



The Y'S OBSERVER

JULY 2021

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAI'I REGION,
US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

President's Message

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

Hawai'i Regional Director:

JoeAnn McCarthy (Windward)
Hawai'i 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:

Manners are the happy way of doing things.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Hope everyone enjoyed their Fourth of July, the long weekend was a welcomed break. I'm sure everyone knows the history of the day, but I thought I'd look it up. Here's a brief summary of what the History Channel says: The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century

On July 2nd, 1776, the [Continental Congress](#) voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the [13 colonies](#) adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by [Thomas Jefferson](#). From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from [fireworks](#), parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. It is also 1 of 4 federal holidays that is celebrated on the same calendar date every year. *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

Our thoughts and prayers go out to club member **Eunice** as she faces health challenges. **Next meeting Monday June 14, 2021 at 5pm via ZOOM.**

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo's Golden City Bulletin reports that, since the Bendigo regional YMCA was merged into YMCA Victoria, our Club has had little news of the "Y's" current activities in Bendigo so it was timely that we welcomed **Jamie Roberts**, the local Director of Youth Services, as the Guest Speaker. Jamie explained that he and his assistant Laine Withers are able to operate fairly autonomously with little direction from Melbourne. The emphasis of their work is the well-being of young in the 12 to 18 year age bracket. Regular programs are offered at YO Bendigo and some at Peter Krenz but as YMCA space in the city is very limited many of the activities are offered on campus in schools.....**Helena YSC** reports : Our June picnic was a fun time to relax and enjoy the company of many of our club members. **Billye** and **Vic Vincent** hosted us at their ranch in the Helena valley. We had delicious food and a short meeting. However, we missed our members who couldn't attend. We do not have a July meeting, so enjoy your summer activities. Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 16. More details will be in the August newsletter.

July Focus: Membership and Conservation

In 2022 our organization will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Being a club member during this historic period is a great privilege – but one that comes with increased responsibility. Although our centennial is certainly a time to look backward in honor of our founder and our past accomplishments, it is more importantly a time to look forward. We have been given a wonderful legacy, but what will we pass on? It is our urgent duty to decide the architecture of our future and to lay its foundation. Together, we must build the relevance of our movement and increase our service so that the next generation of YMI members inherit something solid and significant on which to construct their own history. Therefore the projects that we undertake must appeal both to our current members (conservation) and to future members (extension).

Virus Rules Update:

On July 8 all domestic travelers who are fully vaccinated and have a registration card will no longer need a pre-test before entering the state. However, they are still required to upload the information to the state's website: Safe Travels Hawai'i and carry a paper copy of their card with them. It may be a while before International travelers have the same privilege given the outbreaks occurring around the world related to the COVID-19 Delta variant.

Humor: 90% of being married is shouting WHAT? from other rooms...

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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)
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

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

International President Dr. Kim Sang-chaе took office on July 1, 2021. His theme and slogan are: "Y's Men with the World" and "Heal the World with Dignity and Love".

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org):

We congratulate and welcome **Shaju Sam** of the North Atlantic Region as the new US Area President 2021-2023. Shaju is a member and past president of the YSC of Long Island, New York and specializes at work in accounting and taxation. At the same time we bid a fond farewell to our own **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** as he leaves office, saying maika'i ka hana and a hui hou (great job and we'll see you again soon)!

Metro District:

No update yet on the first Metro District meeting.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

As we start the new YMI year, RD **Joe-Ann McCarthy** is preparing the official roster for the region as well as the list of emphasis months and regional service directors. Some of the goals she has established are: two new members per club, ten issues per club newsletter and four regional newsletters, two new International Brother Club relationships, one regional community service project and promotion of relations with the various YMCAs in the islands. Dues (payable in full or by semester) for the coming year are \$120.50 per adult member and \$102.50 per youth member. These sums cover contributions to various funds including the Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF), the Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars (BIDFS), Brotherhood Fund and Time of Fast as well as International, Area and Regional dues. The mid-year cabinet meeting is currently scheduled for Saturday November 13 with venue soon to be announced. Joe-Ann has definitely hit the ground running and is well advanced in her planning for the coming year!

Calendar of Events

JULY 2021

Emphasis: Membership/Conservation/
Extension RSD **Phyllis Sakane-Popovich**
(Nu'uauu)

12 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

AUGUST 2021

Emphasis: Community Service RSD:
Albert Lee (Nu'uauu)

9 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

Christian Emphasis

Unfriendly people are selfish." – Proverbs
18:1

We're in a fast-moving, fast-paced society.

We need to build bridges between our hearts and those of people we see who need a friend – and allow Jesus to cross that bridge of friendship and walk into their lives . . . Whether or not you are friendly could determine whether or not someone hears about Jesus.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Nu'uauu YMCA NYC Viewing Party Connects Teens with Thousands Across the Nation

The Nu'uauu YMCA is one of hundreds of youth-focused organizations across the nation hosting live stream viewing parties for teens featuring the Annual NYC Youth Pride's half-day event of musical performances, LGBTQIA+ center spotlights, DJ's and other entertainment. For more info go to <ymcahonolulu.org>