



# The Y'S OBSERVER

FEBRUARY 2023

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: Vacant

### US Area President: Shaju Sam (North Atlantic)

US Area President-elect: Doug  
Jones (Pacific SW Region)  
International President:  
Ulrik Lauridsen (Denmark)  
International President-elect:  
vacant  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

### Regional Theme:

**Serve and Make a Difference**

### International Theme:

*Let your light shine.*

### Y's Words:

*Be like a duck. Calm on the  
surface, but paddling like the  
dickens underneath.  
Michael Caine*



I can't believe that we are already into the month of February. The time is flying by. Would like to thank **Roy** and **Rick** for handling our Zippy's fundraising project. I felt it went really well. The Mililani Y seniors supported a lot by buying over 50 tickets. The YMCA is now in its Annual Campaign mode, so I hope we can all support the Y with either a gift or help raise support.

Every year this club, although small, does well to help the Y. **Phil** and **Rick** make it to the top 3 all the time. It's great supporters like you that make the Y and this club successful. *Aloha,*  
*Troy*

## Club Activities

The club will meet via Zoom this month to discuss the upcoming Regional convention as well as the Week4Waste day program. Other possibilities for club projects will also be discussed. The meeting starts at 5:30pm HST at the following Zoom address:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84375504500?pwd=UkJuNXRYSmRRaS9DbndVOXMzNVZkQT09>.

Passcode: 418496

## Brotherclub News:

**Bendigo YSC** reports that "As we face the New Year we no longer have the books project as a fundraiser and the 2022 Christmas tree sale was not what we would have expected due to the wet winter in the tree growing areas. Our funding situation will be dramatically changed in the future and, as a consequence, it will be necessary for the Club to manage its affairs very differently from this time forward".....**Helena YSC** reports that "Our next club meeting will be at the home of Raye and Tim Vincent February 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. This will be our TOF lunch. We will donate the cost of a meal to the TOF project. (What it might cost you to eat out)".

## FEBRUARY EMPHASIS: TIME OF FAST

TOF is a popular program where YMI members all over the world, traditionally give up at least one meal (usually during the month of February) and donate the cost of that meal to the TOF fund which in turn makes the money raised in this way available to projects sponsored by both YMI and the YMCAs all over the world. Since its inception in 1972 to date, TOF has raised about US \$7 million for development projects and disaster relief. All projects must be hosted by the local YMCA and involve the active participation of the local Y service club.

**Humor:** Someone posted that they had just made synonym buns. I replied, "You mean just like the ones that grammar used to make?" I am now blocked.

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers .. if you do find one, what's your plan?

The more I get to know people, the more I realize why Noah only let animals on the ark.

Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.

When all this pandemic stuff is over, I still plan to wear a mask. It hides the perpetual look of annoyance I have for most people.

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.

Someone just honked to get me out of my parking space faster, so now I just have to sit here until both of us are dead.

My train of thought derailed. There were no survivors.

## News From Y'sdom

### CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
at 5pm at the Y.

### Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

International president K.C. Samuel has resigned and was replaced by IPE Ulrik Lauridsen who automatically assumed the office of the International President in accordance with Article V, Section 2E of the International Constitution. Mr Lauridsen, from Vejle in Denmark, has chosen the theme 'Let your Light Shine' and the slogan 'Good Communication Is Cornerstone in Every Cooperation'.

### US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Six YMI members from Hawai'i, led by IPAP **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, plan to participate in the joint US Area/Canada-Caribbean cruise from New Jersey USA to Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada.

### Metro District

**Aloha:** 2023 Week4Waste was just announced. It will be held on April 16-23, 2023 in conjunction with Earth Day (April 22). Please share the information with your members and put it in your planning to host a clean-up project for April 2023. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida, RDE

### Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning for the 2023 regional convention in Hilo is moving into high gear. The organizing committee met on February 8 via Zoom. Registration forms will be available on March 1. The selected venue is the newly renovated Hilo Hawaiian Hotel located on the Hilo bayfront. Some deadlines were also announced including awards and raffle proceeds: April 7, program work books April 8. The convention will feature an address by US Area President **Shaju Sam** as well as Hawai'i County Mayor **Mitch Roth** (tentative). It was also suggested that each club send \$100 to the Hilo club to purchase items for the planned Community Service project. There will also be an induction of any new members present.

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY 2023

Emphasis: Time of Fast RSD: **Cheryl Dacus** (Nu'uauu)

9 Club business meeting (via Zoom)  
5:30PM

### MARCH 2023

Emphasis: Int'l Brother Clubs, RSD **James Dang** (Kaimuki)

9 Club business meeting (venue tbd)

### Christian Emphasis

"Anyone who is having trouble should pray." – James 5:13  
Have you taken your disappointments to God? You've shared them with your neighbor, your relatives, your friends. But have you taken them to God? Before you go anywhere else with your disappointments, go to God.

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The Y will kick off its Annual Campaign on Saturday February 25 at 9:30am at the Honolulu Country Club. See all that our Y accomplished in 2022 and our vision moving forward for 2023. Hear from our campaign leadership, those we support, and our CEO **Greg Waibel**. Cheer on your branch as they "Walk the Catwalk" and announce their progress to their goal.

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