



October 2005

Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y's Men's & Women's Club

September Meeting was a Good Party

There we were, almost all of us. The only Windward members not present for the September 10 meeting/party at **Joe-Ann's** were **Shoji-san**, a bit too far away (in Japan) to make it, and **Marty Borden**, leading a busy life and already having decided to leave our club.

Spouses and family were there in abundance too, such as **Jim Kanehira's** wife **Gladys**, **Ken Kadomoto's** **Lillian** and **Russ Lynch's** wife **Eiko**. **Emma Thomas** came with hubby **Ace** and granddaughter **Liliana Thomas**. The kindness of **Joe-Ann** and **Jack McCarthy** in opening up their house to what must have been more than 30 people was much appreciated by those present.

Others were there too, all to enjoy the food and friendship surrounding the all-too-brief return to the Islands of member **Don Scott**, who now lives on the mainland and is building a new home in North Carolina.

It was great to see Don, even for such a short time, and he was an enthusiastic participant, particularly in the (perfectly legal) after-dinner "horse race" game,

where we pretty much ended up sharing our dollars with each other and having great fun doing it. Don had out-of-town friends there too and it was a great mixer. As usual, the food provided by members was terrific and plentiful. We even managed to squeeze in a short formal club meeting between dinner and the racing and got some business done.

It was a good social occasion and it showed that it is not a bad idea at all to exchange the regular meeting for a less formal get-together. All we needed was an excuse, and Don's visit provided that.

Meeting business: We decided to participate in the Pohakupu-Kukanono Community garage sale on October 15. There's more on that elsewhere in this issue.

We got a chili-sale update from Treasurer **Ken Kadomoto**, a report from **Ken Ling** about Kids to Camp funds and details of the garage sale from **Bill Stone**.

All told, we had 14 members sitting down for the meeting, quite possibly a club record.

And as a social event it was a roaring success.



At our September potluck dinner meeting at Joe-Ann's, we may have had more of our members together than at any other time. Going around the table from left front are **Bill Stone**, **Jim Kanehira**, **Ken Kadomoto** (almost hidden), **Donna Saito**, **Makena Liu**, **Joe-Ann McCarthy**, **Russ Lynch** (standing), **Emma Thomas** (looking over the head of granddaughter Liliana), **Lindsey McMonigle**, **Marion Liu**, **Ryan McMonigle** (standing), **Karel Ling**, **Ken Ling** and **Don Scott**. Present, but not in the picture, was **Jack McCarthy**. Our member in Japan, **Sam Shoji**, couldn't make it all the way for the meeting. The only other member not present was **Marty Borden**.

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

President: Russ Lynch
Vice president: Jim Kanehira
Secretary: Bill Stone
Treasurer: Ken Kadomoto

Members:

Karel A. Ling, Kenneth Ling,
Marion Liu, Joe-Ann McCarthy,
Jack McCarthy, Donna Saito,
Donald Scott, Osamu Shoji,
Emma Thomas
Youth Members: Makena Liu, Lindsey
McMonigle, Ryan McMonigle

Garage Sale Set for Oct. 15

At **Bill Stone's** suggestion, our club will participate in the Pohakupu-Kukanono Community Association's big garage sale on Saturday October 15. This is the one that ties in several garage sales at various locations, with all of them shown on a community map.

The community-wide sale will get publicity and potential buyers are expected to be on the prowl at all the locations.

Our location is the Windward YMCA and our club gets to keep the proceeds from whatever we can sell.

That means members are encouraged to round up good sale-able stuff and get it down to the Y before the sale. Bill will be away but we can use his office to store stuff. Details will be hammered out at our October meeting at the YMCA on the 5th.

It seems like a good opportunity to bring in some much-needed cash. Suggestions include selling our famous shave-ice.

It will also mean work but that's one commodity our club is always willing to produce.

Inspiration

by Ken Ling

As we continue our work to serve God and our Community let us not forget to serve and help each other. Here are some sayings that may brighten your day:

Humor is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life. "But the fruit of the Spirit is ...Kindness."

Galatians 5:22

Kids to Camp Funds Returned

Kids to Camp was cancelled so the money gathered for this Y's Men's event is being returned to the clubs. **Ken Ling** reported to our September meeting that the \$7,500 fund is to be shared among the six Oahu clubs with the intent that the money be passed along to their local YMCAs for Y camp activities.

