



The Y'S OBSERVER

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

President's Message

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: Erik
Kristensen (Denmark)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

*Education's purpose is to replace
an empty mind with an open one.*

Malcomb Forbes



Aloha! Troy is very busy these days with his added responsibilities at the YMCA of Honolulu and asked me to fill in for him in this issue. September is Endowment month in the Hawai'i Region (see below for the purpose of the Endowment). Any individual or organization can be honored by payment of a small fee (to sustain the fund) and a written entry into the "Golden Book" the master of which resides in the YMI

offices in Geneva, Switzerland. Each year every club has the opportunity to nominate an individual or organization that has been allied in some way with YMI in Hawai'i. Central will have the opportunity to name a nominee at our next meeting on Monday September 12 during our regularly scheduled club meeting. Over the years we have honored YMI and YMCA members as well as club members. We look forward to this pleasant duty! *Aloha, Phil*

Club Activities

Central met with Kaimuki Y Service Club on August 23 as part of our agreement to mutually participate in club projects. Present were **Phil, Jennie** and **Troy**. The main topic of discussion was planning for the 60th anniversary of the Kaimuki club, which chartered in April 1963, as well as the sale of fundraising booklets with coupons good at various businesses and restaurants.....

Member doings: **Troy** is now responsible for three branches: Central, Mililani and Atherton. One more and he can start his own YMCA...**Roy** has been suspiciously quiet about his regular trips to the "Ninth" Island (Las Vegas)..perhaps Lady Luck is now the Grinch that stole wages...**Jennie** is now in charge of the residence at Central: Her new theme is "Guests "r" us"....

NOTE: Our next club meeting will be via Zoom on Monday September 12 at 5pm: Url:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85032355811?pwd=bGVJU2xiU1RPaXd6QUVNCUUtCWZzqUT09>

Brotherclub News:

Helena YSC reports that The Helena YMCA is committed to providing a safe place for kids to go after school (so is offering) after school care for children from Kindergarten to 5th grade...Our Brother club **Kyoto Palace YSC** has asked Phil to conduct a survey regarding STEP (Short Term Student Exchanges) in Hawai'i....

September Emphasis: Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund has two major goals: To extend and develop clubs affiliated with Y's Men International around the world and to provide funds to solve special problems or carry on special projects which strengthen, extend and develop YMI in Areas or Regions. Limitations: Only the income is used. The principal remains untouched (in order to provide stability). Funds can be disbursed for stated purposes of the fund and approved by the International Council and the Endowment Trustees. A club, individual or group may make a CHF 120 (\$141) or more contribution and a tribute which will be edited and entered into the Golden Book in Geneva.

Humor: I don't know how to use TikTok but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands..so there's that....I asked a supermarket worker where they keep the tinned peaches. He said "I'll see" and walked away. I asked another and he also said "I'll see" and walked away. In the end I gave up and found them myself in Aisle C...

News From Y'sdom

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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)

IPE Erik Kristensen of Denmark has chosen the theme for his term as IP 2023-24: **Let Your Light Shine** because in his words: "I feel it is so important that all Y's Men live in harmony and be a motivator for growth in the clubs. I want all to use the body-language of a positive attitude. The smile is the shortest distance between two persons. And this helps start good dialogue. EMC (Extension & Membership Conservation) will be in focus in my term as IP. But I would like to say "CME", because first you have to make a good conservation in the club".

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The USA and Canada-Caribbean Areas have decided to do a "floating convention" aboard a cruise ship from New York/New Jersey to Halifax, Nova Scotia in 2023. If interested contact RD **Joe-Ann McCarthy**.

Metro District

Metro DG **Melanie** reports that surveys 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. Registration and hotel reservations forms will be issued towards the beginning of 2023. The program is still evolving but will include a Hawaiian style dinner at the Waiakea (Hilo) 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.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2022

Emphasis: Endowment Fund RSD: **Donna Saito** (Windward)

12: Membership Meeting via ZOOM 5pm
13: Atherton Work Project 9am

OCTOBER 2022

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

Tbd: Joint meeting with Kaimuki
Tbd; Fall Metro District Meeting

Christian Emphasis

Your answer us in amazing ways, God our Savior" – Psalm 65:5
God never turns his back on those who ask honest questions. He never did in the Old Testament; he never did in the New Testament. So if you are asking honest questions of God, he will not turn away from you. In learning to depend on God, we must accept that we may not know all the answers, but we know who knows the answers.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Our YMCA was a co-host of the 33rd annual Hiroshima Commemoration and Peace Service Ceremony held on August 6, next to the Hiroshima Peace Bell replica on College Walk. This year's ceremony marked the 77th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and opened with a blessing and Shinto purification ceremony and special messages presented by community leaders, including State Representative Bert Kobayashi.

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