



# Windward Y'er

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## Windward Y Campaign Has \$44,000 to Go

At the end of four weeks into the yearly fund raiser for the YMCA of Honolulu, this of us who support the Windward YMCA have gathered pledges totaling \$41,000.

With five weeks to go, that's nearly half the branch goal of \$85,000. That's very good progress but it also means there's \$44,000 to go and we are well along with the campaign,

Our club and the five other Y Service Clubs on Oahu are working hard to make their usual strong contribution to what is now simply called the Annual Campaign.

As a whole, the YMCA of Honolulu is seeking to raise \$1 million this year.

Last year our branch raised more than \$90,000 and spent just over \$100,000 on the campaign's main purpose, providing financial assistance to those who need YMCA services and programs but cannot afford them.

Our group is doing well although some of us still have calls to make. The Windward Y service Club is in Team 1, which is us and the members of the Y branch board of managers. Together we have brought in pledges for nearly \$25,000 towards the team goal of \$33,000.

"Many thanks for all you do," said **Leigh Ann Landreth**, Windward branch executive director. But in a newsletter to supporters at the end of the first four weeks she added: "Let's do more."

So far there have been a campaign kickoff at the branch and two campaign rallies, including the February 7 one at which our club provided the meal.

Leigh Ann thanked us "for our yummy dinner" and she went on to list other events that are part of the campaign — including a Zumbathon, the Youth Development team rummage sale Saturday February 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a rally night at Round Table Pizza in Enchanted Lake on Wednesday February 21, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

That's always fun.

There will also be "Dine for a Cause" at Panda Express from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in which the Windward Y Annual Campaign will get 20 percent of the proceeds from food purchases by those present-

ing a flyer identifying them as part of our campaign. (The flyer will be available at our February club meeting for this who don't have one.)

The Aquatics Department, as part of the Youth Development Team, will run a "Winner Winner Chicken Dinner" on Saturday March 17 from noon to 6 p.m. and tickets are on sale now at the Y.

There are other events coming March, leading up to the Victory Dinner on March 21.

"Many thanks for all you do," Leigh Ann told supporters.

### Hawaii Region News

#### Sammer Accepts RD Post

**Phil Sammer**, president of the Central Y Service Club, will be the next Hawaii Regional Director, taking office at the end of the convention in May. **Sharon Ishida** (Kaimuki) has stepped down for personal reasons. Sammer, who has served as RD twice before and was U.S. Area President 2009 to 2011, already took up the post of Regional Director Elect and said he will quit his club presidency



Leigh Ann Landreth

**Next Meeting: Monday  
February 12, 5 p.m.  
Windward YMCA  
Note new starting time**

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Club President **Karla Redding** with plant sale leader **Bj Watkins** at our big plant sale at Windward YMCA February 3. See more pictures on Page 3.



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

Members: Kenneth Kadomoto,  
James Kanehira, Leigh Ann  
Landreth, Makena Liu, Marion Liu,  
Russ Lynch, Jack McCarthy,  
Freda Nakamoto, Donald Scott,  
Osamu Shoji, Colleen Shibano,  
Gaye Sulkey, Wendy Tupper,  
Bj 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 3, Saturday, 9 a.m.**  
Plant sale at Windward YMCA

**February 7, Wednesday, 6 p.m.**  
Annual Campaign Rally  
Windward YMCA. Our club  
provides the food.

**February 12, Monday, 5 p.m.**  
Monthly Club Meeting  
Windward YMCA. (New time)

**February 17, Saturday, 8 a.m.  
to 1 p.m.**  
Windward YMCA Rummage  
Sale for Annual Campaign

**February 21, Wednesday, 6 p.m.**  
Annual Campaign Rally  
Round Table Pizza.

**February 27, Tuesday, 10 a.m.**  
Houseless help project  
Daybreak Church

**May 4-6, Friday-Sunday**  
Hawaii Region Convention  
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

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

## International Volunteer Opportunities

Our January dub meeting was treated to a very interesting presentation on an organization called Tandana Foundation that provides a wide range of volunteer services to villager in Africa, Ecuador and other parts of the world.

Tandana's co-founder is **Anna Taft**, wife of **John Tsukayama**. John is a son of our late member **Conrad Tsukayama**. Her talk, with slides, covered a variety of activities that Tandana does. Some involve a kind of mix of tourism and volunteerism as people travel to a remote place to stay a while and during their stay help the local residents with gardens, building and other activities.

Just one example, grain banks: In Mali, Africa, a branch of Tandana bought mullet right after the harvest when it was plentiful and

*Why did the man in the Japanese restaurant steal nori from another diner's plate?  
Because he was a kelpto-maniac.*

prices were low and held on to it



until tough food-supply times. Tandana will hold 15 volunteer programs this year in Ecuador alone. Tandana enlists the help of specialist volunteers such as doctors but also welcomes with no particular skills who learn as they work. Above: Anna talks to our club

### U.S. Area News

#### Meeting to be Online

The U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International will hold its Mid-Year Meeting online this time, so as to avoid costly travel for leaders, service directors and others who want to take part.

