



The Y'S OBSERVER

OCTOBER 2022

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

President's Message



Happy Halloween! Soon this heat will pass, but it'll be followed by the rain as we move into the holiday season. For our club, I hope that means we'll be doing a Zippy's fundraiser. I know Roy is looking into it. Without Eunice's support, it'll be tough, but I think we can make up the difference. Also November is right around the corner, which means our annual holiday dinner for the residence. I think this year we should be able to have it as normal, we just have to pick a date at the next meeting.

The Y's occupancy is slowly going up, so we may have pretty good attendance. The Costco chickens have worked out well for the past 2 years, so I would encourage us to do the same thing. If anyone is interested, the Mililani Y is having a Halloween event on October 22, from 4:30-7:30pm. Some of the members of the West Oahu Club will be helping. Our next meeting is planned to be a joint with the Kaimuki Club. Date is Tuesday October 18, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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: TBD

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:

*The best cure for insomnia is a
Monday morning.*

Sandy Cooley

Club Activities

Central met on September 12 via Zoom. A topic of discussion was the selection of an honoree for the Endowment Fund Golden Book entry. In the end members decided to select the 'Ilima Hotel due to the many YMI meetings of all types hosted over the years on its premises. As hotel general manager **Phil** humbly accepted the honor and will write up the Golden Book entry. Also discussed was whether there is currently a need for a fundraiser and the types of activities that could be considered. **Roy** is looking into Zippy's.... We also discussed Central's part in the 86th Regional Convention to be held in Hilo in May of next year. We'll be doing remembrances. Phil is also on the committee to plan the Kaimuki 60th anniversary. Next meeting is at Kaimuki October 18 6:30pm.

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo YSC reports that for many years the annual book fairs have been the main source of funds raised by the club and over the last 10 years, the club has donated over \$850,000 to charities & organizations. Several members have contributed to the Book Fairs over the decades, but the coordinators have included: Bill Jacka, Brian Love & Peter Searle. Many members have contributed many hours emptying the book bin, sorting books, and helping to set up & run the Book Fairs.

October Emphasis: Building Fellowship aka Brotherhood Fund

The Building Fellowship program began in 1931 when it was known as the "Bishop's Fund." From 1968 until 2022, it was known as the "Brotherhood 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). Later it expanded to help finance inter-continental, inter-Regional and inter-Club visitations and to assist with the overseas travel expenses of International Officers and official representatives. Most income originally came from the sale of used postage stamps but was later augmented by cash contributions from local clubs..

Humor: Things to ponder: You can drink a drink but you can't food a food...the word queue is just a "q" followed by four silent letters...why does fridge have a "D" in it but refrigerator doesn't?...why is a "W" called a double "u" when it's clearly a double "V"...is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?...And to totally confuse English language students, pronouncing words that end in "ough": cough, bough, rough, dough, thorough, though...

News From Y'sdom

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
(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)

The YMI 100-year anniversary celebration event scheduled for November 2022 in Taiwan has been postponed due to COVID regulations. The new dates are March 10-12, 2023 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan. All YMI members are invited to attend!

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

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

Possible activities include a tour of New York City. If interested contact RD **Joe-Ann McCarthy**.

Metro District

Metro DG **Melanie** awaits the results of surveys that have been sent to clubs to get their feedback on what clubs need, how they can be supported and anything they want to share. Also the October Metro meeting will be held in person, possibly at Central YMCA. Date tba.

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. There is also consideration being given to doing all other meals at the hotel in order to minimize off site transfer requirements. **Central** will again be responsible for Remembrances of members who have passed away... The Regional Cabinet Meeting will take place on November 12 at 9am. Tentative venue is the 'Ilima Hotel...Everyone is invited to participate in the joint US-Area Canada/Caribbean cruise convention next year. Interested members should contact RD Joe-Anne McCarthy. The cruise will begin in New York/New Jersey and visit Halifax, Nova Scotia. Canada is where YMI went from its US base to an international organization.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2022

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

18 Central Membership Mtg with Kaimuki
Tbd: Fall Metro District Meeting

NOVEMBER 2022

Emphasis: Building Fellowship Program
(was Brotherhood Fund) (RSD: **Freda Nakamoto** (Windward)

12 Regional Cabinet Mtg ('Ilima Hotel)
14 Membership Meeting

Christian Emphasis

"God loved us, and through his grace he gave us a good hope and encouragement that continues forever." – Thessalonians 2:17. God loves those who need him most, who rely on him, depend on him, and trust him in everything. Little does he care whether you've been as pure as John or as sinful as Mary Magdalene. All that matters is your trust in him.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

A celebration of community--Welcoming Week brings EVERYONE of all backgrounds together to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places! From September 23 - October 2, 2022, join us to celebrate Welcoming Week 2022!

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