



# Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club  
Chartered April 5, 1980

## Annual Support Campaign is Rolling On

Once again our club is doing all it can to help the Windward YMCA's Annual Support Campaign meet its branch goal of \$94,000.

Members have been drumming up donation pledges from friends and relatives and other Y supporters and making their own donations and pledges.

Officially, the campaign runs through the end of March.

As of the last report night on February 24, more than \$44,600 had been raised — with a month to go. Last year, members of the six Y Service Clubs on Oahu raised about 13 percent of the \$1 million or so in pledges for the entire YMCA of Honolulu. At home in Windward, our total was more than 25 percent of the branch goal.

Are we going to do that again? Let's do our best to achieve that.

Our involvement this year started with **Jim Kanehira** and **Russ Lynch** attending the island-wide kickoff at the Dole Cannery ballrooms on February 6. Two key YMCA staff people who are also club members were there too, **Noa Hussey** and **Wendy Tupper**, along with other Windward staff members and a couple of board members.

Next came the Youth Program's rummage sale on February



Part of our dinner crew at ASC report night on February 24. We provided the food, led by Marion's hamburger curry. From left, Jim, Marion, Joe-Ann and Gay. Russ took the photo.

13 and that event included our plant sale, organized by Jim.

Our members looked after the plant sale. They had been there the night before setting up and Jim was particularly busy trucking all the plants to the site.

Plant sale proceeds are not as great as we would have liked, but combined with the rummage sale income the total for the Y was about \$1,500.

Then came the big branch kickoff dinner in the Y courtyard. Lots of pirate fun, plenty of food, pep talks and entertainment. **Russ, Gay Sulkey** and husband **David, Freda Nakamoto** and **Jim** were in the thick of it.

At the first report night, February 24, it was our turn to provide the food and there was plenty of it,

a delicious array of goodies led by **Marion Liu's** hamburger curry. "Just like my mother used to make," said Russ.

Marion, Joe-Ann, Jim, Gay and Russ were all there enjoying the food and the fun. Note: President **Karla Redding** apologizes for being way too busy to make it to those events but she managed to put in a couple of days delivering Valentine's Day flowers and as usual will donate those proceeds to the club.

The first big ASC event in March will be a report night in the club room on March 9 and then we head to the Victory Celebration in the courtyard on the 18th.

We're about half way to the goal. Half way there already? We can relax. No! ONLY half way.

**Next Meeting: Monday  
March 7, 6 p.m.  
Windward YMCA**

Windward Y Service Club  
2015/2016

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

## Club Calendar

### March Regional Focus:

#### Brother Clubs

Regional Service Director Jim Kanehira,  
Windward Y Service Club

### March 7, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting  
Windward YMCA.

### Annual Support Campaign.

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### April 4, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting  
Windward YMCA.

### May 2, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting  
Windward YMCA.

### May 20-22

Hawaii Region 80th Con-  
vention.  
Waikiki and Makiki

# President's Message

from Karla Redding

Aloha All –

We've all been so busy that we put off our 'holiday' party til Feb 5th, it was great to gather at our Waimanalo house, enjoy each other's company and partake of great food and drink! We even managed to have an impromptu meeting. The following week was even crazier, Joe-Ann and I with Vic helping did the Valentine flower delivery for a day and a half. We did 43 deliveries and ended up with \$200 after gas money... my Element smelled wonderful for days. That same Saturday, our members put on a fantastic plant sale and helped the Y with their rummage sale. Boo hoo, I was so busy with deliveries I didn't even have time to cruise by to buy..and then our fabulous club came through again with hosting the ASC campaign with another of Marion's fantastic stews....Thank you all for participating, I'm so proud of our Y Service Club ohana

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## 80th Convention Plans

It's getting to be time to make plans to attend the 2016 convention of the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs U.S. Area.

Those who can't make it to the whole convention should consider the Installation and Induction Dinner set for Saturday May 21 at the famous Willows restaurant. That's when new members will be inducted and officers installed and it's building up to be a special celebration of 80 years of Y'sdom in Hawaii.

There will also be a special dinner price of \$40 for those who want to attend just that event. The whole convention meal package is \$145.

And let's not forget the welcoming and endowment dinner May 20 at the Manoa Grand Ballroom (\$35) where our club will be honoring Windward Y's Demetrius Brandon, the much-liked healthy lifestyles coach and group exercise instructor. Convention meetings and events May 20-22 are at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki, the Japanese Cultural Center and Wilows.

