



Windward Y'er

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'Service' Form Shows a Busy Year

By Russ Lynch

Filling in the annual Service Awards for the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs International is always a task because there are so many statistics to compile.

But once this chore is done it provides a really good summary of just how busy we have been and this year's is no exception.

The report turned in this month by President **Joe-Ann** tells the story.

Meetings were attended at the local, District and Region levels. Much work was done for our community and we were very busy in our support of the YMCA.

Until it's all added up, we don't always appreciate just why it was we seemed so busy. Fact is, we were!

Some examples: We had 12 club meetings, five club functions and we got 10 points for attending district meetings and the District Conference - one point per member per meeting.

The Regional Convention in Hilo was a big one, getting us 20 attendance points. We even managed to score 15 points for attendance at Area and International meetings.

Activities, particularly those in support of the YMCA, earned us good points totals too.

Healthy Kids Day at Bishop Museum in April, where a bunch of us worked the shave ice stand,

earned us 67 points — 12 of our members serving an estimated 300 people in this YMCA of Honolulu event.

Our work at the end of summer fair for the Windward YMCA earned us 72 points — 13 members serving a crowd of 200. Our active support of the Windward Branch's Hallo-Wine fund-raising event also scored points, 60 points from 11 of us helping a 150-attendees event.

Windward Y's Annual Support Campaign, got us 100 points for 100 percent participation by our 18 members. Then there were

other community events, such as our regular participation in Meals on Wheels, our annual work for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii at the Breakfast with Santa event, our preparation of toiletry gift bags for the Women's Abuse Shelter and, this year for the first time, the "Operation Christmas Child" shoe boxes of gifts for needy children overseas.

We don't do these things to win points. We do them because we exist for community service and service to the YMCA. But until we see the points, we don't always realize how much we did.

President's Message from Joe-Ann McCarthy

Good Meeting, Great Plans

We had a wonderful meeting at **Karla Redding's** home on April 2. We felt so special, on her outside lanai, under two large umbrellas and patio chairs, we snacked on hot spinach/feta cheese pupu wraps.

High on our agenda was preparing for the upcoming dinner honoring **Yoshi** and **Conrad Tsukayama** and the presentation of 442nd and 100th Infantry Battalion Medal earned by the late Conrad. Yoshi was very happy to accept our invitation to dinner at MidPacific Country Club. The dinner is scheduled for Sunday April 29 at 6 p.m. **Jim Kanehira** will be in charge of the program. Also in attendance will be Osamu and his wife **Yasuko** who will be en route to our Region Convention in Las Vegas.

As a reminder, we will not have a meeting in May and Jim Kanehira will take over the presidency in June. He has already planned for meeting with his officers for April 11 at 4:30pm at the Windward YMCA.

I thank all of you for your support and taking the time to do special things for our YMCA and community. See you in Las Vegas!



Joe-Ann McCarthy
President 2010-2012

**Next meeting:
6 p.m. Monday, June 4
Windward YMCA
(No meeting in May)**

— Aloha, Joe-Ann

Windward Y Service Club
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President: Joe-Ann McCarthy
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Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

Yesterday is but a dream.
Tomorrow is only a vision.
But today well lived
makes every yesterday a
dream of happiness and
every tomorrow a vision
of hope. Look well, there-
fore, to this day.

— *A Hindu Saying
that applies to all faiths*

Jim Tackles “Zumba” at the Y

Zumba, anyone? Yes, replied **Jim** as he participated in two one-hour sessions in his first week.

Jim exercises daily at home, walking or jogging in place, swinging on his Slider at home in front of the TV.

When he goes to town he exercises at Nuuanu Y and relaxes in the sauna.

A few weeks ago, he finally decided to join the Zumba class at the Windward Y since his own exercises did not include exertion on his part.

Although he was the only male, he thoroughly enjoyed the class and lasted till the very end.

The second time was more enjoyable as he wore his hearing aids and learned that the exercises are repetitious in movements to each music.

Of course his coordination and shaking the okole was not as great as the women in the class but what can you expect from an 80-year-old.

Oh, he didn't feel out of place as everyone was too busy following the instructor and concentrating on their own movements.

(Regrettably, we have no pictures of Jim in action. Our spy camera will catch him at it one of these days.)

Biggest Group to Attend Vegas Convention

With at least 12 registered so far, the Windward Y Service Club will have the largest attendance at the 76th Hawaii Region Convention out of all nine clubs in Hawaii.

Counting **Russ Lynch**, who will attend as Regional Director, that's a lucky 13.

As of the end of March, the Region had 41 people registered, but it was hoped that the number would rise with several weeks to go.

Windward will be handling “hospitality” for the convention, which means operating a hospitality room for two sessions, after the convention business on Friday May and Saturday May 5.

Many of us are entered in one or more of the slot tournaments to beheld on the Friday and Saturday mornings before convention business. This is when a group takes over a batch of machines set aside for the purpose.

The slots don't pay out in the normal way and we don't feed them money so it's kind of make believe, but they function like regular slots.

Each participant kicks in \$10 and the cash is shared as prizes

among those who show the biggest “winnings.”

It's also worth noting that five of us are signed up for a three-hour evening tour of Las Vegas highlights in a small bus with a professional guide. We're in Las Vegas at least five nights.

