



Windward Y'er

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Hawaii Region Convention - Great Memories

Some members of our club were involved in a lot of work before, during and after the 82nd Hawaii Region Convention in Hilo but the May 4-6 convention was worth it.

From Windward Y Service Club, the following went to Hilo:

Karla Redding, president; Joe-Ann McCarthy vice president; Jim and Gladys Kanehira, Russ Lynch, Donna Saito and Sam and Yasuko Shoji (from Japan).

Karla, Joe-Ann and Donna were involved in the raffle throughout the convention and Joe-Ann had other roles as a member of the convention committee and a leader of "Peace Through My Eyes" poster/essay contest for YMCA kids.

There was some sightseeing beforehand, such as Russ's drive of the Shoji's up to see the volcano on the Thursday night.

Then the official start took place Friday at the Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo. Guests were welcomed in the planetarium, followed by a planetarium show and the official convention opening..

What followed was a great experience — heavy pupus and drinks in the Astronomy Center's large exhibition area, allowing for a lot of socializing as well as a chance for a leisurely look at the exhibits.

A nice time was also had at the hospitality suite in our hotel, the Hilo Hawaiian, later that night.

Saturday was official convention business at the hotel. A couple of items of interest:

Peace Project. The convention voted to continue the "Peace Through My Eyes: poster/essay competition for kids attending the YMCA branches. Funding is pretty much gone and discussions will be held later on how to finance it.

New RD. Phil Sammer, who has been president of the Central Y Service Club, became Regional Director for 2018-2020. Phil, general manager of the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki, has served as regional director before and has also served as U.S. Area President of Y

Service Clubs International. His vast experience will lead us well.

After the official dinner Saturday night a hardy few, including some from Japan, joined some of the Hilo people for drinks and karaoke at a local karaoke bar.

Our Sam Shoji (a member of our club as well as our Japan brother club Osaka-Senboku Y's Men) sang us some Elvis Presley did some close-up magic tricks to entertain those at his table. Sunday was a devotional at the hotel and the convention closed but there was a lunch at Kuhio Grille.

You will find more information about Windward's convention time on our web page at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org/windward.html>

Endowment

Kilohana "Kilo" Moa poses with her mom after being recognized as this year's Windward Y Service Club "Golden Book" honoree at the Endowment Dinner May 18 in the Manoa Grand Ballroom. Kilo is aquatics director at Windward YMCA. Along with the recognition that is now on record at Y Service Clubs International headquarters in Geneva, our club made a donation to the international endowment fund to help troubled YMCAs and other communities around the world. Read the Golden Book entry about Kilo on Page 4.

Photo by Wendy Tupper



**Next Meeting: Monday
June 11, 5 p.m.
Windward YMCA**

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Landreth, Makena Liu, Marion Liu,
Russ Lynch, Jack McCarthy,
Freda Nakamoto, Donald Scott,
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We meet on the second Monday
of every month at 5 p.m. in the
Windward YMCA

Club Calendar

June Regional Focus:
Public Relations
Regional Service Director:
Russ Lynch, Windward

June 11, Monday, 5 p.m.
Monthly Club Meeting
Windward YMCA.

**June 26, Tuesday, 10 a.m.-
to Noon**
Houseless Project
Daybreak Church

July 9, Monday, 5 p.m.
Monthly Club Meeting
Windward YMCA.

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



Windward YMCA Executive Director Leigh Ann Landreth holds a check for \$1,000 donated to the Y's 2018 Annual Campaign by the Windward Y Service Club. The money was from our plant sale held on the YMCA grounds. With her are, left, Club President Karla Redding and, right, Vice President Joe-Ann McCarthy.

Club Helped Y Pass Annual Campaign Goal

The Windward YMCA started its 2018 Annual Campaign in February with a goal of \$85,000 in pledges from all sources. By the time the campaign ended in late March, the goal had been met and passed, for a total of \$101,000.

And the members of the Windward Y Service Club produced more than \$30,000 of that, or 30 percent.

A substantial part of that — about half — came from top YMCA

staffers Leigh Ann Landreth and Wendy Tupper, but they are both strong and active members of our club and we are happy to count them among us. One part of the club's contribution was \$1,000 from the proceeds of our successful plant sale on Windward Y grounds on February 3.

This was Leigh Ann's second big fund-raiser since joining our Y but she had done campaigns like this 16 times before on the mainland

Inspiration

I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand..— Isaiah 41:9-10 NIV

Isaiah prophesies that even though Israel is rebellious, God is with her. This shows that no matter what past mistake haunts you, God will not forsake his children. Even if you feel that the journey has been hard and you are a long way from home, God is here to hold you by His power. His love is greater than the most challenging circumstances, and His power is greater than the most overwhelming difficulties.

