



Ku'i Ka Pahu

Beat the Drum

Hawai'i Region Y Service Club Newsletter – October 2020



Building on
Our Legacy



Regional Director's Message By RD Sharon Ishida, 2020-2021

"Necessity can set me helpless on my back, but she cannot keep me there; nor can four walls limit my vision."

- Margaret Fairless Barber

Dear fellow Y's Men and Women,

I have actually stopped counting the number of days and weeks we have been masked, homebound, and hugless. I am trying instead to count the smiling faces on virtual meetings, inspiring thoughts shared by friends, and even old family candids from an ambitious cousin filling her time at home with organizing family photos. Exploring the ysmen.org website to catch up on amazing projects still happening around the world and the excitement building up for the 2022 International Convention, keep me connected with our Y's Men organization.

On the home front, I have made a decision to take our mid-year Regional Cabinet meeting on November 14th at 9:00 a.m., to a virtual rather than a physical event. All clubs will be emailed the agenda, a few basic attachments and the video link. Thanks again to Phil Sammer and the Ilima Hotel for holding a meeting site for us on that day but it does not look promising for a physical gathering of our usual size group by that time.

The 84th Hawaii Region Convention slated for May 28-30, 2021 is also being deliberated. At the first Convention Committee meeting on Saturday, September 19th, participants discussed the possibility (and/or necessity) of a virtual Convention. Co-Chairs, Eddie Miwa (Kalihi) and Albert Lee (Nuuanu) along with previous Convention co-chairs, Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward) and Duke Chung (West Oahu) also led the conversation through the scenarios of a normal physical gathering at either the Ilima Hotel or Pagoda Hotel. Club assignments for the various responsibilities were still finalized, but it was decided that at the next Zoom Committee meeting on Saturday, October 24th we might have a clearer picture of re-openings in the State following Governor Ige's insights and possible new mandates in his October 15th address.

Thank you to the clubs in the Region for inviting our leadership team to their virtual meetings! RD-E Joe-Ann McCarthy and Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida, current Metro District Governor, have been joining the "block" party with me to share information about the upcoming events in our Region. We hope to visit once every few months or to even have Regional Service Directors jump on with important news or reminders concerning their service areas.



So ...a critical question lingers – How Halloweenish can we be this year?? Happy holidays to all of you and your loved ones!

Blessings and treats to all!



MID YEAR REGIONAL CABINET MEETING

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Zoom

METRO MEETING

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14
Time: Following Mid-Year
Cabinet Meeting
Location: Zoom

2021 HAWAII REGION CONVENTION MEETING

Date: Saturday, Jan. 16
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Zoom



MONTHLY CLUB FOCUS

November

Brotherhood Fund (BF)
RSD Celine Allouchery
(Nu'uuanu)

December

Christian Emphasis (CE)
RSD Isaac Sakamoto (Nu'uuanu)

January

YMCA Service
RSD Phil Sammer (Central)

Respectfully your Regional Director,

Sharon



Metro District Governor Report

Submitted by Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida

The Metro District clubs were able to come together via Zoom to attend the Metro District Meeting on August 29. Annual events that most clubs attend or host has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic. Many clubs are struggling to find activities that they can participate in or engage their members in while being safe. RD Sharon Ishida suggested that supporting Windward Y Service Club's Snack Packs for the monthly Houseless Project would be a great way to support to be active while supporting a great cause. At first it was to create the packs and drop it off but found it was easier to donate the monies to the club and have the Windward Club make the snack packs. Thank you to the clubs and members who participated!

On October 10, I hosted a Google Form Session that invited club members to learn the basics of how to create a form in Google and how to obtain the data collected from the forms. Will look to club members to find anyone interested in presenting any learning opportunities to other members. It could be to teach a computer skill, arts/crafts, cooking, etc. We have many talented members out there.

