



Windward Y'er

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YMCA Family Night Keeps Us Busy

If someone could harness all the energy burned up July 21 at "Family Night 2006" at the Windward YMCA, it could have run a small town, for a little while at least.

The most obvious was the energy of the kids themselves, the Summer Day Camp attendees ending their summer stint at the "Y" before going back to school.

Then of course there were teen leaders keeping the younger ones organized and putting them through their paces in the various song and dance numbers that entertained parents and others throughout the evening.

Branch Executive Director **Bill Stone** and his hard-working crew also were busy before, during and after the event itself.

And, of course, there were the members of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club, on hand to run the food and drinks booth. We don't quite know how **Ken Ling** manages to shape so many shave ice with his hands without getting frostbite and at the end, after the kids were all heated up from their dancing, there was a long line at the shave-ice machine.

By then, we had sold out of "Marion's Famous" stew and rice, the Spam musubi and all the juice, leaving us with just a few unsold hot dogs and some bottled water. A really good event as always, and a nice one for our club.

Treasurer **Ken Kadomoto**, who roped in wife **Lillian** to help keep track of the scrip and cash, said the gross take for the night was \$610. Expenses aren't all tallied yet but should run to about \$80 from previous experience, since the main cost of the event is always more work than money.

That should leave us a net of around \$530.

This could not have been possible without all the hard work preparing and serving the food.

President **Marion Liu** produced her usual fabulous beef stew. Others made Spam musubi and hot dogs and helped fetch in the food and drinks and equip-

ment. Aside from Marion, those on hand for the event were **Ken and Karel Ling, Donna Saito, Joe-Ann and Jack McCarthy, Ken and Lillian Kadomoto, Jim Kanehira, Emma and Ace Thomas, Lindsey and Ryan McMognigle, Russ Lynch and Timothy "Brother" Liu**. We were helped by a potential member, **MaryAnn Dinic. Bill Stone** was doing double duty as head of the "Y" and selling scrip as well as helping us.

In all, we sold 40 quarts of stew, 175 musubi, 12 dozen hot dogs and lots of soft drinks and water. There is no tally of the number of shave ice sold.

Suffice it to say, it was a lot.



Business started early and kept going until late at our booth at the Windward YMCA Family Night August 21. Parents and kids alike went for our refreshments in a big way, as this early-evening scene shows. At the end, after the entertainment, there was a bigger rush to get shave-ice to cool them down. For more pictures see our Web site, <http://ysmenwin.com>

Windward Y's Men's
& Women's Club
2005/2006

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Club Service Directors

Here's a list of President Marion's appointments as service directors for our club for 2006-076, with the months their particular service is emphasized:

Membership/Conservation,
Karel Ling, July.

Community Service, **Donna Saito**, August.

Endowment, **Ken Ling**, September.

ASF/Dollars for Scholars, **Ken Kadomoto**, October. (ASF is Alexander Scholarship Fund).

Brotherhood Fund, **Emma Thomas**, November.

Christian Emphasis, **Joe-Ann McCarthy**, December.

YMCA Service, **Bill Stone**, January.

Time of Fast, **Jim Kanehira**, February.

Brother Clubs, **Jim Kanehira**, March.

Leadership Training and Orientation, **Joe-Ann McCarthy**, April.

Regional Convention, **Marion Liu**, May.

Bulletin Editor/Historian, **Russ Lynch**, year-round.

RD Sammer to Visit

Regional Director **Phil Sammer** will visit our club at our September 6th meeting, in his effort to visit and talk story with all clubs.

Sammer, whose slogan for our organization statewide is "Spread Y'sdom," took office July 1.

Because he is in for a two-year term under the new regional structure, Phil is also RDE (Regional Director-Elect) this year and, along with **Claudia Wilcox-Boucher** of the Hilo Club, he is also responsible for the Regional Bulletin.

