



# Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

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## 'Mission Possible' Races Toward Goal

By Jim Kanehira

Windward Y's ASC is moving at a fantastic pace. "Mission Possible" with a goal of \$70,000 seems more than realistic. Enthused agents have made contacts to secure needed pledges, many of which are high in value.

At the kick-off on February 9th at Castle Wellness Center, a crowd of approximately 50 people including six children, enjoyed delicious healthy nutritious food, games, motivational speakers, and jokes from Bill.

We even had a song written and led by **Jim**, "We did it before and we can do it again."

The highlight of the evening was the announcement that \$24,414, 34 percent of goal had been raised. Mission Possible?..You bet!

The first report night, held on February 16th, was just as encouraging. The meeting room at the Y was filled with new and old-time agents.

Bill reported the Good News...\$15,044 raised for a total of over \$39,000 and about 56 percent of goal, way ahead of last year's pace.

Y Service Club agents are doing their part in making it POSSIBLE by securing \$12,296 so far.

Congrats to Quota Busters **Karla, Marion, Ken and Russ**.

It's highly possible that the other members listed as campaigners will eventually surpass their goals. In 2011, the Y raised \$69,880 and helped 348 families.

Mission Possible? Highly achievable...and the Windward Y will serve and be more meaningful to the community. (*Editor's note: Jim doesn't mention his own substantial pledge gathering and gift.*)

**Stop Press: The Windward report night on February 23rd brought in additional \$12,000 in pledges for our branch's campaign.**

### State Membership Down

The latest report to Y Service Clubs International, for February 1st, shows the Hawaii Region's membership down by two from the previous report of August 1st. Hilo increased by two but Kaimuki was down by three and Central lost one. Statewide, our organization now has 138 members. Windward is flat at 18 members.

Thanks to the hard work of Regional Secretary Treasurer **Bob Kuwahara**, Hawaii is always up to date with its filings. And thanks to more hard work by Bob and the willingness of all members and their clubs, Hawaii also met all the goals for voluntary contributions such as the YMCA-related scholarship funds.



Y staffer **Tara Morgan** and our club's **Jim Kanehira**, co-chair with **Marion Liu** for this year's WindwardYMCA fund raiser, compare notes at a report night for the branch's Annual Support Campaign, which this year has a reverse spy-agent theme: Mission Possible.

**Next meeting:  
6 p.m. Monday, March 5  
Windward YMCA  
(Packaging toiletries)**

Windward Y Service Club  
2011/2012

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President: Joe-Ann McCarthy  
Vice president: James Kanehira  
Secretary: Bill Stone  
Treasurer: Marion Liu

Members: Kenneth Kadomoto,  
Karel A. Ling, Russ Lynch,  
Jack McCarthy, Freda Nakamoto,  
Karla Redding, Donna Saito,  
Donald Scott, Osamu Shoji,  
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<http://ysmenhawaii.org/windward.html>

## Report from International Eight New Clubs

The speed at which areas outside the U.S. are growing to dominate worldwide Y'sdom is illustrated by the latest "New Clubs" report from IHQ in Geneva. The February report shows eight new clubs.

All of them are either in India or sponsored in Middle East countries by India clubs.

Three of the new clubs are in India and the other are in Arab countries.

This is only the most recent report, covering a month or two, and the U.S. Area is in the process of chartering a couple of new clubs, but it does show a trend.

## Region Wraps Up Convention Details

The details are almost all in place and the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs International is geared up to have one of its best annual conventions ever in Last Vegas in early May.

Convention Chair **Duke Chung** (West Oahu) and his dedicated committee have been working hard to nail down the final details. Our club is involved because we're responsible for hospitality, which basically means drinks and pupus outside of the formal convention events.

If any Windward members haven't yet registered, please do so now. If you don't have the registration form and the latest convention flyer, you can get them

from the Hawaii Region website, <http://ysmenhawaii.org>

Although the convention business will be conducted only on Friday and Saturday May 5th and 6th, it's recommended we plan to stay as many as six nights to take full advantage of the opportunity for companionship and the delights of Las Vegas.

Activities will include a raffle — you can buy \$5 tickets ahead of time and you don't have to be present to win — a slot tournament where we pay \$10 to play and win cash prizes from that cash pool, golf, and a night-time tour of Vegas highlights.

Sure there'll be important business conducted, but fun too.

## More ASC Photos

Clockwise from top right: **Ken** and **Joe-Ann** at the kickoff dinner. Volunteer **Jo** at a report night. Reception crew at the branch - volunteer **Ann**, **Wendy**, **Bill** and **Randall**. **Ananda** and **Bill** issue noisemakers to celebrate phone night pledges. Co-chairs **Marion** and **Jim** at the kickoff.



## **Dis-n-Dat**

Deepest condolences to **Donna Saito** and family on the passing of her father.

Congrats to **Bill Stone** on being elected as President for his Windward Oahu Sunrise Rotary Club. We know that he'll lead his club to greater heights as he did as our Y's Men's Metro District Governor.

Pictures make a difference in our bulletins, Y's Men and YMCA reports. Thanks to **Russ Lynch** who takes time and effort to produce the best.

House renovations are really moving and looks great. **Karla** and **Victor Redding** are doing most of the work to build a whole second floor to their home. It's amazing what a couple can do.

**Jim Kanehira** visits a classmate every two weeks at 15 Craigside to give him a massage. He's been doing this for over a year now. Keeps him in practice..

