



Ku'i Ka Pahu

Beat the Drum

Hawai'i Region Y Service Club Newsletter – July 2020



Building on
Our Legacy



Regional Director's Message By RD Sharon Ishida, 2020-2021

Dear fellow Y's Men and Women,



"Only an open heart will catch a dream."

During these past few months of social distancing and "sheltering at home", we have all gone through varying degrees of isolation. Some of the news has been difficult to watch and, even more, to believe that all of it was not just a bad dream. Somewhere through this darkness though, light has found its way through the cracks! Stories of personal and group efforts to bring that hope to others – first as a glimmer and then with bold strokes of unbelievable, everyday heroism, pried open the cracks.

Y Service Club members, struggling with their own daily challenges, joined in to do what they do best – serve their YMCAs and their communities. Without a doubt, each of us can walk through this time knowing that in seemingly small and even with global acts, we helped to bring light to this human darkness.

We can do this only if we have an open heart. Look past the masks, the hugless contacts and tears, and focus on the power of what we CAN do as members of our Y Service Clubs. This year will probably not see a "normal" return of "Time and Treasure", but it won't rob us of our *TALENT* to serve.

Your Hawaii Region has assembled once again, a group of leaders who choose to serve you in the true sense of "Servant Leadership" – simply put, we are here to support YOUR dreams and efforts to succeed. I am respectfully setting forth four Regional goals for this year:

Increase membership! To grow and sustain our organization we must focus on membership. The Hawaii Region membership has increased the number of clubs to ten, while the US Area and International has declined. We must not be complacent nor satisfied with our current membership enrollment. We must actively seek new members and maintain our current members with meaningful service projects and fellowship. Our goal this year is to increase by 10 net members in the Region.

YMCA Service, World Service and Community Service shall be the foundation of Y Service Clubs and all clubs are encouraged to set their own club goals and determine their own programs for the year. Every club should strive for excellence and encourage its members to participate in whatever way they are able.



METRO MEETING

First Metro District Meeting

Date: TBD
Time: TBD
Location: Via Online

Second Metro District Meeting

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14
Time: Following Mid-Year
Cabinet Meeting
Location: Ilima Hotel

MID YEAR REGIONAL CABINET MEETING

Date: Saturday, Nov. 14
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Ilima Hotel



CLUB FOCUS

August

Community Service
RSD Rick Lau (Central)

September

Endowment Fund
RSD Linda Chung (West Oahu)

October

Alexander Scholarship
Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for
Scholars (ASF/ BIDFS)
RSD June Niimi (Hilo)

Collaborate with other Region clubs for service projects and fellowship. This will strengthen and unify us as ONE Region and not just separate club entities. Invite, celebrate and think of opportunities to join with one or more other clubs in projects or events, respecting the current safety regulations of masks and social distancing.

Actively participate in the preparation of the 2022 International Convention which will be held here in Hawaii. It is a major opportunity to extend our aloha to our global Y's Men and Women.

And this incoming RD counts Phil Sammer, IPRD, as a legacy for which much appreciation is extended, personally and on behalf of Y Service Club members throughout the Hawaii Region. The list of his accomplishments is only matched by the number of times he continues to extend his hand to help. He is a role model for many of our members and a friend that can be counted on for a smile and thoughtful advice. Mahalo, Phil!

We quietly begin this new service year on July 1st with no drumroll or banquet, but maybe for this time, a more appropriate personal and private recommitment to carry forth our motto and mission, "To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right". Open your heart. Dream. Fulfill.

Blessings to all!

Respectfully your Regional Director,

Sharon



"Building on Our Legacy"



Metro District Governor Report

Submitted by Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida

The Metro District Conference in March was cancelled due to the pandemic. The new year starts in July and I will work on hosting the Metro District meeting online so not to fall behind. We will close up the 2019-2020 year and start the new year. With the changing times, going online may be the only way everyone will be secure to meet until we can safely resume in-person meetings. More information to come.

In August or September, I would like to offer an online session on how to create a form in Google Drive. It is a program I often use to gather information and a number of members are unfamiliar with the program. I'll go over the basics on how to create a form and how to gather the data. If this is success and well received, I would like to open it up to other members who may be willing to share a special skill with others.

