



Windward Y'er

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A Good Time at 'Breakfast with Santa'

By Russ Lynch

As we do every year, our club once again helped out at "Breakfast with Santa," the big annual fundraiser for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii in the Manoa Ballroom at the Japanese Cultural Center on Beretania.

The event this year was a breakfast and a lunch on Saturday, December 10.

It's always fun watching the kids enjoy the food and the games, their visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus for photo taking and their joy at the costumed characters whose time was donated by sponsors.

We ran a fishing booth where the kids got fishing rods from our "outside" team while those behind the curtain hooked on bags of cookies as "fish" and made sure the little ones also got a good fight from some of those hooked fish. Some of also helped out on

the meal service line, joining the lively American Savings gang in loading food on to plates.

Karla, Wendy, Russ and Freda worked the morning shift and **Marion, Ken and Jim** did the second shift.

This is a great community service opportunity every year as Prevent Child Abuse does so much to help the keiki in our community.

We were introduced to this some years ago by **Aileen Deese**, one of the important staffers at the organization, who just happens to

be Marion's niece. Just about all of us have done this service and if you haven't, be there next time. It's too much fun to miss and it's done for a great cause.



Karla, Wendy and Freda outside our fishing booth with two of the costumed characters at Breakfast with Santa 2011.



Jim, Ken and Marion take a well deserved break at the end of their shift.

President's Message from Joe-Ann McCarthy

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

It's unbelievable that 2011 is nearly over. I would like to thank all of you for your tireless support and commitment to Windward Y Service Club and our community. We may not be the largest club but we certainly have a lot of heart in whatever event we take part in. Our first meeting next year is scheduled for January 9, 2012 which is the second Monday of the new year. Our newly renovated YMCA will no doubt be completed with more useable space for activities. Happy holidays to all of you and your family! Again, thank you for unselfishly giving of your time to our club.



Joe-Ann McCarthy
President 2010-2012

— Aloha, Joe-Ann

**Next meeting:
6 p.m. Monday, January 9
Windward YMCA**

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Recognize a Stroke?

Suspect someone is having a stroke?

Ask three simple questions (the first 3 letters of "S-T-R-o-k-e"):

S: Ask the person to SMILE.

T: Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE — Coherently.

R: Ask the person to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If the person is unable to do any of these things, call 911 or take person to an emergency room immediately.

Note: Another "sign" of a stroke is this: Ask the person to stick out his/her tongue...If the tongue is crooked, if it goes to one side or the other, this is also an indication of a stroke.

Register for Convention

The registration form is now available for the Hawaii Region's next annual convention to be held in Las Vegas May 4-5 2012. If you haven't received it you can get a copy online at:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org/convreg2012.pdf>

Fill in the form and get it back quickly by mail to **Bob Kuwahara**, Hawaii Region secretary-treasurer. Register early and you'll get email updates about the convention by being on the "already registered" list.

You need to make your own travel and accommodations arrangements. The registration package contains a list of travel agents and individuals who can help get you into a tour package.

You must act fast because Vegas bookings tend to fill up fast.

The convention itself is being held to rather short formal sessions, giving attendees time to explore the fun and sights of Las Vegas.

There will be just two meeting sessions of four hours each, including lunch, on each of the two days, Friday and Saturday.

For fun there will be slot tournaments in which you pay a flat entry fee which is divided among the top winners of each tournament — you're not playing the slots for real money.

Times allotted for these are 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on each of the two convention days.

There'll be a hospitality room, special tours, golf and a raffle.

January Club Meeting

Instead of the first Monday of the month, because it's too close to New Year's, our club will hold its first meeting for 2012 on Monday, January 9.

As usual, it's 6 p.m. at the Windward YMCA and should not run much past 7 p.m.

The long-awaited renovations to the branch should be completed and we'll get a good look at the changes for the better that have been taking place at a rapid

pace. The new roof is already the dominant feature of the Y when seen from above along Kailua Road.

We've seen the drawings but if you haven't seen the work itself recently you're in for a surprise.

Among other things, we'll be finalizing our arrangements to host the Metro District meeting, scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 21.

Hallo-Wine Success

The eight annual Hallo-Wine wine tasting and silent auction raised about \$5,000 to help the Windward YMCA's child care department buy much-needed equipment and outdoor storage for toys used in Intersession programs and summer fun.

Bill Stone, branch executive director, expressed his thanks to all those, including our members, who bought tickets, donated items and otherwise contributed.

Inspiration

Christian Emphasis

Matthew 1:23

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means, "God with us."

What can I give him
Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd,
I would give him a lamb,
If I were a wise Man,
I would do my part,--
But what can I give him,
Give my heart.

By Christina Rossetti

— submitted by **Karel Ling**,
Club Service Director for
Christian Emphasis

Anniversary Trip to Mexico

By Osamu "Sam" Shoji

From October 22nd to 29th I went on a trip to Mexico with my wife **Yasuko**. It was our 40th anniversary commemoration. From Tokyo Narita airport, the flight was at 39,000 feet and took 18 hours. We were tired.

