



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



Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable time. I can't believe that even with all the rain, there was so many "illegal" fireworks to be seen. No need to pack into Ala Moana Beach park when I can just go outside my house and be up close. Sometimes too close. I hope 2022 brings more than just the rain and covid. Not a good way to start, but I'm hopeful that things will get better and we'll be able to do more. (I think I said the same thing last year).

I'm looking forward to our late "Christmas" breakfast this month. It'll be nice to be in-person. Don't forget your proof of vaccination! Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! *Aloha, Troy*

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:
Joe-Ann 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:

New Year's Day is every man's birthday.

Charles Lamb

Club Activities

Unfortunately we had to reschedule our December holiday party due to Waikiki Yacht Club access issues related to the Honolulu Marathon. The new date for the party is **Sunday January 16, 2022 10:30am** at the Waikiki Yacht Club. **There will be NO meeting on Monday January 10.** We will still do our usual gift exchange with maximum \$20 value. If you can't attend please let Phil know asap. COVID regulations are in effect and each person must wear a mask except when eating and present proof of full vaccination. Looking forward to seeing everyone there as we start the new year! Our next regular business meeting will be on **February 14, 2022.**

Brotherclub News:

The **Helena YSC** reports that The Helena Family YMCA will be starting swim lessons for kids and adults and pickle ball lessons for adults on Sundays in January. The first club meeting of the new year will be on Monday, January 17, 2022, at Perkins' Restaurant at 11:30 am. Thanks to RAY ROBERTS, RAYE VINCENT, and former member, Janie Gehring, for representing our club ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. **Bendigo YSC** reports that it's that time of year again for the Book Sale and Christmas Trees! Following the success of the laneway book sale in 2020, we decided to run it again this year in lieu of the cancelled Spring Book Fair. As well, the weekend after the book fair the smell of Christmas trees will fill the air again.

January Focus: YMCA Service

At the beginning of each year YMI celebrates its unique relationship with the worldwide YMCA movement. Since 1922 YMI has served the YMCA providing volunteers and support for the programs that are so important to the persons of all ages in the community. Our own founder **Paul William Alexander** was a member of the Toledo (Ohio) Central Y's Men's Club (now Y Service Club) when 100 years ago he organized the first effort to create a stable base of volunteers among men interested in the work of the YMCA that since includes men and women members. Often a YMCA and YMI region will reaffirm their relationship with a document called "Principles of Partnership" in which each organization affirms its support for the other. Much has changed in the past 100 years but YMI and the YMCA continue as natural partners to create a better society for all.

Virus Update:

The omicron variant has appeared in Hawaii and is proving very contagious; however, it appears to be less virulent than the Delta variant resulting in less severe sickness and reduced hospital stays.

Humor: Groaners: Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. 'How was he killed?' asked one detective. 'With a golf gun,' the other detective replied. 'A golf gun! What is a golf gun?' 'I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan.'

News From Y'sdom

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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
via Zoom at 5pm

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Bylaws regarding international elections: The International President-Elect and International Treasurer-Elect shall be elected by the membership by a mail ballot of the clubs duly chartered and with voting privileges on international issues. The candidate receiving the highest number of ballots returned by the clubs, within forty-five (45) days after notice of the International Council nominations is mailed to the club president of record, will be elected. Each club shall have one (1) vote for each office. The election of the International President-Elect, International Treasurer-Elect and International Council Members shall be held at the same time.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

We are happy to announce that PAP **Fred Leonard** has recovered from a recent sickness and is again publishing the US Area newsletter. Clubs are encouraged to write short articles about their activities and include pictures when available.

Metro District:

The next Metro district meeting will take place on January 22, 2022 with the venue to be decided later. Given the proliferation of the omicron variant it seems likely it will be a Zoom event.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

PRD **Sharon Ishida**, as chair of the Awards committee, has decided to follow the same procedure at the May 2022 convention as last year when we honored clubs for their efforts to do projects throughout the year despite the pandemic. Certificates will be given to each club. Nominations are also currently being taken for **Member of the Year** as well as the **Order of the Red Triangle** (which is voted on by the Regional Counselors only). Convention dates are May 13-15, 2022 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel in Hilo, Hawai'i.

Calendar of Events

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

16 Annual holiday party-Waikiki YC
22 Metro District Meeting via Zoom

Emphasis: Time of Fast RSD: **Kent Uyehara** (Kaimuki).

14 Club business Meeting via Zoom

Christian Emphasis

Receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made." - Mathew 25:34
The problem with this world is that it doesn't fit. Oh, it will do for now, but it isn't tailored-made. We were made to live with God, but on earth we live by our faith. We were made to live forever, but on the earth we live but for a moment. We were made to live holy lives, but the world is stained by sin. This world wears a borrowed shirt. Heaven will fit like one tailor-made.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Located right in the back of our Windward Y, Ulupō Heiau is the second-largest heiau on the island of 'Oahu. The heiau rises 30 feet above lo'i patches and areas where palm trees and ulu grow along a path leading to a clearing in a tree canopy that overlooks the Kawainui fishpond. A thousand years ago, the Kawainui fishpond was nearly 900 acres of mostly open water that served as 'Oahu's largest fishpond for Native Hawaiians on the Windward Coast.

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Hawaiian words used in this issue:

Ulu: Breadfruit
Heiau: Temple, usually dedicated to a particular god.
Lo'i: Irrigated terrace,, often for taro cultivation
Kawainui: Large marshy area located in
Kailua on the island of O'ahu
Hau'oli Makahiki Hou: Happy New Year!