Osaka Senboku's 30th

Osamu Shoji reports that his club, Osaka Senboku Y's Men, which was chartered on July 11, 1962 will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on June 23, 2012 at Sakai Regal Royal Hotel in Osaka.

The theme for the event is “To Live” and it should be a joyous event as usually many members from other clubs attend.

They are hoping that Hawaii members will also attend. Any takers? Osaka Senboku is an official International Brother Club of Windward Y Service Club.



Osamu “Sam” Shoji

Social Function will Honor Conrad Tsukayama

On Sunday, April 29th at 6 pm, our club will gather at Mid Pacific Country Club for a special occasion. A gold medal honoring members of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regiment soldiers will be awarded to **Yoshi Tsukayama** in honor of her late husband **Conrad**.

Conrad served in battle in World War II and retired as a Lt. Colonel in the Hawaii Army National Guard. The medal was purchased thoughtfully by **Maurice Shimonishi** of the Nuuanu Y's Men's and Women's Club and will be presented to **Yoshi** by **Harold**

Kuwahara (also of the Nuuanu Club) who is also a retired Lt Colonel.

About 20 members and spouses will be attending including **Osamu** and **Yasuko Shoji**, who will be in Hawaii from Japan, on their way to the Hawaii Region Convention in Las Vegas. **Osamu** will be presenting a few of his magic tricks and members look forward to a great evening.

Conrad, a very active member of our club, died in July 2001 at the age of 83.

The father of four was a World War II Purple Heart recipient who

lived to help others, garnering major awards for over 50 years of volunteer service in his church and community.

His newspaper obituary said he wanted to help others because he felt that he was lucky to survive the war. Conrad was the first member of his unit to be wounded in Europe.

Congress 2010 created a special gold medal honoring the dedicated World War II service of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, that were made up primarily of Nisei soldiers.

Meals on Wheels Dates

Our club continues its volunteer work making Monday deliveries around Kailua for Meals on Wheels Hawaii. Here are our upcoming delivery dates:

April 23, Jim Kanehira. May 7, Wendy Tupper. May 21, Ken Kadamoto. June 11, Bill Stone. June 25, Jim Kanehira.

There is some discussion about getting another windward route going since there isn't all that much opportunity for us to serve.

It's hard to find a route as convenient as the current one, with the food pickup at Castle Memorial Medical Center and deliveries taking a bit over an hour.

International News

Convention: Japan's Best

The 2010 International Convention of Y Service Clubs International was declared the best international convention in Japan.

In making the award, the Japan National Tourism Organization judged more than 1,000 events held in Japan that year.

Those from our club who were there would be quick to agree. Windward people at the Yokohama event included **Russ Lynch** and **Jim Kanehira**, along with Jim's wife **Gladys** and daughter **Jolie**.

You're Cordially Invited!

Metro District Y Service Clubs will be
hosting the annual

INTERNATIONAL
ENDOWMENT DINNER

Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012

Time: No-Host Cocktails from 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Place: Manoa Grand Ballroom

(Japanese Cultural Center)

Cost: \$30.00 per person

(\$5.00 parking charge in JCC building with validation)

Golden Book recipients from all clubs will be honored

New members and club officers will also be inducted

RSVP by May 11th to Raymond Seto, Endowment RSD:

luckyatolaloa@aol.com or **626-2255** with
headcount

Dis-n-Dat

Windward YMCA must be a great place for staff to work. Looking at the pictures on the wall at the entrance, staff have served at Windward Y for the following years: **Bill Stone** -13 years, **Wendy Tupper** - 17 years, **Sunshine Kuhia Smith** - 10 years, **Ananda Chou** - 7 years, **Randall Hong** - 20 years. Only **Jaclyn Garringer**, a newcomer, has served less than a year.

We are blessed as they have made Windward Y a great place to GO! Mahalo to **Joe-Ann McCarthy** for doing a great job as President for the past two years.

Karel Ling will be attending grandson high school graduation in Arizona, leaving on May 23rd and returning about May 28th.

Jim Kanehira has an addition to his family - Yup, a frisky, active chihuahua puppy born on February 5, 2012, who brings joy to the family.

Jane is Our Honoree for 2012 Endowment Dinner

Windward Y Service club will be honoring **Jane Kienutske Okazaki** at the Endowment dinner to be held on May 24th.

Jane has been instrumental in enabling Windward YMCA to achieve ASC goals for many years by her high income producing efforts.

When the club honors someone in this way, we donate \$120 to International Endowment Fund and a write-up is entered in the Y Service Clubs International "Golden Book." The fund provides aid to Y'sdom when it is needed.

More Jokes You Can Tell in Church

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money."

Backup: A police recruit was asked "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

Club Calendar

April 21, Saturday

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bishop Museum. YMCA Healthy Kids Day. (Shave ice)

April 29, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid Pacific Country Club. Medal presentation to Conrad's widow Yoshi.

May 4-5, Friday Saturday

76th Hawaii Region Convention, Las Vegas, Nev.

May 24, Thursday

6 p.m. Metro District Endowment Dinner, Manoa Grand Ballroom

August 2-5

International Convention Stavanger, Norway. (May 1 is the deadline for Early Bird registration.)



HEALTHY KIDS make happy kids!

4TH ANNUAL YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Join us for the
family event of the year
on Saturday, April 21!

It's a free event at the
Bishop Museum celebrating health, wellness, safety
and fun. YMCA Healthy Kids Day (E Ola Nā Keiki) is
sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