The east side of Mexico is the Caribbean Sea and west side is the Pacific Ocean. Mexico is a vast country about five times as big as Japan.

First, we visited the capital of Mexico, Mexico city. The city is located at an altitude of 6,600 feet and the air is thin.

Let me tell you about world heritage sites in Mexico. We climbed the huge 115 feet high Piramide Advino and Piramide Sol. It was a tight slope, but we pushed ourselves to the summit.

The Piramide La Luma was next, When we got to the top, we made many wishes. My wife and I were tired out after that, so we went back to our hotel.

The difference in temperature between the morning and the evening was intense at night. Everybody was wearing coats and in the daytime they were wearing T-shirts.

Our sightseeing moved to the west side from Mexico city. The city name is Cancun, at the west end in the Yucatan Peninsula.

It is the biggest resort. The sea was deep blue and there was a white sand beach lined by large hotels. It looks like Waikiki beach in Hawaii. We swam in the Caribbean sea.

We were very happy! The waves rolling in made a wonderful scene. The sand was pure white. On the next day, we went to a pond in a caved-in hole where people go swimming and diving.

After that, We felt great and went to dinner and enjoyed a "Mexico Night."



Our Japan member **Sam Shoji** and wife **Yasuko** celebrate their wedding anniversary in Mexico.



Hawaii Region:

ASF Grant Awarded

Tammy Nascimento, an information technology specialist at the YMCA of Honolulu, has been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship through the Alexander Scholarship Fund of the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International.

Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Hawaii Region service director for the scholarship fund and its related fund, Dollars for Scholars, said Tammy will use the grant in 2012 to help cover the costs of her

education at the University of Phoenix in Honolulu, where she is seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Technology.

Tammy worked at the Nuuanu YMCA from 1998 to 2008, first as a site director and then as office manager, before joining the headquarters of all of the Y operations on Oahu, YMCA of Honolulu, in 2008.

The Alexander Scholarship Fund exists to help undergraduate college students who seek a

professional career with the YMCA and need financial help for their college education. It was established in 1954 in honor of the founder of what was then known as Y's Men International, Judge Paul William Alexander.

Our Y Service Club members pay \$10 each per year into the ASF/DFS funds. The associated program, Dollars for Scholars, also finances education for Y staffers but doesn't require college courses and can be used for training.

Dis-n-Dat

Items for your amusement and information —

Wendy will be spending time with her parents and brother's family this Christmas which will be very Merry as they are coming to Hawaii.

Ken and **Lillian** will be going to DisneyLand from 12/20, spending time with their son's family. They will also spend a couple of days in Vegas to end the year with exciting times.

Karel will be flying to the Big Island to spend time with some of her family members who reside there.

Some Christmas jokes:

“We’re having grandma for Christmas dinner.” “Really? We’re having turkey.”

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q. What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?

A. Thanks, I’ll never part with it!

Remembering Conrad

When replicas of the Congressional gold medal were handed out in November in Washington D.C. to World War II veterans of the 100th Battalion, the 442nd Regiment and Military Intelligence Service, many who died since the war were remembered but didn't get their medals.

Remembering the heroic service of Windward Y's Man **Conrad Tsukayama**, who died in 2001 at age 83, a caring fellow Y Service Club member has stepped in and bought the replica from the U.S. Mint to be presented to Conrad's widow **Yoshi**.

Maurice Shimonishi, president of the Nuuanu Y's Men's and Women's Club, heard about the award to the “Nisei Soldiers of World War II” and immediately thought of Conrad, who was a charter member of the Windward Y Service Club.

While the single gold medal representing all the Nisei soldiers is being kept at the Smithsonian Institute, Maurice found that bronze replicas such as those awarded to the veterans were available and quickly ordered one.

Conrad, born in Ewa, spent most of his life in Kailua.

Seeking to join the Army in November 1941, the month before the Pearl Harbor attack, Conrad was told he couldn't join because of flat feet but he argued his way

Club Calendar

January 9, Monday

6 p.m. Club meeting.
Windward YMCA.

January 21, Saturday

11:30 a.m. We host Metro District meeting. Details to be announced.

February 9, Monday

6 p.m. Club meeting.
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Note: Our February events can't be set for sure yet. We'll be in the thick of the Windward YMCA's Annual Support Campaign.

April, YMCA

Windward Branch workday
Branch Board of Managers.
We can help. Details later.

May 4 & 5, Friday/Saturday

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Stavanger, Norway.

into service. He ended up in Europe with the 100th Battalion and in 1943 was the first of its members to be wounded in battle.

Our president **Joe-Ann McCarthy** thanked Maurice for his generosity and said the club will soon find an occasion to present the medal to Yoshi, with the presentation preferably being done by Maurice himself. Conrad was a tireless worker for Y'sdom.

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

to all our members and friends. Have a great 2012!!

