



The Y'S OBSERVER

NOVEMBER 2022

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

President's Message



Thanksgiving in the United States has been observed on differing dates. From the time of the Founding Fathers until the time of Lincoln, the date of observance varied from state to state. The final Thursday in November had become the customary date in most U.S. states by the beginning of the 19th century, coinciding with, and eventually superseding the holiday of Evacuation Day (commemorating the day the British exited the United States after the Revolutionary War). On October 31, 1939, President [Roosevelt](#)

signed a presidential proclamation changing the holiday to the next to last Thursday in November in an effort to boost the economy. The earlier date created an extra seven days for Christmas shopping since at that time retailers never began promoting the Christmas season until after Thanksgiving. We now have "Black Friday" on the day after Thanksgiving which kicks off the holiday buying season. (Info courtesy of Wikipedia). *Aloha Troy*

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:
K.C. Samuel (India)
International President-elect: Ulrik
Lauridsen (Denmark)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

*Other things may change us but
we start and end with family,*

Anthony Brandt

Club Activities

Members discussed a fundraiser and **Roy** is looking into Zippy's. Tickets are time sensitive and must be used before the expiration date.... Members decided to hold the annual residents' dinner again this year on Sunday December 4 from 6pm to 7pm at the branch. Meet at 3pm for prep work. We will also have our annual holiday party again at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Attendees should bring one wrapped gift, value of \$20. Phil is also on the committee to plan the Kaimuki 60th anniversary. Next meeting is yet to be determined but may be at the Kaimuki Y. Troy will announce the venue soon. If no joint meeting Central will meet via Zoom at 5pm on Monday November 14, 2022

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo YSC reports that through the years their **Book Fair** proceeds have supported between 20 and 30 charities and deserving causes one of which has been Bendigo Food Share. This is a community organization that provides food for many thousands each week in Bendigo and many other towns and cities in Central Victoria. They are preparing to manage and staff this project from the 1st January 2023 and use it as a major fund raiser to support their organization....**Helena YSC** reports that The new Withnel Family YMCA will be open to the public on Thursday October 20th. Thanks to Helena also for reminding us that **George Williams** founded the YMCA in 1844, 178 years ago, in London, England. Our own YMCA of Honolulu was founded not long after in 1869 and in 2022 celebrates 153 years of service to the community.

NOVEMBER EMPHASIS: Scholarship Programs

YMI has two main programs benefitting those who wish to either make a career of the Y or increase the knowledge of its program. The Alexander Scholarship fund is dedicated to assisting young people who wish to make a career in the YMCA and was originally administered at the international level but is now the responsibility of the Areas. The USA has a committee of trustees to make selections. The US Area also sponsors a scholarship named Dollars for Scholars which, in Hawai'i has been named the Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars in honor of our late member Brad Ishida. This fund is administered in Hawai'i to benefit the employees of our local YMCAs.

Humor: Terrible puns: Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.... She was only a moonshiner's daughter, but I miss her still... What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.... Just so everyone is clear, I'm going to put my glasses on... How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

News From Ysdom

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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.

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Our own **Debbie Redmond** of the Carondelet Y Service Club in St Louis, MO has received the **Harry Ballantyne Award of Merit 2021-2022** in recognition of her outstanding service to YMI. Congratulations Debbie!

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Planning continues for the USA and Canada-Caribbean Areas "floating convention" aboard a cruise ship from New York/New Jersey to Halifax, Nova Scotia and return in 2023.

Metro District

The fall Metro District meeting was called to order by DG **Melanie** via Zoom at 9am on Saturday October 15. All seven of the seven Metro clubs were represented. RD **Joe-Ann McCarthy** reported that the Hawaii Region membership was 142 at the beginning of the year, but 8 were lost. The goal is for each club to try for one new member. This is the third year of Challenge 22. The goal is to increase membership to 50,000 and 3,000 clubs in over 100 countries. There is an incentive for 100 days from September 1 to December 9: 50% discount of international dues for members 18 to 35 and 50% for spouse dues. The United States discount for spouse dues is indefinite. **Melanie** would like to have a Metro District service project in late January and is asking clubs to let her know ideas. The 100th Anniversary in Taiwan in November has been cancelled due to covid restrictions, and is rescheduled to March 10-12, 2023. The next Metro meeting will again be via Zoom.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning continues for the 2023 regional convention in Hilo. The program is still evolving but will include a Hawaiian style dinner at the Hawai'i Island YMCA...The Regional Cabinet Meeting will take place on November 12 at 9am but will be via Zoom...It is with great sadness that the OVG district announces the dissolution of the East Kaua'i Y Service Club due to dwindling numbers and aging membership..

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2022

Emphasis: ASF/Brad Ishida DFS RSD:
June Niimi (Hilo)

12 Regional Cabinet Mtg via Zoom
14 Membership Meeting- venue tbd
24 Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER 2022

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD: **Isaac Sakamoto** (Nu'uauu)

4 Residents Annual Holiday Party
11 Club Holiday Party: Waikiki Yacht Club
25 Merry Christmas!

Christian Emphasis

Prayer for Thanksgiving . . . "Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the world creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life and the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care that surrounds us everyday. Amen."

Excerpt from The Book of Common Prayer

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

- The Y has announced a new fee structure:
- Senior \$55
- Adult \$59
- Teen \$34
- Young Adult \$46
- Dual (2 adults in household) \$85
- Go to www.ymahonolulu.org for more information.

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Happy Thanksgiving!