Commentary by Dave Whitehead, Senior Pastor, graceNYC.org

Submitted by Marion Liu, Club Service Director, Christian Emphasis

Some of our club activities —

It's been a while since our last club bulletin so here's a little catching up in the form of photos.



Above: Colleen Shibano and Joe-Ann McCarthy assist at one of YMCA-led houseless-help functions at Daybreak Church next to Windward Y. These morning events on the last Tuesday of each month are growing in acceptance. New member Colleen was by herself at the latest one, May 29, because our usual crew had a stack of other commitments,



Right: Kawehi Harano, membership director of Windward YMCA, gives a bag of goodies to Marion Liu and Joe-Ann McCarthy to recognize our club's help in the Y's 2018 Annual Campaign. The occasion was the victory dinner March 21.



Our club joined with Kalihi Y Service Club at a dinner May 11 at Wah Kung restaurant in Mapunapuna to host Nancy Libby, on the left, the U.S. Area's official representative the 82nd Hawaii Region Convention. Nancy is corporate secretary of the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International.



Endowment Dinner May 18: At right, Karla Redding holds a candle while she helps conduct a new-member induction ceremony. Windward's new member Colleen Shibano is on the right of the group. Left, Windward President Karla Redding presents Kilo Moa, aquatics director of Windward YMCA, with a copy of the certificate that recognized Kilo as an International Golden Book honoree.



My Hawaii Convention Trip

Reporter: Osamu Shoji "Sam"

On the evening of May 3, my wife Yasuko and I flew 4,000 miles in the sky on JAL flight 8792 to attend the 82nd Hawaii Region Convention on Hawaii island.

We were there until May 8. Russ Lynch of the Windward Y's club was waiting for us at the airport.

After a short break, we went to Kilauea Volcano for sightseeing.

There were a lot of people, so the parking area was full.

Today's eruption made an especially good scene.

However, in the parking lot, the front left wheel of our rental car got to flat,

I thought it was a problem.

But Russ was calm and changed the tire in just a few minutes.

For, Japanese drivers, maybe it's impossible? (*Editor's Note: Russ had help from two National Park rangers who were very busy al-*

ready without this extra task.)

The next morning, my wife and I went to the shopping center until noon.

While we were shopping on the second floor, there was a big earthquake.

The floor shook, and the room swayed back and forth.

We went back to the hotel in a hurry.

There was an announcement to be careful of aftershocks or a tsunami.

The convention was held as if nothing happened.

Windward members (I belong) and Hawaii Region members were happy to be reunited.

They greeted each other from all over the room with loud voices.

We had fun at Karaoke!

The next Hawaii Region Director Phil Sammer was decided.

On the last night, we went to din-



Sam Shoji shows some magic during a break in karaoke singing after convention business was done for the day, Saturday, May 5, in Hilo.

ner and talked with members of the West Oahu and Japanese Y's club.

After we returned to Japan, we were surprised to hear that Kilauea Volcano was active.

Lava flowed from May 4 to May 6. There were 1,000 earthquakes and many houses were destroyed.

Our Golden Book Tribute to Kilohana Moa

Living Tribute to Kilohana Moa

The Windward Y Service Club is delighted to present Kilo for a tribute in the Golden Book of Y Service Clubs International.

Windward YMCA Executive Director Leigh Ann Landreth had this to say about Kilo: "Our beloved Aquatics Director, Kilo Moa, embodies what it means to be a YMCA Servant Leader. She is compassionate, leads by example, and always puts the needs of others before her own.

"Kilo is a veteran member of the YMCA of Honolulu staff team, boasting nearly 20 years of experience with our association. In addition to her vast knowledge and expertise in the field of aquatics, Kilo's focus on offering quality aquatics programming at our

branch shines through in high program participant satisfaction.

"With the highest program quality scores out of any branch of the YMCA of Honolulu and with scores well above the national average, Kilo demonstrates excellence in leading and managing aquatics programs. Kilo's passion for service is second-to-none and her long-time dedication to the Y commendable. We are so blessed and fortunate to have Kilo on our Y team."

Kilo started her YMCA career in 1998 when she was recruited by Kalihi Y Exec Tony Pfaltzgraff who saw her teaching swimming at the Kalihi Valley pool. She worked at the Kalihi YMCA branch and then at Central YMCA, which closed in February 2015. When she saw there was an opening for Aquatics

Director at Windward YMCA Kilo applied, got the job and started work at Windward in April 2015.

From the beginning it has been working with children that has brought her the most joy. "To see the growth in children," she said. "A three-year-old who was afraid of water and now jumps in." Kilo also enjoys seeing new staff come in and gaining new skills.

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President***

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