With the holidays approaching and it will be a very busy time for everyone, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season! Please be safe and enjoy the holidays. Hope 2021 bring many great things and hope to see you in person next year.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club

Submitted by Ken Okimoto

Hilo's Christmas Tree Sale

Much discussion and debate went on in Hilo to decide whether we would do our annual Christmas Tree Sale, due to Covid-19 concerns. We finally decided to do it after especially considering these factors:

- * Our tree sale is a Hilo and Hawaii Island tradition, going back 71 years. Several generations of residents look forward to it every year.
- * Much Christmas cheer is needed this year due to Covid-19. --- We try to make the tree buying experience magical and memorable, especially for little kids. Do you remember choosing a tree as a kid?
- * Our club relies on this income to significantly support our YMCA and club projects throughout the year.
- * In consultation with the County government and others, we think the sale can be done safely.

Since we were not sure how conditions would be, we ordered fewer trees to sell and kept prices the same as last year although our costs went up. During the summer, we emailed our repeat customers to ask if they would be purchasing a tree this year and if so, what kind. Happily, they wanted to continue as usual. Our early reservations for trees from customers has been brisk.

So, from now till late November, we will be very busy with the "71st Christmas Tree Sale 'Funraiser'" for the Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club.



Kalihi Y Service Club

Submitted by Tony Pfaltzgraff



The Kalihi Y Service Club has managed to stay in contact over these past months through the use of Zoom meetings. While not as good as face to face, Zoom at least allows us to have a sense of how club members are faring. We held a virtual fund raiser where members were able to donate to the club through Foodland's Give Aloha program. Club Members are also assisting the annual Children and Youth Day in October by helping pack goodie bags that will be given out to families in need.

As we head towards the holidays, the club will be looking for volunteer projects to take part in. This will be especially important as our annual Christmas Caroling at nursing homes is unlikely to take place this year.



West Oahu Y's Men's Club

Submitted by Duke Chung

We had a ZOOM meeting in August and will have another meeting in October. Not much else to report except for our support of Windward's homeless project.

We will not be having the Trunk & Treat at the end of October as we usually do for obvious reasons.

WEAR MASKS...PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING...BE SAFE



Windward Y Service Club

Submitted by Joe-Ann McCarthy

Unlike most of the Hawaii Region clubs, Windward has not met virtually. Perhaps in the near future we will have a Zoom meeting. For now, communicating via email works for the club.



We continue to support the Kailua Houseless Service Care Event (KHSCE) each month providing toiletry and snack packs. In August, RD Sharon Ishida suggested we ask clubs in the Metro District Clubs if they would like to participate in providing snack packs for the event. For a minimal cost of \$85, Windward Y Service Club packaged 50 snack packs for clubs that volunteered to sign up for the project. Each quart size Ziploc bag was filled with a can of Vienna sausage, gold fish cheese crackers, gummy fruit pack, peanut butter crackers, granola bar, and a multigrain breakfast bar.



A big MAHALO to Sharon Ishida, Steve Wong, Kaimuki Y Service Club, Kalihi Y Service Club, Nuuanu Y's Men and Women's Club, and West Oahu Y's Men Club for participating in this service project.



Hawaii Service Area Reports

Community Service

Submitted by Rick Lau

Thanks to all that originally signed up for community service project at Camp Erdman on Saturday August 15 but because of the pandemic, the event was postponed. Perhaps after a vaccine is released and everyone gets it. So, stay tuned as we may do it in early Spring.

Christian Emphasis

Submitted by Isaac Sakamoto

We thank God for the opportunities of fellowship, helping our Y's across the nations and dutifully moving forward to build a better world. Our hope is in you, Lord, and we hold steadfast to our purpose and mission and to present ourselves as grateful people. Lord, you have overcome the world and its troubles of all kinds. Help us daily to strengthen our faith to accomplish the work set before us now and to go boldly into the future. In Jesus name...Amen.



Brotherhood Fund

Submitted by Celine Allouchery



Founded in 1932, the Brotherhood Fund's initial purpose was to promote our movement outside North America and to enable Y's Men from other areas to attend International Conventions. Over time, its purpose expanded to strengthen the brotherhood of Y's Men throughout the world and help Y's Men to attend Area and Regional Conventions in distant Regions.

2020 certainly has been an unprecedented year with all its challenges. Yet it is in these times of crisis and uncertainty that we see miracles happen when people come together.

Despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, funds will still be awarded and used, when traveling will be permitted, noting that every approved grant will be honored!

Clubs are invited to consider to find alternative and innovative ways to promote the objectives of BF within the confines of the "new normal" – cross cultural experience, international volunteerism, mentorship, member fellowship and leadership development.

Where possible, we hope you will consider giving more to ensure that we meet the IP's financial targets and create a strong base for building a vibrant future for this historical component of our movement in today's changing landscape.

Brotherhood Fund Changes

BF Cultural Exchange

- There will be 8 BF cultural exchange grants: 1 per area
- Each area will send and receive one delegate annually

BF Convention Grants

- The area troika will decide the number of BF area convention grants (odd years) within an annual budget of CHF 1500.
- Use for area convention grants will now include: Upon invitation sending your members to another area convention and inviting international members to attend your convention.

BF 4 Grants

- BF 4 will be renamed BF area discretionary leadership grant and become payable in two instalments similar to SDS.

BF Project Volunteer Grants (STEP for all)

- Previously known as the "Step for All" program, these grants will now officially come under the BF umbrella.
- There will be two grants to volunteer at TOF-GPF Projects annually
- BF project volunteer grants offer partial funding to recipients: up to 50% of associated and approved costs, capped at CHF 2,000.

BF Hospitality Grants

- BF hospitality grants will be redefined as BF extraordinary support grants and given an annual budget of CHF 1000, with no individual grant exceeding CHF 500.

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BF Region-to-Region Grants

- BF region-to-region grant will be defined as BF area support grants and awarded at the discretion of the BFEC within a total annual budget of CHF 2,000

All grants requiring the consideration of the BFEC will be submitted via specified online applications and will be May 1.

BF Cultural Exchange Grant Planning Process

- BF cultural exchange grant planning and application period will be reduced to one year with delegate travel occurring immediately the next YMI year.
- Provisional host plans from areas will be due December 15. Revisions must be submitted no later than two weeks before the start date of the upcoming mid-year meeting.
- The application period will be from March 1 to May 1
- Application results will be announced on May 15 and delegate travel will occur between August 1 and June 30

BF Forms and Documents

- BF4 application for grant money will be eliminated
- Current BF forms associated with BF delegate travel (applications, delegate information, itinerary & reporting) will be replaced by online versions or applications.

BF Logos and Slogans

- There will be three, modernized and equally acceptable BF logos, as follows:



- The BF slogan: "Leadership through Fellowship" will be adopted and appear in the new logos.
- BF Awards
- The Al Jacques Award (to clubs contributing CHF 2,500 or more) and the Dick Nichols Award (to the region with largest increase in BF contributions) will be eliminated.
- BFEC Meeting Attendance
- The BFEC will attend MYM (and possible other meetings) via video conferencing with her/her physical presence requested by the IEOS, as deemed necessary.

For more information about the Brotherhood Fund, please visit the following website
<https://www.ysmen.org/our-work/programmes/brotherhood-fund/>.

US Area News

Does Your Club Have A Legacy?

By Debbie Redmond, International Service Director (Historian)
Taken from US Area - Y Service Club Alliance Newsletter

Quick question. Does your club have a Legacy? Quick answer. Yes, it does. Every club, no matter how new or old, has something to share and something that should be preserved. Unfortunately, often the items for a club are lost when the original members no longer are a part of the club or the organization and the information and treasures seem to disappear. It is important to keep that Legacy and to share it especially when we work toward our 100th Anniversary. Recently, the International Headquarters were contacted by a person in Colorado who was cleaning out her grandfather's attic and she found several Japanese banners. Since they had the Y's Men emblem on them, she wanted to know about them and wrote to ask for information. There were clubs in Colorado and obviously her grandfather was a member of one of those clubs. While we cannot find information specifically about him, we can surmise that in all likelihood, there was a meeting of club members from Hikone, Japan and this Colorado club whether it was at an International Convention or whether the person from the Japanese club had traveled in the United States and contacted the club. We can't solve that part of the mystery. Perhaps the two clubs had established a brother club relationship.