Phil's challenge to every club in the Hawaii Region is to have a net gain of four members by the time the Region's year ends next June 30. That's a pretty big challenge but our President, **Marion Liu**, says that we'll even beat it, adding five members.

Phil's visit will make it an interesting meeting for September.

Meanwhile, we still have our August meeting, on the 2nd, where the discussion is sure to include our role in helping to plan and carry out the 2007 Hawaii Region Convention, to be held on Oahu.

'Non-Profit' on Hold

After listening to accountant and longtime Y's Man **Bob Kuwahara**, members at our July meeting decided not to pursue, at least for now, the idea of registering as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization.

One of the points in favor of doing so was that gifts to our club would be tax-deductible for the donors.

Countering that, however, were a number of negative fac-



At our July 5 meeting, **Ken Ling** presented **Bill Stone** with the framed write-up on Bill for the Golden Book. Bill couldn't make the Endowment Dinner in May when the endowments were announced.

tors weighing against the change.

Not least of them would be the need for more, and more-careful, record keeping. The bottom line was that we really don't have much, if anything, to gain from taking such a step now.

As Bob (president of the West Oahu Y's Men's Club) pointed out., much of what is donated to the club comes from the members themselves.

Some of us are retired, as are many of those who buy chili tickets from us or make other donations, and have very little in the way of taxable income so pretty much nothing to gain, nothing to write off donations against.

Also, even the best donations we get are fairly small and there wouldn't really be that much of a tax break for anyone.

Burdensome and complex accounting and reporting requirements don't balance well against that. Because of our guest speaker's visit, it was a dinner meeting and started an hour earlier than usual. Discussion was informative and interesting.

Bob did raise some other points of interest that might need looking into some time, such as what we should be reporting for General Excise tax purposes.

Inspiration

Our Lord was asked which was the greatest Commandment. He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first Commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole Law and the prophets depend on these two Commandments."

-- Gospel of St Matthew 22:37 ff.

Pagoda is the Choice for the '07 Convention

Representatives of the six clubs on Oahu voted unanimously July 19 to hold the 71st Hawaii Region Y's Men's Convention at the Pagoda Hotel.

A Metro District meeting heard from the facilities search leader **Ray Seto** (Kaimuki) that the Pagoda offered the best price for a package of rooms and meals and meeting spaces.

The next-best choice was Las Vegas. Other hotels, in Waikiki, would cost considerably more, Seto told the meeting, chaired by District Governor **Rick Lau**.

Pagoda management is helpful and the rooms have recently been completely refurbished, Seto said. The Convention will be held next May and will include a Y's Men's Academy. The Academy was a deciding factor in the venue choice since speakers and instructors are here and may not be available in Las Vegas.

President's Report

from Marion Liu, President 2006-2007

My report to Rick Lau at our most recent Metro District Meeting regarding the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club was as follows:

1. Adding five new members.
2. Do three community service activities.
3. Continue to be an integral part of ASC and the Windward YMCA.
4. Have a Casino Night.

I also reported we *would* meet these challenges because of our dedication to serving, our determination to help those in need and our tenacious nature when given a task.

Those in attendance also voted on a convention venue. The two proposed locations were Las Vegas and the Pagoda Hotel. The unanimous choice was the Pagoda.

It has been completely renovated and, in addition, the *price* was right compared to several other hotels in Waikiki and Las Vegas!

Donna Saito is our club's Convention Committee representative. Our assignment for the Convention is "Program."

The Windward YMCA Family Fun Fair was very successful. Thank You to all the club members who helped, including youth members Lindsey and Ryan McMonigle.

MaryAnn Dinic, a potential member, was also present to sell stew and rice, Spam musubi, hot dogs and shave ice.

It was truly ohana night, with 125 Summer Fun keiki and their families.

Our Regional focus for the month of August is Community Service.

See you on August 5th at the Prevent Child Abuse "Bowl-A-Thon."

— Marion



News from Our "Y"

In July, our YMCA branch had 1,330 "full facility" members and 398 part-time members, for a total of 1,746.

