



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club
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Y Exec Bill Retires, Noa Steps Into Job

**Something old
Something new.**

After two summers as a relief lifeguard in his teens, eight years as a board member and 15 years on staff, executive director **Bill Stone** has retired and made way for new leadership at the Windward Branch. **Noa Hussey**, who has been the executive director at the Kaimuki-Waiālae Branch for four years, took over September 2.

"I have been blessed with the best staff anyone could wish for, and together we have steadily improved the Windward Branch, making it a little better all the

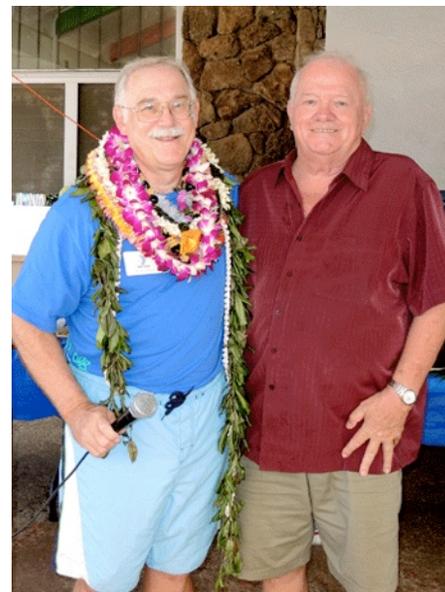


Ready to go: **Noa Hussey** just before taking over as Executive Director, Windward Branch, YMCA of Honolulu

time," Bill said. "I'm very pleased to have been part of this team, and I'm also very pleased to have Noa take over the leadership role."

As a 16-year-old, Bill worked as a relief lifeguard at the Y pool, which used to be 13 feet deep and had two 1-meter diving boards. Bill also taught trampoline in the back yard, performed a "comedy diving act" for the summer-ending Family Fun Fair, and tried not to upset program director **Ken Kendro** too much with his wise-guy antics.

After a 25-year hiatus, Bill returned to the Y as a member when the Fitness Center opened in 1991. Executive director **Jim Holstine** recruited him for the Board of Managers after seeing
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Bill Stone and President Russ Lynch at the last of Bill's retirement functions, a great pot luck lunch at the Y with members and friends on August 30.

President's Message from Russ Lynch

Some Busy Times Ahead

We've been through a busy and interesting time with the transition to a new Y Branch Exec as detailed in these pages but there's plenty more action coming.

First we have our big annual fund raiser, once again involving Zippy's tickets. Pick up yours at the September meeting.

Then there's our hosting of the Metro District's meeting on October 12 at our Y. And we'll be doing what we can to help Windward Y's "Hallo-Wine" fund raiser, being held this year on Nov. 2. Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii wants us to help again with their event, this year called "Brunch with Santa," on December 14. I look forward to all the help I know I'm going to get from our always-willing members.



— Aloha, Russ

**Next Meeting:
Monday, September 9,
6 p.m. Windward YMCA**

Windward Y Service Club 2013/2014

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President: Russ Lynch
Vice president: Karel A. Ling
Secretary: Joe-Ann McCarthy
Treasurer: Freda Nakamoto,

Members: Kenneth Kadomoto,
James Kanehira, Marion Liu,
Jack McCarthy, Karla Redding,
Donna Saito, Donald Scott,
Osamu Shoji, Bill Stone,
Wendy Tupper.

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

Club Calendar

September Emphasis: Endowment

Regional Service Director Ray Seto
Goal: \$120 per club

September 9, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting
Windward Y

October 7, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting
Windward Y

October 12, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Metro District Meeting
Windward YMCA.
We host & provide lunch

November 2, Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hallo-Wine Fund Raiser
for Windward YMCA
Koolau BallRooms

November 4, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting
Windward Y

Branch Exec Retires

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Bill busting a gut in reaction to keiki in the after-school program explaining their version of the rules for touch football. "You know you can't pass on 7th down unless you touch the pole first," one child patiently explained to another player.