The key leaders will meet physically but others need not travel to the February 24 event. With declining membership and a tight budget, travel is an expense that can be trimmed, Area President **Tibor Foki** believes.

### Inspiration

*To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.— Proverbs 18:13 NIV*

One of the great principles of negotiation is to seek first to understand, and then be understood. We are prone to give answers before we know the full situation, which only makes the person we are talking to feel invalidated in their perspectives. Parents need to listen to children, children to parents, spouse to spouse, worker to worker, and on it goes. So resist the shallow sound bites that you hear on media. Take the time to listen to each other. You may find it the most profitable thing you can do.

**Commentary by Dave Whitehead**  
Senior Pastor  
[graceNYC.org](http://graceNYC.org)

Submitted by Marion Liu, Club Service Director, Christian Emphasis  
January 29, 2018

# A Busy Time for Windward Club

Our club members were busy throughout January and February with events such as the big plant sale at the YMCA on February 3 and the launching of the YMCA's Annual Campaign for financial support. Here are some pictures showing our people in action.



Left and right: Members worked at President **Karla Redding's** house preparing plants for the big sale.



Below left: The plant sale's biggest customer, **Jackie Salauskas**, was delighted with this find and kept coming back for more. Below right: **Joe-Ann McCarthy** checks price tags on items for sale.



For more pictures see the website of the Hawaii Region of Y Service Clubs <http://ysmenhawaii.org>



Above: At the cashier's desk **Colleen Shibano, Ken Kadomoto, Marion Liu** and **Leigh Ann Landreth**. Details of the results of the plant sale and what it raised for the Y Annual Campaign will be in the next issue of Windward Y'er.

Helping those in need. **Colleen Shibano** and **Jim Kanehira** prepare bags of blankets and other items for homeless people at the first Windward Houseless Service Care event on January 30 at Daybreak Church next to the Y. Several members of our club helped were volunteers, The YMCA will take part in the event on the last Tuesday of every month, along with a range of service providers to help fill food, clothing, health, ID, legal and other needs



Our Japan member **Osamu "Sam" Shoji** likes to travel and last year he and wife **Yasuko** made a memorable trip to Madagascar, an island country in the Indian Ocean off Eastern Africa. Here you see Yasuko and Sam having fun with the famous lemur monkeys and mixing with the locals.



## Shoji Has Exciting Trip to Madagascar

*By Sam Shoji*

I've wanted to go to Madagascar for several years. Finally, I could go in the middle of October with my wife.

We gathered to Haneda airport in the evening and left from there. About 19 hours later we arrived in Madagascar.

Madagascar is the 4th largest island in the world. It's about 1.6 times as big as Japan. It's located in the western part of the Indian Ocean.

The people there are 70 percent poor but they make a living through farming stock breeding, and fishing.

The official languages are French and Malagasy. An amount of 5,000 yen (\$50 U.S.) is about 160,000 of the local currency, ariary. I felt like a rich man.

I was there during the dry season, so the weather was great.

We had a harder schedule during this trip. We went on a canoe ride. We went to several nature reserves and a forest reserve, which monkeys and birds inhabited.

We hiked there for two hours and saw many animals, like goats, birds and cows.

We went to a place with many famous baobab trees lining the road on both sides.

A chameleon stayed on my arm and a monkey (lemur) rode on my body and head.

At 5:45 p.m. the sunset created a beautiful scene, the silhouette of the baobab trees in front of the red sun. Early the next morning, I went to see the sunrise, but I was unlucky, because it was too cloudy.

Many monkeys jumped along a rail and flew off into the trees, it was funny.

One day, we woke up at 4 a.m. and drove 11 hours.

We enjoyed looking at the villages and towns from the windows of our jeep.

Many of the members of our group got car sick.

Of course, the only toilet was the outdoors. The women were not happy.

Our mealtime attracted mosquitoes and flies. Quickly, I covered my glass with my coaster.

We were able to see Santa Maria Hospital.

We had a good time, talking with the hospital teacher.

I was happy to finally be in Madagascar!

I had a lot of experiences.

### **International News**

#### **Small-Club Exemption**

After a lot of complaints, Y Service Clubs International is reconsidering its decision to drop the exemption that allows small clubs, those with fewer than 15 members, to vote in international elections and on other international matters. Dropping the exemption would have taken voting rights away from hundreds, if not thousands, of clubs around the world, including some in Hawaii.

#### **Windward Annual Campaign Kickoff Visitor**

Our mainland member **Don Scott** came all the way from North Carolina to be at the start of the 2018 Annual Campaign at the Windward YMCA January 27. Well, he was there anyway. Here's Don on the left with **Jim Kanehira** and **Russ Lynch** at the kickoff dinner. Don gets to Hawaii when he can and in spirit he is certainly not an absentee member. We won't see Don at the Hilo convention though. He has other travels.

