



The Y'S OBSERVER

MAY 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!
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Endowment: Troy Tomita
Time of Fast: Phil Sammer
Public Relations: Jennie Scott

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Hawai'i Regional Director-elect:
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
Metro District Governor: Melanie
Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
OVG District Governor: Vacant

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(North Atlantic)
US Area President-elect: Doug
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International President:
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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:

*The difference between the
impossible and the possible lies in
a person's determination.*
Tommy Lasorda

President's Message



Aloha Members! would like to thank those that went out to camp last month to help with their volunteer day. Over 100 volunteers descended to camp for the weekend, helping out with over 10 different projects. **Rick, Phil** and **I** represented the Central Y Service club. There were so many people out there that I only saw them at breakfast. I helped replace the flooring of one of the halls, taking out the old floor and putting in a new vinyl plank one. My group only got 1/4 done by the end of Saturday, but I was told that they

finished up that project on Sunday and it looks great. With Rotary of Honolulu taking the lead this weekend, camp will be looking good going into the summer. The overall plan is to continue days like this over the next 3 years so that when camp celebrates its 100th birthday, it'll be a gem on the North Shore. I hope that we'll be able to participate in more projects like this in the future. The work is meaningful and the fellowship is great. Also one of the few events that beer is served at dinner on YMCA property! *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

The club will meet this month again via Zoom to discuss the Week4Waste program. Atherton is looking for volunteers to clean up invasive seaweed in Maunaloa Bay. Other possibilities for club projects will also be discussed. Last weekend the YMCA of Honolulu sponsored a Volunteer Work Weekend at Camp Erdman to work on various projects. **Phil, Troy** and **Rick** were present to represent the club. There were numerous projects including constructing a new walkway to the camp fire pit, painting stairwells, and general cleanup of the grounds as well as installation of a Peace Pole. The next club meeting is on May 11 at 5:30pm HST. **Jennie Scott** will email the Zoom link.

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo YSC reports that in their discussion regarding the future of their Christmas Tree project various possibilities were canvassed. It became clear that lifting trees and carting them from tree grower's sites was beyond their physical capacities. It was resolved that they would hold Christmas tree sales this year on the proviso that they can access trees delivered to our selling site.

MAY EMPHASIS: Regional Convention

The 86th Regional Convention is just around the corner and the organizing committee, headed by **PAP Bobby Stivers-Apiki**, looks to make it the best one ever. We'll gather 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 includes a business meeting, a dinner of Hawaiian style food at the Hilo YMCA, a donation to a local charity and a leadership session. The event runs from Friday May 5 to Sunday May 7. Many thanks to all involved in the planning and execution of our annual convention!

HUMOR: Some domestic humor: Husband: What's for dinner? Wife: Nothing, Husband: We had nothing last night. Wife: I know, I made enough for two days...Wife: You only hear what you want to hear. Husband: Yes, I'd love a cold beer!...

HAWAII FACTOID: 'Iolani Palace, built by King Kalakaua, is the only royal palace in the USA.

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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 at the Y

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

YMI is an inclusive international association of affiliated clubs making positive and enduring difference in the world through fellowship, community projects in the areas of Health, Environment and Education and partnering the YMCA mission worldwide

US Area (yserviceclubusa.org)

STRATEGY 2032 provides a 10-year blueprint to build YMI into an organisation eminent in fellowship and community impact, collectively inspired and working collaboratively to help build an equitable and sustainable world. It affirms our desire to thrive collectively and to make an enduring and positive difference in the world as we enter our second century of existence.

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.

2024 Regional Convention: Discussion on locations for next year's convention. There has been a suggestion of Las Vegas or Honolulu. A majority said Honolulu as the count for Hilo is low. Discussion of **delegate fees** will be brought up at the business meeting section at the convention.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Hawaii has ten (10) Y Service Clubs in two districts. The Island of Oahu, the "Gathering Place," has seven (7) clubs in what we call the "Metro District." The Neighbor Islands of Hawaii Island (the "Orchid Isle"), Maui Island (the "Valley Isle") and Kauai Island (the "Garden Isle") each have one (1) club in what we call the "OVG District". Our dedicated clubs bring a Proud Tradition and Exciting Future to Y Men's International (YMI) with experience, dedication, and commitment. Our clubs support their Hawaii State YMCAs and their communities.

Calendar of Events

MAY 2023

Emphasis: Regional Convention
5-7 86th Regional Convention-Hilo
11 Club Business Meeting via Zoom
29 Memorial Day

JUNE 2023

Emphasis: Public Relations
8 Club business meeting via Zoom

Christian Emphasis

"I thank God for saving me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" – Romans 7:25
Changing our clothes doesn't change the man. Outward discipline doesn't alter what is within. New habits don't make a new soul. That's not to say that outward change is not good enough. If one would see the kingdom of God, he must be born again. The first birth was for earthly life; the second one is for eternal life.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The YMCA of Honolulu sponsored a very successful Work Weekend April 28-30 with over 100 individuals from diverse clubs and organizations gathering to do a much needed "sprucing up" of YMCA Camp Erdman on O'ahu's beautiful North Shore. Three meals were provided each day with some volunteers spending the entire weekend bunked in the camp's cabins. Thanks to all who came out!



Da Camp work
team: Troy, Phil,
Rick