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My quest is to find and share our Legacy and that includes individual clubs and people that were members of clubs past and present. This can't happen unless these items are shared. It doesn't have to be large banners but it does need to be something that shows it is part of Y's Men whether it is a photo, a scrapbook, a nametag from a convention with small pins on it, a vest worn by someone, or even minutes from the meetings. These are all things that need to be preserved and things that seem to easily disappear. I need photos and I need club information so they can be shared in our 100th Anniversary celebrations (which start next year) as well as information that needs to be preserved. So much has disappeared because nobody knew what to do with it. If you aren't sure, feel free to ask. I love solving history mysteries and I love preserving our history. My e-mail address is moscholar@gmail.com.



International News

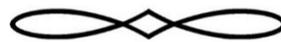
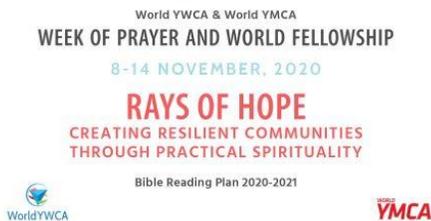
Week of Prayer



The Week of Prayer starts on the 2nd Sunday of November, and runs up to, and including, the following Saturday.

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is "Rays of Hope: Creating Resilient Communities Through Practical Spirituality" and it will take place from November 8 to 14.

For more information and to download the interactive prayer booklet, visit the World YMCA website: <https://www.ymca.int/week-of-prayer/>



International Convention 2022

Submitted by Phil Sammer

Aloha!

Preparations continue for the 2022 International convention celebrating the 100th anniversary of Y's Men International. We have filled some key local committee spots but still need more Hawai'i Y's men and women to take on organizing responsibilities. Volunteer coordinator, Regional Director-elect Joe-Ann McCarthy, is collecting names, cell phone and email information of volunteers. You do not have to volunteer at this time for a specific committee as we will fill spots as needed. You can contact Joe-Ann directly or have your club president send a list with the information listed above. Joe-Ann's email: jmccarthy96744@gmail.com

Hosting an international convention is a large undertaking with many moving parts that will involve all the regions in the US Area. I know that the Hawai'i Region is especially anxious to welcome visitors to our shores and extend the true Aloha spirit that has always been the hallmark of our beautiful islands!

Phil Sammer, IC 2022 Host committee Co-Chair.



Why You Should Attend?

75th Y's Men International Convention
Hawai'i Convention Center

Honolulu, Island of O'ahu, Hawai'i U.S.A.
August 11 - 14, 2022



Venue



Hawai'i Convention Center & Ala Moana

- #1. Ideal Meeting Location. East-meets-West.
- #2. 8 miles from the Airport & within miles from top local attractions.
- #3. Convention Center steps from the Ala Moana Hotel, the convention preferred hotel.
- #4. Convenient walk to premier destinations for shopping, dining & entertainment.
- #5. Hawaii Experience. Service with the spirit of aloha.

Pre & Post Tours & Attractions



To be Scheduled. Suggested places of interest: USS Arizona Memorial, Iolani Palace, Diamond Head State Monument & more.

So...Why Should You Attend?

- Reason 1: For yourself
- Reason 2: For your Club
- Reason 3: For Networking Opportunities
- Reason 4: To Honor and Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Y's Men. A once in a lifetime opportunity!



The Experience of a Lifetime!

Schedule



Tentative & Subject to Change

Thu. Aug. 11 E KOMO MAI ALOHA & WELCOME

- Hawaiian Traditional Blessing
- Grand Opening – Welcome to USA Hawai'i
- Flag Ceremony & IEOs
- Keynote Speaker 100th Anniversary Y's Men
- Traditional Hawaiian Luau & Entertainment

Fri. Aug. 12 OUR PAST & PRESENT

- Morning Devotion
- Paul William Alexander (PWA) Legacy
- Stimulating. Educational. Interactive General and Breakout Sessions
- Dinner Celebration 100 Years of Service

Sat. Aug. 13 OUR FUTURE

- Morning Devotion
- General and Breakout Sessions
- Tours & Attractions - Time to Experience Hawai'i
- Dinner Celebration Continues

Sun. Aug. 14 ALOHA OE

- Morning Devotion & Remembrance
- Convention Reports
- Closing Ceremony and Welcome IC 2024



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Come Join Us
In Hawai'i!