This month's bad joke: A six year old goes to the hospital with her grandmother to visit her Grandpa.

When they get to the hospital, she runs ahead of her Grandma and bursts into her Grandpa's room. "Grandpa, Grandpa," she says excitedly, "As soon as Grandma comes into the room, make a noise like a frog!" "What?" said her Grandpa. "Make a noise like a frog - because Grandma said that as soon as you croak, we're all going to Disneyland."

## **President's Message from Joe-Ann McCarthy**

### **We're Busy, but Fun in Las Vegas is Soon**

On February 28 our club hosted the Metro District meeting at our branch. For many of the attendees this was their first opportunity to visit the Windward YMCA. Everyone was very impressed with our completed renovations and all commented the ceiling fan in the enclosed lanai area was gargantuan—it's a sight to behold. Thank you Karla for arranging the lunch. It hit the spot, sub sandwich and ice cream.

Please don't forget to register for our Regional Convention in Las Vegas. The deadline is fast approaching, March 31. You will also have to decide, at the time you register, if you would like to participate in the slot tournament, four sessions at a cost of \$10 for each session.

At our next meeting on March 5 raffle tickets will be available for you to purchase. Among the items being raffled will be a \$150 gift certificate to Alan Wong's restaurant, cash prizes worth \$250 (2) and \$150 (2), and a slew of gift certificates. Our club has been assigned to host hospitality for three days : Thursday 5-8 pm, Friday and Saturday 3-6 pm. We'll discuss the "menu" at our upcoming meeting. Duke Chung will check if a suite will be available for hospitality, if not, we will request to have 2 adjoining rooms to host the event. Sorry to say our North Carolina contingent, Don Scott, will not be attending the convention this year due to previous commitments. The good news is that we have the largest contingency going to convention, 15 members and guests. Yes, Windward likes to gamble!

On Thursday March 1 our club will be hosting the dinner for 4<sup>th</sup> week of the Annual Support Campaign. Marion will be contacting you for further instructions, if your assistance is required.

At our next meeting on March 5 we will be assembling the toiletry bags that we donate to a shelter in need. Bring all your soaps, shampoos, conditioner, tooth paste, combs, brushes and other paraphernalia you've gathered throughout the year.

Our condolences go out to Donna Saito and her family in the passing of her father. God bless all of you.



**Joe-Ann McCarthy**  
**President 2010-2012**

— Aloha, Joe-Ann

### **'Meals on Wheels' is a Rewarding Experience**

Those Windward Y Service Club members who can get time off in the middle of the day on Mondays have been delivering hot meals to stay-at-homes in Kailua, mostly elderly people.

We're teaming with the Windward YMCA and the Rotary Club of Windward Oahu and there are enough volunteers that we only get to pick up about 10 meals at

Castle Medical and deliver them once in a couple of months.

All report that it's a rewarding experience and our volunteers are met by really appreciative people.

Our club members making the deliveries are **Bill Stone, Jim Kanehira, Russ Lynch, Wendy Tupper** and **Ken Kadomoto**. We got so into this that we're sad that one of our recipients passed on.

## Y's Men 100 Years Old

Only ten years from now Y's Men and Y's Women around the world will celebrate the birthday of our organization's founding 100 years earlier as the Y's Men's Club in Toledo, Ohio, in 1922.

It was men and they meant the "Y's" to be understood also as

"wise." Now there are 30,000 members around the world in what is officially known as Y's Men International but with an alternative, but much more popular name given the vital presence of women: Y Service Clubs International.

U.S. Area has about 1,600 members. India, about 10,400.

## Club Calendar

### March 1, Thursday

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Our club hosts and caters Annual Support Campaign night at our Y.

### March 5, Monday

6 p.m. Club meeting.  
Windward YMCA. Bring toiletries to sort and pack for women's abuse centers

### March 16, Friday

6 p.m. ASC Victory Dinner  
"Great Room" at Windward YMCA.

### May 4 & 5, Friday/Saturday

76th Hawaii Region  
Convention, Las Vegas

### August 2-5, 2012

International Convention  
Stavanger, Norway.

## U.S. Area News

### New President Elect

**Debbie Redmond** has been elected Area President Elect and International Council Member Elect to serve from July 1 this year through June 30 next year.

On July 1, 2013, Debbie will become President of the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International, when **Mary-Ann Phillips** completes her two-year term.

Debbie is well known to many of us, having visited Hawaii in the past. She is a member of the Carondelet Y Service Club in the St. Louis area, she's Immediate Past Regional Director of the Mid America Region and has served as Corporate Secretary of the U.S. Area.

Husband **Charley** is the current Area Roster Secretary.

The election results were announced at the International Council Meeting just held in Geneva. The U.S. Area President serves as the area's representative on the International Council.



## A Letter From God

*We don't know who replied, but there is a beautiful soul working in the dead letter office of the U.S. Postal Service !*

Our 14-year-old dog Abbey died last month. The day after she passed away my four-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could so, and she dictated these words:

"Dear God,

"Will you please take care of my dog Abbey? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I'm happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick.

"I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play with balls. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.

"Love, Meredith."

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey & Meredith, addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, "To Meredith" in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, "When a Pet Dies." Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

"Dear Meredith,

"Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognized her right away.

"Abbey isn't sick any more. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I'm sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

"Thank-you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me.

"What a wonderful mother you have.

I picked her especially for you.

"I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

"By the way, I'm easy to find. I am wherever there is love.

"Love, God."

