



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

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Region Rejects International Convention

By Jim Kanehira

A decision not to attempt to host the **2016 International Convention** of Y Service Clubs International in Hawaii was one of the major actions of the Hawaii Region Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting on November 3rd.

Clubs had discussed the proposal, which came from the U.S. Area, in their own meetings and came prepared to vote. The nine clubs voted 5-4 not to participate.

The narrow result was the same as our own club's narrow decision earlier to vote for the convention. We had decided to go for it cautiously but it was rejected by the Region for the same negative reasons that came up at our club, such as worries whether an organization with as many older members as we have would be able to provide the needed volunteer work force.

The meeting, at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki, confirmed that the next **Hawaii Region convention** will be held on Oahu next May 31 through June 2, using the Ilima Hotel and the Manoa Grand Ballroom at the Japanese Cultural

Center in Moiliili. We have volunteered to do the convention booklet and this was confirmed at our November 5 meeting. (We were not informed of the October 27 convention meeting because of computer error.

The "Peace Through My Eyes" project is moving forward and Lisa Joy Andres, chair of the committee, distributed a packet and information on all facets of the contest (run by the Y Service

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President's Message from Jim Kanehira

'Christmas Child,' Shoji Visit

We had a good meeting at Karla's home. Seven members were present and we packed 30 shoe box gifts which were taken to Wendy's office immediately after we enjoyed Karla's refreshments. A check for \$210 has been donated to Samartan's Purse to cover mailing of the gifts.

During the meeting, Karla gave a nice report on HalloWine event which was highly successful

Isle discount cards were distributed to those present and Ken was appointed coordinator for the project.

Shoji's family will be coming for the Honolulu Marathon on Friday, Dec. 7th. Don't know if they'll need transportation help from and to the airport but certainly we'll need cars to take them around on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

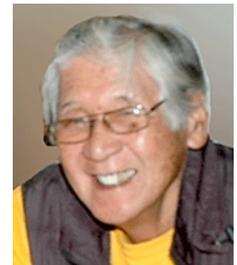
I will be available on all days but we'll need at least one more car on all days.

Marion is coordinating food for Monday December 10th 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner at Emma and Ace's house, so please let her know what you'll bring. We should have everything all set at the next meeting on Monday, Dec. 3rd, to take care of the 10 members of Shoji family.

At December's meeting, please bring greeting cards, calendars, etc that you may have received from charitable organizations through the mail. These items will be donated to Women's Community Correctional Center.

Also, we need number of ID cards sold so far.

— Aloha, Jim



Next meeting:
6 p.m. Monday,
December 3,
Windward YMCA
December Emphasis:
Christian Emphasis
(Three pages this month)

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Cabinet Actions

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Clubs for fifth-graders who are in YMCA programs) was shared.

A \$2,000 donation has been secured by Duke Chung but clubs will still be responsible for \$200 each.

The Metro District **Christmas Party**, which was to have been held at the Kalihi Y on November 30, was postponed to January because the room was unavailable. More information will come soon on what form the party will

iDcards Sales Help Our Club

We have taken delivery of our batch of iDcard discount cards to sell as a major fund raiser for our club. These cards can really help a person save lots of money.

Just take a look on the Internet at www.islediscount.com to see the wide range of goods and services you can get. And you can use the card over and over again

take and where and when it will be held.

In conjunction with the Y Service Clubs International Council Meeting to be held in Honolulu in February, there will be a **Roll Back Malaria Golf Tournament**. It will be at Leilehua Golf Course on February 6, with starting times from noon to 2 p.m. The green fee will be \$100 and proceeds will go toward the Hawaii Region's goal of support for the international Roll Back Malaria fund.

Clubs are asked to secure sponsors, prizes and golfers for the tournament.

at the same location. These are not one-shot cards.

President Jim has taken a good look at the discounts being given at the restaurants and other businesses. "Really, if you patronize even a few of these places throughout year 2013, you'll get back manyfold the \$20 you spent to purchase a card," he said.

"Our club goal is to sell 150 cards so lets do our friends and Y members a favor by letting them know about iDcards."

By the way, there's an app for that! If you have an iPhone or iPad, get the free app that will instantly show you iDcard discounts near you, wherever you are.

Russ says it works great.

Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

Whatever our situation in life..we can and should surround ourselves with friends who not only understand us but also inspire us to make the most of our current calling. **By Beverly LaHaye**

A friend understands what you are trying to say...even when your thoughts aren't fitting into words. **By Ann Parrish**

We should realize that poverty doesn't only consist in being hungry for bread, but rather it is a tremendous hunger for human dignity. We need to love and to be somebody for someone else. **Mother Teresa**

There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take the time to look for it. Right now I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt. **Barbara Johnson**

Submitted by Karel Ling



Christmas Child: Members back shoe boxes with goodies for needy kids overseas in our contribution to Operation Christmas Child at our November meeting at **Karla's** house. From left: **Marion, Ken, Karel, Donna** and **Jim**.

Windward's A+ Serves Over 700 Kids

By Wendy Tupper

Editor's Note: You've heard about the YMCA's A+ program lately in connection with the Hawaii Region's peace project art contest for kids attending these programs. We asked our member Wendy, who's responsible for the program at Windward, to tell us about it.

At the Windward YMCA we run the A+ program at 7 Windward elementary schools.

We run programs at Lanikai, Ka'elepulu, Kailua, Kainalu, Kapunahala, Maunawili and Waimanalo. We serve over 700 children daily.

This Winter we will be holding youth programs for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Program dates are December 17th - January 2nd.

We will not be holding program on December 24th, 25th,

31st and January 1st. The program includes full day or half day options.

Activities will include recreational swim, sports and games, arts and crafts, dance and weekly excursions.

Themes for this Winter Break are:

December 17-21st: "Winter Wonderland" - with Tuesday the children getting to play in snow at the YMCA.

December 26-28th: "Adventure in Art."

January 2nd: "New Year, New You."

Financial Assistance: The Windward YMCA believes its programs and services should be accessible to everyone.

Through the generosity of donors, the YMCA is able to provide financial assistance to those families in need.



This boy is having fun with some animal bones at one of Windward Y's after-school A+ sites. Photo by Wendy Tupper

Dis-n-Dat

from Jim

Jack and Joe-Ann spent about a week at Ko Olina, just relaxing and enjoying life after election. Especially Jack, who spent enormous time campaigning for the Democrats.

Ever seen a blue crayfish? Well, my daughter **Jolie** received one and it is beautiful! It is now living in a new aquarium. Throughout my childhood, we caught green and red crayfishes along with guppies, mexican sword tails and moon fishes in streams, canals and vegetable farms. Those were fun days.

Later: Continuation of crayfish. My son and I witnessed it molting. It was amazing and it took about 10 minutes. However, in the process, it lost his right big claw. We do not have to feed it because it will be eating it's discarded shell.

Russ and **Eiko** have become addicted to Maguro Zanmai, the fresh-from-the-market tuna restaurant inside Shirokiya. Eating maguro-don three times a week might be a bit much, Russ admits. They sometimes run into **Ken** and **Lillian** eating elsewhere on the Shirokiya food floor. Popular spot. Wanna guess which day Russ Likes best? Well, seniors get a 10 percent discount Wednesdays. Could be a factor!

Club Calendar

December Emphasis:
Christian Emphasis

December 3, Monday

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Monthly club meeting at
Windward YMCA.

December 10, Monday

6:30 p.m. on.
Potluck party with Osamu
Shoji and family at Emma's
house, 644 Palawiki St.

December 15, Saturday

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
"Breakfast with Santa"
Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii
Japanese Cultural Center

