



Windward Y'er

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A Busy Family Night at Windward Y

By Russ Lynch

What seemed to be the busiest family night yet at Windward YMCA took place on July 22, with our club kept running to provide food and shave ice.

There probably isn't a detailed number available as to how many people were there to help to Y summer kids celebrate the end of the summer program by showing off their song and dance skills.

It is known that 120 kids were involved so when you count parents and other family members and friends the attendance clearly went way past 200.

Working the shave ice machine, **Ken Kadomoto** and **Jim Kanehira** dealt with a long line of customers until the ice was all gone.

In the kitchen, **Marion Liu**, **Joe-Ann McCarthy**, **Freda Nakomoto** and **Donna Saito** were also kept busy serving stew and rice, chicken hot dogs and Spam musubi. **Russ Lynch** also was kept so busy counting scrip for the financial accounting that he had no chance to bring out his camera so there are no pictures of the organized chaos.

And let's not forget the work done by Karla, Jim, Donna and

others getting the Spam musubi made ahead of time.

This time the whole event was at the neighboring Faith Church and we had the use of the kitchen. Outside where the action was there was little room to move.

But it was still the usual great time for all involved.

At the Y branch board of managers meeting that followed the event, Windward Exec **Noa Hussey** expressed his thanks to the Windward Y Service Club for its work.

Our club's chief organizer for the event, **Joe-Ann**, later had this to say about how things went:

"We had an awesome family night for the YMCA.

"There were oodles of kids and adults. All our food got wiped out.

"We need to make more musubi (250-300) and hot dogs should increase to (160-240). Grand total not including expenses \$782."

This annual event is always a good example of how our club can help the Y and bring in some cash.

We help the Y by feeding and refreshing those who attend the event, showing cooperation between the Y Service Clubs and the YMCA.

And there's no question the service is appreciated by all those at the fun event.

Our New President at Work —



Windward's Karla Redding, shown here with other leaders, got her start representing our club at the Metro District meeting July 18 at Kewalo Basin in the former Net Shed. The facility is now Kupu Hawaii's community learning and meeting facility.

Next Meeting:
Monday, August 3
6 p.m., Windward YMCA
August Focus: Community Service

Windward Y Service Club
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President: Karla Redding
Vice president/Secretary: Joe-Ann
McCarthy
Treasurer: Donna Saito

Members: Noa Hussey,
Kenneth Kadomoto, James
Kanehira, Karel Ling, Makena Liu,
Marion Liu, Russ Lynch, Jack
McCarthy, Freda Nakamoto,
Donald Scott, Osamu Shoji, Bill
Stone, Gay Sulkey, Wendy Tupper

Club Bulletin: Send items to
Editor Russ Lynch
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Our club's web page has a new
address:
<http://www.ysmenwin.com>

We meet on the first Monday of
every month at 6 p.m. in the
Windward YMCA

Club Calendar

**August Regional Focus:
Community Service**
Regional Service Director Jaunette
DeMello, Kalihi

August 3, Monday, 6 p.m.
Club monthly meeting
Windward YMCA

September 7, Monday, 6 p.m.
Club monthly meeting
Windward YMCA

**September Regional Focus:
Endowment Fund**
Regional Service Director Ray Seto,
Kaimuki

November 7, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Windward YMCA's "Hallo-
Wine" fund-raising event.

YMCA to Help Oahu Youth Get Outdoors

This article was published on the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on July 16. It shows how the YMCA in Hawaii is recognized for its ability to lead Hawaii's youth into healthy and meaningful lifestyles.

By Star-Advertiser staff
Federal and city officials announced a partnership on Monday with nonprofit groups on an initiative aimed at encouraging Oahu's youth to spend more time outdoors.

The YMCA of Honolulu has been selected to create a community coordinator position to help pull together resources from throughout the community to get more youths and other Oahu residents to participate in outdoor programs. That announcement was made at Ala Moana Beach Park during a news conference by Honolulu Mayor **Kirk Caldwell**, U.S. Principal Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary **Kristen Sarri** and YMCA of Honolulu Chief Executive Officer **Michael Broderick**.

Honolulu is one of the first 50 U.S. cities to take part in the Let's Move! Outside movement spear-

headed by first lady **Michelle Obama**.

The first step of the initiative will be to bring together local conservation, educational, recreational and public service stakeholders to brainstorm and identify existing programs that encourage youths to head outdoors. A community survey will then be conducted and a summit held to discuss strategies, priorities and potential partnerships.

The American Express Foundation has committed \$5 million nationally to the first two years of the initiative. The YMCA of Honolulu will receive \$20,000 in each of the two years.

