



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

Chartered April 5, 1980

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

Busy Times for the Windward Y Service Club

Our Windward Y Service Club has been busy and you can see pictures of some of our activities on Page 3. We're on the lookout for more action so if anyone has ideas about projects to help our community or the Windward YMCA let us know.

Here's a quick summary that doesn't really do justice to the amount of effort and hours we contributed.

End of Summer

A large number of Windward Y Service Club members turned out on July 26, bringing friends and family, to make musubi for sale at the Windward YMCA's end of summer fair. We also made hot dogs and chicken stew. Many of the same people, and a bunch more, were at the Y that evening selling the products and making and selling shave ice.

In all we sold over 200 Spam musubi, 160 hot dogs, two big coolers full of chicken stew and a lot of shave ice.

We sold out of everything and had total sales of \$1,118. A donation of some of the proceeds was made to the YMCA. It was a lot of work by a lot of people but we always

enjoy this annual project and it helps the Y.

Par Hawaii Golf

Jim Kanehira and Russ Lynch put in a day on Friday, September 22, as volunteers at the Par Hawaii Golf Tournament. This charity event at the Kapolei Golf Course put on by the big fuel refining and selling business was for the benefit of Special Olympics Hawaii and the YMCA of Honolulu.

The YMCA was promised a donation of at least \$15,000 if it came up with at least 25 volunteers for the day and thanks to ours and other Y Service Clubs and volunteering Y staffers it did much better than that.

The result was a donation of more than \$20,000 to YMCA of Honolulu. Those who attended saw that if it comes up again there will need to be some changes made in the

way volunteers are recruited and put to work but we have had the one experience now and the needed changes are clear.

Metro and Region Meetings

Our club had a substantial presence at both the Metro District mid-year meeting on October 14 and the Hawaii Region mid-year council meeting on November 4. Our Joe-Ann McCarthy ran the Metro meeting as District Governor, helped by Windward's Russ Lynch as district secretary and Ken Kadomoto, district treasurer.

Christmas Party

We'll join the Nuuanu club December 1 for a joint Christmas party at the Pagoda Hotel. Bring a wrapped \$5-value gift to go into a grab box. Pay \$35 at the door. Jim Kanehira will lead the Christmas sing-along — of course!

It's a wrap!
Leigh Ann Landreth, imported from the mainland just over a year ago as our new Windward YMCA branch executive director, finishes making her first-ever Spam musubi, guided by **Ann Wong**, left, and Ann's husband **Gerald**. They were preparing for the end of summer fair.



**Next Meeting: Monday
November 13, 6 p.m.
Windward YMCA
Operation Christmas Child
Boxes**

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Landreth, Karel Ling, Makena Liu,
Marion Liu, Russ Lynch, Jack
McCarthy, Freda Nakamoto,
Donald Scott, Osamu Shoji,
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We meet on the second Monday
of every month at 6 p.m. in the
Windward YMCA

Club Calendar

November Regional Focus: Brotherhood Fund

Regional Service Director:
Phil Chun, Kalihi

November 4, Saturday, 10 a.m.

Hawaii Region Council
Mid-Year Meeting
Ilima Hotel, Waikiki

November 13, Monday, 6 p.m.

Monthly Club Meeting
Windward YMCA. Bring items
to fill shoe boxes for
Operation Christmas Child.

December 1, Friday, 6 p.m.

Joint Christmas Party with
Nuuanu Club.
La Salle Room, Pagoda Hotel

December 11, Monday, 6 p.m.

Monthly Club Meeting
Windward YMCA.

May 4-6, Friday-Sunday

Hawaii Region Convention
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

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

District News

Shave Ice at Camp Erdman

The Y Service Clubs on Oahu will once again staff the shave ice booth at the YMCA of Honolulu's Healthy Kids Day, but the 2018 event will be at YMCA Camp Erdman.

The Metro District Council Meeting on October 14 at the Ilima Hotel gave the go-ahead but details have to be worked out. Metro District Governor Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward) and her team are working on the details.

International News

International Convention in Hawaii in 2022 a Possibility

The U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International is working toward making a bid to hold the 2022 International Convention in the United States and there is a lot of favorable feeling towards making Hawaii the convention location.

This is already the subject of serious discussion, mostly involving whether Hawaii clubs are big enough, strong enough and young enough in membership to do the work that would be required of the host region.

We will all be five years older and many of us are already up there in years, goes the counter-argument. However, it has been pointed out that the International

organization and the U.S. Area would be responsible for much of the work.

It's an important convention because it will celebrate 100 years since the first Y's Men's Club was founded in Toledo Ohio.

U.S. Area

U.S.-Canada-Caribbean Merger is Under Discussion

The U.S. Area of our organization could end up merging with the Canada-Caribbean Area as a way of preserving strength in the face of dwindling membership.

The idea is still in the early discussion phase but it will become increasingly a topic of conversation unless the current downward trend in membership in both Areas somehow gets turned around.

Operation Christmas Child

It's time again to fill boxes of goodies for needy kids around there world under the huge and growing Christian support program of Samaritan's Purse. Bring to our November 12 meeting enough kids' items to fill a shoe box and we'll pack there.

This time no candies, no toothpaste, no liquids, no snack or food items. For full details of what to bring go to the website

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org>

Inspiration

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

– *Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)*

Our culture esteems quick wit, but many times that wit devolves into words that hurt others for a laugh. The Proverbs challenges us to see our tongue as a healing balm. How do you do that? It starts with what we are looking for. Instead of looking for the inconsistencies in other people's lives, start to notice the strengths. When what we notice is turned into words, we can encourage others in ways that few people do.

