

Finding Aid

to the

Kaua'i County YWCA
Young Women's Christian Association

1923-1992

Kaua'i Historical Society

Lihue, Kaua'i, Hawaii

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Abstract

The Kaua'i County YWCA was officially founded on May 5, 1921 when a constitution was adopted establishing the organization as an independent entity reporting directly to the National Office of the YWCA. Miss Elsie Rice Wilcox was elected President, an office she held for five years, and a twelve-member board of directors was named. During the four years preceding this meeting, the National YWCA used funds remaining in its War Chest to send a representative to Hawai'i to study the needs for the regular work of the YWCA in Honolulu and on the islands of Kaua'i and Hawai'i. Following the recommendations of this study, the National YWCA allocated money to Kaua'i in 1919, to hire two staff members: a woman with previous experience in California to work with girls and another woman who had worked with women at a Baptist mission in the Philippines to work with women. During the years 1917-1921, the staff and volunteers carried out Americanization work with 102 women, established eight Girl Reserve Clubs in which 210 participants were initiated, built a cottage for an Executive Director on the grounds of the Lihue Union Church, and collected donations for the purchase of cars for use by YWCA field workers.

A program of summer camping was initiated in 1921. In 1924, the Kaua'i County YWCA rented a house on the Ulu Kukui site in Lihue for use as a dormitory for girls attending Kaua'i High School. The dormitory was operated from 1925 until 1935, when it was closed because transportation had improved to the point where girls could commute from home to school.

During the years 1921-1941, the Kauai county YWCA carried out and expanded programs aimed at assisting and improving the condition of women and girls through camping activities, work with Girl Scouts, improving access to education and hiring YWCA field workers to provide assistance and attention to the health needs of first and second generation immigrant women and their children. The advent of World War II in the final month of 1941 brought an abrupt halt to many of these activities. Office space and equipment that had been shared with the YMCA was taken over for the war effort, with the result that many records of those early years were deliberately destroyed, or accidentally lost.

Following the end of World War II, the Kaua'i County YWCA resumed camping, work with Y-teens, and other activities that had been terminated for the duration of the war years. The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Program was expanded to include after school enrichment programs at Wilcox and Koloa Elementary Schools, day camping in _____ and during Christmas and spring vacations, swimming lessons, and a variety of recreational and educational classes. A YWCA field worker was employed to assist the influx of women immigrants from the Philippines.

The Kaua'i Women's Center, founded in 1977, became the center for many of the Kaua'i County YWCA's programs. By 1987, the Center was providing emergency counseling, clerical assistance with Temporary Restraining Orders and Pro se divorces, workshops in Assertiveness Training and Empowerment, and conducting an Adoption Support Group. A shelter for victims of domestic abuse, opened in 1980, was moved to a new and larger building in 1987; a family treatment program for victims, offenders and other family members was staffed with two trained family therapists; a Sex Abuse Treatment Program was providing crisis intervention and counseling services to men, women, and child victims of sexual assault; and an Alternatives to Violence Program, begun in 1985, was conducting group meetings of men who had been found guilty of spouse abuse, or for whom a Temporary Restraining Order had been issued by the Court, to help them change their attitudes and responses of anger and violence to nonviolence.

The records of the Kaua'i County YWCA are arranged in two large groups. The first of these contains the records and papers of the Association as a whole and all of its sub units with the exception of the records relating to camps. The Camping records include paper records for the years 1923-1929, and albums of scrap books and photographs covering the years 1936/ 37-1976. A few of the albums include written records of programs and activities.

The Kaua'i County YWCA has agreed to make periodic transfers of records in the future.

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Scope and Content

Constitution and By-Laws of the National and Oahu YWCA at the time the Kaua'i County YWCA was founded

National and Oahu YWCA Materials

National YWCA Training Leaflets for Board Members

History of the YWCA on Kaua'i contains a 29-page history of the first thirty years prepared by the Board of Directors in 1951 in tribute to Miss Elsie Wilcox. There are also brief updates prepared in 1967 and 1980.

Board Meetings and Records, 1932-1990

Kaua'i County YWCA Annual Reports

Membership Committee Reports and Minutes

Nominating Committee

One Imperative Committee. In keeping with the National YWCA's objective of "eliminating racism in all forms", the Kaua'i YWCA One Imperative Committee supported Alu Like in its opposition to the recommendations of the Native Hawaiian Study Commission. The folder contains the statement prepared by Alu Like for presentation at the U.S. Senate Committee Hearings scheduled to be held in Lihue on April 20, 1984, and the One Imperative Committee's message endorsing the statement.

