



The Y'S OBSERVER

APRIL 2023

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAII REGION,
US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Officers 2022-2023

President: Troy Tomita
VP Phil Sammer
Secretary Jennie Scott
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Garret Ho, Roy Tateishi

Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
Community Service: Rick Lau
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
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Hawai'i Regional Director:
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Metro District Governor: Melanie
Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
OVG District Governor: Vacant

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(North Atlantic)
US Area President-elect: Doug
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International President:
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Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:
Serve and Make a Difference

International Theme:
Let your light shine.

Y's Words:

*April hath put a spirit of youth in
everything.*
William Shakespeare

President's Message



Last March I had the great opportunity to go to the Philippines and participate in the Rotary/YMCA service camp. We spent about 5 days at a remote/rural school helping to build a new classroom for them. I went with several Atherton students, UH engineering students, Rotarians, and some employees of Nan Inc. The work was hard and rewarding to see the completed project, but really the highlight of everyone's experience was the interaction we had with the Filipino community.

So welcoming and friendly. Our students made many bonds with the elementary students. A positive impression was made on both sides. There were many teary eyes when we finally had to say our goodbyes. This experience is a great example of how great an impact service can make in someone's life. Sometimes we focus on the work, but forget the true reason we are doing the work. It's not to build schools, it's to build communities. Camp Erdman is having a large service project on April 29-30. We can discuss this at our April Meeting. *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

The club will meet this month again via Zoom to discuss the upcoming regional convention as well as the Week4Waste program. Atherton is looking for volunteers to clean up invasive seaweed in Maunaloa Bay. Other possibilities for club projects will also be discussed. The Regional Convention in Hilo is still short of attendees so check your schedule and let's go!! The next club meeting is on April 13 at 5:30pm HST. Please contact **Jennie Scott** for the Zoom link.

Brotherclub News:

Helena YSC reports that they are so pleased to have renewed their partnership with the HELENA YMCA last month. Also It is time to register for Spring Soccer, Volleyball, T-Ball and Summer Day Camp. Call the YMCA for more information..... **Bendigo YSC** reports that the club Annual General Meeting will be held on the last Thursday in April. Please give thought to accepting a nomination for a position on Council. One of the initial tasks for the new executive will be to frame a budget that can adapt to the loss of funds provided by the book fairs. With lower income and increased costs to administer the club, some difficult decisions will need to be made on how we distribute available funds.

APRIL EMPHASIS: Leadership training.

The upcoming 86th Regional Convention will feature a leadership workshop based on the new system called Leadership Training Gold, developed in Canada, and led by PRD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** and RSD **Keahi Kaawa**. As membership shrinks, it becomes more difficult to find qualified leaders for any organization. The reasons are many including unfamiliarity with the organization as a whole, lack of knowledge about the duties the position entails or simple burn out, especially in smaller clubs. Yet without effective leadership the organization has no real goals or purpose and cannot sustain itself leading to an even larger decline in membership. Let's hope this is not the fate that awaits YMI...

HUMOR: A police officer came to my house and asked where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I replied kindergarten...

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To Acknowledge the Duty
That Accompanies Every
Right.

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Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club
(South Korea)
Helena YSC (Montana
USA)
Kyoto Palace Y's Men's
Club (Japan)
Bendigo Y Service Club
(Australia)

The Mission of the Central
Y Service Club is to
perform group volunteer
work that directly or
indirectly supports Central
YMCA and the community
it serves.

Club meets 2nd Thursday
at 5:30pm at the Y

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

YMI 100 in Taipei was a great success!

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Hope to see you on the cruise later this year!

Metro District

The Metro District held its annual Conference via Zoom on April 4, 2023 at 5:30pm. All seven clubs were represented.

Topics of discussion were:

Kaimuki's 60th Anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 15. About 30 people have RSVP'd so far. They are still accepting RSVPs until Sunday, April 9.

Nu'uano is Hosting their Book and Bake Sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Nuuanu YMCA. Book donations are being accepted. Please contact **Isaac** for more information about how to donate. They will also be selling a vanilla pound cake for \$8.

Metro project: The Metro District project is to make 100 literacy kits. Originally the book was to be Pete the Cat but IMelanie don't have 100 books available so we will be doing **Clifford the Big Red Dog** instead.

2024 Regional Convention: Discussion on locations for next year's convention. There has been a suggestion of Las Vegas or Honolulu. A majority said Honolulu as the count for Hilo is low.

Discussion of **delegate fees** will be brought up at the business meeting section at the convention.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Time is running out to register for the 86th Regional Convention to be held in beautiful Hilo Hawai'i. There will be plenty of fun and fellowship with the chance to make lots of new friends from the clubs in the region and perhaps from the continent and abroad as well. We'll have informative seminars as well as hands on activities. For a registration form contact RDE

Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida at hiyscmelanie@gmail.com. this is what YMI service and fellowship is all about! See you in Hilo!

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2023

Emphasis: Leadership Training RSD:
Keahi Kaawa

1 Metro District Conference via Zoom

13: Club business meeting via Zoom

MAY 2023

Emphasis: Regional Convention

5-7 86th Regional Convention-Hilo

11 Club Business Meeting via Zoom

Christian Emphasis

"Christ died for our sins." – 1 Corinthians
15:3

The cross . . . My, what a piece of wood!
History has idolized it and despised it, gold-plated it and burned it, worn and trashed it. History has done everything to it but ignore it. That's the one option the cross does not offer. No one can ignore it!
Have a Happy Easter !

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Congratulations to Central Y for surpassing its Annual Campaign goal of \$55,000 by 110% for a total of \$60,625! The association as a whole is at 84.5% of its goal of \$1,229,500...YMCA Camp Erdman is planning a work weekend to spruce up the cabins, do landscape work and generally tidy up the look of the camp. Overnight accommodation with meals is available. Dates are April 29 & 30, 2023.

