



Windward Y'er

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

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It's Chili Time Again

Members should have their Zippy's chili tickets by now to sell for our annual fund-raiser. If you don't have yours, contact President **Joe-Ann** or Treasurer **Ken**.

Important: It is already nearly the middle of August and the deadline for your customers to pick up their chili from any Zippy's branch is September 23.

Sales expectations are down a bit this year and fewer tickets were ordered, so each member gets 20 to sell, rather than the 40 in the past. It is important that we sell all of them because this is the biggest fund-raiser we have and we need it to keep our books balanced with a sizable chunk in the black. If you don't think you can sell your quota, talk to **Jim** "You Can't Sell Any Unless You Ask" **Kanehira** who may take some off your hands.

President Joe-Ann and Treasurer Ken want us to report our sales and turn in the money at the next club meeting, now set for August 31.

The ticket price is \$7 for a pound and a half of Zippy's Famous Chili. the tickets are redeemable at any Zippy's location and can be used for vegetarian as well as regular chili.

Not only are people buying a great product, they get the added satisfaction of knowing that their donation, through us, helps the YMCA and our community.



President's Message

from Joe-Ann McCarthy, President 2009-2010

Focus Will Be on Community Projects and Adding Members

This year the club will be focusing on broadening our community service projects, developing new fundraising events, working with other community service groups and of course, getting new members (we've added a new member, **John Putz**, a YMCA staffer.) On July 11th, we started our new year off with a bang and held our first fund-raiser, a garage sale at the Windward YMCA. You can't ask for anything better, pure profit from items donated by our club members. We had the cheapest prices in town. **Jim Kanehira** generously donated household goods from his late brother's estate. Jim's brother was 97 years old when he passed away, so you can just imagine the amount of items that were donated. Undoubtedly there were a handful of antiques to be found. Our best seller of the day were handmade tin can dust pans, which we sold for a mere \$5 each. Hmmm! Possibly a new fund-raiser. It was a fun day and our thanks go to **Karla Redding**, **John Putz** and his wife **Kari**, **Donna Saito**, **Marion Liu** and **Jim Kanehira** for spending their money and giving up their Saturday to assist with the garage sale. Windward will be chairing the Metro District Christmas Party this year on December 4. We've been hunting around for a new venue. More to follow at our next District meeting. Club assignments will be made at that time or sooner..just say yes when we call you. Looking forward to a busy year. Our new members, **Karla Redding** and **John Putz**, have already re-energized our club with their new ideas and can do attitude. Thank you!

— *Joe-Ann*

Date & time changed:
Our next meeting will be at 6 .m. Monday August 31 at Windward YMCA
(Because the first Monday in September is the Labor Day holiday)

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President: Joe-Ann McCarthy

Vice president: Jim Kanehira

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<http://ysmenwin.com>

Hawaii Region News

Regional Director **Rick Lau** is launching a round of visits to the clubs in the region to tell members what's going on at the Region and Area levels and to listen to our concerns and ideas.

Rick was planning to come to Windward's September meeting, but that was before we changed the day from the first Wednesday of the month to the first Monday and pushed it even earlier because that day in September is Labor Day and we didn't want to

meet on the holiday.

RD Rick has quite a bit of information about the needs and trends of Y'sdom in Hawaii and it will be an informative meeting when he does come. Members will be informed when the date is finalized.

"The Bulletin Board": A new issue of the Hawaii Region's bulletin has been circulated. If you didn't get the note with the link to its online location, you can download it at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org/bullboard0908.pdf>

U.S. Area News

Various Y's Men's shirts, badges and pins, hats, sew-on logo emblems and other items to identify us as Y's Men and Women are available from the U.S. Area of Y's Men International. At the recent Area Council meeting in Goleta, Calif., supply officer **Tibor Foki** showed some examples of the range that's available and it is all good-looking stuff and the prices aren't bad.

Look for "Y's Men Supply Office" in the Area home page at <http://ysmenusa.com>. That has a list of what's available and the prices but it's just a text list.

A suggestion: It would be easy to buy shirts or hats carrying the basic Y's Men's logo and add the word "Windward." The shirts are blue polo-style (with collars but no pockets).

International News

Y's Men International has more than 30,000 members in some 1,600 clubs around the world, but the new International President,

Kevin Cummings from Amherst, Canada, wants to see a hard push to get that number past the 35,000-member mark.

Cummings, whose slogan is "Ordinary people doing extraordinary things," listed these challenges in an article in "Y's Men's World," the bulletin of Y's Men International:

- Continue the harmonious atmosphere within our international movement.

- Reach and maintain a membership of over 35,000.

- Attract youth to Y'sdom.

- Continue the implementation and ongoing development of a Forward Plan for the organization.

Cummings said immediate requirements include the training of leaders at all levels and the integration of youth into the Y's Men's movement.

News from Our "Y"

The pool will be closed August 17 through August 31 for some long-needed fix-ups.

Meanwhile the branch Board of Managers is actively discussing the future of the branch. Is there a better location for it? Can the Y make a land deal with someone else. Do we need a significant expansion of the facilities? Executive Director **Bill Stone** has had many meetings with the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, which looks after the Ulupo Heiau, about land use and possible Hawaiian culture classes in the branch. (Hula and ukulele classes are in the works.)

One early conclusion was that no redevelopment of our branch property will be possible without a plan to increase parking and reduce traffic impacts on the neighborhood.

By Russ Lynch

Brotherhood Visitor

The Hawaii Region next year will be hosting a Y's Man from Africa, whose transportation all the way from Uganda (half-way around the

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Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

"May you find today that, rather than thriving on the hectic pace of your schedule, just slowing down a bit can be the greatest of blessings."

