



The Y'S OBSERVER

NOVEMBER 2021

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

President's Message



It's official: Christmas is upon us even before the kiddies fill up their Halloween buckets with treats. I see the decorations going up in Waikiki and Christmas decorations and trees for sale. I hope with all the Christmas hype; we don't lose sight of the holiday where we give thanks for the many things we have. Thanks for friends, family & health. Thanks for the days where we can serve others. Thanks for allowing us the opportunity to share our good fortune with others.

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

Hawaii Regional Director:
JoeAnn McCarthy (Windward)
Hawaii 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:

Time has a wonderful way of weeding out the trivial,

Richard Ben Sapir

I would like to thank all our club members. **Phil**, for always shining the light on the path of Y'sdom. **Rick**, for enriching us all with your spiritual guidance. **Garret**, for your fundraising ideas to help the club. **Jennie**, for your tireless effort to remind us to meet and scribe the minutes. **Eunice**, for your bravery and perseverance in staying with the club. **Roy**, for your calm and steady participation. Also your wonderful ZOOM backgrounds. Although we are a small club, we are truly blessed to have each other.

Club Activities

As we approach the end of the year our focus is shifting to 2022 when we hope to be able to resume projects that have been on hold since 2020 as well as returning to in-person meetings at the Y. For the remainder of this year we are looking at reviving the Residents' Holiday Dinner as well as holding a low key holiday brunch in place of our regular December meeting. Our next meeting will be on **Monday November 8, 2021 at 5pm via Zoom**.

Brotherclub News:

Helena YSC *Capital Y-ze News* reports that the next club event will be the "Holiday One Stop Shop and Car Show" which will be held on Saturday, November 6, at the Helena Valley Community Center...from 9 AM – 2 PM. Club members have been selling raffle tickets with the winners' names to be drawn on November 6.

November Focus: Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund began in 1931 when it was known as the "Bishop's Fund." Its initial purpose was to promote our movement outside North America and to enable Y's Men from other areas to attend International Conventions (always held in North America in those days). As the name suggests, the purpose of the Brotherhood Fund is to strengthen the brotherhood of Y's Men throughout the world, still partly by enabling Y's Men to attend Area and Regional Conventions but also by enabling them to visit distant Regions. Income has grown steadily from US\$ 140 in 1936 to about US\$ 200,000 today. Although most now comes from cash contributions, about 15% still comes from stamps.

Virus Update: Good news for tourism in Hawaii as the state opened visitor arrivals on November 1 to non-essential travel (ie vacationers) while the USA will once again welcome travelers from abroad beginning November 8 (all of course with proof of vaccination and/or negative COVID test no more than 72 hours before arrival),

Humor: Scientists have yet to explain how 300 people can be working at a Wal-Mart but only 4 registers will be open....If a telemarketer calls, give the phone to your three year old and tell her it's Santa...

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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
via Zoom at 5pm

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Congratulations to the **Atherton Y Service Club** who was recently recognized by the YMI for increasing its membership during the 100 Day Membership Campaign for the period of September 1 – December 2020. Congratulations as well to **Melanie** who was named an Elmer Crowe Memorial Award winner for outstanding Metro District Governor. Kudos to IPRD **Sharon** recognized as an outstanding RD Bronze level.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The latest report from the US Area shows 809 members in 57 clubs. The Area now accounts for only 3.4% of the total YMI membership and has only one seat on the International Council. Worldwide membership is approximately 24,000.

Metro District:

The regular Metro meeting was held on Saturday October 23, 2021 via Zoom presided over by DG **Karla Redding**. Reports were received from the various clubs as well as the treasurer showing \$4012 in our account. **Ray Seto** presented a proposal to join forces with the Lion's Club in a fundraising effort via a restaurant card that was approved by members present. There was also discussion about creating a regional t-shirt to commemorate the 100th anniversary of YMI. Facebook editor **Melanie** also is asking for more pictures of activities that the clubs undertake. The next Metro meeting will be via Zoom on January 22, 2022.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The Regional midyear meeting is set for Saturday November 13, 2021 at 10:00am via Zoom. Among agenda topics is the decision about where to hold the next Regional Convention which was held successfully via Zoom this year. **Hilo YSC** was asked to suggest possibilities and perhaps host. Las Vegas is always the perennial favorite but also suggested were Waikoloa on the West side of Hawai'i Island and Hilo.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2021

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fun ASD: **Freda Nakamoto** (Windward) ASD George John.
8 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM
13 Regional Cabinet Meeting via Zoom
10am

DECEMBER 2021

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD: **Issac Sakamoto** (Nu'uauu)
12 Club Christmas Party (Tentative)
25 Merry Christmas!

Christian Emphasis

(Save this grace for your Thanksgiving dinner)
Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends, Y'sdom, friends, And family. Amen

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

It's official. Our popular "Member Get a Member" promotion will continue to be offered year round! You can earn a free month of membership for every person you refer who joins as a new Y Member. Invite friends to join our STRONG Challenge, or use your Guest Pass Membership Benefit to invite them to work out with you to give our Y a try. If they join as a new Y member, you get a free month of membership! For more info see: www.ymcahonolulu.org.

