention on Maui. They are all wearing special shirts with the names of their two clubs on the back, Windward and Osaka Senboku, and their own names on the front.



Windward Y's Men's
& Women's Club
2008/2009

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President: Russ Lynch
Vice president: Jim Kanehira
Secretary: Joe-Ann McCarthy
Treasurer: Ken Kadomoto

Members:

Karel A. Ling, Marion Liu,
Jack McCarthy, Karla Redding,
Donna Saito, Justin Saito,
Diane Sanderson,
Donald Scott, Sam Shoji,
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Many Photos on the Web

To see lots of photos there aren't room for in this bulletin, check out the club's Web pages at:

<http://ysmenwin.com>

Look for the link to "Windward Photos" for a lot of pictures from the events reported in this issue.

Lynch Heads Officers for 2008-2009

Russ Lynch heads the slate of club officers for the July 1 to June 30 year, taking on the presidency after **Marion Liu's** two-year example of superbly active leadership.

Jim Kanehira, who has also provided great service the past two years, continues as vice president and **Ken Kadomoto** has kindly agreed to continue to serve as treasurer.

Joining the team as club secretary for the coming year is **Joe-Ann McCarthy**.

Joe-Ann will also continue to serve as Christian Emphasis service director. So far the only other service directors selected are **Marion Liu** for Community Service, **Karel Ling** for Alexander

Scholarship Fund/Dollars for Scholars, and **Bill Stone** as YMCA Liaison.

Marion will quickly come up with a list of community activities she will want us to do this year.

Russ says his main goal is to increase membership by two people this year — and that won't count **Karla Redding**, whose enrollment at the June meeting was a result of lots of communication with this active Y board member by Marion and Joe-Ann and others during the past year.

A secondary, but important, goal is to increase the awareness in our community of who and what we are, and a third, also by no means small, is to continue to work closely with our YMCA.

Busy Times . . .

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delighted to join the crowd in applauding our **Diane Sanderson** as she was honored by an entry in the Y's Men International "Golden Book," which is maintained as part of the Endowment Fund.

In addition to Diane and her friend **Wes**, our club was represented by **Bill, Russ, Joe-Ann, Jim and Gladys, Ken and Lillian**, youth member **Makena, Karel** and **Marion**. There was an informative talk by **Debbie Redmond**,

the U.S. Area corporate secretary, who was here from St. Louis as part of her official visit to the Hawaii Region convention.

Work Day at the Y

Despite relatively short notice, we were able to field some people to help paint the buildings and walls in the pool area of the Windward YMCA on Saturday, June 7. **Russ** put in three hours, **Karla** a lot more and **Bill** stepped aside from his Y exec duties to scrape and clean.

Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

From: "One Minute Prayers to Begin and End Your Day"

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." **Colossians 4:5-6**

Open my ears to the needs of others, Lord. Let today be my chance to really hear what is being said by those around me. Often my personal agenda fills my mind as others express their hearts. Grant me patience, openness, and compassion so I will be eager to understand others needs. Perhaps they will just need to be listened to, maybe they will just comfort, or they might need to know of Your goodness.

After listening, may I speak words that are of You and intended for that particular person. Never let my own objectives override the conversation You intend.

From Joe-Ann McCarthy, Club Christian Emphasis Service Director

Increase in Club Dues is Proposed

Windward members will be asked at their July 2 meeting to consider a substantial increase in the annual adult club dues to about \$85.

Windward does not raise enough through dues to meet our obligations to the Hawaii Region, the U.S. Area and Y's Men International.

Treasurer **Ken Kadomoto** pointed out at our June meeting that the \$54 per person we have been paying for some years is well short of the estimated \$125 per person we are expected to pay once all our obligations are added together.

"I am not proposing to raise our dues to that level, which would be more than double," President **Russ Lynch** said after that meeting. "But I would like to

see us cover at least the Region, U.S. Area and International obligations without having to resort to significant fund-raising just to break even," he said.

The basic annual obligations the club has, per member, are \$10 in dues to the Hawaii Region, \$35 in dues to the International, U.S. Area dues of \$17 and a Regional assessment, currently estimated at \$19.

There are other funding goals beyond the dues: \$10 per member for the Alexander Scholarship Fund and \$10 for the related Dollars for Scholars, \$12.50 for the Brotherhood Fund, and an additional \$12 a member for Time of Fast. "I would like to see us do special programs to raise those additional amounts." Russ said.



Welcome, Karla Redding

A long-time and very active member of the board of managers of our local YMCA branch, **Karla Redding**, joined our club at the June 4 meeting. Karla is seen, above, during her day-long volunteer stint the very next Saturday painting the buildings at the Windward Y pool. (See photo).

Karla is a Certified Public Accountant, although she is pretty much retired from that work. She is a small-business entrepreneur herself, with Shaklee products, and helps other entrepreneurs get started and keep going.

Welcome aboard, Karla. We know you'll be a major item in our assets column.

Big Family Trip from Japan to Hawaii

By Sam Shoji

Editor's Note: This was edited only slightly to correct some grammar. Sam's English gets better all the time. See his own family pictures at our club Web page <http://ysmenwin.com>

For a week starting May 17 the Shoji family of nine people flew away to Hawaii, thousands of miles from Osaka.

This time, the family travelers ranged from 3 years old to 65.

