



Windward Y'er

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YMCA Campaign Passes Half-Way Mark

The "Friends of Youth" annual support campaign is flying by and we have been doing a lot to raise money for Windward's part of this YMCA fund, named the "Family Tree" by our Y staff.

Our members are working hard on old and new contacts as we strive to reach the Y's Men's group's \$23,350 share of the total Windward goal of \$68,000. As of the end of the second report night on February 15, our group had brought in pledges worth \$12,000, just past half way to our group's goal. There is still more to be done but the news so far is good. See President **Marion's** report on page 3 for more on this.

There is one more report night, starting 6 p.m. on Thursday February 22 at the Coldwell Banker Pacific real estate offices in Kailua. It is hoped that members who can't make it there, to turn in their packets and pick up the phones to drum up more donations, will turn in their reports to the Windward YMCA by that Thursday. Otherwise, please hand your to someone who will be attending.

We've been treated to some great pizza from Round Table Pizza, owned by long-time Y member and supporter **John Parker**, and either John or his wife **Sheryl** has been on hand to help us enjoy it. So come on down on February 22. It's upstairs in the building between Longs Drugs and First Hawaiian Bank. It's a good chance to meet other people involved in this great campaign to raise funds to help those who cannot afford YMCA services they need for their children or for themselves. Y Executive



Top, Second Report Night: **Bill Stone** peps up the group at Coldwell Banker February 15 while **Jim, Karel** and **Ken** eat Round Table pizza and listen in. Above, Kickoff Dinner: **Karel, Ken, Ken K., Lillian** and **Marion** at the ASC Kickoff at Castle Medical Center January 31.

Coming ASC Events:

February 15, Phone Night

February 22, Phone Night

March 7, Victory Dinner

Our Next Meeting:

March 6, Tuesday, 7 p.m. at

Windward YMCA (note the change of date).

Director **Bill Stone** reminds us that our branch never says "no" to anyone asking for financial help to use the YMCA.

And although this is a campaign for all the YMCAs, whatever Windward raises, the Windward branch gets to use. The money doesn't get lost in some other fund. Please note: Although the final report night is this week, the

fund-raising doesn't end then. There are still two more weeks to go before the big Victory Dinner at the new YMCA in Waipahu on March 7 and even after that you can still seek pledges.

*Y's Men's Motto:
"To Acknowledge
the Duty that Accompanies
Every Right"*



Windward Y's Men's
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Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

“Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.”

-Psalm 16:5-8

Club Marks “Time of Fast” in February

Jim Kanehira put on a nice little exercise at our February meeting to get us into the spirit of Time of Fast, which Y's Men's clubs around the world mark in February each year.

And at the same time, Jim educated us about the history of Time of Fast and what it has achieved for so many people in need.

The fun part was a game of Jan Ken Po. Jim issued us all little bags of chocolate kisses, five in a bag, and then we played rock-paper-scissors with each other.

Lose and you hand of over a candy to the winner. In the end, those who had more than the five they started with donated a dollar for each added chocolate and those who ended up with less than five gave 50 cents for each one they were down.

There wasn't much money involved, but Treasurer Ken was able to put aside a few dollars, in addition to the standard donation the club had already made, of \$12 per paying member.

It got us moving and talking and joking and at the same time gave us a few moments to reflect on Time of Fast.

Jim told us how in 1972 Y's Men International created a fund to provide assistance to people in poor areas of the world, working through the World Alliance of YMCAs.

It developed into a plan for Y's Men and Women to give up one meal (usually during the month of February) and donate to Time of Fast the money they would have spent on that meal.

Many clubs just pay a set amount, in our case \$12 a head,

but some do actually fast or make other sacrifices and other donations.

The money goes into poverty programs administered by the YMCAs and the Y's Men's Clubs.

Here is the figure that surprised some of us: Since its start in 1972, Time of Fast has raised a whopping \$4.4 million.

Y's Men International's goal is now to raise close to \$300,000 a year.

In the context of ToF, Jim quoted a grace that was used before meals by clubs in Scandinavia:

*Some people have food
But cannot eat.
Other people can eat
But have no food.
I thank you God -
I am so happy
That I can eat
And I have food.*

According to Y's Men International, ToF today supports 21 ongoing projects and six newly approved projects in 16 countries.

The biggest recipient countries are India, Africa and Latin American countries, but money also goes to Asia, Europe, Mexico and the USA, as well as South Pacific nations.

For the last couple of years, some of the support has gone into something called the Unified Global Project with the theme “HIV/AIDS Prevention - Y's Men's Mission.”

The fund several times has come into play in times of emergency, helping to feed people who have been hit by natural disasters or other troubles that have left them in need of food and shelter.

Register now for the 71st Hawaii Convention. May is coming fast!
Get the registration forms at:

<http://homepage.mac.com/russlynch/ConvRegstr.pdf>

Metro Meeting Soon

The Metro District will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, at the Kalihi YMCA. Our members are urged to attend, not only because Windward is host for the evening — which means we provide the food and beverages — but also because the details of the upcoming 71st Hawaii Region Y's Men's Convention will be finalized at the meeting.

Metro District is hosting the convention and Windward is responsible for "program" at the convention. **Donna** has been doing just tons of work on this, sitting in on convention committee and drafting and redrafting lists of what should be happening at the convention, pretty much down to minute-by-minute.

The district meeting is a chance to hear more details and put in your own two cents worth.

District Governor **Rick Lau** has issued an agenda for the meeting. (Check our Web site if you want to download your own copy).

There will be reports from the presidents of the six Metro District clubs, but the main business will be Convention.

However, **Garret Ho** (Central) will talk about a project to feed the homeless.

Please let Marion know soonest if you are able to attend this important meeting.

