



The Y'S OBSERVER

AUGUST 2021

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

President's Message

Officers 2021-2022

President: Troy Tomita
VP: Phil Sammer
Secretary: Jennie Scott
Treasurer: Rick Lau

Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Roy Tateishi, Eunice Delacruz

Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
Community Service: Rick Lau
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
Membership/Conserv: ALL!
YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita
Endowment: Troy Tomita
Time of Fast: Phil Sammer
Public Relations: Jennie Scott

Hawaii Regional Director:
JoeAnn McCarthy (Windward)
Hawaii Regional Director-elect:
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
Metro District Governor: Karla Redding (Windward)
OVG District Governor:
Ken Okimoto (Hilo)

US Area President: Shaju Sam (North Atlantic)
US Area President-elect: Vacant
International President: Kim Sang-chae (South Korea)
International President-elect:
K.C. Samuel (India)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

You can't stay mad at someone who makes you laugh.

Jay Leno



Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. I had the pleasure of accompanying my son to a BSA camp on Catalina Island, off the coast of California. Camp Emerald Bay. It was a great experience for the scouts and adults. There were activities all day to keep everyone busy. Funny how we left Hawaii to go to a smaller island to do water activities, but it would have been hard to do all those things here.

They had kayaking, canoeing, sail boating, stand-up paddle, motor boating and row boating not to mention all the other land based Merit Badges. My son got certified in Scuba. It was a life experience for all. That made me think of how much we lost in 2020 during the pandemic when scouts (everyone) couldn't travel, couldn't explore, couldn't experience many things. One year less of all those opportunities, that for our kids, will be hard to recover. Although Covid is still a part of our lives, it was nice to get out and experience the world. It was great to be able to allow my son and his friend the gift that he'll always remember. I hope that we learn from what we allowed COVID to take away from us and prevent it from happening in the future. *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

The club has decided to meet either in person or via Zoom depending on the fullness of the agenda. We also decided to assist **Nu'uano** in painting the teen center at their branch on August 14; however, president **Isaac Sakamoto** has since decided to postpone the project due to the resurgence of COVID-19 in Hawaii and the risk of inadvertently infecting others. In the mean time we continue to seek out worthwhile projects that will fit into the restraints imposed by the pandemic. Next **meeting is Monday August 9, 2021 at 5pm via ZOOM.**

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo's Golden City Bulletin reports that on 15th July Brian Fry presented a talk on the forests of Central Victoria. Clubman **Ken Morrison** introduced Brian Fry to our meeting. Brian and Ken were both products of the Creswick School of Forestry albeit at different times, and their paths crossed many times over their careers. Brian's most informative talk covered the changes in forests around Victoria from the early days of European colonisation. The map of forests in those early days of the 19th century comparing with the forests of today showed the startling changes that have occurred because of the use of wood and timber for the building and other development of the State as well as mining and other uses.....**Helena YSC** reports : Registration is going on now for the YMCA After School Program. A YMCA van will pick up kids from their elementary or middle school and bring them to the Y every school day. The Y will help with homework, engage them in games and provide healthy snacks. The childcare will go 5 days a week from after school until 5:30.

August Focus: Community Service

Y Service clubs were originally founded to provide volunteers to the YMCA but quickly outgrew this function to become an organization that is concerned with the entire community. For almost one hundred years YMI members have provided invaluable service in all aspects of daily life both at the Y and at the community levels. Examples span the gamut from supplying food to the elderly via Meals on Wheels to helping the Y as board and program volunteers. Indeed YMI is a vital part of the fabric of society and continues to serve the community and the Y on a daily basis.

Virus Rules Update: Unfortunately the COVID pandemic has intensified due to unvaccinated individuals who unwittingly spread the virus. It's time to "mask up" again to protect ourselves both indoor and out.

Humor: I've expanded my skills. I can now forget what I'm doing while I'm actually doing it...

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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)
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 Monday
via Zoom at 5pm

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

The International Council met in July and officially cancelled the 2022 International Convention scheduled for Hawai'i due to concerns about the COVID pandemic. We will still celebrate our centennial November 15-17, 2022 with a special gathering in Taiwan while the 2024 convention is slated for Bangalore, India.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org):

IPAP **Bobby-Stivers** has been tapped to be the next president of the Past Area President's Club. Congrats!

Metro District:

Metro DG **Karla Redding** called the first Metro District meeting of the year to order at 10am on Saturday July 24. **Phil** represented Central. Reports were received from six clubs including our newest **Atherton** who will soon celebrate their first IBC relationship with YSC Savana La Mar in Jamaica. **Kaimuki** will operate with hybrid meetings for now but plan to do their traditional Christmas Caroling at Maunalani. **Kalihi** continues to help the Y branch with summer meal distributions while **Nu'uano** will have a joint Zoom meeting with its IBC **Osaka Centennial** in August. **West O'ahu** is meeting in person and is distributing school supplies while **Windward** will hold its annual plant sale in early February. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 23 possibly at Central.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

We were saddened to learn that the International Convention 2022 has been cancelled but appreciate the tremendous support the region gave to our efforts both as members of the organizing committee and as volunteers. The pandemic has upset many plans but not our enthusiasm to show the true Aloha spirit to our friends and club members from around the world. Host Organizing Co-Chair **Phil Sammer** sends a big mahalo nui loa to each and every one of you!!

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2021

Emphasis: Community Service RSD: **Albert Lee** (Nu'uano)

9 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

SEPTEMBER 2021

Emphasis: Endowment Fund RSD: **Donna Saito** (Windward)

13 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

Christian Emphasis

"Whoever is wise will ... think about the love of the Lord" – Psalm 107:43
Aging? A necessary process to pass on to a better world. Death? Merely a brief passage, a tunnel . . . The next time you find yourself alone in a dark alley facing the undeniables of life, don't cover them with a blanket, or ignore them with a nervous grin. Don't turn up the TV and pretend they aren't there. Instead, stand still, whisper God's name, and listen. He is nearer than you think.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The Y is hiring: <ymcahonolulu.org>

- Teen Group Leaders
- Early Learning Program Leaders and Preschool Teachers
- Membership and Health & Fitness Team Members
- Swim Instructors
- Lifeguards
- Management & Administrative Team Members