



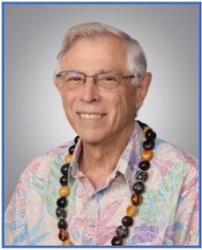
Ku'i Ka Pahu

Beat the Drum

Hawai'i Region Y Service Club Newsletter – April 2020



Regional Director's Message By RD Phil Sammer, 2018-2020



Aloha mai kakou!

We are currently experiencing the old Chinese curse “May you live in interesting times” as we battle the COVID-19 virus and try to keep ourselves and each other safe. Most of our events for the spring have been postponed or canceled; however, it is still possible to meet virtually using Zoom or a similar application. This is the beauty of our modern world that allows us to stay in contact, make plans and look to the future even as we do not physically meet. I would ask every club to find the best way to accomplish our regional goal of “E Hana Kakou!” and continue being active and engaged both in the community and in the YMCA. I know that, as our lives return to normal, our Hawai'i Region clubs, now ten strong, will be making a difference on our islands and in the world.

I particularly wanted to mention the new Community Service Award given by YMI to recognize the work of our clubs to giving back to and strengthening their communities - the principal purpose of a club. Applications may be submitted by clubs, Districts, Regions or Areas. One award is given for the outstanding community service by a club and one award for outstanding community service by a group of clubs. Application deadline is June 15 Apply - <https://www.ysmen.org/our-work/programmes/community-service/>

Stay safe, stay well and know that “this too shall pass”.

Aloha,

Phil Sammer, RD



METRO MEETING

Metro District Conference

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Location: Kaimuki-Waiialae
YMCA

Host Club: Kaimuki Y Service
Club



CLUB FOCUS

May

Hawaii Region Convention
RSDs JoeAnn McCarthy
(Windward), Eddie Miwa (Kalihi)
**2020 Convention Cancelled
due to COVID-19**

June

Public Relations
RSD Jennie Scott (Central)

July

Membership/Conservation/
Extension
RSDs Eddie Miwa (Kalihi)

Metro District Governor Report

Submitted by Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida

With the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs have postponed a lot of activities usually scheduled during this time until life resumes back to some normality. The Metro District Conference, Hawaii Region Convention, and the Endowment were some of the activities that fell victim to the pandemic. Some clubs are finding ways to continue to be engaged in their clubs and with each other through online meetings or email communications.

As a way to strengthen our involvement in the community while following our state's social distancing regulations, I invite all metro district club members to help local organizations by making cards and hand writing letters or notes. This project will allow club members to give back while being safely at home. All it takes is some paper, time, and some creativity. More information will be sent to all club Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

The Atherton Y Service Club, the first new club in the Hawaii Region in 25 years, held its chartering celebration at the Atherton YMCA on Sunday, February 2. Members from the other metro district clubs came to join in on the momentous occasion and presented gifts to the new club. Regional Director Phil Sammer presented the official charter certificate and U.S. Area President Bobby Stivers-Apiki presented a gift to the Atherton Y Service Club's President Mary Janell Murro. Atherton club members who attended the event was inducted as official members of Y's Men. Here are some of the highlights from the event.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club

Submitted by June Niimi

The Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club have been postponing their regular business and program club meetings since March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. President Ken Okimoto is working to set up a Go To Meetings account so our members will be able to join in on discussions. In the meantime, please stay safe and take care of each other.



Kaimuki Y Service Club

Submitted by Sharon Ishida

Virtual hugs to all of you reading this report!

This is probably the most disconcerting result of the COVID-19 pandemic – limitations on hugs and kisses. We may all remain safe by the “social distancing” but as it’s been pointed out, the “emotional distancing” can cause major distress.

