



The Y'S OBSERVER

MAY 2021

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

President's Message

Officers 2020-2021

President: Troy Tomita
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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
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US Area President-elect: Shaju Sam (North Atlantic)
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International President-elect: Kim Sang-chaee (South Korea)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Building on our Legacy

Y's Words:

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. Theo. Roosevelt



It was nice to see many of you in our first in-person service project of the year. Felt good to be doing public service, even if there were a surprising number of people doing the same. Hard to believe that we are in May already and summer is almost here. May day is Lei Day here in Hawaii, so I thought I'd research the history of lei giving: The lei custom was introduced to the Hawaiian Islands by early Polynesian voyagers, who took an incredible journey from Tahiti, navigating by the stars in sailing canoes.

Leis were constructed of flowers, leaves, shells, seeds, nuts, feathers, and even bone and teeth of various animals. In Hawaiian tradition, these garlands were worn by ancient Hawaiians to beautify themselves and distinguish themselves from others. The Maile lei was perhaps the most significant and had many uses among which was establishing peace between two warring groups by entwining their maile lei. *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

(Reported by Rick Lau): Many thanks to the volunteers that came out Saturday to clean up Ala Moana Park on Earth Day. Y'all Made a Difference. And special mahalo to Troy for treating us to a sumptuous lunch including apple napple desserts. Thanks to **Eunice** for your donation of trash bags, water and snacks for the volunteers. We all pray for Eunice to gain back good health! And thanks also to Jennie for your custom made face masks. We all had a three pack to take home... I'm delighted to announce 100% participation by the membership in the Roll Back Malaria campaign. And as voted on at the March meeting it was voted by the majority that the club would match each member's donation. I have sent \$112.00 to the US Area to credit the Central Y Service Club donation to the Roll Back Malaria campaign. Many thanks for all your support. The next club meeting will be on **Monday May 10, 2021 at 5pm via ZOOM.**

Brotherclub News: **Bendigo's Golden City Bulletin** reports that, from various points of view, the Easter Book Fair was considered a success. We grossed about 20% less than last Easter Book Fair in 2019 and given the restricted numbers, this was considered a good outcome. It was a ticketed event. Customers were required to register online for their free ticket for a particular hour, which they were to produce at the entry. The customers were still required to register using the QR code or to supply name and contact details..... **Helena YSC** reports that they had a good in-person meeting at Perkin's Restaurant for the April meeting. They welcomed and inducted a new club member, **DR. RAND FANDRICH.** His bio will be in our next newsletter. Next meeting is at 11:30 am on Monday, May 17, at Perkins Restaurant. Please wear masks. **YMCA NEWS:** T-Ball registration started on April 29. The season runs from June 7 – July 22.

May Focus: Regional Convention

The Hawai'i Region will celebrate its 84th Convention from 9pm to 4pm Saturday May 29, 2021 via ZOOM. This is not the preferred way for us to meet but circumstances require a modification of our usual procedures. Using Zoom has become the logical way for large groups to meet but we certainly look forward to a face-to-face event in 2022. Despite the limitations, the Region has created a day of fellowship and fun that includes several hands-on forums as well as a Leadership Seminar and an informative talk by new YMCA of Honolulu CEO **Greg Waibel.** We'll even have a Wheel of Fortune raffle loaded with prizes! The convention committee has worked hard to make this the best event possible and we hope that many members will attend. Reminder: There is no charge to register!

Virus Rules Update: The state of Hawai'i has had considerable success vaccinating the majority of the residents and could soon achieve "herd immunity". Interisland travel will become easier on May 11 when "fully vaccinated" residents will be allowed to travel interisland simply by showing their vaccination card.

Humor: Airline passenger to flight attendant: "How often do planes crash?" "Just once!"

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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

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

YMI has established a special fund to assist Area India fight the COVID-19 virus. The need is great and donations are currently being accepted up to May 15 and may be sent to the US Area treasurer who will forward the final sum to YMI for distribution to Area India. This is our chance to show solidarity to the largest Area in Y'sdom!

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Planning continues for the 75th YMI International Convention to be held in Honolulu Thursday to Sunday August 10-14, 2022 with the theme: *Building on our Legacy*. There could be important changes coming so stay tuned to this space!

Metro District

Several projects were completed in the district for the international WEEK 4 WASTE scheduled for **April 18 to 25**. Central completed its project on Saturday April 24 at Ala Moana Beach Park (see Rick's report on page 1).

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The Hawai'i Region Convention will convene via Zoom this year in a one day event on Saturday May 29, 2021. The program includes a business session, raffle, training session, guest speaker YMCA of Honolulu CEO **Greg Waibel**, and a talk story with outgoing US AP **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**. Also on the agenda are the installation of officers and induction of new members. Hands-on forums include 'ukulele instruction, laulau preparation using a slow cooker and ribbon lei making. There is no charge to register for the convention that begins at 9am and runs to 4pm with a break for lunch. It's not too late to sign up. Just use this paste this link into your browser: <docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsgt-sdQhMmifLwVuR9NexPXQ4qGS2oTB2UVRChwHCFo8haA/viewform>. See you on May 29!

Calendar of Events

MAY 2021

Emphasis: Regional Convention Co-RSDs:
Eddie Miwa (Kalihi), Albert Lee (Nu'uaniu)

10 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5pm
29 84th Hawai'i Regional Convention via
Zoom 9am-4pm.

JUNE 2021

Emphasis: New Club Year-Public
Relations
10 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

Christian Emphasis

"Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You will be there; if I make my bed in the depths, you will be there. " Psalms 139: 7 -8 Our asking "Where is God?" is like a fish asking "Where is water?" or a bird asking "Where is air?" God is everywhere! Equally present in Beijing and Peoria. As active in the lives of Icelanders as in the lives of Texans. We cannot find a place where God is not.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Summer Swim Lessons: Registration
Opens May 3, 8:30 am

At the Y, swimming is a life skill. We offer a wide selection of parent & child, preschool, school age, teen, and adult swim lessons that build strong and confident swimmers. Welcoming kids and adults of all ages and abilities, our program offers a clear progression track to monitor achievement while every lesson emphasizes personal safety around water. www.yimahonolulu.org

