



Windward Y'er

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

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YMCA Family Night 2008

Our club members, spouses, offspring, other relatives and friends turned out in force at our local YMCA branch on a Friday evening, July 18. to run the food tent for "Family Night 2008."

The work, of course, started much earlier than that, with the purchase of the materials and the making of the stew and the Spam musubi. As usual, Marion's stew and rice was a big hit. So was the Spam musubi and the shave ice, with our shaving machine running full-tilt all evening.

New this time was the hot-dog cooker provided by **Karla Redding**. Our dogs have always been popular but having them rotating in the glass fronted, lighted cooker and served piping hot instead of just warm drew customers in force.

Karla served about 100 hot dogs. But everything else sold too. The Spam musubi needed a little price help at the end—two for a dollar instead of a dollar each—but they all sold.

We were able to provide a valuable service for our "Y" and have a great social time doing it. At the same time we raised a net of \$430 for our club, after food expenses of \$92.

YMCA Executive Director **Bill Stone**, who also of course is an active club member, estimated that about 125 people attended the event. That wasn't quite as

many as in past years. Bill says that is probably because the people who usually attend are those who are involved in the programs at the YMCA facilities themselves, and attendance for the on-site summer activities was down a bit this year.

However, our branch of the YMCA continues to do well because of the off-site activities it runs for young people on school grounds and so on.

Aside from our club's really popular food tent, there were activities all over the YMCA grounds.

There were games, baked-goods sales, a bouncy tent, face-painting, fishing games and more.

And the kids put on vigorous and entertaining stage acts.

Each of our members put in four hours or so and we were kept busy all night, from the setup through the serving and the take-down after the action was over.

Aside from the pictures on this page, there are more on the Internet, in a photo gallery that you



New member **Karla Redding** worked her hot-dog warmer effectively at the YMCA's "Family Night 2008." The machine worked great and we sold about 100 hot dogs.

can view as a slide show if you want. You can even download and keep photos. You can find it at: <http://gallery.me.com/russlynch#100246>

This is always a good event for us, as a direct service to the YMCA, a contribution to our funds and a nice night out together at our terrific YMCA branch.



At right, **Jim Kanehira** pours syrup while **Emma Thomas** shapes the shave ice, at the YMCA family night on July 18. We had a full crew turn out for this popular YMCA occasion, marking the end of the kids' summer programs.

Our September meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 3 at Windward YMCA.

Windward Y's Men's
& Women's Club
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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 recent events and you can also see a gallery of photos from the YMCA Family Night at:

<http://gallery.me.com/russlynch#100246>

New Club Dues Structure Approved

At the July meeting, the club approved an increase in annual dues, which kept in place discounts for spouses and a free membership for youth members but should allow us to meet our financial obligations to the Hawaii Region, the U.S. Area and Y's Men International without having to raise extra money.

The new dues are \$80 per adult member per year and \$40 for a member's spouse. Also \$40 a year for a young-adult member (18-25). Under-18 are youth members and therefore free.

We expect to do a lot of fundraising still, but it will be for YMCA and community causes rather than having some of it go into paying some of our obligations to the Y's Men organization.

Those obligations add up to as much as \$125 per member once we include donations that are voluntary but expected.

Not counting those, the mandated contributions per member are \$10 in dues to the Hawaii Region, \$35 per person to Y's Men International, U.S. Area dues of \$17 and a Hawaii Region annual assessment that is currently estimated at \$19 but could change.

By the way, now that we are on the subject of dues, members are reminded that the dues for 2008-2009 are, well, due. Treas-

urer **Ken Kadomoto** asks that you bring your checks to the next meeting, on September 3.

If you aren't sure what you owe, please ask Ken.

Editor's Note:

You can help make this publication better and help your editor meet deadlines by sending in some stories or jokes or anything!

A lot of you are taking trips this summer. Your kids are doing all kinds of interesting stuff.

It doesn't have to be long. Just a few lines will do. And we're not handing out Pulitzer Prizes so don't worry about your grammar.

Every little contribution helps fill a bit of space and lets Editor Russ off the hook from having to scrounge up stuff to fill the publication each month.