EMAIL: Info@ic2022hawaii.org



Paul William Alexander Legacy Project

The Paul William Alexander Legacy Project is a collective effort to honor the founder of Y's Men International in the lead up to the 100th anniversary celebrations in 2022. In addition to commemorating our origin, the collection of projects aims to consolidate a unified future, strengthening international solidarity and club members' commitment to the vision of Paul William Alexander.

CONTRIBUTE

Will you help honor our founder? Will you join us in taking a bold step towards creating a unified and exciting future? Do you believe in our collective mission? Are you committed to its fulfillment? Will you strengthen our international solidarity so that our Vision is realized? What will be your legacy?

THE PROJECTS

As we approach the centennial celebrations of our organization, we recognizing the founder of Y's Men International, Judge Paul William Alexander, through a series of special projects.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase and installation of a headstone at the previously unmarked grave of Paul William Alexander at the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Ohio, USA <p>Judge Alexander had an unmarked grave due to his wish to remain without one. The club wanted to honor his memory by purchasing a gravestone and received permission from his family. Commemoration was attended by the grandson of Judge Alexander, Alan Otwell and his wife Sandy. Delegates were invited to place single-stemmed roses on the grave.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naming of a Toledo public park after Paul William Alexander by the Toledo City Government. <p>Judge Paul William Alexander Park, former called Superior Park, services the neighborhood close to where he grew up. Mayor. Wade Kapszukiewicz, together with Councilwoman Yvonne Harper, and the Director of Parks & Recreation helped dedicate the renaming of the park. Even a local new channel covered the dedication and aired in that night's new.</p>

PENDING PROJECTS

- Digitalization and online storage/tracking of our important documents, starting with those in the Archives in Minnesota and creation of an online museum and promotion of the YMI story across the world
- Establishment of a Y's Men's Legacy Wall at the YMCA of Greater Toledo
- Purchase of IHQ office space in Geneva
- Establishment of a new international service project in the name of the founder

