



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

President's Message



Looks like Halloween may be another year of candy shoots/slides. We actually did one at my dad's house and it was pretty cool. In some ways, seeing the creative ways that people came up with to get the candy to the kids was exciting to see. Mililani Y has a big Halloween event every year "Truck or Treat" where people decorate the trucks of their cars and pass out candy in the parking lot. Unfortunately, this will be the 2nd Halloween the event has been cancelled.

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:

Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses.

Confucius

I'm glad my daughter still wants to dress up, I'm missing those days when they were little and excited about these things. But I'm glad that they did have to grow-up in this covid environment. Seems to be robbing our youth of experiences and fun. I'm just waiting for Japan to lift their travel restrictions so that the whole family can take a vacation there, cause Vegas is not our thing. *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

At the September meeting, members chose to honor our friend **Wayson Koblansky** with an entry in the Golden Book of YMI and a donation to the Endowment Fund. Although not a club member, Wayson has devoted many hours of his personal time to our projects and has been a faithful supporter of YMI over the years. We offer our sincere congratulations to this friend of Central Y Service Club!Troy announced that he is now interim director of the Mililani Y. The October meeting will take place on **Monday October 11, 2021 at 5pm via ZOOM.**

Brotherclub News: *Bendigo's Golden City Bulletin* reports that Mark Morrison gave members an interesting insight into the history and development of board games at the Zoom meeting on September 18. Two of the earliest known games have been traced to around 3100 BC in Egypt (a game called Senet) and 2600 BC in Iraq (Royal Game of UR). Mark spoke of the background underlying the four most common board games over the last 50 years or so – Monopoly, Cluedo, Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit - as well as several other less known but challenging games including Pandemic. Although the last of these may not be all that popular as we seem to be playing the live version at the present time!**Helena YSC Capital Y-ze News** reports that signups for the YMCA Youth Basketball fall season for youth ages 5 -11 are going on now. The season will run from October 11 through December 4.

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

The Alexander Scholarship Fund, otherwise known as ASF, was named after the founder of the Y's Men Movement, Judge **Paul William Alexander**. The program was called the Paul William Alexander Scholarship Fund (PWASF) until 1982 when the name was changed to Alexander Scholarship Fund. ASF started in 1954, at the Y's Men's International Convention in Lansing, Michigan and aims to support individuals who are considering a career in the YMCA and is administered by the Area. The Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars fund, named in honor of our late Regional Director **Brad Ishida**, was started to assist professional YMCA staff to better their skills through course work, seminars and hands-on training and is administered by the Region.

Virus Update: There have been indications that Hawaii may open for international tourism in the next few weeks as COVID cases continue to decline in Hawaii. Can't be too soon!

Humor: I'm not sure if life is passing me by or trying to run me over... Never try to iron a four leaf clover. You don't want to press your luck ☺

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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

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

International President **Kim** announced that Dr. Anand Verghese took office as Area President of India on 18 September to replace the late Aurelian Figureido, who passed away unexpectedly on 18 August.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The original Y Service club, Toledo Central, has been expanded with the help of past US Area presidents who now serve both their home clubs and Toledo which was chartered in 1922. PAP **Fred Leonard** serves as president while members are drawn from around the country and include **Alan Otwell**, the grandson of our founder, Paul William Alexander. Meetings are via Zoom on a monthly basis and have already taken place in conjunction with Toledo's International Brother Clubs, including ones in Japan and Australia. The club continues to support the Toledo Central YMCA whose director is also a member.

Metro District:

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 23 possibly at Central. However, current county restrictions on indoor meetings may require this to be a Zoom event. We await DG **Karla Redding's** decision on the location.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The Regional midyear meeting is set for Saturday November 13, hopefully in person but possibly via Zoom if current county meeting regulations do not change. Among agenda topics is the decision about where to hold the next Regional Convention which was held successfully via Zoom this year. Las Vegas is always the perennial favorite! Other possibilities are neighbor islands or here in Honolulu. Other topics covered will be the final approval of RD **JoeAnn's** budget, review of the minutes of the last mid-year meeting and reports on the activities of the regional clubs.

Calendar of Events

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Emphasis: Alex. Scholarship Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars. RSD: **June Niimi** (Hilo). ASD: **Doug Jones** (Pac.SW)

11 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

NOVEMBER 2021

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fun ASD: **Freda Nakamoto** (Windward) ASD George John.

8 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM
13 Regional Cabinet Meeting

Christian Emphasis

"When you talk, do not say harmful things,
but say what people need -

words that will help others become
stronger. – Ephesians 4:29

You have the ability, with your words, to
make a person stronger. Your words are to
their soul what a vitamin is to their body.
Do not withhold encouragement from the
discouraged. Do not keep affirmation
from the beaten down! Speak words that
make people stronger. Believe in them as
God has believed in you.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

In compliance with the Mayor's directive,
effective Monday, September 13, all
members, program participants,
employees, and volunteers, who are 12
years and older, must show proof of full
vaccination against COVID-19 or a
*negative COVID-19 test taken within 48
hours for members and program
participants, or taken weekly for
employees and program volunteers,
before entering any YMCA facility. For
more info see: www.ymcahonolulu.org.

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