



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club
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Ready to Go the Distance for Our YMCA

By Russ Lynch

"Oh The Places You'll Go!" That's the theme for the Windward YMCA's Annual Support Campaign for 2014 and the Windward Y Service Club's role, as usual, will be a significant one.

Let's start with the goals. The overall branch goal is \$80,000 in pledges and our club has been given a target: \$19,750 or nearly a quarter of the total.

That's \$810 more than the \$18,940 that actually came in last year as a result of our personal donations and pledges obtained by our members.

The island-wide campaign of the YMCA of Honolulu, called "The Y. So Much More," has a goal of \$1 million. Last year the island's six Y Service Clubs produced \$130,000 in pledges.

Some personal donations are already in from club members and along with donations from Y staff and others there was already \$8,000 in hand about a week ago. Getting 10 percent of the overall goal is a great achievement this early.

Our club is divided into two teams under Team Captains **Russ**

Lynch and Jim Kanehira.

Please try to attend one of the training sessions, which start on Saturday morning, February 3. You can pick up your campaign packages there. We have a club meeting on Monday February 6 and those who haven't picked up their packages can do so then, or any time at the branch.

This time the YMCA of Honolulu is having an island-wide kickoff luncheon bringing in staff and volunteers from all the Y branches on Oahu to the Dole Cannery on Saturday February 8.

Our members will be receiving their printed invites in the last week in January. Please RSVP so they can get a head count.

As has been the case the past few years, the formal campaign is of fairly short duration. It wraps up with a victory celebration at Windward Y on Friday, March 14. See the full schedule on Page 4. Co-chairs for the Windward Y campaign are **Shelly Geiter** and **Gay Sulkey**, working with Executive Director Noa Hussey.

A reminder: It's great to make your own personal pledge first.

President's Message from Russ Lynch

Kicking off Year of the Horse

We'll be galloping into the Year of the Horse with a major goal for our club in Windward YMCA's Annual Support Campaign, described in the main story of this issue. I know we'll all pull our weight and come out winners. It will take work but we're rarin' to go. I hope you'll all respond to your invites to the YMCA of Honolulu's island-wide ASC kickoff on February 8th at Dole Cannery. I've been in touch with the new Director of Philanthropy at Y headquarters, Lorraine Leslie, and she is well aware of the important role the Y's Men and Y's Women play in this big fund-raising effort as well as in all Y activities throughout the year. Lorraine has spent years on the board of managers of Kalihi Y and knows all about us from that experience. She knows that while we are only a handful of people compared to the overall YMCA membership our Annual Support Campaign contributions, bot personally and in the pledges we bring in, is proportionately huge.



— Aloha, Russ

**Next Meeting:
Monday, February 3,
6 p.m. Windward YMCA**

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

Club Calendar

February Emphasis:

Time of Fast Global Project Fund

Regional Service Director Phil Chun

February 3, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting
Windward Y

March 3, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting
Windward Y

April 12, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day
Bishop Museum grounds.
Working shave ice booth

May 30 through June 1

78th Hawaii Region
Convention. Kilauea Military
Camp, Hawaii island.

Throughout February and into March we'll be telling the Y story and soliciting donations for the Windward YMCA Annual Support Campaign. See the campaign schedule on Page 4

TOILETRY GIFTS- At our December 2 meeting members got together to package toiletry items in Christmas gift bags for the women staying at a local center for victims of spouse abuse. Our members collect toiletry items during the year for this annual community service.



'Christmas Child'

Our club produced 17 shoe boxes of useful and play things for kids for our November monthly meeting, for the Christian worldwide assistance program called Operation Christmas Child, part the Samaritan's Purse effort.

Only President Russ failed to listen to the earlier instructions and brought a lot of loose items. Everyone else stuck to the rules and brought pre-packed boxes labeled "girl" or "boy" and the suggested age group.

With her usual practical approach, **Wendy Tupper** said she'd make sure the items were put to good use.

Healthy Kids Day

We will once again be helping out at the Metro District's shave ice booth at the YMCA of Honolulu's

"Healthy Kids Day" on the grounds of Bishop Museum on Saturday April 12.

Our **Joe-Ann McCarthy** is playing a big role in organizing it and is getting clubs to commit to providing volunteers and doing chores.

First our club will make eight gallons of syrup, as will the Kalihi and Nuuanu clubs.

Then we'll provide personnel on the event day with the first shift starting at 8 a.m.

This booth is always a sell-out and we share the profits with the YMCA by way of a donation.

Incidentally, the Healthy Kids Day will also be the occasion for presenting the winners in the Peace Through My Eyes children's project conducted by the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs International.



YMCA News: Been to our Y lately? If not, take a look around next time. The roof is covered in photovoltaic solar panels that will help reduce the electricity bills at the branch by a lot. Not so easy to see, a new heat pump for the pool. The old one was only half working. (Russ says you can get a pretty good spa-like water massage if you're willing to keep your head under water.)

Inspiration

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

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

Popcorn Machine

Our club will have its very own popcorn machine and it is expected to get a lot of use, perhaps even more than true shave-ice machine.