Bill, who was editor-in-chief of the Sun Press newspapers back then, joined the board, then Jim got him on the Program Committee and later talked him into leading the Annual Support Campaign. Seven years later, **Maile Kane-maru** supported Bill's application to replace her as exec. YMCA of Honolulu CEO **Don Anderson** hired Bill as the associate exec in August 1998, giving him the full title of executive director a year later.

When Bill started, there were 255 fitness members and the branch was running huge deficits every year. But there was a strong core of staff members -- **Ann Wong, Wendy Tupper, Randall Hong** and **Demetrius Brandon** were at the Y already. Due to their hard work and the work of hundreds of others, the Windward Y has grown tremendously and now runs a surplus every year.

Some of the major changes that have occurred since 1998 include:

- New equipment in the Healthy Lifestyles Center starting in 1999 and periodically since then.
- Enclosing and air-conditioning the Healthy Lifestyles Center and Group Exercise Room in 2001.
- Installing a window and converting the old kitchen into the Child Watch room in 2001.
- Refurbishing the pool bathrooms and installing new lockers in 2001.
- Filling in three large-capacity cesspools and hooking up to the city sewer system in 2003.
- Renovating the pool filtration system and re-plastering the pool tank in 2009.

- Converting the pool to salt disinfection in 2011.
- Covering and enclosing the courtyard in 2011-12.
- Creating a KaBoom! playground in the back yard in 2013.

Now it's Noa's turn to take on the challenges of keeping a 54-year-old facility operating while providing more and better services to the thousands of children, teens and adults who count on the Windward Y for fitness, swim lessons, and child care whenever school is out.

Golden Book Entries

Thanks to a donation of \$240 from **Osamu Shoji** for the Y Service Clubs International Endowment Fund, our club is submitting two entries for the international "Golden Book" as living tributes.

One is for **Sue Wild**, tireless Windward Y volunteer and a generous donor to the branch. The other is for our club as a whole.

The goal for each club is now \$120 per year so we are doubling that for our club. Hawaii Region Service Director for Endowment is **Ray Seto** of Kaimuki Y's Men.

Inspiration

What if I lose my job... What if I never marry?... What if something happens to my child?... What if my loved one dies?... What if terrorists bomb the building I'm in or a plane I'm on? Much of anxiety comes from "what if" thoughts. But God says to not be anxious about anything (Philippians 4:6).

From "The Prayer that Changes Everything" by **Stormie Omaritan**

From Joe-Ann McCarthy,
Club Service Director,
Christian Emphasis

Scenes from recent activities. We've been busy!



End of summer fair . .

Hot dogs, Spam musubi, shave ice etc. served with gusto by our crew at Windward Y's celebration at the end of the kids' summer program, August 31. Above left: Joe-Ann and Jim work the shave ice. Above right: Some of our crew -- Donna, Lillian, Freda, Marion and Jack. Left: Donna serves hot dogs.



Saying Farewell to Bill . .

There's no show without Jim! He leads party-goers in a song at a farewell party for Bill Stone at Sue Wild's Waimanalo waterfront home. Seated you can see Bill, YMCA of Honolulu CEO Mike Broderick and Windward Y board member Aileen Deese.

Bill's a known wine lover so our club gave him a \$50 gift certificate for R. Field Wine Co.



At his last meeting of the Windward Y Board of Managers on August 27 board members gave Bill a gift of wine and whisky. Dr. Paul Carry hands over the gift watched by Board Chair David Del Rosario.

Our new Branch Exec, Noa Hussey

19 Years of Service to the YMCA

Noa Hussey began his career in the YMCA as the Maintenance Assistant for Summer Programs in 1994 and then became a Group Leader in 1995. He then returned to the Y in 1997 and became the Teens Staff and eventually Program Director till 2001.

