



# Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

## Plant Sale at the YMCA was a Great Success

Weeks of preparation, hard work and the leadership of an experienced volunteer plant sale manager BJ Watkins paid off in a successful Windward Y Service Club plant sale at Windward YMCA on Saturday January 14.

Also playing important roles were non-member volunteers Tom Watkins (BJ's husband) and Vic Redding, husband of club President Karla Redding.

Vic was on the streets near the Y early on the Saturday morning setting out signs to attract people to the sale and Tom helped a lot with the setup.

Final results were not available as this issue went to press but brisk sales, higher prices than previous sales due largely to attractive presentation, some advance publicity and the generosity of members with their time and their plants made it an obvious success.

Proceeds of some hundreds of dollars will go to the YMCA to help the Windward Branch Annual Support Campaign.

The sale was conducted under tent roofs in the branch back yard on a fine Saturday morning. Yes, even the weather helped.

Plants donated by members were prepared in advance.

Splitting up dozens of plants into individuals, each nestled in a donated glass container with pebbles



Plant Sale Chair BJ Watkins, second from left, helps customers among the vast array of plants at our club's plant sale January 14 at the Windward YMCA..

helped with the presentation and it was clear that plants were able to fetch higher prices that way than had been attained in the club's previous sales.

Many club members were on hand to help and there was also strong participation by members in the prep-sale activities.

On the sale day, BJ led a team of President Karla, Joe-Ann McCarthy, Marion Liu, Leigh Ann Landreth, Ken Kadomoto, Jim Kanehira, Freda Nakamoto, Freda's mother, Donna Saito, Russ Lynch and other friends and spouses.

It turned out to be a significant fundraiser and was also a lot of fun. Our club banner was on proud

display across the back of one of the tents and Russ brought some club brochures in hopes of attracting new members from among the customers.

It was clear that many of the visitors came to the Y specifically for the plant sale but it was popular with regular YMCA members as well and posters around the Y ahead of the event helped bring in people. See photos on Page 3

### **Important ASC Dates:**

Please be sure to look at the Annual Support Campaign event dates in the Calendar on Page 2. And be ready to help raise \$80,000 for our YMCA.

**Next Meeting: Monday  
February 13, 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

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

## Club Calendar

**February Regional Focus:**  
**Time of Fast Global Projects**  
Regional Service Director:  
Phil Chun, Kalihi

**February 4, Saturday, 10 a.m.**  
Metro District Meeting  
Sunrise church next to Wind-  
ward YMCA

**February 8, Wednesday, 6 p.m.**  
Branch ASC Kickoff  
Windward YMCA.

**February 11, Saturday, 11 a.m..**  
Island-wide ASC kickoff  
Pomaikai Ballrooms

**February 15, Wednesday, 6 p.m.**  
Annual Support Campaign  
Branch Kickoff  
Windward YMCA. (We cater.)

**February 22, Wednesday**  
ASC Report Night,  
Windward YMCA

**Our International Motto:**  
**To acknowledge the duty that  
accompanies every right.**

## Hawaii Region News

# Register for Regional Convention

The Hawaii Region's co-chairs for the 81st Regional Convention, Duke Chung of West Oahu and Bobby Stivers-Apiki of the Hilo and Kaimuki clubs, have completed most of the details for the convention on Kauai May 5-7 and it will be a great one.

Experienced travelers are advising convention attendees to book their air travel as soon as possible because seat availability can get tight. Another reason to book travel now is that fares are reasonable.

For some of us older folks a senior's fare on Island Air can be had for \$62 each way.

But regardless of travel arrangements it's a good idea to complete the convention registration.

There are decent room rates available for our group at the convention hotel, the Courtyard Marriott Kauai. Convention meal packages are good too, including the Friday night luau dinner and



garden tour at Smith's Family Garden.

The convention brochure (above), which includes the form to register for the convention activities and meals, is available on the Hawaii Region website at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

More details will be coming soon, including the part our club will play at the convention.