Separately, Sarri announced that the Department of the Interior has issued a \$57,000 grant to the local youth and environmental nonprofit group Kupu to provide work experience for 20 young people in Haleakala National Park next summer.

After the announcement, more than 70 youth volunteers from the YMCA and Kupu participated in a pond cleanup and restoration project at the park.

Inspiration

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

— James 1:2-3 (NIV)

James challenges us to look at the hardships of life in a different light. Notice that trials are not a sign of God's displeasure, but rather an instrument of God that brings perseverance into our lives. If we feel that we have not done well in trials, James challenges us to get our heads above the waters of despair. Even if we don't see the purpose of the trial, God will use that trial to build into us what we need for life. This is a promise of Scripture that goes beyond what we currently see.

by Dave Whitehead

Author of "Making Sense of the Bible"

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

Just for Fun

Q: What did the rug say to the floor?

A: Don't move, I've got you covered.

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

A: Claustrophobic.

Q: What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A: A puddle.

Hawaii Region News

The 79th Hawaii Region Convention ended up with proceeds of around \$2,000 after expenses.

Convention Chair **Duke Chung** (West Oahu) told the Metro District meeting on July 18 that the positive results came mostly from the successful raffle in which tickets were sold before the convention.

Duke praised the donors who gave very nice prizes for the raffle.

Next Convention: Convention organizers will propose holding the 80th convention next year on Oahu but the site has yet to be chosen. One location under consideration is the Saint Anthony Retreat deep in Kalihi Valley. It has accommodations for overnight guests, nice meeting rooms and a beautiful location.

However, no decision has been made.

RD's Activities: Regional Director **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** was Hawaii's sole representative at the U.S. Area Convention in early July in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He reported in detail on that very productive meeting in a special edition of the regional newsletter "The Bulletin Board," available on the Hawaii Region website <http://ysmenhawaii.org>

Metro District News

The Metropolitan District of Y Service Clubs Hawaii is donating \$600 to the YMCA of Honolulu out of the proceeds from the shave ice booth the district operated at "Healthy Kids Day" on April 11.

The donation was approved at the district meeting in July.

Also at that meeting District Governor **Albert Lee** (Nuuanu) proposed exploring an additional Metro District volunteer effort at the next Healthy Kids Day, the YMCA's annual event at Bishop Museum that attracts thousands.

Albert's idea is a rock-climbing wall. He said there are businesses that provide rental equipment and professional staff to handle key parts of the operation which would also use volunteers.

International News

The new president of Y Service Clubs International, **Wichian Boonmapajorn** of Thailand, has published his list of each month's emphasis for Y'sdom.

They include membership, conservation and extension in August; the Alexander Scholarship Fund and YMCA liaison in September; Community Service and the International Brotherhood Fund in October; and Towards 2022, the movement's goals for its 100th anniversary, and Roll Back Malaria in November.

Y Service Clubs International held its International Council Meeting in Kyoto, Japan, in July. There will be an International Convention next year in Taipei, Taiwan.

Floral Delivery Nets \$375

Two volunteers from the Windward Y Service Club delivered flowers on Mothers Day for the Picket Fence florist shop in Kailua, got paid for the work and donated the proceeds to our club.

Karla Redding and **Joe-Ann McCarthy** did the Windward Oahu deliveries and were paid

\$375 which they turned over to our club as a donation.

Karla told the Metro District meeting about the way florists pay extra delivery drivers when they have those super-busy days and said it provides opportunities for volunteers to put in some hours and donate their earnings.

Golden Book Choice?

Our club will be asked soon by the Endowment Fund organizers about who we wish to nominate for inclusion next year in the "Golden Book" of Y Service Clubs International.

This can be a person or persons living or deceased that we want to recognize, or even a business or association. Clubs pay \$120 to Y Service Clubs International for each recognition. Names and write-ups need to be in by September, longtime Hawaii Region Endowment Service Director **Ray Seto** (Kaimuki) told the Metro District meeting.

After-School Help

The Windward YMCA is still looking for people to work for pay on weekday afternoons supervising and training school kids in the A+ after school program run by the YMCA of Honolulu.

In fact all over Oahu 56 YMCA branches are short of after-school program leaders. If members think they can help personally or know someone who might be interested, they can get more information on the YMCA of Honolulu website at:

http://www.ymahonolulu.org/about/news/aplus_jobs

New Official Name—

Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Hawaii Regional Director Hawaii, came back from the U.S. Area convention with news that we should be calling ourselves:

Y Service Clubs International
- U.S. Area - Hawaii Region