



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

Chartered April 5, 1980

News of Our Brother Club in Japan

Osamu Shoji, a member of our club as well as one of the founders of our International Brother Club, wrote this update on the club, Osaka Senboku Y's Men:

The club was chartered on July 11, 1982. Currently there are 17 members, 15 men and two women.

Osaka Senboku club is planning for a 30th anniversary celebration to be held on June 23, 2012.

Every October, the club purchases 10 tons of potatoes and pumpkins to sell and deliver as club's fund raiser. *(Wow! That's an immense project. — Jim K.)*

Besides being Brother Club of Windward, they have a domestic Brother Club, Matsumoto Y's Club of East area Japan which was chartered on October 15, 1988 and consists of 12 men and three women. Club bulletins are exchanged and every eight months, they have club visits in Nagano Shinshu.

Convention 2012

So far nine members of our club have indicated they will be attending the 2012 Hawaii Region Y Service Clubs Convention in Las Vegas next year. The Windward numbers could be higher because

that figure does not include spouses.

The Regional Convention Committee will meet on Saturday October 29th at the Kalihi YMCA

to hash out further details of what promises to be a really enjoyable convention.

Only two days of meetings and lots of time to play.

President's Message from Joe-Ann McCarthy

Summer's Over, Busy Begins

Thank you Karla for allowing us to have our October meeting at your home. Prior to the meeting we had a scrumptious dinner: Marion's chicken stew, Karla's spinach salad, and Ken's ono rum cake. With our tummies full we forged on with our meeting. We also had a tour of Karla's new extension on their home. She and husband Vic are building a room, kitchen, bathroom, and lounging area with a deck above their garage, which they also expanded. We are looking forward to seeing the end product when it is completed. Karla announced the renovations to the Windward YMCA are in full swing. With the courtyard area being enclosed with a roof top, this will allow for more working space for activities. In the past the area was under a large tent, which served its purpose temporarily. This renovation is long overdue and will be well appreciated by the members of the YMCA along with the staff.

The big discussion of the night was next year's convention in Las Vegas. As mentioned in the Midyear Cabinet Meeting, the convention will be held on May 4-5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The only meal that will be provided at the convention will be lunch. Golf and slot tournaments may be part of the agenda. Each member will be responsible for booking their own transportation to Las Vegas. By show of hands, our club will be well represented at the convention. This month the Windward YMCA will be holding its annual Hallo-Wine extravaganza at the Koolau Golf Club on October 22nd. This will be my first attendance at this affair – I'm still deciding on my costume. This event is Windward YMCA's largest project of the year and from what I gather, a very lucrative endeavor!

Don't forget we are having our meeting at Karla's in November, and possibly see the finished addition to her home.



Joe-Ann McCarthy
President 2010-2012

— Aloha, Joe-Ann

**Next meeting:
6 p.m. Monday, November 7
405 Iana St.,
Enchanted Lake**

Windward Y Service Club
2011/2012

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<http://ysmenhawaii.org/windward.html>

YMCA Renovations

Work began finally on October 3rd on the long awaited renovations at our YMCA Windward Branch. In spite of procedural changes and some inconveniences, work has not deterred members from attending and enjoying the on-going programs.

On a morning visit made by Jim on October 7th, he observed a full class of adult fitness class being conducted in the group exercise room, a senior tai-chi class being conducted in the backyard along with a group of youngsters being supervised by a YMCA leader.

The project consists of a roof over the courtyard and walls around it, to create one large room. The branch hopes the work will all be done by Christmas.

A Wonderful Gift of Longevity

By Jim Kanehira

My son Chad received a unique gift from a friend. This was a cute baby brown African tortoise, shell measuring two and a quarter inches in length, which fits comfortably in the palm of my hand.

Such a small animal has captured our attention and hearts as everyone in our family checks on him daily.

We have named him "Gamera," after the Japanese Flying Tortoise seen in the movies.

Right now he lives in a cardboard box and is fed orchard hay and weed leaves.

He is very active and tries to climb out of the box.

Every so often, he falls on his back and can't get back on his feet so we have to flip him over. Hopefully, he'll learn to flip himself back on his feet.

Every day when the weather is good and not raining, he is placed in our yard planter area where he is free to roam and eat upon the weeds growing there.

It's hard to believe that this tiny little tortoise could grow to be about 150 pounds and live perhaps to 100 years. We will take good care of him as well as ourselves.

Hopefully, we'll remain healthy and be able to see him grow to be an adult.

International News

New Club in Jerusalem

Amidst the constant uncertainty and frequent turmoil in the Middle East, a new Y Service Club has been formed. It's in East Jerusalem, a new territory for Y Service Clubs International, and it's the East Jerusalem, Palestine Y's Men's and Women's Club.