Just email your thoughts to: russlynch@mac.com

By the way, if you have any deep thoughts about Y'sdom, our community or anything else, don't hesitate to send in longer pieces, essays, whatever. There's room!

We can always use more pictures, too, either for the printable bulletin or for our Web pages.

Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

Philippians 4:13 --- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family.

You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

From Joe-Ann McCarthy, Club Christian Emphasis Service Director

Alzheimer's Work Days

The Memory Walk activities of the Alzheimer's Association are once again giving us some community service opportunities.

On the Saturdays August 23 and 30, there is a need for volunteers to hand out entrance-form packages to the participants.

Several of our members signed up to do that on the 23rd.

The event itself, starting at Kewalo Basin near Fisherman's Wharf, is set for early in the morning of Sunday, September 7.

Our club has volunteered to hand out popsicles to the runners and walkers as they finish, outside the Ward Warehouse shopping center. It's an early event and we will be needed from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. More information on where and when to meet should be available at our September meeting, or you can call our community service coordinator, **Marion Liu**, at 235-7709 or President **Russ Lynch** at 261-2126.

'Re-Discover Kailua' Event

The Windward Branch of the YMCA will have a large booth at this event that runs two full days, Saturday September 13 and Sunday September 14, in Kailua District park.

We have volunteered to help man the Y booth on the Saturday morning. We'll be working with other YMCA volunteers and Y staff to provide helpful information about the Y to large crowds of people expected to attend this event. A number of sponsoring organizations are involved as well as the Y and it is also a City & County of Honolulu event, including "Sunset in the Park" movies in the evenings.

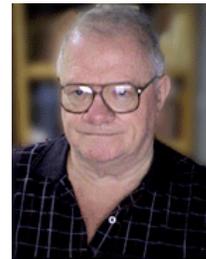
Members will get more details by email and phone.

Y's Men's Christmas Party

All the Y's Men and Women on Oahu are being invited to a Metro District Christmas Party, December 5 at Kalihi YMCA. It will be a joint celebration by the six clubs of the Metro District.

President's Report

from Russ Lynch, President 2008-2009



Time flies when you're having fun and it has flown by so quickly since our last meeting that I don't seem to have achieved anything. Must have been napping the summer away. Despite my own slothfulness, others have been busy. My thanks go to all those who turned out for the Family Night reported in this issue, and to **Marion Liu** for her constant activity in setting up community service activities where we can do some good and, at the same time, spread the word about Y'sdom. That can't happen without the willing participation of our members and it has been really gratifying to see so many sign up to do so much, especially those whose working life doesn't give them a whole lot of spare time.

We always get a good turnout. I wouldn't be surprised if our participation in activities, compared to the number of members we have who live here and can participate, is one of the highest levels in the nation.

Let's keep up the good work and I will attempt to rouse myself from my own summer stupor and get cracking.

Aloha, Russ

Y'sSpy --

Y'sSpy learns that **President Russ** put aside his dream of spending a few weeks in New Zealand in August because his conscience told him there was really too much to do around the house and he shouldn't run off on his own like that. We believe that "conscience" has a name: **Eiko Lynch!** In his other role, as club bulletin editor, Russ has also been heard muttering excuses for not getting a bulletin out since June. "It's all about saving the trees, being good to the environment, keeping the planet green. We have to save that paper," he says. Right. Someone might want to tell him that most of what we do these days is digital. No paper involved.

He did celebrate his 69th birthday on August 18 with a dinner at Formaggio. Also celebrating birthdays: **Ken Kadomoto** on August 11 and **Jack McCarthy** on September 2. By the way, **Emma** and **Ace Thomas** had a wedding anniversary on July 26 (married in 1969) and **Jim** and **Gladys Kanehira** had their anniversary on August 15 (married in 1959) and **Ken** and **Lillian Kadomoto** on August 29 (also from 1959).

See, Y'sSpy has all your personal info! That's thanks to inheriting the poop sheets you all filled in when you joined.

Joke Time: What has four legs, is big, green and fuzzy, and if it fell out of a tree it would kill you? A pool table.

What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic? Sanka. And what kind of lettuce? Iceberg.

