



# Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

Chartered April 5, 1980

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

## Support Campaign Beats its \$80,000 Goal

The Windward Y Service Club played a significant role in this year's Annual Support Campaign for Windward YMCA, helping the branch to beat its \$80,000 goal by more than \$7,000.

Our members were actively involved throughout the campaign. We provided dinner for one of the report nights and we donated \$1,000 from our plant sale. This was in addition to all the work we did gathering pledges from donors and the donations we made as individuals.

Branch Executive Director **Leigh Ann Landreth** told the story best in her latest report to Team Windward:

### News From Our YMCA

By Leigh Ann Landreth

Executive Director, Windward YMCA

Aloha Team Windward,

Many thanks to everyone who came out on March 29 to celebrate our branch's success during our Annual Support Campaign this year!

We enjoyed some great Hawaiian food and fun fellowship with all of our volunteers and staff who worked so tirelessly over the past two months of our fundraising campaign. The Victory Celebration

was a time of gratitude and appreciation for all of Team Windward. For those who could not be there with us, I wanted to share with you some highlights from the evening. We give special thanks to our 2017 ASC Chair and Y Board Member, **Christie Leidholm**, for her enthusiastic leadership to the campaign this year.

Mahalo to our Y Board team who raised \$12,640 during the campaign.

Our Y Service Club members deserve much praise for raising \$13,410 this year, including hosting a very successful plant sale that raised \$1,000 for ASC!

*(Editor's Note: Although she is a member of our club, Leigh Ann*

*does not include in the Service Club total her own contribution and pledges she gathered.)*

A very special THANK YOU goes out to our Leadership Team for organizing and raising funds through bake sales, the rummage sale, the ZumbaThon, musubi and shave ice sales, and direct solicitation.

Our full-time staff team raised \$31,158 this year, and they are to be commended on their hard work and dedication to the campaign this year!

At our Victory Celebration, we announced our team totals and recognized several Star Campaigners for this year:

*Continued on Page 4*



At the Victory Celebration March 29 our members Ken Kadomoto, Gaye Sulkey, Marion Liu, Jim Kanehira, Joe-Ann and Jack McCarthy, Leigh-Ann Landreth and Russ Lynch pose with Campaign Chair Christie Leidholm (in white dress).

**Next Meeting: Monday  
April 10, 6 p.m.  
Windward YMCA**

**Editor: Russ Lynch  
russlych@mac.com**

## Windward Y Service Club

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, Gaye Sulkey,  
Wendy Tupper, B.J. Watkins

Club Bulletin: Send items to  
Bulletin Editor Russ Lynch  
[russlynch@mac.com](mailto:russlynch@mac.com)

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

## Club Calendar

### **April Regional Focus: Leadership Training**

**Regional Service Directors:**  
Keola Taniguchi, West Oahu, and  
Sharon Ishida, Kaimuki

### **March 25, Saturday, 8 a.m.**

Camp Erdman Work Day

### **March 29, Wednesday, 6 p.m.**

ASC Victory Night  
Windward YMCA

### **April 1, Saturday, 6 p.m.**

Metro District Meeting  
Hosted by Kaimuki  
at Waiialae-Kaimuki YMCA

### **April 8, Saturday, 8 a.m.**

YMCA Healthy Kids Day  
Bishop Museum grounds.

### **April 10, Monday, 6 p.m.**

Monthly Club Meeting  
Windward YMCA April 10,

### **May 5-7 Hawaii Region Convention.**

Marriott Courtyard Hotel  
Kauai

### **May 12, Friday, 6 p.m.**

Endowment Dinner  
Manoa Grand Ballroom

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

## Massive Work Day at YMCA Camp Erdman

A total of 64 volunteers, including 52 from Y Service clubs and YMCA branches and 12 from The Society of Young Leaders of the Aloha United Way, spent a large part of Saturday March 25 painting three cabins and doing some yard work at YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman. This was a much bigger turnout than we had in the past.

(See group picture on Page 4.)

Hard work but a good time working alongside and socializing with so many like-minded YMCA-supportive people from around the island. Our club had four people there. Joe-Ann and Jack McCarthy, Marion Liu and Russ Lynch. We enjoyed ourselves, and it was worth paying for it with aches and pains over the next few days.

Camp's catering staff made us a great box lunch too.

It was a long drive for some, about 95 miles round trip from Kailua, but the day was beautiful. Project organizer Isaac Sakamoto of the Nuuanu Y's Men and Women's Club, called the service day "just awesome"

"The success in this project is measured by the coming together of people no matter what organization we represent to serve others. That was certainly done with-

out a doubt with humbleness and thankfulness," he said. And he thanked Camp Branch Executive Director Ron Okimoto for the opportunity to serve.

We'll be out there again in six months.

