



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

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We Did It, Again! Y Funding Triumph

By Russ Lynch

The Windward YMCA's annual fund-raising campaign reached its goal in March and kept on going, to a total \$81,000 in pledges, and our club had a lot to do with the success.

A late surge may well have altered the final result but information available as this issue went to press showed that members of the Windward Y Service Club were responsible for more than one-fifth of all money pledged for this year's campaign.

As President Jim's song said: "We did before and we did it again."

The campaign goal this year was \$75,000 and at the last report night on February 27th pledges were still short of that number. However, a late push by everyone pushed it right on past the goal.

In our club, Marion Liu, Joe-Anne McCarthy and Russ Lynch were all team captains. Not only did our club raise significant funds to provide financial help



**Next meeting:
6 p.m. Monday,
April 1
Windward YMCA**

for people needing YMCA programs but unable to afford them, we helped the campaign in other ways, such as providing stew, Chinese chicken salad and desserts for the second report night on February 13th.

Russ's pictures were used in newsletters throughout the campaign and we were there at all campaign functions.

The campaign theme this year was "Transforming Communities, One Life at a Time" and Windward campaigners called ourselves "Heroes of Change."

Everyone involved showed they clearly earned that title.



Jim Kanehira leads Annual Support Campaign Victory Night celebrants in singing "We did it before, and we did it again."

President's Message from Jim Kanehira

Our Members Helped ASC Success

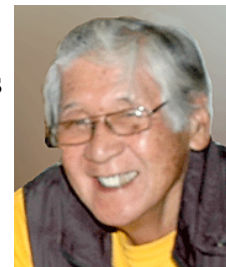
Wow! We did it before and we did it again...Unbelievable! A miracle!.

The Windward Y raised more than \$81,000 for this year's Annual Support Campaign, surpassing the goal of \$75,000, thanks to the many dedicated workers.

A big MAHALO to our club members who played a significant role in the SUCCESS.

We raised Big Money and should be proud of ourselves.

Since we took a break from having a club meeting in March to concentrate on the campaign, we have lots on the agenda for our April meeting to be held on Fool's Day 4/1. Please come, we need you!



— Aloha, Jim

Windward Y Service Club
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Vice president: Karel A. Ling
Secretary: Bill Stone
Treasurer: Freda Nakamoto,

Members: Kenneth Kadomoto,
Russ Lynch, Marion Liu,
Jack McCarthy, Joe-Ann
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Regional Convention Takes Shape

Now that arrangements are pretty much finalized for the 77th Hawaii Region Convention, thanks to the hard work of Convention Chair Duke Chung (West Oahu) it's clear that it's going to be a great convention. All it needs now is YOU, so get your bookings made.

Full convention registration information is available on the Hawaii Region website, in the home page under "Convention Registration Package" with details of the whole May 31 through June 2 event.

The convention hotel is the Ilima in Waikiki and special rates are available for us but don't wait too long to book. Business in Waikiki is booming and rooms are fast filling.

Duke and his team are still looking for ideas for outings for those not involved in convention meetings and for before and after the sessions so speak up if you have any suggestions.

And remember that the annual Endowment Dinner, usually held separately around this time of the year, will be part of the activities connected to the convention.

That dinner and the major convention meetings will be at the Manoa Grand Ballroom in the Japanese Cultural Center in Makiki.

Convention action starts with a golf tournament at Leilehua Golf Course starting at 9 a.m. Friday May 31st. Meetings of the awards committee and the outgoing cabinet will be held that afternoon at

International News

'World' in Many Languages

Did you know that "Y's Men's World," the magazine of Y Service Clubs International, is published in seven languages other than English? They are Chinese, Danish, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Truly international. They're all available on the International website:

<http://ysmen.org/>

the Ilima with convention registration at the Manoa Grand Ballroom from 6:15 p.m. Then comes the welcome and Endowment Dinner and some social time afterwards.

