



The Y'S OBSERVER

MARCH 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

Hawaii Regional Director:
Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward)
Hawaii 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:

*Spring is nature's way of saying
Let's Party!*

Robin Williams



Aloha! Our fearless president is currently inundated with work managing three YMCA branches at once! We hope to have a message from him in our next issue. In the meantime we will be working on selling raffle tickets for the Regional Convention in May as well as planning the Week4Waste activity. There is also a need to change our meeting day that will suit all of our members. Currently it appears that Thursday might be the best choice.

We look forward to planning new projects as well as helping Kaimuki and Atherton with their projects. *Aloha, Phil (for Troy).*

Club Activities

The club will meet this month again via Zoom to discuss the upcoming Regional convention as well as the Week4Waste day program. Other possibilities for club projects will also be discussed. It's also time to pay dues (\$94/annual; \$47/semiannual). Treasurer Rick is waiting for your checks! Also your payments for the Regional Convention raffle tickets! The next meeting is on March 9 at 5:30pm HST. Please contact **Jennie Scott** for the Zoom link.

Brotherclub News:

The members of Central YSC send their sincere condolences to **Ila Steen** and the family of **Harvey Steen** of the HELENA YSC on his recent passing. May the memories of happy times together comfort you in this sad time.

MARCH EMPHASIS: International Brother Clubs.

The Brother Club program joins in partnership clubs located in different countries for their mutual benefit and better understanding. It is designed to assist fellow Y's Men and Women and their families to learn about and exchange ideas between clubs, whether they are just over the border or right across the world. Y's Women's clubs may prefer to use the term "Sister Club."

- To give every individual in YMI a chance to be active in a program promoting world peace, brotherhood and Christian values.
- To foster closer relationships within the Movement.
- To promote better understanding between different cultures.
- To break the barriers of isolation.
- To give encouragement, support and stimulation.
- To exchange ideas and experiences.
- To learn another language

HUMOR: If I waited until I had all my ducks in a row, I'd never get across the street. Sometimes you just have to gather up what you've got and make a run for it...I just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately...I made a huge to do list for today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it...So a burglar broke into the hosue..I put the red dot on his chest and the cat did the rest..I got myself a senior GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there....

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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
at 5pm at the Y.

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Booster Awards are given to individual club members and to clubs to encourage an increase in membership. Booster Club Awards are available for all club members who have sponsored three or more new club members in the club in a year. Applications should be completed by the Club President.
Deadline - 31 March 2023

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The Paul William Alexander Legacy Project is a collective effort to honor the founder of Y's Men International in the lead up to the 100th anniversary celebrations in 2023.

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 are available now. The Convention committee will be doing a Community Service project for the Hilo community and was asking clubs to donate toiletries items. The Project is chaired by the Kaneohe Y Service club. You may have already received an email from RD Joeann about it. Most of the Oahu clubs decided to donate \$ 100 to the Windward club and they would purchase the items while in Hilo. Also The convention committee wanted each club to donate \$100 of Gift Cards for the Raffle contest= ie, 4 X \$25 Macy's gift cards or any business. The venue for the convention is the newly remodeled Hilo Hawaiian Hotel which sits on beautiful Hilo Bay-well worth a visit!

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2023

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

9 Club business meeting (venue tbd)
12 Daylight Savings Time begins.

APRIL 2023

Emphasis: Leadership Training co-RSDs:
Cassidy Inamasu/Keahi Kaawa

1 Metro District Conference via Zoom
Tba: Club business meeting

Christian Emphasis

"He himself is our peace...and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." - Ephesians 2:14

We are guilty and HE is innocent. We are filthy and HE is pure. We are wrong and HE is right. He is not on that cross for His sins. He is there for ours.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Nu'uano Y Updates: Hours, Parking, Childwatch, and Open Court Times for Pickleball and Racquetball.. We are staying open an extra hour! We're now open from 5 am to 9 pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will remain from 6 am - 5 pm, with our facility closed on Sundays. Open court time (no reservations needed) for two of our pickleball courts is now available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during our facility hours.