## U.S. Area News

### Area Convention: Vegas

Actually it will be a joint convention of the U.S. Area and the Canada/Caribbean Area of Y Service Clubs International, to be held August 4th through 6th in Las Vegas.

It would be great for our club to be part of a substantial Hawaii delegation to this important meeting.

There will be a lot of international connections too. The International Council Meeting will be held during the convention, as will the swearing in of Henry Grindheim as new International President.

Ray Seto of our Kaimuki Y Service Club has been exploring travel arrangements and has come up with a travel/hotel package if anyone is interested.

It includes round-trip travel on a Vacations Hawaii Omni Air charter flight, leaving Honolulu August 2 and heading back August 7.

Also included are hotel accommodations at the California, Fremont or Main Street Station hotels (Hawaii's favorites), transportation too and from the airport and many meal tickets.

The cheapest deal, \$699 per person double occupancy, is good until February 25. After that the price rises. The convention itself will be held at a different hotel but access won't be difficult.

If you're interested contact Ray at (808) 398-0408 or email him at:

[luckyatolaloa@aol.com](mailto:luckyatolaloa@aol.com)

## International News

### New YMI Bulletin

"YMI World" is the new name of the bulletin of Y Service Clubs International. The latest has a picture of our Jim Kanehira and an article on one of Windward's international brother clubs, Cochabamba in Bolivia. Get it at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org/YMIworld1701.pdf>

# *Plant Sale Action —*

*Scenes from our successful plant sale January 14 at Windward YMCA*

Right; Event Chair Elizabeth “BJ” Watkins ready for brisk sales action after a busy time setting up early in the morning.



Left: Ken and Marion work the cash box at the check-out counter. They were kept busy throughout the sale.

Below: Leigh Ann and Joe-Ann take a photo break in the middle of the action.



Above: Most of our gang at the sale event. From left are Joe-Ann, Marion, Ken, Freda and mom, Donna, Karla and Jim. Not shown are BJ and Leigh Ann, both busy elsewhere at the sale, and Russ who took the pictures.



# SAVE THE DATE!

## 81<sup>st</sup> 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.*



### YMCA Rummage Sale

The Windward YMCA is holding a big rummage sale on Saturday, February 4, with a vast array of goods for sale at unbeatable prices.

The sale runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's an important fundraiser for the 2017 Annual Support Campaign and was organized by the branch's Youth Development section under the direction of Wendy Tupper.

If you're coming to the Y Service Clubs' Metro District meeting that morning at the nearby church, consider coming early and shopping at the rummage sale first.

Our meeting starts at 10.

You'll be able to find all kinds of household items, kitchen stuff, books, DVDs, clothing, toys, knick knacks, probably even things you didn't know existed.

And remember, every penny you spend goes for the Annual Support Campaign.

By the way, if you have any items around the house that you can donate for this sale, drop them off at the Y.

### Metro Meet at Kailua

The Metropolitan District of Y Service Clubs Hawaii Region will meet Saturday February 4 at Daybreak Hawaii Church.

That's the church just on the Honolulu side of the Windward YMCA.

The meeting runs from 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m. and our club, Windward Y Service Club, will provide the lunch.

On the menu are lasagna from Joe-Ann, garlic bread from Jim and Karla, salad from Donna and rum cake from Ken.

All Y Service Club Members are welcome at the meeting of the district, which is made up of the six Y Service Clubs on Oahu.

Come early and take in the Y Youth Development Rummage Sale in the YMCA branch.

See above story for more information on the sale to benefit the Annual Support Campaign.

### Inspiration

*But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. – Luke 6:32-36 (NIV)*

Following Jesus is a life of costly mercy. To love our enemies and do good to them seems impossible, but as we know more of the nature of God, who is merciful, we find the ability to love those who seem unlovable and we become sacrificial toward those who can't repay us at all. Faith in the good news about God changes us, and that change benefits everyone—even those we don't like.

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