Meeting Notice

Our March club meeting will be on the 6th, a Tuesday, rather than the usual first Wednesday. The reason is that the Wednesday has been set aside for the Victory Dinner for the "Friends of Youth" annual YMCA support campaign.

Our meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday at Windward YMCA. The victory dinner is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 7 at the Leeward YMCA in Waipahu, jointly with Leeward and Nuuanu campaigners.

President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007

Kung Hee Sun Nin!
Kung Hee Fat Choy!



It's the Year of the Boar — 2/18/07. Those born in these years are "boar": 2007, 1995, 1983, 1971, 1947, 1935, 1923. You get to celebrate for an entire year, then wait for another 12 for the next celebration.

Boars are patient, thoughtful, optimistic, analytical, intense, sentimental, secretive, stubborn and self-centered. Is this you, **Emma**? So, with that said, we are back to basics, the basics of ASC.

We did so well the first week. What happened to Week 2?

We do have ups and downs. I guess it was just a down week for us. We were low man on the totem pole — only 34 percent of our goal achieved — BUT, I have much faith in our group.

I know we'll make it — and more!!!

The kickoff dinner was delicious and lots of fun. I didn't realize vegetarian could taste so good. Pah Ke's did a fantastic job.

The icebreaker was so much fun. We should try it at the Convention.

Thank you, **Wendy** and her staff. We had a really fun night.

February Focus: Time of Fast,

Jim brought refreshments Jim enlightened us re Time of Fast (at our February meeting), the beginning and where it stands financially today. Big Bucks. We didn't fast. Jim brought refreshments. We played "junk n' a po" and all proceeds went into the Time of Fast till!

Our next project will be making shave ice for Kalaheo High's '07 "Project Grad" for Lindsey's class at their Fun Fair, on Friday March 2nd. It'll be held right after school, 2:30 to 6:30. We should do well, with all profits going to the 2007 Class.

Don't forget to attend the Metro District Meeting on February 28, 6:30 p.m. at Kalihi YMCA. It will be a full session of Convention planning and finalizing. Remember, we are the Host Club for the meeting.

Aloha, Marion

Stop Press Note: After the above was written we got the great news that at the end of the second report night on February 15, the Y's Men's group had brought in a total of about \$12,000 and that's 51 percent of our goal. Congratulations everyone and keep plugging.

Editor's Note:

You will see that this is a combined February-March issue. The bulletin should be coming out each month a few days before each club meeting, to give members a heads-up about the meeting and a reminder to be there, but we've been getting a bit late due to some holidays and the really big load of activities our club has undertaken. To catch up, we're skipping an issue and combining two months. The next issue will be in late March and we will have tons of stuff to report about by then. Please remember, your contributions are always welcome. Meanwhile, keep an eye on the Website <http://ysmenwin> for announcements. *Russ*

Club Calendar

February 15 and 22, Thursdays

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Phone Nights, Coldwell Banker. Turn in your Annual Support Campaign reports and man the phones to drum up more donations.

February 28, Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Metro District Meeting Kalihi YMCA. We're providing food.

March 2, Friday

2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Making shave ice for fundraiser for "Project Grad" at Kalaheo High School.

March 6, Tuesday

Club meeting. 7 p.m. at Windward YMCA. (Date was changed).

March 7, Wednesday

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. "Friends of Youth" Victory Dinner at the brand-new Leeward YMCA in Waipahu. (Joint event of Windward, Leeward & Nuuanu Branches.

April 4, Wednesday

Club meeting. 7 p.m. at Windward YMCA.

May 18-20, 2007

Hawaii Region Convention at the Pagoda Hotel

February Focus: Time of Fast

March Focus: Brother Clubs

Treasurer's Report

As of February 7, our club had \$2,286.44 in the bank, according to the Treasurer's Report from **Ken Kadomoto** at our February 7 meeting.

The only expense for month was our \$180 donation to the Time of Fast fund, based on our current membership level.

Incidentally, a few more dollars were raised for Time of Fast by our ToF service director, **Jim Kanehira**, at our February meeting. Ken says we are in good shape but there are still some expenses to come this club year.



International Meeting: Diane and Jim visit with **Bill Irwin**, Canada Area President Elect, at the dinner for the visiting council members of Y's Men International January 19 at the Japanese Cultural. Our members had a chance to mingle with leading Y's Men from all over the world, as far away as Kenya, India, Denmark and others. An inspiring and educational night.

Y's Spy --

Remember **Jennifer Jurgensen**? She worked at our YMCA and joined our club in 1997 and we helped out at her wedding at Kualoa Ranch. Well, she's a mother and a successful real estate appraiser, says mom **Pat Baxter**. Y's Spy ran into Pat and hubby **Don**, who were also members of our club for a time. Upshot: A generous donation for our ASC "Friends of Youth" campaign. Don & Pat have their own well-established real estate business in Kailua, Baxter Realty Group.

Our own **Russ Lynch** has said yes to **Rick Lau's** request that he accept nomination for Metro District Governor. Russ also recently was elected vice president of the East Oahu Council of the Navy League. Amazing what you can find time to do when you're retired. But wife **Eiko** asks: How come he can't find time to do the yard work? Cute moment at the Windward ASC kickoff at Castle Medical Center when keynote speaker **Patsy Chun** recalled how she worked at the Y 20 years ago, when **Jim Kanehira** was director. Years later, when Jim had retired but was a member of our club, she ran into him. Guess what? First thing Jim did was sell her a raffle ticket. That's our super salesman all right!

Joke time:

A Spam musubi walks into a bar and says: "Hey, can I get a beer please?" The bartender looks at him and says: "No, sorry brah! We don't serve food here."

Happy Birthday to: Donna Saito, February 24.