Saturday morning there's a continental breakfast at Manoa Grand Ballroom followed by the regional business meeting and the awards luncheon. There'll be a training academy in the afternoon, a break and excursions and the main dinner, again at the ballroom. That dinner will include installation of officers and induction of new members and will be followed by more hospitality.

Sunday breakfast is on your own and then it's meetings at the Ilima, followed by a brunch at the Ilima.

Don't forget the raffle. Clubs are already selling tickets at \$3 each, down from the initial proposed price of \$5 and there are some great prizes.

U.S. Area News

Readying for Presidency

Debbie Redmond is already working hard to prepare to take over the U.S. Area President at the Area Convention in July. Debbie, of the Carondelet Y Service Club in St. Louis, has chosen "Service With Pride" as her theme and will embark on a series of meetings.

One of those will be attending the Hawaii Region Convention in May as Area Representative.

She is looking forward to seeing many of us at the Area meeting in Las Vegas, July 18-21.

Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

A Prayer --

Most loving heart of Jesus,
grant me health in mind, body
and spirit,
that I may serve You with all
my strength,
Touch gently this life which
You have created, and let your
Holy Spirit guide me
now and forever....Amen

*The fight we had last night was
my fault. My wife asked me
what was on the TV and I said
dust.*

*Give a man a fish and he has
food for a day. Teach him how
to fish and you can get rid of
him for the entire weekend.*

Playground Design Chosen - Now We Build

Choosing from three possible designs, the committees volunteering to help build a \$100,000 playground for kids at our YMCA branch have selected the winner.

Now we get to help build it. Final arrangements are yet to be made and there's only a handful of Y Service Club members out of more than 200 volunteers who'll work on the job, but we'll be there, probably helping out with food service.

Our representative on the main organizing committee, Russ Lynch, has been sitting in on a number of telephone conferences and says it looks like the best things we can do are produce some of the food for Preparation Day May 23rd and help serve food

on the big "Build Day" Saturday, May 25th

The nonprofit KaBOOM! playground organization is providing the playground with \$100,000 in funding from Disney.

Some 30 volunteers will be at the Y on May 23rd to prepare the site and then as many as 250 will be there on the Saturday for the total construction. The playground will be build entirely in that one day. Kristin Karcsh, lead organizer for KaBOOM! on this project, has been calling meetings at least once a week by telephone from her office in California.

Branch volunteers led by Executive Director Bill Stone are very actively involved. This is a really big task for Bill and the Y staff but they are very appreciative of the gift and the benefits to the kids at the Y.

Also taking part is the Aulani Resort at Ko Olina, a Disney property, that so far has offered 70 volunteers for build day.

Bill has been in touch with the Marine Corps at Kaneohe and Marines are expected to volun-

teer. Bill's also leading the search for food donations for Build Day.

The volunteers will be at the Y from early morning into mid-afternoon at least and they'll need breakfast, lunch and snacks.

The plan, as shown above, is for a 2,500-square-foot playground towards the rear of field at the back of the YMCA building and there will be a garden between the playground and the back fence where kids and grow produce and flowers.

Plan A was chosen partly because it has separate play areas, one for kids 2-5 years old and the other for kids 5-12.

There'll be lots more information in the coming weeks. This will bed the third YMCA KaBOOM! playground on Oahu but the first where there is a Y Service Club.

This issue has three pages.

Club Calendar

March Emphasis:
International Brother Clubs

April Emphasis:
Leadership Training

April 1, Monday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Monthly club meeting
Windward YMCA

April 7, Sunday, 11 a.m.
Kaimuki Y's Men's Club
50th Anniversary Luncheon
Treetops Restaurant, Manoa.

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day
Bishop Museum grounds.
We help with shave ice.

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May 31-June 2, Friday-Sunday
77th Hawaii Region
Convention, Ilima Hotel &
Manoa Grand Ballroom
at Windward YMCA.

July 18-21, Thursday-Sunday
U.S. Area Convention
Hampton Inn Tropicana,
Las Vegas