Bobby Stivers-Apiki sent a call out for volunteers to sit on a new International project called Week4Waste and I signed up. Ulrik Lauridsen from Denmark heads the committee with representatives from different areas. The idea of the project is to have Y clubs make an impact in their local community by picking up waste from parks, roads, rivers, beaches, etc. between September 1 - December 9. The project is still be worked out so as soon as more information is available, I will let all clubs know. Hopefully all Metro District clubs will be willing to participate either in a joint effort or as individual clubs.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club

Submitted by Ken Okimoto

The Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club was able to financially support its Island of Hawaii YMCA in two ways in recent months. In January of 2020, the club donated \$5,000 during the YMCA's Annual Support Campaign; as a result of the club's annual Christmas Tree sale in the fall of 2019. This was a significant portion of the Annual Support Campaign, as the YMCA gains increasing financial strength after many, many lean years.

More recently, the club applied for a grant from YMI's Special Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund. This was to support First Responders in our local communities. YMI awarded \$2,000 to the club for the YMCA project. This was matched with Hawaii Region contributing \$500, the club adding \$1,000, and \$500 from other donations. The money was used to support the YMCA's First Responder Child Care - YMCA Extended Day Camp. This program can take care of up to 80 kids of first responders with day care, supplementary educational activities, meals, physical activities, crafts, and other activities. Several iPads were purchased to assist with matching educational activities with school assignments and supplementary learning. Comments were received about the value of this program. One family had both parents being first responders, in health services and firefighting, so the need was quite high. In another case a single mother was a visiting nurse, with no nearby family to support child care. Thank you to YMI and Hawaii Region!!!

The club was happy to make a difference on Hawaii Island. It is able to keep functioning through the use of online technology. The GoToMeeting software, similar to Zoom, is used for biweekly club meetings. Business is getting done, but the usual yummy refreshments are sadly missed.



Kaimuki Y Service Club

Submitted by Ashleeann Rowe

Aloha, This is my first report as Club President and I am happy to introduce our officers. I am truly grateful to have Wes Pei, Vice President and Vernon Yoshida, Treasurer stay on in their positions, and am excited to have Jay Nishimura as our club's secretary. We were introduced to our club for our first Zoom club meeting on June 15th. It was a success with a few bumps in the road, but had 16 in attendance. We got to see people that wouldn't normally be able to come, like Rodney Kwock in his bed at the Avalon nursing home, where club member Nainoa Heaston works. Nainoa recognized the bed and room and was able to visit Rodney after the meeting. We are so glad they were able to connect with each other. Bobby Stivers-Apiki also joined us from Hilo at the meeting.

Right now our club has 27 members, including five youth members. During these times, the Kaimuki Club hasn't been able to do our normal service projects. We hope to find some ways to serve the community while practicing social distancing. We are currently discussing whether or not to have our October 19th Wine fundraiser. In the meantime, we decided to adopt a mini-fundraiser with Lions Club District 50 starting immediately. The suggested donation is \$10 and has coupons for Big City Diner, Carl's Jr., Good Year, Gytaku, Hooters, IHOP, Tex 808, Teddy's, and Montereys. Coupons are good until the end of 2020 year. If you wanted to purchase coupons please contact Ray Seto at 888olaloa@gmail.com.

Although many things have been canceled and a lot of us cannot see one another, our connection with each other is still strong. I hope to see you all in the near future, In the meantime I wish you all love and safety.

Sincerely,

Ashleeann Rowe

Kalihi Y Service Club

Submitted by Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida

The Kalihi Y Service Club last meeting was in March. The last project members participated in was to help serve lunch to the children attending Spring Intersession at the Kalihi YMCA on March 16. Some members showed interest to return later that week to help serve lunch again but the Spring Intersession program was cancelled midweek due to pandemic. All meetings and project were cancelled since then.

An in-person meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 17 at the Kalihi YMCA. Meeting will be held in an open-air outdoor area where social distancing can be allowed. We hope to continue to serve our community and the YMCA as we discuss future projects at the meeting.



West Oahu Y's Men's Club

Submitted by Duke Chung

West Oahu has not had a Club meeting in April-June due to restrictions re the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will likely meet in July to discuss possible upcoming events and projects like school supplies for our A+ Program in August. Our members involvement in our branch beautification area and Meals on Wheels has also been on-hold.



Windward Y Service Club

Submitted by JoeAnn McCarthy

Since April Windward has not been physically present manning the snack and toiletry table at the monthly Kailua Houseless Event. However, In August we will be providing 40-50 snack bags for the attendees of the event.



Hawaii Service Area Reports

Community Service

Submitted by Rick Lau



Community Service Project at Camp Erdman

Saturday August 15, 2020

8:00 – 11:30 am

Project: Cleaning dining hall and lanai area and some small painting in other areas of the camp.