Noa returned to the YMCA of Honolulu in 2003 as the Youth Director of our Kaimuki Branch. Under Noa's leadership, Kaimuki's youth programs thrived, which led to Noa's promotion to Program Executive in 2006.

As the Program Executive, Noa dramatically improved the branch's annual campaign, developed a health and wellness pro-

gram, and implemented an early education program.

In 2010, Noa was promoted to Kaimuki Branch Executive. As the Executive, Noa positioned the branch for success by recruiting 12 new board members.

At the YMCA of Honolulu, Noa was also part of the task force that developed the successful Strive Program, is leading one of the Leading Change Teams, and oversaw the Hiroshima Exchange and Youth in Government programs.

Noa has been a hard-working member of the Kaimuki Y's Men's Club and said he is keen to join the Windward Y Service Club.

Zippy's Sale Starts

Our annual fund raiser this year is Zippy's tickets and Treasurer **Freda Nakamoto** has started the ball rolling, got the tickets printed and is ready to hand them out to members.

The deal has gotten better over the years.

It's not just chili any more and each ticket can be turned for a choice of 24 ounces of chili (a bigger package than the one seen at retailers), 24 ounces of Portuguese bean soup, 24 ounces of meat sauce for spaghetti or other Italian dishes, or a package of frozen cookie dough to make 18 cookies (peanut butter, oatmeal raisin or chocolate chip). That gives our customers a lot of choice at any of Zippy's 25 locations.

We buy the tickets for \$4.50 each and sell them for \$8 so we get to keep \$3.50 per ticket. This year we've bought the minimum 200 tickets but can get more if we do well. Sell all 200 and the club gets to keep \$700.

They have our club name on them and they should be sold as "a donation that helps the YMCA" or "to help the YMCA and our community." Let's go!

U.S. Area News

'Y's Alliance' New Issue

There's a new issue of the quarterly publication of the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International and you can find it on our Hawaii Region website:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

There's good article clarifying "youth member" dues. Bottom line: Starting February 2014, if you're between 13 and 25 you're a youth member and dues are full-adult at the International level and half the adult dues at the U.S. Area level. The change is the

Short and sweet —

A man telephoned Hawaiian Airlines and asked, "How long does it take to fly to Kauai?" The clerk said, "Just a minute..." "Thank you," the man said and hung up.

"Sorry I can't take any more appointments today" said the dentist to a patient "I already have 18 cavities to fill" Then he hung up, grabbed his golf bag and left.

elimination of the International "youth member" dues discount.

Online Only:

Hallo-Wine Fund Raiser

Read about Windward YMCA's upcoming "Hallo-Wine" party, the tenth such event for the branch.

<http://ysmenhawaii.org/Hallo-Wine.pdf>

Dis-n-Dat

Russ Lynch is fully recovered from his leg injury but got so used to the physical therapy at Kaiser that he's keeping on with it at the Y, in the fitness room and following with some laps in the pool. **Osamu Shoji** is also recovering, from hip surgery two months ago, and says his walking is "almost normal." It's time to say goodbye to **Emma Thomas**, who joined our club in 1995 but hasn't been at all active the past couple of years. One of **Jim Kanehira's** last acts as president was to talk to Emma and let her know that it's OK to withdraw. Our thanks to Emma and husband **Ace** for their past service and their frequent hospitality at their Enchanted Lake home. They remain our friends. **Russ** celebrated his birthday August 18th at Baci Bistro with wife **Eiko** and got a big surprise when it came time to pay. Daughter **Jen** in Ohio had phoned the restaurant and picked up the tab. Nice birthday present. Other birthdays around this time: **Ken Kadomoto** on August 11th, **Jack McCarthy** on September 2nd. **Bill Stone** and **Trudy** are celebrating Bill's retirement with a trip to Las Vegas, Bill's first. Bill may have left his paid job at the Y but he hasn't left us, taking on the job of Bulletin Editor for 2013-2014 as a continuation of his active membership in our club.