Personnel Committee, Personnel Policies and Records

Board Members and Staff Retreat and Orientation, April 1986

Executive Director Correspondence and Reports

Health, Physical Education and Recreation Director (HPER) Materials

Rape Crisis Team Reports

Shelter Reports and Materials

Women's Center Reports and Materials

YWCA Women's Resource Center

Finance Committee Reports and Budgets, 1980-1992. There is a complete fiscal ledger for 1981. The report for 1983-84 contains United Way Budget Request information.

Certificates and Awards. Included are a Certificate of Membership for C.F. "Shanty" Fern in the Order of the Daedalians, an organization of men who served as pilots in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War I; a certificate of appreciation issued by the Kaua'i County YWCA Board of Directors to Margaret Littman on the occasion of her retirement as President; and two summer camper certificates. A copy of the official history of the Order of the Daedalians is filed in the Kaua'i Historical Society subject files.

Camp Records 1923-1925. These records contain detailed information about summer camps held during these years, including camp menus, schedules of activities, and lists of girl participants indicating data on their ages, height and weight gain during their time at camp.

High School Girl Reserves 1936-1937 This scrapbook contains camp materials and photographs.

Girl Camp "Naue Haena" June 12-18, 1937 This scrapbook contains camp materials and photographs.

Camp Sloggett Materials. Photograph albums covering the period 1960-1982, with the albums for August 1972-July 1973, and July 1974 also including newspaper clippings.

Y-Teen Scrapbooks. These include a model scrapbook of newspaper clippings and photographs, a Group photograph of participants in the Y-Teen Territorial Conference, Hilo, April 12-15, 1954 and scrapbooks covering the period 1955-1968.

Association Records and Papers

Container List

Box	Folder	
1	1	Constitution, By-Laws, and Proposed Amendments to the YWCA and the YWCA Women's Resource Center
	2	National and Oahu YWCA materials
	3	National YWCA booklets
	4	History of the YWCA on Kaua'i: includes a history of the years 1921-1951 and updates prepared in 1967 and 1980.
	5	Board Meetings and Miscellaneous Records 1932-39
	6	Board Meetings September 1975 - March 1979
	7	Board Meetings January 1980 - December 1980
2	1	Board Meetings January 1981- December 1981
	2	Board Meetings January 1982 - December 1982
	3	Board Meetings January 1983 -June 1983
	4	Board Meetings July 1983 - June 1984
	5	Board Meetings July 1984 - June 1985
	6	Board Meetings July 1985 - June 1986
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2		Board Meetings July 1987 - June 1988
3		Board Meetings July 1988 -June 1989
4		Board Meetings November 1989, June 1990 - September 1990

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3	5	Kaua'i County YWCA Annual Reports
	6	Finance Committee Reports
	7	Membership Committee Reports & Minutes
	8	Nominating Committee Materials
	9	One Imperative Committee. A copy of Alu Like's statement opposing the recommendations of the U.S. Native Hawaiian Study Commission is accompanied by One Imperative Committee's endorsement of that stand.
	10	Personnel Committee, Personnel Policies & Records
	11	Board Members & Staff Retreat & Orientation April 1986
	12	Executive Director Correspondence and Reports
	1	Health, Physical Education & Recreation Director (HPER) Materials
	2	Rape Crisis Team Reports
	3	Shelter Reports & Materials
	4	Women's Center Reports & Materials
	5	YWCA Women's Resource Center
	6	Financial Reports & Budgets 1980
	7	Financial Reports & Budgets 1981
	8	Financial Ledger 1981: records all fiscal transactions for the year.
	9	Financial Reports & Budgets 1982
	10	Financial Reports & Budgets 1983

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4	11	Financial Reports & United Way Budget Request Information, 1983-84
	12	Financial Reports & Budgets 1984-85
	13	Financial Records July 1987
	14	Financial Repots & Budgets 1989-90
	15	Financial Reports & Budgets 1991-92
	16	Certificates & Awards Award for Margaret Littmann Camper's Diplomas Certificate of Membership for C.F. "Shanty" Fern in the Order of the Daedalians

Camp Records and Scrapbooks

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5	1	Camp Records 1923: detailed information about all aspects of summer camp including menus, schedules of activities, participants recording name, age, weight during the camping period.
	2	Camp Records 1924: detailed data as for year 1923.
	3	Camp Records 1925: detailed data as for year 1923.
	4	Camp Records 1926, 1927
	5	Grade school camp, 1928
	6	Grade school camp, 1929
	7	High School Girl Reserves 1936-37 (scrapbook: camp materials and photographs)