About two months ago, we welcomed a new member, Zachary Okimoto into the club, sponsored by Ashleeann Rowe. Zack was previously in our Teen Program and active in Youth and Government. Presently, he works in the Kaimuki Y’s Childcare department as a group leader. Welcome, Zack! In this pandemic, the Kaimuki Club has kept a very low profile as a group so far, but some individual members are still on their job sites as essential workers, while others are vigilant at home. During a recent computer Club Care Check to our members, Nainoa Heaston, who works for a nursing group home, has asked if anyone might know who is donating face masks of any type. If anyone can answer his request, please let me know at anolani@aol.com, and I will pass on the information. Lisa Joy Andres shared that she is periodically at the Farrington HS campus where she works as a Vice-Principal, to help with the Grab and Go meal distribution to kids. Ray and Phyllis Seto graciously offer rides and help to other elderly residents of Ola Loa where they live. Quite a few of us are still actively involved with different aspects and upcoming events in Y’s Men on the local, Regional and Area levels. When we finally reach that light beckoning us at the end of this dark tunnel, we want to be ready and prepared to keep going with our good work.

Keep in touch with each other. You may not realize how lonely or isolated a family member, friend, co-worker, fellow club member, or neighbor may be feeling. I know how consuming our own situations might seem, but try reaching out on the computer, phone, postal mail or a prayer.

God be with all of you!



Photo: Kaimuki Y Service Club at Maunalani Nursing & Rehab Center.

Celebrating 57th Club Anniversary

The Kaimuki Y Service Club is the 4th oldest club in the Hawaii Region, behind Hilo, East Kauai, and Maui Y's Men's Clubs. We have completed 57 years of service to the Kaimuki-Waiialae YMCA and the community since April 5, 1963.

The Kaimuki Club has had several milestones along its way in the years past. Some of the highlights included sponsoring a Baby Show in the late 80's through the early 90's which proved to be our largest fundraising effort, and celebrating its 35th and 50th Club anniversaries with many friends and family from the Y's Men ohana as well as with many of our current Brother Club members in attendance. Our longest community service project is with the Maunalani Rehabilitation Hospital Care Home with their annual Christmas program. We have served this facility for over 40 years with entertainment and games. We also volunteer with the Lunalilo Home in Hawaii Kai.

Certainly, another highlight for our club was the opportunity to sponsor two clubs - Central Y Service Club in 1994 and Atherton Y Service Club in 2020.

Our one remaining Charter member in the club is Raymond (Ray) Seto, who has represented not only the club but also our Region and the U.S. Area at over 23 International conventions, Area conventions and has only missed 2 Hawaii Regional conventions. He served as the first U.S. Area President from Hawaii with another Kaimuki Club member, Bobby Stivers-Apiki following in his footsteps as the current Area President from the State. In 1970, as a Past International Director, Ray introduced a very controversial resolution for the inclusion of women in our membership. Four years later, women were finally accepted in the world's Y's Men movement. Ray considers one of his most rewarding involvements in Y'sdom was serving on the Planning Committee for the 1966 International Convention held here on Oahu with another Kaimuki Y's Men Club member, Host Chairman Roland Sagum.

The Kaimuki Y Service Club continues to grow in membership over the years, blessed with young energy and enthusiasm. Creative ideas for projects involving ecology and working with pre-teens and teens are among the impassioned efforts of our newer members. We are so grateful to keep serving and perpetuating our club founders' visions to be a valuable asset to the Kaimuki-Waiialae YMCA, the East Honolulu community and all of Y'sdom wherever we are needed.



Kalihi Y Service Club

Submitted by Tony Pfaltzgraff

The Kalihi Y Service Club began the year helping with the Branch Annual Support Campaign. We were also in the process of identifying service projects for the year, but were only able to finish one by the time of the pandemic close down: six club members served lunch to children and teens on the Monday of the first week of Spring Break.

The club was also intently focused on evaluating the reasons for our decrease in membership over the past few years. The plan is to continue these discussions and identify possible methods for addressing this concern.



Photo: Kalihi Y Service Club serving lunch to children and teens attending the Spring Intersession Program.