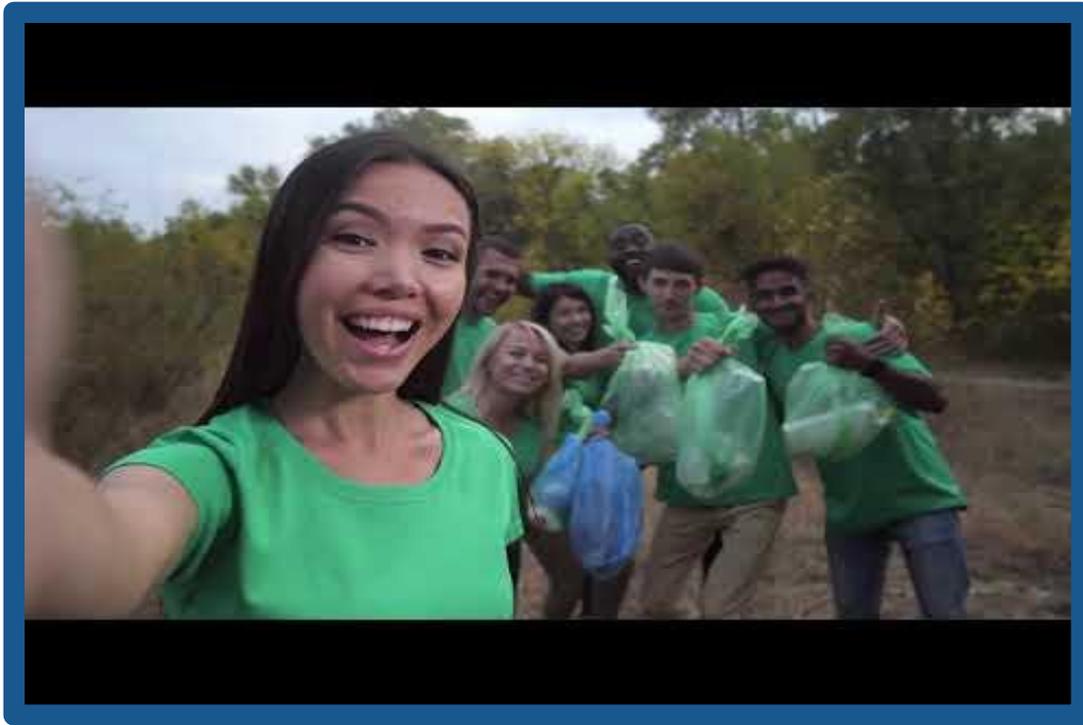
DONATE

Area President Bobby Stivers-Apiki is asking all club members to donate a minimum of \$30 (Legacy) and \$100 (Centenary) per club to meet the U.S. Area goal of \$50,000 towards the Legacy Project. Other giving levels are available.

For more information about the Legacy Project or to view the giving levels, please visit the following website: <https://www.ysmen.org/centenary/pwa-legacy/>

100 Days Membership Campaign

From September 1 until December 9, 100 days are reserved for a targeted membership extension drive! Each club member is encouraged to recruit one new person into his/her own club as part of Challenge 22 and each club is challenged to sponsor at least one new club.



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September marks the beginning of second annual 100 Days Membership Campaign, officially underway since September 1 and finishing, like last year, on December 9. It is hoped that all clubs will participate.'

WHAT'S NEW?

YMI Open House

Clubs are asked to launch the first 100 Days Membership Campaign with a Kick Off Ceremony. This year, clubs are requested to host an Open House – an in-person, on-line, or combination event to which the public (or a select target group of potential new members) is invited to learn more Y's Men International in a fun and informal setting.

More Incentives to Join

The 2020 International Council Meeting approved:

- the introduction of 50% discount on International Dues during 2020/21 and 2021/22 for young people aged 26 – 35 years joining as a new club member.
- the expansion of the existing promotion giving 50% discount on International Dues to partners of existing club members when they join as a new club member – it's now available to all clubs regardless of membership size.

Note: Discount only applies to International Dues. Does not apply to U.S. Area or Hawaii Region Dues.

Virtual Membership Concept

Inviting non-local persons to join clubs, adding a new, modern dimension to club life, as well providing new knowledge and resource streams. Let's create GLOBAL CLUBS – a Local Club with a Global membership!

For more information on the 100 Days Membership Campaign, please visit the following website:

<https://www.ysmen.org/challenge22/>

**Y Service Clubs International
U.S. Area
Hawaii Region**

Leadership Team 2020-2021

Regional Director: Sharon Ishida
Regional Director Elect: Joe-Ann McCarthy
Regional Secretary/Treasurer: Duke Chung
Metro District Governor: Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida
Metro District Lt. Governor: Karla Redding
OVG District Governor: Ken Okimoto

Hawaii Region Clubs

Metropolitan District

Atherton Y Service Club
Central Y Service Club
Kaimuki Y Service Club
Kalihi Y Service Club
Nuuanu Y's Men and Women Service Club
West Oahu Y's Men's Club
Windward Y Service Club

Orchid-Valley-Garden District

East Kauai Y's Men's Club
Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club
Maui Y Service Club

Important Links

Hawaii Region Website:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

Facebook Group Page:

<http://facebook.com/groups/ysmenhawaii>

U.S Area Y Service Website:

<http://yserviceclubsusa.org>

Y's Men International

Website: <http://www.ysmen.org>

Our International Motto:

To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.

Next issue will be in January 2021 and deadline for articles is January 7. Deadline for the April 2021 newsletters to be announced later. Send club and district stories and pictures to Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida at miekogecko@gmail.com.

HAWAII REGION CALENDAR

November

- 14 – Mid-Year Regional Cabinet Meeting. 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Short Metro District Meeting to follow.
- 30 – Brotherhood Fund Payment is due to Duke Chung (West Oahu)

December



January



TBD – Metro District Meeting (Via Zoom)

- 7 – Submit Articles for the Region Bulletin to Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
- 13 – Club Rosters/Membership Count is due to Sharon Ishida (Kaimuki/Atherton) and Jennie Scott (Central)

February



NOTE: CALENDAR IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE. DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



More info to come