



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

Annual Support Campaign Goal is \$80,000

The 2017 Annual Support Campaign for Windward YMCA is just around the corner and our club members will once again be big producers for this important fundraising event for the Windward Branch.

There is more information about it in the Page 4 column by Branch Executive Director Leigh Ann Landreth and we've been through this a lot of times before so there's not much that needs to be said except to remember these two points:

— The Y needs this money to keep up its great work helping those who need but cannot afford YMCA programs.

— The Y spends all of the Annual Support Campaign money - and more - to serve people. That's something that cannot be said for almost any other charity. Nothing is dragged off for administration expenses.

Last year's goal was higher, \$94,000, but was very hard to meet and it took months to get close. Maybe the 2017 goal of \$80,000 is easier to reach but it still will need a lot of work.

It's important, too, to help the branch spread out its feelers and recruit more and more donors. The number of dollars is very important but so is the number of people pledging those dollars because they will be around next

year and long after that we hope. While there will be an islandwide official kickoff (by invitation) at Dole Cannery on Saturday, February 11, our branch ASC activities will start before that with a branch kickoff on February 8.

Our club's share in all this is vital. Last year, pledges brought in by our club members totaled around 40 percent of the total for the whole branch.

That's impressive since there are fewer than 20 of us and hundreds of YMCA members in the branch. We recognize that a couple of key Y staff people are members of our club and and their branch connec-

tion with members and others help them bring in a lot but they are our members too so we're glad to brag about them.

There is no information right now on what additional roles we might play but there will be more.

We usually cater one of the report nights with our specialties, such as Auntie Marion's excellent stew. One other reminder: It's nice if our club members make their personal pledges as soon as they can.

And we can pull out whatever notes we have to brush up on who last year's pledges came from, as a reminder until the official word comes from the Y.



Under arrest? We look too cheerful for that. Windward Y Service Club members at the Brunch with Santa fund raiser for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii pose with Star Wars characters. More pictures of the December 10 event are on Page 3. From left: Joe-Ann McCarthy, Marion Liu, Russ Lynch, Freda Nakamoto and Jim Kanehira.

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

Windward Y Service Club
2016/2017

Chartered April 5, 1980

President: Karla Redding
Vice president/Secretary:
Joe-Ann McCarthy
Treasurer: Donna Saito

Members: Kenneth Kadomoto,
James Kanehira, Leigh Ann
Landreth, Karel Ling, Makena Liu,
Marion Liu, Russ Lynch, Jack
McCarthy, Freda Nakamoto,
Donald Scott, Osamu Shoji,
Bill Stone, Gay Sulkey,
Wendy Tupper, B.J. Watkins

Club Bulletin: Send items to
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We meet on the second Monday
of every month at 6 p.m. in the
Windward YMCA

Club Calendar

January Regional Focus: YMCA Service

Regional Service Director:
Phil Sammer, Central

January 7, Saturday, 9 a.m.

Plant sale preparation work.
405 Iana St., Enchanted Lake

January 9, Monday, 6 p.m.

Club monthly meeting
Windward YMCA.

January 14, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plant Sale at Windward YMCA

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Annual Support Campaign

See Leigh Ann's article
on Page 4 for events
scheduled for ASC 2017.
Goal: \$80,000

Our International Motto:

To acknowledge the duty that
accompanies every right.

Plant Sale is Set for January 14

Thanks to a leadership role taken on by Elizabeth "BJ" Watkins, hospitality and the use of her house by President Karla Redding, and a lot of hard work by several members, we will be having a large and, by the looks of it, very successful fund-raising plant sale at Windward YMCA on Saturday, January 14.

Jim Kanehira and other members have donated plants and pots and before the sale there will be two preparing working bees at Karla's house.

Plant lover BJ is working hard to get the event maximum publicity to draw customers to the Y on the Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our members and many likely customers will be receiving detailed information by email.

International News

See New Publications

Joan Wilson, president of Y Service Clubs International, has produced two more monthly IP e-NEWS publications, for December and January.