Nuuanu Y's Men and Women's Club

Submitted by Isaac Sakamoto

The Osaka Centennial Club and all of Japan, like many other nations, were depleted of proper PPE or personal protective equipment. Steve and his company had a box of face masks that the Nuuanu Y Service Club donated to them. It was a privilege and honor to help them in this way. Below is the letter sent by their club president.

It's all in the heart of all our club members and friends to not only send face masks but our love and aloha thousands of miles away. We thank God for His provisions and care for us.



West Oahu Y's Men's Club

Submitted by Duke Chung

Ongoing commitments

1. Beautification project to upgrade appearance of unused area continues/10 year plan??
2. Meals on Wheels by 7 members and Y staff

Other activities/etc.

1. We held our annual after holidays party with about 6 guests including Metro District Governor Melanie. Party was on Saturday January 25th at Duke's and Linda's garage/home in Foster Village.
2. 5K Fun Run was held on March 1st and despite the early starting time of 5:30 am, 11 of 12 members were there to assist with distributing water, Gatorade and snacks to participants.
3. Our member and staff member Bryan Murphy is a great part of the reason for Mililani's successful ASC campaign. Also, it has been reported that our Y's Men team has contributed and solicited a significant amount.



Windward Y Service Club

Submitted by JoeAnn McCarthy

The "Peace Through My Eyes" drawing contest was completed at the Windward YMCA during the spring intercession. All 3rd and 4th graders attending the intercession were given the opportunity to participate in the contest. A panel of judges consisting of YMCA staff and a Windward Y Service Club member selected the winner. The winner of this year's contest is Maiha Flores, a 10-year-old 4th grader who attends Maunawili Elementary School. What stood out in Maiha's essay was her thoughts that through peace there is compromise and forgiveness. Maiha was presented her prize of \$50 at a special presentation at the end of the intercession.



Photo: Windward Y Service Club and Windward YMCA presenting Maiha with her prize for best Peace Poster.

YMI COVID-19 Relief Fund

Submitted by Phil Sammer

Recently the Korea Area donated a sum of money to YMI to be used to help relieve some of the burdens created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds were allotted to each of the eight Areas including the USA. The Hawai'i Region expressed interest in participating in the program and two applications were forwarded to YMI in support of child care programs that were created to assist parents affected by the pandemic. Applications for funds were submitted on behalf of the YMCA of Honolulu by the Nu'uaniu Y Service Club for Metro District and by the Hilo Y Service Club for OVG District for the Island of Hawai'i YMCA, both of which received grants: \$450 for Honolulu and \$2000 for Hawai'i Island. These grants will be partially matched by the Region. As Regional Director I am delighted that we have an effective and useful way to respond to the COVID-19 epidemic in cooperation with our YMCA partners. Ho'omaika'i: Well done!

Hawaii Service Area Reports

Brother Club

Submitted by Jim Kanehira

Congrats to Central club for establishing new brother club relations! New Brother club with Helena Y Service Club of Montana and establishing triangle club relations with Bendigo Club of Australia, which is long time Brother Club with Central.



Community Service

Submitted by Rick Lau

The community service project that the Metro District had scheduled for Camp Erdman on Saturday March 14th has been postponed till summer according to chair Isaac Sakamoto. The decision was made at the time due to weather and not because of coronavirus.



Time of Fast (TOF)

Submitted by Ashleeann Rowe

Time of Fast is an ongoing program where Y's Men's Clubs worldwide raise money to support different organizations and programs across the globe. On-going projects are briefly described:

Time of Fast have approved of eight new projects for us to support. From training people in agricultural techniques in Senegal to helping with housing and support for youth struggling with mental health in Jamaica. There is still a lot of good things happening that we can celebrate in this world and hopefully, during this time we can still show support during these hard times.

International News

Within the context of the COVID-19 health crisis, the Danish Government has prohibited all gatherings of more than 10 people until the end of August. Regrettably, this has resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 International Convention and International Youth Convocation in Odense. More information to follow.