The money will be used by each YMCA to boost a scholarship fund that will help kids go to events such as Y summer camps.

Our club has approved that arrangement and Ken notified Kids to Camp Committee Chair **Sharon Ishida** that we approve.

As a result \$1,250, our club's one-sixth share of the total, will go to the Windward YMCA.

The bottom line is that it won't affect our club's budget one way or the other. It's a straight pass-on.

Motto of the Hawaii Region, Y's Men's International:
"Unified in Purpose, Strategic in Actions."

President's Message

The chili sale is over and we'll find out the final results of this important fund-raiser at our meeting on October 5.

We already know we did OK and the club is thankful to all those who helped.

I couldn't help noticing that Daiei in Kailua was selling Zippy's chili in 2-pound packs for under \$5 at the height of our sale of 1.5 pounds for \$6.

We were also trying to close those last sales in competition with a slew of well-deserving Hurricane Katrina fund drives. Still, all of our customers knew that their money would be helping the YMCA so they chipped in cheerfully and the results were good.

Unfortunately, not all of us are good at selling. I, for one, really don't like trying to sell anything to anyone and I suspect there are others like me who just buy the tickets for ourselves.

This raises the old question: How do we find new ways to raise money for our club? It's really time to do some serious money thinking.

Meanwhile: A fond Aloha to **Marty Borden** who has chosen to leave our club. Marty was an actively participating member who was nice to have around.

Aloha, **Russ Lynch**

Book Now for “Hallo-Wine”

The Windward YMCA’s “Hallo-Wine” wine-tasting fundraiser is shaping up as another great event that lets people have a really good time while raising money for the Y. It’s clearly going to be popular so get your bookings in now.

The price for the October 29 event is \$40 and those who went last year say it was well worth the money, while raising more than \$7,000 for the Y’s financial assistance fund. The money subsidizes YMCA registration fees for children, teens and adults who otherwise would not be able to afford the programs at the Y.

For tickets to the event contact **Bill Stone** at the YMCA at 261-0808 or **Mark Cabral** at 228-5577.

The event is just before Halloween so think about wearing a costume, although you don’t have to. Come and enjoy the food and wine at the Mid-Pacific Country Club, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, October 29.

Organizers are also looking for items to be sold in a silent auction.

“Casino” & Auction for Katrina

The Y’s Men’s clubs in Hawaii will have a great chance to contribute to hurricane victims in Louisiana through the “Y’s Men Games and Silent Auction Night,” to be held November 19 at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki.

It will start about 4 p.m., right after the mid-year Cabinet Meeting already scheduled for that hotel on that day.

For a \$25 suggested entry donation, we can enjoy the fun and games and the food. Soft drinks will be free and there are plans to sell beer and wine, probably at \$1 a drink. The Kaimuki Y’s Men’s Club is sponsoring the event.

The YMCA of the USA has established a special fund, the “Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund,” and funds collected in Hawaii will go into that pool. Regional Director **Paul Kuromoto** says money donated to that fund will be matched, up to a total of \$1 million, by another established charity, the YMCA Fund Inc., and all regions are being asked to drum up local donations.

“It will be a ‘mini’ casino night with prizes that can be won by auction using free tokens which attendees earn at the tables,” Paul said in a recent memo to club presidents.

“Three-card card poker, Blackjack, Baccarat, Pai Gow and Texas Hold ‘em games will be held, in addition to entertainment by our very own **Dave Endo**, dinner, a silent auction and live auction using tokens which each person/or club collects,” he said.

We are all urged to stick around after the day’s meetings and take part in this fun-and-funds event.

Christmas Party Plans

A reminder: Don’t make too many plans for December 2 or 3. One of those dates, the Friday or the Saturday, is likely to be chosen for our joint Christmas Party held by the Windward and West Oahu clubs.

We’ve let our location preference be known, the Natsunoya Tea House in Alewa Heights.

Arrangements are still being made and the date and location haven’t been finalized. Early December seemed best because we all get caught up in so many year-end events.

CLUB CALENDAR:

October 5, Wednesday

7 p.m. meeting at the YMCA.

October 15, Saturday

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Garage Sale, Windward YMCA

October 29, Saturday

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Hallo-Wine” at Mid-Pacific Country Club. Windward YMCA wine tasting fund-raiser.