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5	8	Girl Reserves Play Day, May 1937 (scrapbook)	
	9	Girl Reserves Camp "Naue Haena" 1937 (June 12-18) (scrapbook: camp materials and photographs)	
	10	Girl Reserves: Waimea Recognition Ceremonial, January 1938 (scrapbook)	
	11	Girl Reserves 1938, Play Day & Camp Naue Haena (scrapbook)	
	12	Camp Sloggett miscellaneous	
	13	Camp Sloggett Camp Brochure -- printer's copy	
	14	Camp Photographs: Women's Camp 1960 (2)	
	6	1	Camp Sloggett Sept. 1969 (photograph album)
		2	Camp Sloggett July 1970 (photograph album)
	7	1	Camp Sloggett August 1970 (photograph album)
		2	Camp Sloggett August 1970, July 1971 (photograph album)
	8	1	Camp Sloggett July 1971 (photograph album)
		2	Camp Sloggett August 1971 (photograph album)
	9	1	Camp Sloggett late August 1971 (photograph album)
2		Camp Sloggett July 1972 (photograph album)	
10	1	Camp Sloggett July & Aug. 1972 (photograph album)	
	2	Camp Sloggett July & August II 1972 (photograph album)	
11	1	Camp Sloggett August 1972 (photograph album)	
	2	Camp Sloggett August 1972 & July 1973	

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12	1	Camp Sloggett 1st week July 1973 (photograph album)
	2	Camp Sloggett 1973/ 3 (photograph album)
13	1	Camp Sloggett 1973 / 4 (photograph album)
	2	Carnp Sloggett 1973/ 5 (photograph album)
14	1	Camp Sloggett July 1974 (newspaper clippings & photos)
	2	Camp Sloggett July 1974 Book 2 (photograph album)
15	1	Camp Sloggett August 1974 (photograph album)
	2	Camp Sloggett July 1975 (photograph album)
16	1	Camp Sloggett August 1975 (photograph album)
	2	Camp Sloggett August 1975-11 (photograph album)
17	1	Camp Sloggett July 1976 (photograph album)
	2	Camp Sloggett July 1976-II (photograph album)
18	1	Camp Sloggett 197?(unreadable) (photograph album)

YWCA Program Photo Albums & Scrapbooks

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Box	Folder	
19	1	YWCA Program Book I (photograph album)
	2	YWCA Program Book II (photograph album)
	3	YWCA Program Book #3 (photograph album)
	4	YWCA Program Book 4 (photograph album)

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20	1	YWCA Program Book 5 (photographs & newspaper
	2	Scrapbook: 1920-1928 (photocopy, newspaper clippings)
	3	Scrapbook: 1929-1935 (photocopy, newspaper clippings)
	4	Scrapbook: 1936-1940 (newspaper clippings)
21	1	Scrapbook: 1939-1959 (newspaper clippings)
22	1	YWCA newspaper clippings: 1940s
	2	Photograph Album, not dated
	3	Photograph Album, not dated
23	1	Photograph Album: 1956-1960
	2	Photograph Album: 1960-1966
24	1	Photograph Album: 1957-1977
	2	Photograph Album: 1966-1970
25	1	Photograph Album: 1973
	2	Photograph Album: 1976-1977 (includes both Camp Sloggett & YWCA program photos)
26	1	Scrapbook: 1980-1981 (newspaper clippings, flyers)
	2	Scrapbook: 1982 (newspaper clippings, flyers, photos)
27	1	Scrapbook: 1982-1984 (newspaper clippings, photos)
	2	Photograph Album "Current Photos 1989 Photos & Very Old Photos "
28	1-3	Photograph negatives prior to 1990

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28	4	Scrapbook 1959-1970 Arranged by Masaka Ishii

Women's Center Scrapbooks

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Box	Folder	
29	1	YWCA Kaua'i Women's Center Book #2 1/ 78-6/ 78 (newspaper clippings, photographs)
	2	Kaua'i Women's Center Book IV 1 / 79-11/ 79 (newspaper clippings, photographs)
30	1	Kaua'i Women's Center 1981-1982 (newspaper clippings, photographs)

Y-Teens

Container List

Box	Folder	
31	1	Y-Teen Territorial Conference, Hilo, HI, April 12-15,1954 Group photograph
	2	Y-Teen newspaper clippings: 1955-1957
	3	Y-Teen & Camp Scrapbook: 1958 (clippings, photographs)
	4	Y-Teen newspaper clippings: 1959
	5	Y-Teen photographs (9): 1956-1963
	6	Scrapbook: Teen Activities 1967-68(clippings, photographs)
	7	Y-Teen Scrapbook Sample: 1969 (clippings, photographs)