



# The Y'S OBSERVER

JANUARY 2023

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 there were 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 that all of you are having a safe and wonderful holiday season. I would like to wish you a Happy New Year! Let's make 2023 a great year! *Aloha, Troy*

### 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:

*New Year's day is every man's  
birthday.*

*Charles Lamb*

## Club Activities

The annual residents' dinner this year was held on Sunday December 4 from 6pm to 7pm at the branch. Club members met at 3pm for prep work assisted by **RD Joe-Ann** and husband **Jack**. We served about twenty-five residents this year with all members of the club on hand for duty including calabash member **Wayson**. **Karleen Chinen**, daughter of our late member **Eunice Delacruz**, donated two pies in her memory....We celebrated our annual holiday party once again at the Waikiki Yacht Club on Sunday December 11, Attendees included **Troy**, **Jennie**, **Phil**, and **Roy**.....Brother club members **Hitoshi** and **Yuko Inoue** of the **Kyoto Palace YSC** visited Waikiki from November 30 to December 4 and the club hosted them at dinner on Saturday December 3 at 5pm at the Waikiki Yacht Club...Date and venue of our January meeting will be announced later....

## Brotherclub News:

**Bendigo YSC** reports that they sold Christmas trees again this year, in part to make up for the lost revenue generated by the former annual book sale. The first delivery consisted of 100 trees which, we hope, were all sold!....In YMCA news **Helena YSC** announces the Youth Winter Basketball league for Kindergarten – 5th Grade. Our RECREATIONAL\* basketball league teaches players basketball fundamentals and game skills in a positive team environment. All teams are coached by **volunteer coaches** – please sign up if you'd like to coach!.... **Yuko** and **Hitoshi Inoue** of Central's **Kyoto Palace** brother club visited O'ahu for about ten days and spend an enjoyable afternoon at the Waikiki Yacht Club with members of the Central Y Service Club...

## JANUARY EMPHASIS: YMCA

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. The YMCA of Honolulu has a partnership agreement with the Hawai'i Region.

**Humor:** I don't understand why people have to "get ready" for bed. I'm always ready for bed...Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life are pointed away from earth...People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is...I don't know how to use TikTok but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands..so there's that....

## 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.

## News From Y'sdom

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

The 100-year anniversary celebration for YMI is scheduled for March 10-12, 2023 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel Taipei located next to the famous Taipei 101 tower.

### 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of YMI which was postponed from 2022.

### 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 spring 2023. 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 as the organizing committee meets on January 11 via Zoom. Registration forms will soon be available. The selected venue is the newly renovated Hilo Hawaiian Hotel located on the Hilo bayfront. The region is hoping for a record turnout since conventions in Hilo are always a fun time. But we also need to attain a certain room count in order to meet our hotel room and food and beverage obligations. So let's make this the best attended convention ever!



## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2023

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

9 Club business meeting (venue TBA )  
tba Metro District Meeting & Project

### FEBRUARY 2023

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

13 Club business meeting (venue TBA)

### Christian Emphasis

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." – 1 John 4:10

Does God love us because of our goodness? Because of our kindness? Because of our great faith? No, he loves us because of his goodness, kindness, and great faith. John says it like this: "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us."

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

#### FREE GIFT OF WELLNESS

Get free access for your whole family to our new virtual YMCA360 through January 31. 1,500+ classes for all ages & abilities available livestream and on-demand via your phone, iPad, computer, and TV. There are also classes for kids like sports, dance, martial and visual arts, science, and more! More at ymcahonolulu.org

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