The grandchildren sat on the window side and seeing the sky, the cloud, and the wing, they were impressed and quieted down.

We were heading for the Y's Men's Convention on Maui Island.

I have participated in Hawaii Region conventions continuously for 17 years.

There was a time difference of 19 hours and we worried about grandchildren's physical conditions.

Hawaii Y's Men members met us at the hotel and we all gathered in the hospitality room, before we could even put our luggage in our rooms. in the party

hall. Our family members were soon talking to the Hawaii Y's group. I worried about the language but they talked to everybody.

The grandchildren ran in a big garden and climbed in a tree and other family members met the locals in front of the room.

We returned to our own rooms and took a rest.

All nine of our family attended the Saturday dinner party. **Jimmy Kanehira** introduced our family.

We were happy and happy.

We and the Windward members put on an original T-shirt (with names of the Osaka Senboko and Windward clubs and our first names .. Editor).

Near the end of the dinner, I presented my calligraphy art to the Maui club.

Next day it was sightseeing. Family members rode the round trip on the sugarcane train with the steam locomotive, looking at the sea spread out and the islands of Molokai and Lanai in the distance. A big big rainbow could

be seen when sending up a jet of water with the hose when a big wooden bridge was passed. The grandchildren were surprised with size of the rainbow.

Later that Sunday we returned to Oahu. It became our welcome party on that night. Windward y's members gathered the party at the **Emma Thomas** house. We were impressed to meet after a long time. I was glad. Windward

Y's Men president Ms. **Marion Liu** seems to be energetic. Other members seem to be also ener-

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Club Calendar

June 4, Wednesday

7 p.m. Club Meeting
Windward YMCA

June 7, Saturday

8 a.m. to noon. Volunteer
work day, pool area.
Windward YMCA

June 25, Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Metro District
Meeting at Kalihi YMCA.
Please let President Russ
know if you'll be coming

July 2, Wednesday

7 p.m. Club Meeting
Windward YMCA

July 18, Friday

5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Summer
Fun family fair. Windward
YMCA. We provide hot dogs,
Spam musubi, stew-rice.

July 9-11, Wednesday-Friday

U.S. Area Council Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri

July 31, Thursday

International Convention
Herning, Denmark

June Focus:

Public Relations

July Focus:

Membership

Shoji Family

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getic. The grandchildren ran in the garden, and in the dining room. Everybody was talking, eating, drinking and exchanging gifts.

We sang in chorus an English song of Japan, "Under the Spreading Chestnut tree."

Next, we had two days of sightseeing on Oahu.

The first day, **Jim Kanehira** and **Ken Kadomoto** drove the rental car. The second day, Mr. and Mrs. Kanehira and **Karel Ling**.

The first day, Hanauma Bay showed us white sand and a blue wonderful sea. We saw the tropical fish when we swam and dreamlike beautiful nature was seen. The tropical fish are special.

The grandchildren buried my body in the beach of white sand.

Diane Recognized at May 22 Event

Diane Sanderson was our club's choice this year for a "Living Tribute" to be entered in the Golden Book of Y's Men International and she was recognized, with other honorees, at the Metro District Endowment Dinner and New Members' Induction on May 22. A big contingent from our club was present to see **Bill Stone** present Diane with this certificate:



THE GOLDEN BOOK LIVING TRIBUTE TO:

DIANE SANDERSON

The Windward Y's Men & Women's Club is pleased to record the name of an enthusiastic and talented volunteer into the Golden Book. Diane Sanderson is the kind of person who brings a smile and energy to every project she undertakes.

Diane began her YMCA career in 2003 as a part-time group exercise instructor and fitness attendant at the Windward Y. In less than a year, though, she moved up in the organization by accepting the position of Associate Healthy Lifestyles Director at the much larger Nuuanu Branch. Her work there helped Nuuanu increase membership and brought her talents to the attention of the Metro staff.

With the Windward Branch also expanding membership rapidly, a new position as Membership Director became available in the summer of 2005 and Diane was the perfect person to take on this task. One of the first things she did upon returning to the Windward Y was to join the Y's Men's & Women's Club, which has proven to be great for both the branch and the club.

Despite a very busy schedule at work, where she now serves the dual roles of Membership Director and Healthy Lifestyles Director, Diane almost always says "yes" when the club needs help with a project. She never grumbles, but grins and "gets into it" for every task, and her eager attitude is contagious. Everyone who tackles a task with her is buoyed by her boundless vigor.

Originally from Rhode Island, Diane has made her home in Kailua since 2003. Wherever she has gone, however, her heart has always led her to help others along the path of life. We are lucky indeed that she has chosen to walk with us as we work to improve our community.



Submitted on behalf of all our members by

Marion Liu

President 2007-2008
Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club

We went to the Nuuanu Pali lookout, Diamond head, and saw Kahaala area luxury homes.

The second day, started 8:30 we visited graves of two friends, **Kenneth Ling** and **Conrad Tsukayama**. Our third daughter was home stayed at Conrad's home 15 years ago.

At the Polynesian cultural center, we saw Tahiti, Tonga and

Samoa and we rode the boat on the canals.

We saw a big and wonderful night show and came back to our hotel late at night.

Twelve Hawaii Y's Men members gathered in the Pagoda hotel restaurant to invite us to brunch in the morning. They asked to have friendship with our family every year.