## Inspiration

*Why, my soul, are you down-  
cast? Why so disturbed within  
me? Put your hope in God, for  
I will yet praise him, my Savior  
and my God.*

– Psalm 43:5 (NIV)

It is one thing to praise God when things are going well, but to focus on heaven when things fall apart brings a challenge that only a heart that is after God can fulfill. The Psalmist reminds us that praise is not conditioned upon our circumstances. It is so easy to try to use techniques with the underlying intent of getting something back. But God will test our hearts and, in his mercy, purify our motives to the point that our only agenda is to know Him. Make a decision to praise God in ALL things.

by Dave Whitehead

Author of "Making Sense of the Bible"

Submitted by Marion Liu, Club  
Service Director for Christian Em-  
phasis

# Scenes from ASC 2016

Photos by Russ Lynch



Island-wide kickoff at Pomaikai Ballrooms in Dole Cannery February 6. Above, Windward leaders promote the branch goal of \$94,000. Right, Jim Kanehira (in our red club shirt) joins Windward Y members for lunch.



Jim, Marion and Joe-Ann listen to speakers at the first report night, February 24.



A small sampling of the wares at the plant sale on February 13.



At the Windward Branch kickoff on February 17. Russ, Freda and Jim were joined by branch board member Art Wong. Aaar maties, he's the one with the parrot on his shoulder.

## International PR Post

Our club Bulletin Editor **Russ Lynch** has accepted a new volunteer post, this time at the international level.

On July 1, Russ will become International Service Director, Public Relations for Y Service Clubs International.

"I'm a bit overwhelmed and not sure how well I can do the job," Russ said. But when **Joan Wilson** of Area Canada, who takes over as International President this year, asked him to take it on he agreed.

"I remembered a Y'sdom motto I heard years ago — 'you don't seek the office, the office seeks you' — and that carries an obligation to accept when you are asked to do something," he said.

Russ remains Area Service Director, P.R. under Area President **Charley Redmond** and an administrator of the Facebook page for the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International.

He is also webmaster, Facebook manager and bulletin editor for the Hawaii Region for Regional Director **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**.

## Area, World Leaders

**Tibor Foki** has been named President Elect of the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International. He takes the position on July 1 and after a year will become International President. Because he was the only nominee for the posts of APE and U.S. representative on the International Council, there was no election. He is well

## Annual Support Campaign Calendar

**Windward YMCA Goal: \$94,000**

**Events at Windward YMCA, all starting at 6:30 p.m.**

February 24, Wednesday, Club Room — Report Night  
*Speaker: Leidholm Boys*

March 9, Wednesday, Club Room — Report Night  
*Speaker: Senior Tai Chi Program*

March 18, Friday, Courtyard — Victory Celebration

March 31, 2016 — Campaign Ends

*But you can donate or bring in pledges any time after that.*

known at the U.S. Area level and a number of Hawaii Region members have met him and been impressed. Tibor has been running the Area Supply Office and has held various posts in the Pacific Southwest Region. As supply officer, Tibor has been looking after all those pins, pens, badges and other items symbolizing Y'sdom

**Henry J. Grindheim** of Norway was elected International President Elect, also taking effect July 1. He will become International President a year later, after the end of the term of **Joan Wilson** of Canada.



Tibor Foki



Henry Grindheim

## 'Brother Clubs' Month

March focus for the Hawaii Region is International Brother Clubs and Windwards **Jim Kanehira** is the regional service director for this important worldwide vehicle for companionship and communication among Y's Men and Y's Women.

Windward Y Service Club has had a number of brother clubs over the years but some have disappeared. We currently have three brother clubs and we are in contact with all of them. They are Osaka-Senboku Y's Men in Japan, home club to our overseas member Osamu Shoji, Cochabamba Y's Men in Bolivia and Taipei Union Y's Men in Taiwan.

We see Shoji-san and other members of his club at regularly at our Hawaii Region Convention. One of the Cochabamba members visited Hawaii last year and the Taipei club occasionally sends us emails and newsletters.

Hawaii Regional Director **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** proposes that we all step up interaction with our brother clubs.

## Just for Fun . . . .

What do you get when you cross a dyslexic, an insomniac, and an agnostic?

Someone who lies awake at night wondering if there is a dog.

A man is walking in the desert with his horse and his dog when the dog says, "I can't do this. I need water." The man says, "I didn't know dogs could talk."

The horse says, "Me neither!"