Starting in September, YMCA teen membership will become island-wide, meaning teens will be able to use any branch. The branch board of managers' meeting on July 27 was told this means our branch can no longer set its own fees for teen members and the island-wide rate of \$22 a month is slightly less than what our branch is currently charging teens.

Another island-wide move affecting all branches, which could be a boost for Windward, is the "Commit to Get Fit" program through the month of September.



It involves dropping the joiner's fee for those who sign up during the promotional period. Instead, the fee will be worked into the monthly rate, making it a little higher, but if the new joiners stay a second year their rates for that year will be lower than standard.

Our branch also has an interesting "Lunch and Learn" lecture series going. On August 2, for example, **Dr. Linda Rasmussen** will talk about "total joint replacement" and a free pupu lunch will be served.

Contact the Windward Branch at 261-0808 if you are interested in any of the programs.

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



CLUB CALENDAR

August 2, Wednesday

Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
Windward YMCA

August 5, Saturday

"Bowl-A-Thon" for Prevent
Child Abuse Hawaii, Aiea.
We serve food in two shifts,
7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and
noon to 2 p.m.

August 6, Sunday

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Work day at
the YMCA for YMCA board
members and volunteers.
Call the Y at 261-0808 if
you think you can help.

September 6, Wednesday

Club Meeting, 7 p.m.
Windward YMCA. Regional
Director **Phil Sammer** will
talk to us about what's going
on at the Hawaii Region level.

December 16 & 17, Sat. & Sun.

Breakfast with Santa to aid
Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

Community Service Projects Are Proposed

Our club has scheduled some community service projects and is considering others, as community service is the August focus in the Y's Men Hawaii Region calendar.

Our club's community service director **Donna Saito** has proposed something new for us this year, helping with food at the Kaha-luu School Movie Nights.

These are Friday night events giving kids in that under-served Windward Oahu community something to do. Our job would be doing what we do best, helping out with food preparation and service.

The first opportunity for us is September 15. and there's is one a month for the rest of the school

year, except December. Donna can't be at our August meeting because she will be away.

Meanwhile we have one community service project already set for August, also food service, at the "Bowl-A-Thon" fund-raiser Saturday August 5 for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

The schedule calls for a morning shift, 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to be worked by **Ken Kadomoto, Jim Kanehira, Makena Liu, Marion Liu** and **Joe-Ann McCarthy** and a noon-to-2 p.m. shift to be worked by **Karel Ling, Ken Ling** and **Russ Lynch**.

We can expect to be involved in other community projects as the year progresses.

Hawaii Region News

The Y's Men Hawaii Region reached its Endowment goal of at least \$100 per club in 2006-2007 to go into the Endowment Fund.

A total of \$1,000 was sent to Y's Men's International.

Details are in the July issue of The Bulletin Board, newsletter of the Hawaii Region.

In his farewell note, outgoing Regional Director **Paul Kuromoto** said he was pleased with progress during his term of office.

Kuromoto said he was "gratified about the progress all clubs have made over the past year" and that he hopes that progress and change will continue.

Incoming RD **Phil Sammer** said he will emphasize four areas: Membership growth, public relations, leadership development and embracing change.

Our club's web site will have a link to the issue.

Look for "Region's Bulletin Board" at <http://ysmenwin.com>

Y'sSpy —

Y'sSpy says: It's celebration month for **Jim Kanehira** and wife **Gladys**, who mark their 46th wedding anniversary on August 15th and Gladys's birthday on the 24th.

Y'sSpy also wishes a Happy Birthday to **Ken Kadomoto** on the 11th and a Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Ken** and **Lillian** on the 29th. The other Birthday Boy this month is **Russ Lynch** on the 18th, Statehood Day.

Here's Y'sSpy's jokes for the month. Contributions of better ones would be welcome any time!

- A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.
- What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- He often broke in to song because he couldn't find the key.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours and 'taint mine.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.