IN PARTNERSHIP WE SERVE WITH ALOHA.



The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Coronavirus Act, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides the following tax relief for people to help them cover their financial needs during the public emergency. - Brian Schatz, U.S. Senator Hawaii. See website: schutz.senator.gov for more information.

Expansion of Charitable Tax Deduction

The CARES Act expands the charitable tax deduction for individuals by allowing taxpayers who do not itemize to take up to \$300 in an above-the-line tax deduction. For taxpayers that itemize, the CARES Act allows them to increase the limitation on charitable deductions from 60 percent to 100 percent of modified income for cash contributions generally to public charities in 2020. It also increases the limitation for food contributions by corporations from 15 percent to 25 percent of modified income.

DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL YMCA. SERVICE WITH ALOHA.

YMCAs across the State are temporarily closed, yet they are providing childcare for healthcare, first responders and essential working parents, also distributing meals to children, youth and seniors all during this COVID-19 crisis. ***The Y needs your kokua!***

YES, IT'S DIFFICULT TO ASK DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME BUT IF YOU HAVE THE CAPACITY TO GIVE, DONATE NOT TILL IT HURTS, BUT DONATE TO IT FEELS GOOD.

**Mahalo. Bobby Stivers-Apiki, U.S. Area President
Y Service Clubs International**

STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY. STAY CLASSY.

**Y Service Clubs International
U.S. Area
Hawaii Region**

Leadership Team 2018-2020

Regional Director: Phil Sammer
Regional Director Elect: Sharon Ishida

Regional Secretary/Treasurer:
Duke Chung
Metro District Governor: Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida

Metro District Lt. Governor:
Karla Redding
OVG District Governor: Ken Okimoto

Hawaii Region Clubs

Metropolitan District

Central Y Service Club
Kaimuki Y Service Club
Kalihi Y Service Club
Nuuanu Y's Men and Women Service Club
West Oahu Y's Men's Club
Windward Y Service Club

Orchid-Valley-Garden District

East Kauai Y's Men's Club
Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club
Maui Y Service Club

Important Links

Hawaii Region Website:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

Facebook Group Page:

<http://facebook.com/groups/ysmenhawaii>

U.S Area Y Service Website:

<http://yserviceclubsusa.org>

Y's Men International

Website: <http://www.ysmen.org>

Our International Motto:

To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.

Next issue will be in July 2020 and deadline for articles is July 8. Deadline for the October 2020 newsletters to be announced later. Send club and district stories and pictures to Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida at miekogeko@gmail.com.

HAWAII REGION QUARTERLY CALENDAR

May

- 1 – Due to Region: ASF/BIDFS, BF, EF, TOF-GPF payments if not already paid during the Focus months.
- 20 – Due to Area: ASF/BIDFS, BF, EF, TOF-GPF payments if not already paid during the Focus months.

June

No event scheduled at time of publication

July

New Club Year

- 8 – Hawaii Region Bulletin Articles due to Melanie.
- TBD – Metro District Meeting Roster Updates

NOTE: CALENDAR IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE. DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

WHAT IS POSTPONED OR CANCELLED IN 2020

POSTPONED	CANCELLED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Erdman Beautification Project - Originally scheduled for March 14 was cancelled due to bad weather. Hope to reschedule it for late summer or early fall. • Endowment Dinner - Originally scheduled for April 17 will occur later this year. We will celebrate the Golden Book honorees, induct new members, and install officers. • Metro District Conference - Originally scheduled for April 19 has been postponed. The rescheduled date will be sent out at a later date. • NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Sorting (Proposed Metro District Project) - Originally scheduled for May 9 will be rescheduled later this year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii Region Convention: Originally scheduled for April 23-25, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada is cancelled. More information about the 2021 Hawaii Region Convention will come out later this year. • YMI International Convention - The Government of Denmark officially announced to cancel all major gatherings until the end of August 2020 so it was beyond their control. More information will be sent to those who have registered for the convention.