Commentary by Dave Whitehead

Senior Pastor

graceNYC.org

Submitted by Marion Liu, Club Service Director, Christian Emphasis

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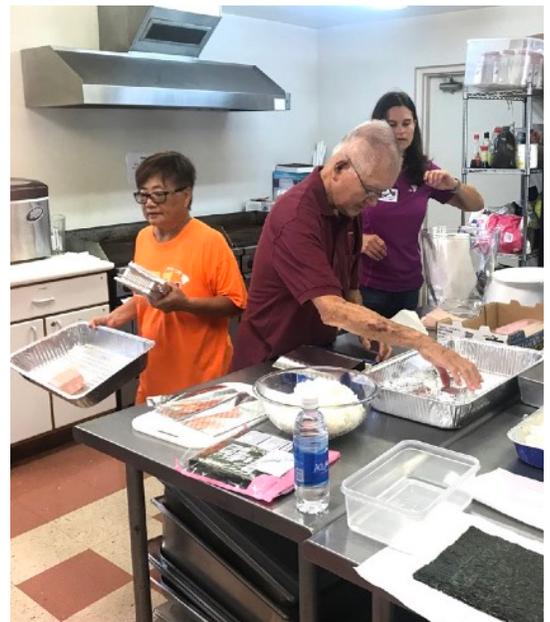
Windward at Work — Some pictures of our recent activities



End of Summer Fun Night at Windward Y on July 26 brought a lot of us together preparing and serving musubi, hot dogs, stew and shave ice. Above: Ace Thomas at work, Above right: Jim Kanehira, Karel Ling and Marion Liu serving stew and hot dogs, Center right: Gaye Sulkey, Jim, Karel and Marion. Below: Joe-Ann McCarthy and BJ Watkins with Wendy Tupper in back work the shave ice stand. Bottom right: Joe-Ann, Ken Kadamoto and Wendy making musubi.



Russ Lynch moves some food supplies at the Par Hawaii Golf Tournament. Russ and Jim Kanehira were among volunteers at the September 22 Kapolei event that brought a donation of more than \$20,000 to the YMCA of Honolulu.



From Our YMCA

YMCA of Honolulu Turns 150 Years Old in 2019

In 2019, the YMCA of Honolulu will celebrate its 150th Anniversary. This will be a year-long highlight for our Y, and our (Windward's) very own Dr. Paul Carry is serving as the Chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee.

Each branch is being asked to provide a board volunteer to serve on the sub committee group for the 150th Commemorative Dinner, which will be held in September or October of 2019.

Windward Pool Closure

Thanks to a very gracious donor and incredible friend of the Windward YMCA, we are thrilled to announce that we will be able to move forward with repairs to the pool deck, re-plastering of the pool surface and other needed pool system repairs. Mahalo nut loa to our very own Sue Wild for being such an incredible volunteer, ambassador and friend of our YMCA 'ohana. The pool renovation project will require the pool to be drained and closed for a period of 5-6 weeks. The pool will close for the renovation project on Saturday November 25 and open as a New Year's gift to our members around January 1, 2018.

Our branch has information about alternative pool locations and members are encouraged to use pools at the other YMCA branches.

Editor's Note:

Leigh Ann Landreth, executive director of the Windward YMCA, wrote these items in letters to the branch board and in a new publication for branch members called "Windward Yireless."



A Traveler's Tale —

Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands

By Freda Nakamoto

I'm a city girl, raised in concrete. I'm not comfortable in nature. You'd never catch me barefoot on the grass.

Because of this many people met my declaration that I was going on vacation to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with a stare and frown and a "Where are you going???"

Ecuador is beautiful and cold with thin air. Our guide kept saying we are at 9,300 feet, move slowly. Not a problem. If I moved at my normal pace I'd be out of breath after going 20 feet.

I saw my first llama outside the zoo there. I saw so many exquisite knitted and crochet items. Everyone tried to sell me blankets made from llama wool. I kept saying I come from Hawaii and would die from a heat stroke with a wool blanket.

My hotel room was gigantic. My whole apartment would fit in it. Plus it had a balcony with an entire patio set on it with room to spare.

The Isabella II was our ship to cruise the Galapagos.

They called it a yacht but I would call it a nice boat — 20 rooms. (If

you're wondering about the Isabella I, it sank.)

You never saw the housekeeping staff but every time

you left your room they would come in and straighten up. If you left your room five times a day they would clean and straighten it up five times a day.

Oh, there were also no keys to your front door. Weird at first but you got used to it.

I totally enjoyed looking at all the seals, birds and iguanas. They are totally unafraid of humans.

We had three naturalists with us to educate us and keep us at least six feet from the wildlife. But if you would just sit or lie down, the seal or bird would come right up to you.

You could take their picture and just wait until they checked you out and moved on before you would get up.

TOTALLY AWESOME!

I wholeheartedly would encourage anyone to go.



Hawaii Leader to Head US Area

Bobby Stivers-Apiki, on the far right, has been selected to become U.S. Area president-elect and International Council members-elect, starting July 1, 2018. The positions lead automatically to Bobby becoming U.S. Area president.

With him at the Hawaii Region Mid-Year Council meeting on November 4 were current Hawaii Regional Director Eddie Miwa, left, and Regional Director-Elect Sharon Ishida — and the new Hawaii Region banner.



Photo by Russ Lynch