Camp Erdman will provide lunch for all volunteers.

IMPORTANT - Please send me back a headcount of volunteers by Fri. 7/31

Need a club or clubs to bring pastries at 7:30 am

Central will provide the chilled water.

Remind volunteers to please wear covered shoes – no slippas. Wear your club shirts. Bring a face mask. Caps optional.

US Area News

Effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

- Reduced Area Membership Dues to \$1.00 per member from \$26.00 per member*
 - Alexander Scholarship Fund/Dollars for Scholars (ASF/DFS) suspend donations for the year*
- *Members may decide to make voluntary contributions to supplement the dues or to contribute to the ASF/DFS.

\$18,825 in Financial Support was given to YMCAs in Hawaii, California, Ohio and North Carolina. Funds came from ASF/DFS and We Care Disaster Relief. YMCA matched the COVID-19 Response Fund.

Taken from the US Area - Y Service Club Alliance Volume 44



International News

International Convention 2022

Submitted by Phil Sammer

Aloha Hawai'i Region YMI Members!

As you have heard from your club presidents the Hawai'i Region will be hosting the YMI International Convention and Youth Convocation here in Honolulu from August 11 to 14, 2022 when we will also celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Y's Men International.

This convention is sponsored by the entire US Area with assistance from Area Canada-Caribbean. Planning has been underway for almost two years under the guidance of PAP Debbie Redmond (St. Louis), PIP Joan Wilson (Canada) and myself and involves all of the clubs in the US Area.

We are counting on all Hawai'i Region members to help make this the best convention ever. I know that I can rely on every YMI club member to volunteer and welcome all delegates in the true spirit of Aloha. I'll be communicating more information to the club presidents about what type of help we need and how you can help out.

On behalf of the Host Organizing Committee I want to say Mahalo for your Kokua!

Phil Sammer and Debbie Redmond HOC Co-Chairs.



IPRD Phil Sammer
U.S. Area



PAP Debbie Redmond
U.S. Area



PIP Joan Wilson
Canada/Caribbean Area

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

Leadership Team 2020-2021

Regional Director: Sharon Ishida
Regional Director Elect: JoeAnn McCarthy
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

Atherton Y Service Club
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 October 2020 and deadline for articles is October 1. Deadline for the January 2021 newsletters to be announced later. Send club and district stories and pictures to Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida at miekogecko@gmail.com.

HAWAII REGION CALENDAR

July

- 8 – Hawaii Region Bulletin Articles due to Melanie.
- 13 – Roster Updates
- 31 – Headcount for the August 15 Community Service project at Camp Erdman due to Rick Lau
- TBD - Metro District Meeting (via Online)

August

- 15 – First Semester dues for Region, Area, and International due to Duke Chung.
- 15 – Community Service Project at Camp Erdman. 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

September

- 30 – Endowment Write-up and Payment due to Linda Chung.

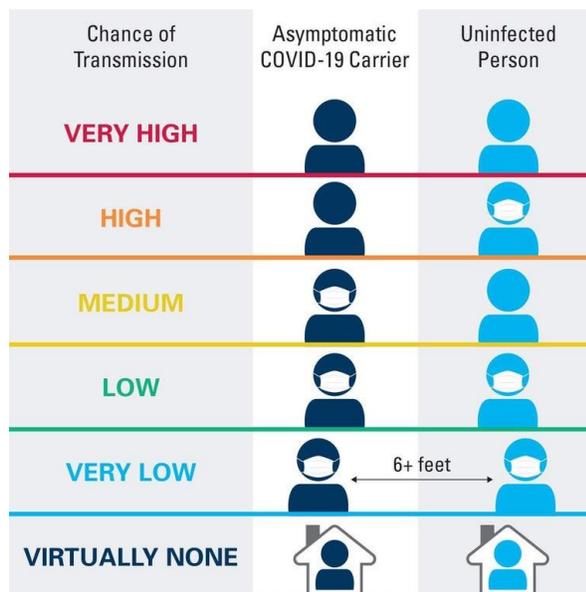
October

- 1 – Submit articles and photos to Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida (Bulletin) and JoeAnn McCarthy (PR).

November

- 1 – Headcount for club members attending the Mid-Year Regional Cabinet Meeting.
- 14 – Mid-Year Regional Cabinet Meeting. 9:00 a.m. at the Ilima Hotel. Short Metro District Meeting to follow.

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



Be Safe! Wash your hands, social distance, and wear a mask.