



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

President's Message

Officers 2022-2023

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

Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Roy Tateishi

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

Hawai'i Regional Director:
Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward)
Hawai'i Regional Director-elect:
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
Metro District Governor: Melanie
Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
OVG District Governor: TBD

US Area President: Shaju Sam
(North Atlantic)
US Area President-elect: Doug
Jones (Pacific SW Region)
International President:
K.C. Samuel (India)
International President-elect: TBD
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

*Just as there are no little people
or unimportant lives, there is no
insignificant work.*

Elena Bonner



I can't believe that summer is over (at least for all those kids that had to go back to school). I was glad to see that this summer was much more normal than last summer. Kids were able to play games without worrying how close they got to each other. They could run, yell and laugh without their masks on. I enjoyed seeing all those smiling faces. I took my family to Disneyland and things seemed back to

normal. I could actually pose with Mickey Mouse this time. I'm sure those of us who travel really can appreciate the return to normalcy. That's a good sign for our club as we look at building our service to the community. Let's commit ourselves to coming up with at least one project every two months as a club. Atherton Club seems to have a good schedule for us to join in on. Something to discuss at our upcoming meeting. *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

The Atherton Club will be holding a club service project on Saturday, August 13, 2022. The planned project will be at Koko Head District Park's Rain Garden, where we will plant native species and assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the garden. Feel free to invite friends and/or family to the project! If you are planning on attending, please RSVP using the Google Form below. The deadline to sign up is on August 7, 2022 at 11:59 PM. Use this link: <https://forms.gle/EKsR9Jq9APhQcg9i8>

Place: Koko Head District Rain Garden

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Duties: Removing weeds, collecting trash, watering plants

NOTE: Our next club meeting will be in person at Central on Monday August 8 at 5pm

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo YSC reports Dwindling attendances: Over recent weeks the ugly face of Covid-19 has been experienced by a few of our members. This combined with some who have travelled north to escape our winter chills has seen a drop off in attendances at our club meetings. We were down to nine at our lunch meeting at the Latte Lads café on 14th July and on 20th July, when we travelled south to Kangaroo Flat club only eight of us were available. Hoping this virus fades away rapidly but alas wishing will not get rid of it..... **Helena YSC** reports new regional officers: Welcome to **Bruce Stock** as our Pacific Northwest Regional Director, **Sharon Meadows** will continue to be our Secretary and **Stan Brown** will continue to be our Treasurer.

August Emphasis: Community Service

The unofficial motto of our clubs is "Service in Action". Part of the global YMI network working collectively to develop, encourage and provide a better world for all humankind, affiliated clubs actively strive for positive and sustainable change foremost in their communities. Each club is as unique as the community it serves, developing and operating its own distinctive brand of civic engagement and coordinated activities. The ways in which a club may serve are numberless. Focus is given to addressing – or helping to address – an immediate and important need; reducing inequalities and ensuring basic human needs are met and rights respected. Community Service ideas for your local club: are numerous. In addition to its own programs, a YMI club will often support other worthy, like-minded groups either with funds or time, functioning where possible in partnership with a local YMCA.

Humor: Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, 'I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent. 'Thank God,' said an elderly nun at the back. 'I'm so tired of chardonnay.'

News From Ysdom

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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 Monday
at 5pm at the Y.

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Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Message from IP **K C Samuel**: On 5 July, I was installed as International President for 2022-23 in Aarhus, Denmark. It was a great celebration and I thank World YMCA for putting up a grand show. I thank each of you for the trust placed in me and request your prayers to lead this organization forward. Thanks also for all the congratulatory messages from all over the world.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The Y's Men International Centennial Award was presented to YMCA of the USA at the YMI centennial celebration at the 20th YMCA World Council in Aarhus, Denmark. International President Dr K. C. Samuel presented the award to **Ms Cici Rojas**, Chair of the National Board of Directors.

Metro District

The summer Metro District meeting was held via Zoom on Saturday July 16 starting at 9am. RD **Joe-Ann McCarthy** reported that **Alyah Cortez** is our representative attending the Youth Convocation in Chiang Mai. The region is paying half of her airfare and the balance of expenses will be paid by the Hilo club and the YMCA. RD Joe-Ann also reported that the YMI 100th Anniversary will be held in Taipei, Taiwan on November 15-17, 2022. Registration is now open. Metro DG **Melanie** reports that surveys have been sent to clubs to get their feedback on what clubs need, how they can be supported and anything they want to share. Also the October Metro meeting will be held in person, possibly at Central YMCA.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning continues for the 2023 regional convention scheduled for May 7-9, 2023 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel and Waiakea YMCA. Duties are currently being assigned by co-planners **Sharon Ishida** and **Phil Sammer**. As is the norm, the clubs are being asked to share in the organization of the convention so expect a call from Phil or Sharon soon! Next planning meeting will be on August 24 at 5pm via Zoom.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2022

Emphasis: Community Service RSD:
Albert Lee (Nu'uuanu)

8 Membership Meeting at Central 5PM

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

TBD: Membership Meeting at Kaimuki Y
13 Atherton Work Project 9am

Christian Emphasis

"You thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scriptures day and night." Psalm 1: 1-2
The Bible is not a newspaper to be skimmed but rather a mind to be quarried. Here is a practical point. Study the Bible a little at a time. God seems to send messages as he did his manna one day's portion at a time. He provides "a command here, a command there. A rule here, a rule there. A lesson here, a little lesson there." (Isa. 28:10) Choose depth over quantity.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

A+ Afterschool Wilson Elementary 4th and 5th graders, as part of our changemakers program called Youth-led Participatory Action Research (YPAR), completely planned and hosted a family fundraising fair at the end of the school year at our Kaimuki-Waiālae YMCA. They raised over \$7000 for distribution to Ukrainian children and families impacted by the war!



Installation of IP K C Samuel July 5, 2022