Where do you find a dog with no legs? Right where you left him.

Why are there so many Lee and Wong families in the Honolulu phone book? They all have phones.

Club Calendar

July 9-11, Wednesday-Friday

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

July 31, Thursday

International Convention
Herning, Denmark

August 6, Wednesday

7 p.m. Monthly club meeting
Windward YMCA

September 3, Wednesday

7 p.m. Monthly club meeting
Windward YMCA

September 13 & 14

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunset at
the Park, Kailua District Park
Helping out at the YMCA
booth

September 24

Zippy's chili tickets expire.

November 1

YMCA "Hallo-Wine" party
at Koolau Golf Club, 5:30 p.m.

December 5

Metro District joint Christmas
Party, Kalihi YMCA

August Focus:

Community Service

September Focus:

Endowment

Metro District Meetings

The Metro District has scheduled its meetings for 2008-2009. Times and places will be announced later. Here is the list, as agreed to at the first District Meeting of the new year on June 25:

October 22, hosted by Kaimuki

January 28, hosted by Central

March 25, District Conference,
hosted by Windward

There is one other significant meeting to be held on Oahu, the mid-year Regional meeting, which will be at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki on **November 15**.

As you can see, our club is the host for District Conference in March. We have plenty of time to work out the details as to where to hold it, what kind of food etc., but we can be thinking about it and working with DG Phil Chun on the details.

Hawaii Region News

Regional Director **Rick Lau** (Central) is back from the U.S Area Council Meeting in St. Louis and reports on AP **Fred Leonard's** desire for all clubs to focus on membership growth and extending more Y's Men's Clubs in YMCA branches that do not have Y's Men. APE **Phil Sammer** represented the Hawaii Region at the 68th annual convention of Y's Men International in Herning, Denmark. West Oahu's **Walter Osakoda**, chair for the 2009 Regional Convention, has begun preliminary planning with a core group. Mark your calendars for the Hawaii Region Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting November 15 at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki.

Metro District

Metro District Governor **Phil Chun** (Kalihi) is working on ways to have the district, which represents the six clubs on Oahu, help the clubs with the orientation of their new members, so they grasp a full understanding of Y'sdom. He is looking for volunteers to serve on two district orientation teams that would be available to provide a formal orientation program for new members in the Metro District. Phil is also working on a revision of the orientation manual he created in 2001.

DG Phil also wants to see more interaction among clubs. His initial thinking includes getting clubs to help each other when they have projects that require more manpower than one club can provide. Phil wants to see joint social activities, such as a Metro Christmas party.

U.S. Area News

Despite the constant concern about dwindling membership and the increasing age of the members, there is a lot of positive news in the U.S. Area of Y's Men

International, according to Area President **Fred Leonard**. "Many new clubs are in the works, a couple close to chartering," Leonard said in the latest issue of Y's Alliance, the Area's quarterly bulletin.

"YMCAs are calling us about organizing new clubs," he said. A new club is about to be chartered in Anchorage, Alaska.

AP Leonard pointed out some positive moves in the clubs that already exist.

"Clubs are changing. They are seeking members younger than themselves and those members are bringing members younger than themselves. Eventually the average age of the club declines."

Leonard said that clubs are also finding that a lot of people are not "meeting-centered" but are looking for opportunities to be involved in a club's service work. This can mean bringing in new members who are more than willing to work on club projects but not so interested in the organizing side.

Y's Men International

For the first time, video and sound from the 2008 international convention of Y's Men International could be viewed on the Internet. Live streaming video of the events was available and video clips can be viewed at <http://www.ysmen.tv> (although this didn't work for your editor...maybe you'll have better luck). Hawaii's **Phil Sammer** shows in some of the pictures. Phil, our Immediate Past Regional Director, was at the international convention in Herning, Denmark, from July 31 through August 3 in his new capacity as Area President Elect.

Y's Men International's new president, India's **V.S. Bashir**, is interesting. He is a mechanical engineering graduate and a post-grad in management science. A Y's Man since 1972, he owns a bauxite mining company, an engineering consultancy and an industrial goods logistics company.



Phil Chun