



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club
Chartered April 5, 1980

CLUB CALENDAR

April 5, Wednesday

Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Windward YMCA

April 30, Sunday

2006 Kailua Town Party. We may help out at Round Table Pizza. To be confirmed.

May 3, Wednesday

Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Windward YMCA

May 13, Saturday

7 a.m., for an hour so. Assemble Spam musubi at Aikahi Elementary School for the school fair.

May 17, Wednesday

6 p.m. Metro District Endowment Dinner, Japanese Cultural Center. New officers and members will be inducted.

May 19-21, Weekend

Hawaii Naniloa Resort, Hilo. 70th Y's Men International Hawaii Region Convention.

July 1, 2006

New club year begins. (Changed from June 1)

December 16 & 17, Sat. & Sun.

Helping out at Breakfast with Santa to aid Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

Editor's Note:

The main reason this issue is just two pages is that there hasn't been a lot of news to report. The club bulletin, however, shouldn't be just news. Please help bring some personality to it by letting me know what's going on in your lives. I'd love to have short items for a sort of gossip column.

- Russ



Endowment Fund Helps Y'sdom

April is the month in which we make our donation to the Endowment Fund of Y's Men International so let's revisit what the fund is all about and how our contributions help.

Over the years, our club has made a total of 18 contributions to the Endowment Fund of Y's Men International, recognizing 18 good people for their efforts on behalf of Y'sdom, the YMCA and the community.

To see a list of who they were and read the write-ups as they appear in the Golden Book, use the Internet to go to

<http://ysmenusa.com/GoldenBook.asp>

In the blank form that comes up, just enter our club's number, 296, in the "Club Number" line of the blank box and hit "search."

(Our thanks to **Maurice Shimonishi** and the Nuuanu "Y's Up" for the tip on how to do that).

The Endowment Fund was started some 25 years ago to generate income that could be used "to provide financial aid and stability to Y'sdom present and future," according to **Bob Daniels**, an International Endowment Fund Trustee for the U.S. Area.

The goals are:

- To provide emergency funds if a tragedy should strike one of our Areas or Regions.

- To provide funds to solve special problems or carry on special projects and

- To provide special training or resources to strengthen, extend and develop the Y's Men's movement.

The money donated stays in the bank and only the interest is used to serve these goals.

Originally the goal was to raise \$1 million. That was reached and the

current aim is to build it to \$2 million. Gifts can be made in memory of deceased members, spouses, YMCA executives, relatives and friends with a memorial entered in the Golden Book. Or living persons can be honored with a tribute in the Golden Book for a minimum gift of \$100. People can specify the Endowment Fund in bequests.



Bill Stone

As mentioned in last month's issue, this year we have chosen to recognize **Bill Stone**, a longtime member of the board of managers of the Windward YMCA and now executive director of the branch.

A \$100 donation will be made to the Endowment Fund in Bill's name.

The full write-up on Bill and why we chose him will be available next month.

Dues Are Due

If you haven't paid your club dues yet, it's time to do so. Treasurer **Ken Kadomoto** points out that the \$54 we each pay doesn't come close to covering per-member fees that must be paid, such as \$30 in dues to the International, \$16 to the US Area, \$10 to the Hawaii Region, \$12 for Time of Fast, \$10 for Dollars for Scholars, \$12.50 for the Brotherhood Fund and \$5 for the Alexander Scholarship Fund. The costs of running our club aren't even on that list.

Please get your check to Ken if you have not already done so.

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<http://ysmenwin.com>

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International HQ Vote

Members will be asked to vote at the April meeting on whether we approve a proposed move of the headquarters of Y's Men International to Prague in the Czech Republic. HQ is now in Geneva, Switzerland.

U.S. Area President **Rob Wilby** says the decision of the International Council to propose the move came because Geneva is an expensive base. Coincidentally, there were what Rob calls "inflammatory accusations" about alleged human resources violations concerning a youth intern at HQ. Cooler heads have apparently prevailed since and most Council members now oppose the move.

Cost gains would be small and relatively short-lived and there would be major complications with a new language etc., so the U.S. Area is recommending a "no" vote.

Meanwhile, we seem to have missed a deadline to vote on new International executive officers.

Fred Leonard, as incoming Area President, will represent the U.S.

Musubi Time

If you've never made Spam, musubi, now's your chance to learn how, under the expert supervision of our musubi veterans.

The occasion is the Aikahi Elementary School Fun Fair on Saturday, May 13. This is an annual community service event for us.

It doesn't take much time, just an hour or so, starting at 7 a.m. You don't have to bring anything except willing hands. The Spam, the prepared rice and the nori are all supplied. It's fun, so please come.

Roster Update

Members should be ready at the April meeting to confirm or update their addresses, email and other information for the Hawaii Region Roster. Copies of what is currently in the roster will be passed around for corrections and changes. We really only get one shot at this and it is a real humbug if mistakes creep in, so let's be careful!

Service Awards

Something to think about — many clubs don't even apply for the Y's Men's U.S. Area Service Awards and therefore, naturally, don't get them.

Sure, we're not in this for the occasional certificate or official pat on the back but for the pleasure we get from what we can contribute to Y'sdom, the YMCA and the community, but it seems a shame to see these awards not getting made because there were no applications.

Windward doesn't currently have anyone specifically in charge of this so we could all do some thinking about it. Perhaps we don't qualify for any of them, but if we think we do, we can send in applications for awards. Here are a few examples:

Community Service. Show evidence of fulfilling a need that was not adequately filled. Collaboration with other organizations, governments, etc. A project which emphasizes Christian aspects. Reacting to acts-of-God crises. Filling emergency needs in the community.

YMCA Membership Service. Interpretation of Y goals to YMCA/Y's Men's Club members. Involvement on YMCA boards and committees. Involvement in Y's Men's campaigns to raise funds.

Staff Training. Contributing to the Alexander Scholarship Fund. recruiting a student intent on a career working in the YMCA. Financing training experience needed by a YMCA staffer. A special project to raise funds for Y staff training.

Camp Services. Financial support of a YMCA camp. Y's Men leadership for camp. Involvement in work parties.

Youth Service. Showing a definite commitment of time and involvement. Emphasis on Christian character building. Club's commitment to this cause. Adaptability to other communities and other Y's Men's clubs. Program that fits in with YMCA activities.

There are others and maybe we don't meet the criteria, but it may be worth a look. We could also consider looking for services to perform that we don't already do. These awards were created to encourage activities that are in line with the basic aims of Y'sdom.

Convention

Sam Shoji will be coming from Japan to attend the Hawaii Region Convention next month. Everyone should have their reservations in by now and it will be nice to see Windward well represented in Hilo. It should be a great 70th Convention.

Inspiration

By Ken Ling

Those who feel alone

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

1 peter 5:10

God offers us reassurance that we are loved, in when we feel that nobody loves us, and once we come to know God loves each of us, can seek out those whom nobody loves. Even when we cannot feel it, God's love surrounds us and holds us.