November 2, Wednesday

7 p.m. meeting at the YMCA

November 19, Saturday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ilima Hotel, Waikiki. Hawaii Region Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting and Metro District Meeting.

November 19, Saturday

“Casino Nite” fund-raiser for Hurricane Katrina victims, Ilima Hotel after the Regional meetings.

December 2 or 3: Christmas Party.

Joint Christmas Party with West Oahu Y’s Men.

December 10 & 11, Weekend

Breakfast with Santa. We help out at this event for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

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We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Windward YMCA.

Check out our Web site at

<http://home.earthlink.net/~windwardyer/>

Y’s Men’s Motto:

“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.”

International Convention, 2006

It is not too soon to start thinking about the 2006 convention of Y's Men International, to be held in Busan, South Korea, next August 3-6. It's a beautiful location in a friendly and lively country and it's out here in the Pacific, practically at our back door.

A Family Outing in Japan

By Osamu "Sam" Shoji

On the 10th of September the Shoji family — all 13 of us — went on an overnight bus trip to the Himeji area. We always make two family trips a year. About a week before, the typhoon hit Japan but luckily it didn't effect our trip.

We rented a 29-seat bus and our second daughter's husband acted as coach driver for us.

We also took a lot of luggage, as we have five young grandchildren.

The first day was spent at Tojoko land, a children's fun park. We enjoyed many attractions.

In the evening, We played a family team game of "Jenga" for the Sam (Osamu) Cup. The tournament was won by our second daughter's family team. They won a \$20 cash prize!

The following and final day, we visited Himeji Castle, surrounding gardens and Himeji Zoo. We were especially interested to see the elephant at the zoo.

Our grandchildren enjoyed themselves very much.

On the return home, we went sightseeing around Akashi channel and drove across the famous Akashi bridge to Awaji island.

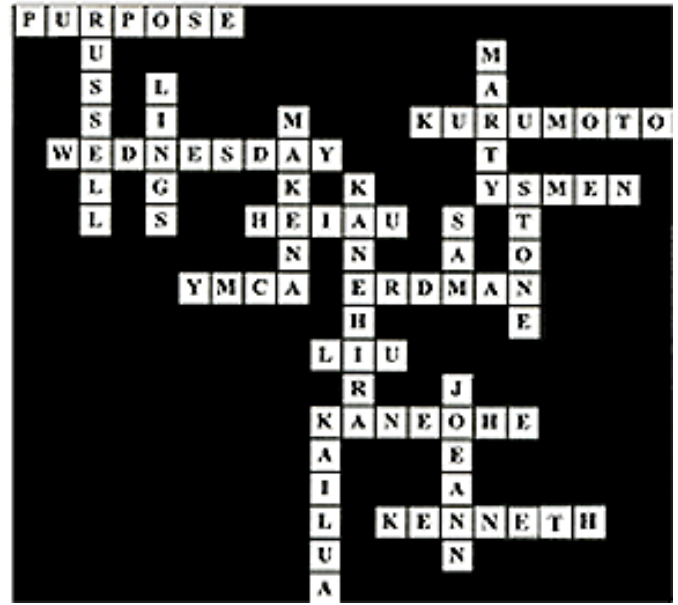
Our grandchildren sang karaoke on the bus and it was very noisy. They were taught to sing at their kindergarten. We all had a wonderful trip.

(Editor's note: Shoji-san is our member in Japan. He is a frequent visitor to Hawaii and we expect to see him in December when he will once again run the Honolulu Marathon. He is also a prominent member of our Brother Club in Japan, the Osaka-Senboku Y's Men).



Shoji-san and his family at Akashi Kaigan, a famous beach in the area near Himeji Castle and the Zoo.

Crossword Answers



Above is the answer grid for the "Just for Fun" Y's Men's crossword we ran in our September issue. If you want to take another look at the original crossword you can find it on the back page of the September 2005 "Windward Y'er" or here (with the answers) on the Web: <http://home.earthlink.net/~russlynch/Xword.pdf>.

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Good luck! (If I can help, call me at 808-261-2126. Editor Russ Lynch).

Meeting Notice:

Our next monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, at the Windward YMCA. Topics will include a vote on the US Area by-law changes posted earlier, planning for the October 15 garage sale, possibly a discussion on membership and dues, and other items. Please try to be there.