



The Y'S OBSERVER

JUNE 2023

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

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: Chi
Ming Shen (Taiwan)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:
Serve and Make a Difference

International Theme:
Let your light shine.

Y's Words:

*He that can have patience can
have what he will.*

Ben Franklin

President's Message



We are well on our way into summer and I'm sure many of us have plans on how to spend it. I was speaking with some other staff at the Y and there was an unusual amount of them planning time to spend with family. After talking to them more, I found out one of the greatest motivations for their trips was the unfortunate passing of Bryan Murphy. Many stated that we really don't know how much time we have together and that they realized that they should take advantage of the present instead of planning in the distant future.

I'm planning on visiting Yellowstone National Park with our entire family next month. Although this has been on the calendar for months, the big reason to do it now was so that my kids could enjoy a trip with grandpa and vice versa. I feel it's important to create these memories with each other. My dad is an important part of my kids growing up and this is just one more thing we will share together. So when I saw all these people going to the lantern festival at Ala Moana on Memorial Day, we'll have great things to remember about the ones we love.

Aloha, Troy

Club Activities

The club will meet this month again via Zoom to discuss the Week4Waste program as well as other possibilities for club projects... It's also time for club officer elections! The next club meeting is on Thursday June 8 at 5:30pm HST via Zoom. **Jennie Scott** will email the Zoom link.

Brotherclub News:

Helena YSC reports in *Capital Y-Ze* news that this is the final week to register for our 3v3 3rd-8th grade boys' and girls' competitive outdoor basketball league. See our website for more details. See you on the courts! Registration closes June 6th.

86TH Regional Convention

The 86th Regional Convention organizing committee, headed by **IPAP Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, made it one of the best ones ever. We gathered on majestic Hawai'i Island at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on the shore of scenic Hilo Bay for a weekend of fun and fellowship. The agenda included a business meeting, a dinner of ono Hawaiian style food at the Hilo YMCA, complete with a halau hula as well as induction of two new members with the help of US Area President **Shaju Sam** and wife **Vinny**, a donation to a local charity and a leadership session. The event ran from Friday May 5 to Sunday May 7. A huge Mahalo! goes out to the members of the Hilo Y Service Club who provided transportation to the Y and airport thanks to a van loaned to us by Hilo member **Traven Apiki**, as well as other logistical support. Thanks as well to Kaimuki/Atherton members **Nainoa Heaston**, **Keahi Kaawa** and **Jay Nishimura** who reminded us of the importance to planning ahead for kupuna needs as well as presenting a segment on the GOLD leadership development program. Mahalo to Bobby for hosting the after party and fellowship in his suite which was highlighted with Hawaiian ghost stories presented by **Keahi**. Congratulations as well to IPRD **Sharon Ishida** who received the prestigious Order of the Red Triangle for her many years of service to Hawai'i Y'sdom. Kudos as well to **Maurice Shimonishi** and the Nu'uano YSC members who found something nice to say about everyone during the Y's Guys presentation, all proceeds of which were donated to the Island of Hawai'i YMCA in Hilo. The fabulous raffle prizes, fellowship and just plain fun all made this an unforgettable event. Metro has big shoes to fill when the 87th Convention moves to O'ahu in 2024!

News From Y'sdom

Calendar of Events

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 2nd Thursday
at 5:30pm via Zoom

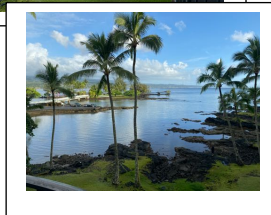
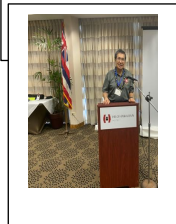
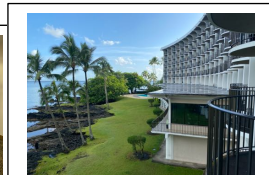
Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

The Y's Men International Centennial Celebration was held from March 10-12 at the Grand Hyatt in Taipei, Taiwan. Members from around the world joined in the celebration. They celebrated YMI's legacy, mission, and impact in the first century. The theme of the event is "Great because of you!" The event also highlighted working together into the next century to build an equitable and sustainable world for all. This long awaited event was to be held in 2022 but was postponed due to COVID shutdowns instituted in China. The next Y's Men International convention will be held in the Philippines in 2024.

Metro District

Metro project: The Metro District project is to make 100 literacy kits. Originally the book was to be Pete the Cat but Melanie doesn't have 100 books available so we will be doing Clifford the Big Red Dog instead. Also the recent 86th convention delegates voted to accept Metro's offer of hosting the 87th annual convention on O'ahu. Planning starts now!

Convention Ptx:



JUNE 2023

Emphasis: Public Relations

8 Club business meeting via Zoom
11 Kamehameha Day

JULY 2023

Emphasis:

4 Independence Day
13 Club Business Meeting 5pm via Zoom

Christian Emphasis

God has planted eternity in the hearts of man." – Ecclesiastes 3:10
You will never be completely happy on earth simply because you were not made for earth. Oh, you will have your moments of joy. You will catch glimpses of light. You will know moments or even days of peace. But they simply do not compare with the happiness that lies ahead.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the David C. Ai Charitable Trust, if you are aged 13 to 18 years old, you can get a free 'Ōpio summer teen membership. Your free 'Ōpio summer teen membership is valid from May 30 to August 5, and gives you access to all of our Y locations AND invitations to fun teen events throughout the summer.

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