— from *"Simple Prayers and Blessings"*
Submitted by *Joe-Ann McCarthy*

Family Fair Lets Us Help Our YMCA



The annual party at Windward YMCA to celebrate the end of the summer program was held on the evening of July 24 and gave us another chance to help the Y and to bring good food and fun to the summer kids and their parents. You can see we had a good time.

Above: At the popular hot dog cooker are **Karla Redding** and President **Joe-Ann McCarthy**. Karla's machine rapidly produces hot and juicy dogs and was a great attraction for hungry fair goers.

Right: Customers watch **Lindsey McMonigle** make shave ice while **Emma Thomas** is ready with the syrup.



At left, **Marion Liu** at the stew and rice controls, with **Danny McMonigle** and at right his son **Ryan**, one of our youth members. There was a lot of help from volunteers from members' families. At right, YMCA staffer **Ananda Chou**, also helping behind the counter, joins Marion for a picture.

— Photos by Russ Lynch

Club Calendar

July 7-9, Tuesday-Thursday
U.S. Area Council Meeting
Santa Barbara, Calif.
(Russ attending as RDE)

July 11, Saturday
Garage Sale at YMCA

July 18, Saturday
Help Rotary Club of Windward Oahu Sunrise with back-to-school supply donations at Longs Drugs in Kailua

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August 31, Monday
6 p.m. Windward YMCA
September club meeting

November 21, Saturday
Regional Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting, 9 a.m., Ilima Hotel

December 4, Friday
Metro District Christmas Party
Location to be decided
(We are chairing)

August Focus:
Community Service



nor Elect for his Y's Men's district. Mr. Stephen is married and has four children but will be traveling alone. He'll be here in May so he can attend our Hawaii Region Convention. **Ray Seto**, Hawaii Region travel coordinator, will be looking for help.

The visitor so far is scheduled to be in the islands for three weeks and that is a lot of hosting for a small region like ours.

A Little Humor —

So Paddy asks Mick:
“Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off the boats?”
To which his pal Mick replies:
“You blathering idiot, Paddy. If they fell forwards they'd still be in the boat.”

Visitor (Continued from Page 3) world from here) is being paid for by the Y's Men International Brotherhood Fund.

He is **Kesoro Stephen**, who describes himself as a farmer who has been a computer tutor since 1998 and since 2002 has been in charge of the computer school run by the YMCA National Council in Uganda. He is president of his Y's Men's Club and is District Gover-

Thoughts from the U.S. Area Council Meeting

Hawaii's own **Phil Sammer**, who rose through the ranks of Y'sdom to become U.S. Area President, says to him the core of the movement has always been companionship and that was very evident during my visit to the U.S. Area Council meeting in July in Goleta, California, just outside Santa Barbara.

I met some wonderful people and made contacts that will be very helpful when I become Hawaii Regional Director next year.

What was truly important to me, attending as RDE as a non-voting observer, was the amount of work these top-line people have done and are doing to protect and expand Y'sdom.

Like the Y's Men and Women they represent, they're not a young group and they recognize that clearly, being fully aware of the need to bring in younger people even if it means serious changes in the way we go about our work.

Here are some random thoughts and impressions:

They are willing to learn new technology to bring them more into the world of younger people. As an example, some Council members are already signed up

into Face Book and several more, including me, signed up right after the meeting and these contacts are spreading fast. One of the first things we found out was that Y's Men International has a nice presence there too.

Another technological advance is the likely use of the "webinar" process for the next session of training for district governors. They won't have to travel but will share the training through a live-streamed Internet seminar, than can also be recorded and played back later to any interested group.

More clubs need to get on to the Internet and promote their sites. A hard look needs to be taken at how meetings are conducted. After attending his or her first meeting, will a potential member come back?

A business meeting doesn't have to run two hours and a lot can be done ahead of time.

There is a lot of support for changing our name to Y Service Clubs to take away the stress on "Men's" in an

organization that has a great many very effective women members and leaders. Phil Sammer will take that proposal to Y's Men International to see if it can be included as one of the names allowed in the guidelines.

How are relationships between the various clubs and their local YMCAs? In some cases it might be a good idea for an executive committee from the club to have a sit-down with the Y staff and/or board.

Does every staffer in your Y know who and what Y's Men are?

Promotion: New promotion materials need to be developed that are clear, colorful, brief, to the point and easy to understand, explaining our service to the YMCA and many other parts of our community.

A club promotional piece should be "a taste, not a novel" - less words, more impact.



Hawaii's **Phil Sammer** receives the President's pin from outgoing U.S. Area President **Fred Leonard**. Also at the table at the meeting in Goleta are **Debbie Redmond** (left), corporate secretary) and **McKinley Johnson** (right), area travel coordinator.

- Photo by Russ Lynch

Windward YMCA — celebrating its 50th year of service 1959-2009

'Hallo-Wine'

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction



Date: Saturday, Oct. 24
Time: 5:30-9:00 p.m.
Place: Koolau Golf Club Atrium

- Costume-optional
- Island music by Waimanalo Sunset
- Delicious heavy pupu
- Fabulous silent auction items
- Fine wines donated by:
Kendall Jackson, Better Brands, Fine Wine Imports, Coastal Wine & Spirits through Kalapawai Market
(Special prices on all wines ordered that night)

Only \$55 before Oct. 17
\$45 YMCA members, seniors & military
\$65 after Oct. 17/at door

For reservations or to make an auction donation, drop by the Windward Y's Welcome Center or call 261-0808.

Proceeds go into the scholarship fund for children, teens and adults who otherwise could not afford Windward YMCA programs and the Windward Branch endowment fund.