



# The Y'S OBSERVER

OCTOBER 2020

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

## Officers 2020-2021

President: Troy Tomita  
VP: Phil Sammer  
Secretary: Jennie Scott  
Treasurer: Rick Lau

## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Roy  
Tateishi, Eunice Delacruz

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer  
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
Community Service: Rick Lau  
Christian Emphasis: Gary B.  
Membership/Conserv: ALL!  
YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita  
Endowment: Troy Tomita  
Time of Fast: Phil Sammer  
Public Relations: Jennie Scott

Hawaii Regional Director:  
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OVG District Governor:  
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US Area President: Bobby  
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US Area President-elect: Shaju  
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Kristensen (Denmark)  
International President-elect: Kim  
Sang-chaee (South Korea)  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

## Regional Theme:

## Building on our Legacy

## Y's Words:

You must do the things you think  
you cannot do.

Eleanor Roosevelt

## President's Message



Aloha Club members. Hope that everyone is staying safe in Tier 1. Looks like we'll be ZOOMing on for a while the way things are going. I didn't receive a response back from the Kalihi club about the Zippy's Chili tickets, so it looks like we won't be doing that. I'm hoping that come November, we'll be able to do our annual holiday dinner for the residents of the Central Y. Even if it's a grab and go dinner, it'll still be good to be doing some sort of service work.

Mahalo to the club for voting to support the Roll Back Malaria campaign with a donation of \$100. Plus the donation to the Paul William Alexander Legacy Fund with the club donating \$100 and many of our club members pledging to do an additional \$30. Don't forget that you can submit your \$30 to Rick at any time. We should be proud that we can still assist in these trying times. *Aloha, Troy*

## Club Activities

We discussed the Endowment honoree at the last meeting and hope to finalize our choice at the October meeting. We also voted to donate \$100 to Roll Back Malaria as well as to support the PWA Legacy effort with \$100 from the club and \$30 (voluntary) from each member (payable over three years). **Garret** was appointed to represent the club on the 2021 Regional Convention planning committee. The next club meeting will be on Monday October 12, 2020 via Zoom from **5pm to 6pm (note time change)**.

## Brotherclub News:

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports their major donation so far this year (A\$10,000) has been to BlazeAid which uses volunteers to build fences that farmers have lost in fires or floods. BlazeAid uses volunteers between the ages of 12 and 85 and they come from all over Australia as well as many other countries....The **Helena Capital Y-ze News** reports that the Helena YMCA has launched a distance-learning program. It provides remote learning for children through each phase of Helena's back to school plan. Right now, ten weeks are being offered and, as the year goes on, weeks will be added as needed.

## October Focus: Alexander Scholarship Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars

The purpose of ASF, which is administered by the Areas, is to promote the training of those seeking to become YMCA staff members. Its aim is to alleviate the desperate shortage of YMCA professionals by: (a) Encouraging young people in the various countries to take on this responsibility and (b) Making financial contributions towards their training. Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars is administered by the Hawaii Region and provides financial assistance to current YMCA employees or YMI members who wish to increase their knowledge of YMCA programs.

## Virus Rules Update

The City and County of Honolulu has issued a reopening "strategy" for O'ahu: We are in Tier One: Five unrelated people can meet on the beach but can't eat together...Gyms can operate but only outdoors..Arcades are closed but indoor malls are open..The list goes on for a mind-numbing four Tiers and 72 sub-categories. Fines are up to \$5000 and a year in jail. Feels like we're already there....

**Humor:** I told my suitcases no vacation this year. Now I'm dealing with emotional baggage....

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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To Acknowledge the Duty  
That Accompanies Every  
Right.

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### Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
via Zoom at 5pm

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## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

International President **Jacob Kristensen** has set his theme: "Values, Extension and Leadership" and slogan: "Trust in the River of Life" for 2020-2021.

### Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Planning continues for the 75th YMI International Convention to be held in Honolulu August 10-14, 2022. HOC Co-Chair **Phil** reports that many volunteers are stepping forward both at the local club level and also at the Area and International levels. In the meantime work continues on finalizing plans for the International Youth Convocation thanks in part to the efforts of **Eddie Miwa** and **Cassidy Inamasu**.

### Metro District

DG **Melanie** still needs write ups about each of the clubs and their projects to use on the new Facebook page and in the Regional bulletin. Photos are also welcome. Next meeting is slated for Saturday November 14, 2020 following the Regional cabinet meeting via Zoom.

### Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning for the 84<sup>th</sup> Hawai'i Region Convention continues under the auspices of co-Chairs **Eddie Miwa** and **Albert Lee**, with **Garret** representing the club. The event is scheduled for the weekend of May 28-30, 2021 in Honolulu. Discussion continues whether the pandemic situation at that time will require a Zoom convention or if group gatherings will be allowed. If a physical convention takes place, **Central** will be responsible for transportation. The next convention committee meeting will take place on Saturday October 24, 2020 at 10am via ZOOM.

## Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER 2020

Emphasis: ASF/BIDFS RSD: **June Niimi** (Hilo)

12 Membership Mtg via ZOOM 5PM  
24 Regional Convention Mtg (Zoom)

### NOVEMBER 2020

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund  
RSD: Celine Allouchery (Nu'uano)

9 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5pm  
14 Regional Cabinet Mtg & Metro mtg-Zoom

### Christian Emphasis

God's love gives us everything we need to remember his promise of strength and to rely upon it each day ... Hang in there - - "I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand " = Isaiah 41:8-13  
He calms the storm - - Jesus said to them "Take courage!! It is I, don't be afraid" = Mathew 14:23-33

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The Atherton YMCA, based at the University of Hawai'i, is offering virtual service opportunities including:  
-Social Events: Teens and College age  
-Workshops on college access and work skill development  
-Conversational Korean lessons  
-Girl power-teens  
-Academic Support-Elementary age  
-Academic Support-Middle and High School age  
-Youth summits and voter information.  
Go to [teenprograms@ymcahonolulu.org](mailto:teenprograms@ymcahonolulu.org) for more information.