The club is headquartered at the East Jerusalem YMCA and is headed by President Andre Batarseh. Sponsored by the Sweden Region, the club has 31 members.

It was one of four new clubs announced last month by Y Serv-

ice Clubs International headquarters in Geneva. The others are one in Hungary (Kemenesalja Y's Men's Club) and two in South Korea (Busan Angel Y's Men's Club and Daegu Vision Y's Men's Club).

Shoe Box Gifts

We'll pack shoe boxes of gifts for needy children at our next meeting at Karla's house, 6 p.m. Monday November 7. See the last issue of "Windward Y'er" for details if you're not already a participant.

The postponement from last meeting means you still have time to gather small gifts for "Operation Christmas Child."

Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff — including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

Now you are ready to pass this light on.

Happy Fall

— submitted by Karel Ling, Christian Emphasis service director

Dis-n-Dat

Items for your amusement and information —

Osamu and wife **Yasuko** will be going to Mexico from October 22nd to the 29th. Also, since he belongs to a Chinese Economic Study Group, he will go to China November 3rd to 5th, visiting Shanghai and Suzhou.

Karla and **Joe-Ann** are putting together gift baskets for auction at the Hallo-Wine fund raiser on October 22nd. Eight of our members, not including YMCA staff, have said they'll be going to the party. We'll gather on the Saturday morning at the Koolau Golf Club to help with the set-up and then hopefully all be in costumes when we come back for the 5:30 p.m. event.

Did you know **Karla's** birthday is Christmas Eve? Quite a gift for her parents.

Emma's husband **Ace** has his birthday on December 12th, so next year it will be on 12/12/12, whatever importance that has.

Joke of the Month —

CNN photographer charters a plane by phone to take video of a big brush fire. Rushes to the airport, sees a small plane with the engine running and jumps aboard. "Let's go!" Plane takes off and he says, "Take me over the north side of the fire." "Why?" says the pilot. "Because I'm a photographer and I get paid to take pictures," he says. Pilot: "Er, does that mean you're not my flight instructor?"

Zippy's Sale Success

All 250 tickets for our club's Zippy's fund-raising sale were sold or bought by members.

Actually, we had no choice but to be successful in this effort as tickets were already paid for upon pick-up.

It was a more attractive and easier sale as Zippy's offered four different choices for each ticket. Aside from the usual chili choices (meat or not), tickets were also good for Zippy's Portuguese bean soup, a frozen cookie dough mix or a pot of spaghetti sauce.

The slightly higher price than previous years apparently did not deter buyers.

Roll Back Malaria

At our September meeting, our club passed a budget to support the Y Service Clubs International contributions to the "Roll Back Malaria" project with an annual donation of \$5 per member.

Y'sdom Acronyms

The latest one sounds like "Why sigh." It's the acronym YSCI, standing for Y Service Clubs International, and it's just one of those many sets of initials our organization uses every day.

Old-timers got to know most of them over the years but they can be confusing to newcomers hearing what seem like words such as ape." (Ray Seto and Phil Sammer have each been an "ape.")

So here's a list to help:

AP	Area President
APE	Area President Elect
AS	Area Secretary
ASD	Area Service Director
ASD	Alexander Scholarship Fund
ATC	Area Travel Coordinator
BC	Brother Club
BF	Brotherhood Fund
BFEC	Brotherhood Fund Expenditure Committee

**Y Service Clubs Motto:
To acknowledge the duty that
accompanies every right.**

CE	Christian Emphasis
CS	Community Service
DG	District Governor
EF	Endowment Fund
EMC	Extension/Membership Committee
IBC	International Brother Clubs
IC	International Council
IC	International Convention
ICM	International Council Member
IEO	International Exec. Officer
IHQ	International Headquarters
IP	International President
IPE	International Pres. Elect
IPIP	Immediate Past IP
ISD	International Service Director
ISG	International Secretary General
IT	International Treasurer
ITC	International Travel Coordinator
LDP	Leadership Development Program
LTOD	Leadership Training & Organizational Development
M/C	Membership/Conservation
PIP	Past International President
RD	Regional Director
RDE	Regional Director Elect
RSD	Regional Service Director
RTC	Regional Travel Coordinator
STEP	Short-term Exchange Program
If at the beginning:	
I	International
A	Area
R	Region
D	District
P	Past

More in the next issue

This has been a three-page issue

Club Calendar

October 22, Saturday

5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
"Hallo-Wine" at Koolau Golf Club.

November 7, Monday

Club meeting at Karla's house. Packing kids' gifts in shoe boxes.