### **Hawaii Region News**

#### **Foki to Address Convention**

Tibor Foki, who becomes U.S. Area President of Y Service Clubs International on July 1, will be the Area's representative at the Hawaii Region's 81st Convention May 5-7 on Kauai and we can expect to hear some forward-looking thoughts from this California Y's-Man. Tibor, known to many of us from his years providing pins and badges, publications and other items during his time as Y's Men's Supply Store Manager, will be here throughout the convention with his wife Charl.

Originally from Hungary, Tibor started in Y'sdom in 1978 as a charter member of the Long Beach Uptown Y's Men's Club.

Among a number of positions he has held in our organization. Tibor has served as Regional Director of the Pacific Southwest Region.

Convention Registration information is on the Hawaii Region website, <http://ysmenhawaii.org>

## *Inspiration*

*You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. -- Psalm 139:1 (NIV)*

This scripture is both challenging and liberating. It is challenging in that we don't like to think that God sees EVERYTHING that we do or think. It is liberating in that God is the most qualified being in the universe to help us deal with the things in our lives that no one else sees or hears. God's ability to handle the complexities of our soul far outweighs our ability to control our interior life. God knows us yet He still loves us. That is good news.

### **Commentary by Dave Whitehead**

**Senior Pastor**  
[graceNYC.org](http://graceNYC.org)

**Submitted by Marion Liu, Club Service Director, Christian Emphasis**

March 7, 2017



## *Food and Fun for ASC —*

*Scenes from the dinner and Annual Support Campaign report night at Round Table Pizza on March 6. Round Table, a longtime YMCA supporter, donated part of its proceeds from all customers that night to our YMCA.*

Right: From our club, **Ken Kadomoto, David** and **Gaye Sulkey, Jim Kanehira.**

Below: **Bill** and **Trudy Stone** were there too. Heading to live in Texas soon.



Right: **Kawehi Harano**, Y membership director, with other Windward Y people.



Right: Board Chair **Dr. Paul Carry**, Branch exec **Leigh Ann Landreth**, and board members **Kevin Keaveney** and **Christie Leidholm**, 2017 campaign chair.



# ASC Victory

Continued from Page 1

**Team #1 Social Responsibility**  
Team – Board, Service Club, & Exec

Goal: \$36,000

Actual Raised: \$38,573

Exceeded Goal By: \$2,573

Largest Amount of Money Raised

– **Dr. Paul Carry**, raising \$4,625

Largest Number of Pledges – **Jim Kanehira**, with 16 donors, raising \$3,115 (Many thanks to Jim for his speech and group singing fun on the celebration night!)

**Team #2 Healthy Living** Team – Membership, Wellness, Child Watch, & Property

Goal: \$28,000

Actual Raised: \$25,459

Just Shy of Goal By: \$2,540

Largest Amount of Money Raised

and Largest Number of Pledges – **Lee Deir**, with 55 donors, raising \$4,202, WOW!!

Honorable Mention – **Carla Joaquin**, with 26 donors, raising \$2,405

**Team #3 Youth Development**

Team – Youth, Teens, & Aquatics

Goal: \$16,000

Actual Raised: \$23,340

Exceed Goal By: \$7,340!!

Largest Amount of \$ Raised – **Alice Roberts**, raising \$3,265 from 26 Mermaids!

Honorable Mention – Tie Between **Nani Burgess**, raising \$1,769, and **Jackie Schmidt**, raising \$1,518 through our A+ Site Fundraising Efforts

Our Grand Total raised, as of March 29, was....

**\$87,372 on our Goal of 80K!!!**

WAY TO GO, TEAM

WINDWARD!! WE DID IT!!

I am so very thankful for each and every one of you for being willing to contribute your time, talents, and treasure to the YMCA and for encouraging others to do the same.

I thank you so much for your passion and dedication to helping those less fortunate. The need is great in our community, and you have answered the call with re-sounding support!

Kudos to you all for a job well done! I look forward to strengthening the Windward Y community with you in the coming years.

Thank you for all you do in service to others.

**Leigh Ann**



## International News — Thirty New Clubs

India still leads our organization in chartering new clubs. Y's Men International says 30 clubs were chartered from mid-2016 until now — 16 in India, three in Denmark, two in Dubai, one in Thailand and one in the United States, the Westchester Y Service Club in New York.

## News from U.S. Area

### Facing the Future

After a few years in the black thanks to stringent cost controls, the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International once again faces running in the red.

Area President Charley Redmond notes in "Y's Alliance" that since he became roster secretary in 2010 we have lost over one-third of Area members. As a temporary fix the Area will raise dues by \$5 a year but growth is needed.

## Metro District News

### April 1st Meeting

The Metropolitan District of the Hawaii Region, made of of the six Y Service/Y'sMen's clubs on Oahu, will hold a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. on Saturday April 1 at the Waiialae-Kaimuki YMCA, starting at 6 p.m.



**Work Day at Camp Erdman:** Most of the 64 volunteers. See story on Page 2.