



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

DECEMBER 2019

Honor Bulletin
2008-2019

Officers 2019-2020

President: Rick Lau
VP: Troy Tomita
Secretary: Roy Tateishi
Treasurer: Darryl Tupinio

Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Eunice Delacruz, Jon Ikea, Phil Sammer, Guy Arakaki, Jimmy Ishimoto, Jennie Scott, Tiffany Kugiya.

Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
Community Service: Rick Lau
Christian Emphasis: Gary B.
Membership/Conserv: Eunice D.
YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita
Endowment: Troy Tomita
Time of Fast: Jon Ikea
Public Relations: Jennie Scott

Hawai'i Regional Director:
Phil Sammer(Central)
Hawai'i Regional Director-elect:
Sharon Ishida(Kaimuki)
Metro District Governor:
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida(Kalihi)
Metro Lt Gov: Karla Redding
(Windward)
OVG District Governor:
Ken Okimoto (Hilo)

US Area President: Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hawai'i)
US Area President-elect:
Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hawai'i)
International President: Jennifer Jones (Australia)
International President-elect:
Jacob Kristensen (Denmark)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:
E Hana Kakou: Let's work together!
Y's Words:

It infuriates me to be wrong when I know I'm right.

Moliere

President's Message



Central will celebrate our annual Christmas luncheon with guest DG **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida** at the Waikiki Yacht Club on Sunday December 15. May you all have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and peace of his love at Christmas always. Holy Christmas night. On His holy night may your heart be illuminated with love, joy and peace. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas !

Club Activities

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Garret Ho's** mother. She was a lively and gentle person who often joined us in special events. Our condolences go out to Garret and his family.....The Central Y's Men and Women put on a feast for about 25 residents at the Central YMCA featuring roast chicken and the "fixins" (see photos page 2). Congratulations to Executive Director **Troy Tomita** and club members **Gary Bautista, Roy Tateishi, Guy Arakaki, Eunice Delacruz, Jennie Scott, Darryl Tupinio, Rick Lau, Jimmy Ishimoto** and calabash member **Wayson Kobelanski** for their time, talent and treasure. The next event will be our annual Christmas Party at the Waikiki Yacht Club on Sunday December 15 **which replaces our regular meeting**. Members are reminded to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less. **The next club meeting is scheduled for 6PM Monday January 13, 2020 at the YMCA.**

Brotherclub News

From the pages of the *Bendigo Golden City Bulletin*: Recently the Club Council held its meeting in the Discovery Centre Boardroom in the Market Place. The Council had resolved to donate \$900 to the Centre for the purpose of contributing to a major solar panel project on the Centre roof. To that end the Council met there and made the presentation to the manager, **Al Reid**

Monthly Focus: International Training Summit-Recap

In tune with a key element of the Challenge 22 Operational Plan to inspire a sense of belonging and being a vital component of a larger whole, the International RDE Summit provided space for empowerment, inspiration, fellowship and network building. Emergent leaders left the event with a new group of friends and resource people at their disposal, to boost their leadership potential and bring the movement into a new era. The event was opened during a ceremony on Thursday evening where the Mayor of Toledo, Mr **Wade Kapszukiewicz**, officially inaugurated the event. The evening's guest speaker was Greater Toledo YMCA President and CEO, Mr **Brad Toft**. Ice-breaking exercises launched the formal activities and the week included a wide range of topics, including goal setting, finance and support, the Legacy Project, unified branding, new approaches to working with the YMCA, and international programs. Case stories of success and innovative thinking were also presented by selected delegates, along with numerous opportunities for Area and Regional meetings and informal socialising and networking activities. A highlight of the event was a bus tour on Saturday afternoon, covering sites relevant to the life of Judge Alexander, from the time of his birth in 1888 until his death in 1967. The main stop was the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery, where, as part of the Legacy Project, a new headstone (see photo page 2) now identifies the founder's previously unmarked grave. Delegates were invited to place single-stemmed roses on the grave and were joined in this commemoration by the grandson of Judge Alexander, **Alan Otwell** and his wife **Sandy**. All in all a very worthwhile gathering of the future leaders of YMI! *Note: Recap courtesy of YMI.*

Humor: Some political humor: Child: So how come there aren't any circuses around now?
Father: Because all the clowns got into politics..Question: Do all fairy tales begin with *Once upon a time*? Answer: No. Some begin with *If I get elected...*

CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

Chartered May 27, 1994

c/o Central YMCA
401 Atkinson Dr.
Honolulu, HI 96814

To Acknowledge the Duty
That Accompanies Every
Right.

Editor: Phil Sammer
Ph: 808-923-1877
Fax: 808-924-8371
philsammer@gmail.com

Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club
Northwest Y Service
Club(CA)
Thika Y Service Club
(Kenya)
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 Central YMCA 6pm

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Electronic ballots will soon be sent to qualifying clubs to choose the next International President-elect who will serve from 2020 to 2021. The three candidates are: **K.G. Varghese** and **K.M. Scariachen** both of Area India as well as **Kim Sang-chaie** of Area Korea. Also up for election is the International Treasurer-elect for 2020-2021 with as candidates **Erik Breum** of Area Europe and **T.M. Jose** of Area India. Balloting closes on January 31, 2020.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

-Reported by AP **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**.

The successful and rewarding Y's Men International RDE Summit 2019 held in Toledo this past weekend is now history but it was an amazing experience that will be long remembered. RDEs representing our Area were **Gay Roberts** (her husband David), South Atlantic; **Dan Eberly**, Pacific Southwest; **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida**, Hawaii RDEE. **Raye Vincent**, Pacific Northwest could not join us due to the passing of her father. RDs **Joseph Kanjamala**, North Atlantic; **Charley Redmond**, Mid East were in attendance as well as **Matthew Chamakkala**, IPRD North Atlantic, **Varghese Korason**, PR, ASD, **Tibor Foki**, IPAP, **Debbie Redmond**, PAP, **Shaju Sam** newly elected APE and **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**.

Metro District

The next district meeting will be in January hosted by **Central**. President **Rick** will soon be setting the date and time in consultation with Metro DG **Melanie**.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The next Regional newsletter, *Ku'i Ka Pahu*, will be published in January. The deadline for articles and photos is January 8. Clubs are strongly urged to submit reports and photos of their activities to share with the rest of the region and also the US Area.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2019

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD: **Lance Niimi** (Hilo)

Note: Regular membership meeting replaced this month by holiday party
15 Club Holiday Brunch: Waikiki Yacht Club 11am-1pm

JANUARY 2020

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: **Tony Yee** (Kaimuki)

13 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
19 Friends of Library Winter Book Sale
tba YMCA Sunday

Christian Emphasis

Name five blessings in your life. Why are you grateful for them? How will you thank God for them today? Don't forget the giver . . . Be careful that you do not forget the Lord - Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Lord, You are the source of every blessing in our lives. In our pride we often imagine otherwise, but we do know better. Thank you for your gifts.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu Winter Break Day Camp at the Y!

Keep your kids active and safe when school's out! Our Winter Day Camps, conveniently located at our Y Branches, are packed full of activities that include sports, arts and crafts, science, cooking, swimming, and more. Y family members save up to 20% on camps and youth programs! Not a Y family member? Join today! Need a little extra help? Thanks to our generous donors, financial assistance is available for membership and youth programs! Sign up at www.ymcahonolulu.org

Photo Gallery Book Sale



Residents Dinner



RDE Summit

