



The Y'S OBSERVER

DECEMBER 2022

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

President's Message



It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the year. It's been a challenging year and I know we haven't been able to do as many projects as we would have liked to, but for a club our size, I think we have done well. I'm especially proud of our club's continued support of the Special Olympics and the Friends of the Library book sale. It's these ongoing projects that make our club known in the community. The other one is the Central YMCA holiday dinner. Such gestures like this go a long way.

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: Vacant

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: Ulrik
Lauridsen (Denmark)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

*Always bear in mind that your
resolution to succeed is more
important than any one thing.*

Abraham Lincoln

It is the one time that our guests can socially get together and enjoy a meal together. Just seeing the small groups sitting together is far more important than most think. Many of our guests live at the Y not only because of the fees, but because there is always someone to talk to. Whether it be our staff or another guest, they feel like they belong. This small event of serving dinner once a year goes a long way to connect our YMCA community with each other. Wishing you and your family happy holidays! Merry Christmas *Aloha Troy*

Club Activities

The fundraising tickets for Zippy's were distributed. The annual residents' dinner this year will be on Sunday December 4 from 6pm to 7pm at the branch. Meet at 3pm for prep work. **RD Joe-Ann** and husband **Jack** will help with the prep work. We will also have our annual holiday party again at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Attendees should bring one wrapped gift, value of \$20. Brother club members **Hitoshi** and **Yuko Inoue** of the **Kyoto Palace YSC** will be visiting Hawai'i from November 30 to December 4 so plans are to host them at dinner on Saturday December 3 at 5pm at the Waikiki Yacht Club. The last meeting of the year will be the annual holiday party at the Waikiki Yacht Club on Sunday December 11, 2022 at 10:30am. Don't forget to bring your wrapped gift!

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo YSC reports: "Our club has donated \$2,500 to the Discovery Science & Technology Centre Planetarium Fund. Our donation is at the Nebula sponsor level and will contribute toward the new, expanded Planetarium at Discovery. 'The New Bendigo Planetarium will be a state of the art 'dome theatre' to inspire, in particular, the younger generation. It will be a valuable community asset, education facility and tourist attraction for regional Victoria. The leading-edge technical creative content and expanded capacity will provide for visitors of all ages to the region and become a flexible learning space for regional schools'.....**Helena YSC** reports: YMCA After School Program for grades Kindergarten-5th. Some details: 5 days per week, school release until 6pm, September 6, 2022 through June 8, 2023. No school care on half-days or holidays, pay a simple flat rate per month, no matter the month.

DECEMBER EMPHASIS: CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

She brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger." - Luke 2⁷. The virgin birth is more, much more, than a Christmas story; it is a picture of how close Christ will come to you. The first stop on his itinerary was a womb. Where will God go to touch the world? Look deep within Mary for an answer. Better still, look deep within yourself. What he did with Mary, he offers to us! He issues a Mary-level invitation to all his children. "If you'll let me, I'll move in!"

Humor: To err is human. To blame it on someone else shows management potential...You are about to exceed the limits of my medication...LAZY is such an ugly word. I prefer selective participation...The more you weigh the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe eat cake..

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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.

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Did you know that the star in our emblem represents the star of Bethlehem, leading wise men from the East to the birthplace of Jesus Christ? The Christmas narrative never gets old! It warms our hearts and reminds us of a glorious prophecy fulfilled through the birth of a tiny baby in Bethlehem.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Planning continues for the USA and Canada-Caribbean Areas "floating convention" aboard a cruise ship from New York/New Jersey to Halifax, Nova Scotia and return in 2023. The timing is good as attendees can also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of YMI which was postponed from this year.

Metro District

DG **Melanie** is looking for a project that would involve all Metro clubs. Clubs are invited to submit suggestions. Time frame would be end of January. The next Metro meeting will again be via Zoom with date and venue to be determined.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning for the 2023 regional convention in Hilo is moving into high gear (despite the eruption of Mauna Loa!). Registration forms will soon be available. The selected venue is the newly renovated Hilo Hawaiian Hotel located on the Hilo bayfront. Regional conventions offer a perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends while making new ones as well. There are also fun and educational components that contribute to better understanding of YMI plus you get to enjoy the beautifully diverse Island of Hawai'i. Hilo has many small, locally owned businesses that are not found on O'ahu or other islands. In addition Hilo has the Imiloa Astronomy center that contains a wealth of information about the current state of astronomy in Hawai'i. All in all a nice little town to visit!

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2022

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD: **Isaac Sakamoto** (Nu'uauu)

4 Residents Annual Holiday Party
11 Club Holiday Party: Waikiki Yacht Club
25 Merry Christmas!

JANUARY 2023

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida** (Kalihi)

12 Club business meeting venue TBA
tba Metro District Meeting & Project

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Free Access to YMCA360
Keep yourself and your family healthy - physically and mentally - this holiday season with a special gift from our Y: Free access to YMCA360! Enjoy 1,500+ on-demand and livestream virtual group exercise and well-being classes, as well as youth sports, art, dance, and science activities ANYWHERE and ANYTIME through YMCA360. Access YMCA360 on any device - your phone, iPad, or computer, Apple TV, Roku, or Android TV - all in cinematic 4K!

Go to YMCA360.org and enter your email and follow the prompts.
[If you are a Y member, use the email associated with your membership to ensure continued access to YMCA360 after the holiday promotional period ends.]

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