If you didn't see these go to the website <http://www.ysmen.org>

The website has been undergoing a major remake and is not fully

up and running but there is already easy access on the home page to those publications and others are easy to find through the menu at the top right corner of the home page.

Look for "Publications" in the menu. There's a ton of information available about what members in many other countries are doing around the world.

Hawaii Region News

Watch the Website

The latest "Y's Alliance," the quarterly bulletin of our U.S. Area, has been posted on the Region website and there are many other items of interest there too. Members, keep an eye on the site because it is always changing and Russ Lynch, region webmaster, says there will be a lot of new material posted there in the coming weeks. Among other things, there will be a lot more information about our upcoming 81st Hawaii Region Convention on Kauai. The website already has a trove of bulletins from other clubs as well as national and international news and information.

Go to: <http://ysmenhawaii.org>

New Bulletin Board at the YMCA



Our thanks to Windward YMCA for setting up a bulletin board for us so nicely on the wall of the big room. Now we just have to add our own stuff to it. The Y already included some items and our membership brochure. The branch also gives credit to the Y Service club for activities posted on its other display boards.

Seasonal Fun -

As these photos show we had some good times as 2016 drew to a close, and did some good work too. Shown are members helping out at Brunch with Santa on December 10 to raise money for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and a very enjoyable Christmas Party December 8 by the Nuuanu Club which we were invited to share. A dozen of us went and had a good time.



At Brunch with Santa Jim Kanehira and Joe-Ann McCarthy enjoy helping kids "catch" bags of candy, top right and left. Right: Russ Lynch was glad to see old friends Keith and Carmen Haugen, the entertainers who sang Christmas songs for the families



At the joint Christmas Party with Nuuanu Y's Men and Women Club at the Pagoda Restaurant we had a sizable group of 12 members and family. Here's most of our group at right.. Below left: Jim and Gladys Kanehira work with balloons in one of the games. Below right Karla and Vic Redding get involved in another game. Later, Jim led everybody in singing Christmas songs.





SAVE THE DATE!

81st Hawaii Region Y Service Clubs Convention



May 5 – 7, 2017
Marriott Courtyard Hotel
Kauai Island, Hawaii

Aloha Fellow Y's Men & Women. You are cordially invited to the 2017 Hawaii Region Convention- an experience of a lifetime... affordable & memorable. SAVE THE DATE for now and in November we will email and post on our website and Facebook the Convention Information & Registration Packet. E komo mai... come (a)loha!
Mahalo, Eddie Niwa, Regional Director.



News From Our YMCA

By Leigh Ann Landreth
Executive Director, Windward YMCA

Aloha Windward
YMCA Service
Club.



I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season! As we enjoy this season of fellowship and giving, I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for all that you do in service to others. Know that your efforts to support the YMCA through the selfless contribution of your time, talent, and treasure makes a real difference. YOU make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others, and we are so grateful for you.

As the holidays pass each year, we enter into a different season of giving at the YMCA. As the start of our 2017 Annual Support Campaign draws near, we wanted you to Save the Date for some exciting campaign events:

The Annual Support Campaign Kickoff Celebration for the association will be Saturday, February 11 at the Dole Cannery located at 650 Iwilei Rd. Please stay tuned for the official invitation.

Windward Branch ASC events:
February 8, ASC Kickoff.
February 15, Report Meeting #1.
February 22, Report Meeting #2
March 1, Report Meeting #3
March 29, Windward Victory Celebration

Please stay tuned for more details about the 2017 Annual Support Campaign. Our branch goal this year is to raise \$80,000, and we are excited to kickoff our campaign in the new year. I'm certain that the Y Service Club plant sale event on Jan. 14th is going to be a huge success!

Thank you for your continued support of our charitable organization. Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

All my best, Leigh Ann

Inspiration

For a new start, ask God for a new heart.

Kind words can lift a heavy heart.

From Daily Bread

Submitted by Marion Liu, Club Service Director, Christian Emphasis

For Your Amusement —

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

My New Year's resolution is to stop hanging out with people who ask me about my New Year's resolutions