It has been ordered and should be delivered the first week of February. It should come in handy for a lot of our fund raising events.

A Little Humor

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." Sermon complete, he sat down..

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing: "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River."



Above: Jim helps a young lady with her prize. Right: Marion, Karel, Donna and Jim at the booth. Russ was there taking photos



Annual Fun at 'Brunch with Santa'

Five members spent a few hours of a December Saturday having a lot of fun but working hard to help Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii at its annual fund raiser, this year called "Brunch with Santa."

Our close friend and Windward Y board member Aileen Deese once again asked for our help to run the kids' fishing booth and we were happy to oblige.

This year's event, on December 14, was cut back to just one meal for the kids and their parents and a sellout crowd showed up for food, entertainment, games, photos with Santa and all that pre-Christmas fun.

We provided bags of cookies, set up the booth and the fishing poles and provided manpower from about 9:30 a.m. to past 1 p.m. at the Manoa Ballroom in the Japanese Cultural Center.

Our crew consisted of **Russ Lynch, Marion Liu, Jim Kanehira, Donna Saito** and **Karel Ling**.

It's always a joy to see the little ones having such fun, even putting on their own fashion show, and to know that the effort raises funds for very important work.

We've been doing this for quite a few years now and have pretty much gotten the hang of it. You

can see some more pictures of the event online at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org/photos-15/index.html>

International News

'Youth' Dues No More

Y Service Clubs International has done away with the half-off dues for youth members. And from 2016 some countries that have been paying as little as half the adult rate will be paying full international dues for everyone.

U.S. Area and Hawaii Region still have youth discounts. (Hawaii dues are \$73 a year for adults, \$53.50 for those 25 and under. We also pay \$24.50 per person in annual contributions to funds such as Time of Fast Global Project. *Earlier editions had wrong fees.*)

Hawaii Region News

Book Your Air Seats

Organizers of the 2014 Hawaii Region Convention on the Big Island, May 30 through June 1, are advising all attendees to book air travel now since seats to Hilo are already scarce.

Registrations for the convention are beginning to trickle in but it's still slow. (Windward's Joe-Ann McCarthy is the one receiving the registrations in the mail.)

Shoji Family Sets Guinness World Record

It's official. Windward Y Service Club member **Osamu "Sam" Shoji** and his family have set an official record as listed in the worldwide Guinness Book of Records.

The Guinness organization recently announced that the family set a record at the Honolulu Marathon in 2012 for the "most family members to complete a marathon (multiple generations)" with eight finishers.

Osamu, who is also a member of the Osaka Senboku Y's Men in Japan, has been a member of our club for 14 years and has visited Hawaii many times. This was the sixth Honolulu Marathon for Osamu and the family trained for it in Japan throughout the year.

It wasn't until late in 2012 that they applied to the Guinness Book of Records, listing nine who completed the run: Osamu, 69 years old at the time of the race, his three daughters, one son-in-law

and four grandchildren. Guinness didn't recognize the son-in-law as direct family but the remaining eight that were counted qualified for the record and the on-line listing of the record at the Guinness records website mentions all nine who completed the run.

The youngest in the group was seven years old. The Guinness page lists the record-breaking finishers as Osamu Shoji; his daughters Junko Fujiwara, Tokiko Shikasho and Shinta Mine; and grandchildren Kippeji Fujiwara, Yasuke Shikasho, Kaho Shikasho and Shinta Mine.

The page adds that

Osamu's son-in-law Masanori Shikasho also ran with the family members and completed the Marathon.



Ten members of the Shoji family came to Hawaii for the 2012 Honolulu Marathon and nine completed the course, earning a Guinness record.

Dis-n-Dat

Jim Kanehira is hearing better because his dog, once again, ate his hearing aid. How come that makes it better? Jim found a plan that let him get a new and better one without spending a fortune. **Karla Redding's** house got hit by lightning in one of the two electrical storms to hit our neighborhood in late 2013. Nobody hurt, fortunately. **Joe-Ann McCarthy** and members of her family are in Las Vegas as this issue goes to press. Good luck to all. **Osamu Shoji** is well on the road to complete recovery from leg surgery. We'll be seeing him at the Hawaii Region Convention at the end of May. Happy Birthday to **Marion Liu** on January 25. Upcoming birthdays: **Donna Saito** on February 24 and **Karel Ling** on March 23.

2014 Annual Support Campaign Calendar

- Saturday February 1**, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Campaigner Training, Windward YMCA
- Thursday February 6**, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Campaigner Training, Windward YMCA
- Saturday February 8**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Island-wide Kickoff of "The Y. So Much More at Dole Cannery Pomaikai Ballroom. Lunch free. Parking is \$3 with validation. Aloha attire.
- Tuesday February 11**, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Campaigner Training, Windward YMCA
- Wednesday, February 12**, from 6 p.m.
Report & call night, Windward YMCA
- Wednesday February 19**, from 6 p.m.
Report & call night, Windward YMCA.
- Wednesday February 26**, from 6 p.m.
Report & call night, Windward YMCA
- Friday March 14**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Victory Celebration Dinner at Windward YMCA

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