



The Y'S OBSERVER

APRIL 2020

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

Officers 2019-2020

President: Rick Lau
VP: Troy Tomita
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Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
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Christian Emphasis: Gary B.
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YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita
Endowment: Troy Tomita
Time of Fast: Guy Arakaki
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Metro Lt Gov: Karla Redding
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US Area President-elect:
Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hawaii)
International President: Jennifer Jones (Australia)
International President-elect:
Jacob Kristensen (Denmark)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:
E Hana Kakou: Let's work together!

Y's Words:
Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length.
Robert Frost

President's Message



By Executive Decree there will be no club meeting for the month of April. Actually by order of Y's Men International, YMCA Honolulu, Dept of Health – State of Hawaii, etc. to keep all healthy, best not to meet in groups. Anyways checking the agenda we have no pressing matters that need immediate attention. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday May 11 depending on conditions. In the interim please stay well and healthy.

Club Activities

The Club met on March 9 and was delighted to learn that Central branch had surpassed its goal for the Annual campaign bringing in \$55,000 or 104% of goal. Congrats to all who helped in achieving this success....The club also elected officers for the 2020-2021 year with **Troy Tomita** being selected as president. It was announced at the meeting that spouses of current members are eligible to join YMI with a 50% reduction in annual International dues. This special is good until 2022 so encourage your spouse to join! The COVID-19 epidemic was just ramping up last month so it is uncertain that we will meet in May. If so the date would be Monday May 11. All will depend on the status of the home self-quarantine.

Brotherclub News: Courtesy of *The Bendigo Golden City Bulletin*:

IEO Mid Year Meeting in Bendigo

It was indeed an honour to have our International Executive Officers not only hold their recent midyear meeting in Bendigo but also join our Club's excursion to Rochester on the 27th of February when we visited the Sportsmen's Museum at the railway station.... Later widely representative group from all local clubs had a very enjoyable get-together with our visitors which gave time for several presentations from IP **Jennifer** and each of the Executive Officers. IP Jennifer spoke about the Legacy Fund and the current search for a more permanent home for IHQ in Geneva. It was mentioned that at present ISG **Jose** and his staff work in a rented space smaller than the Kangaroo Flat clubrooms. She urged both clubs and individuals to consider a donation to the fund which at present is only a third of the way to the target of US\$1,000,000. Of particular interest was the story about the finding of the lost place of interment of our founder **Paul William Alexander**. However a persistent search finally located the spot and there is now a fine new headstone in place.

Virus Reminders: Wash hands frequently for at least twenty seconds-plain soap will kill the virus....Try not to touch eyes, nose or mouth....Keep six feet away from others as "social distancing"....Wear a mask in situations where you could possibly transmit the virus to another person or receive it from them...Shaking hands is not recommended...

Virus Humor: Want to find out who your real friends are? Ask to borrow a roll of toilet paper. Gas is finally affordable and we can't go anywhere! Many parents are about to find out that the teacher was not the problem...

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
Northwest Y Service
Club(CA)
Thika Y Service Club
(Kenya)
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 Central YMCA 6pm

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

The Korean Area has donated a sum of money to YMI to help in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 virus. Each Area was allotted a sum to be divided among the Regions. Hawai'i Region has submitted a request on behalf of the YMCA of Honolulu and YMCA of Hawai'i Island. Although the sums are small every contribution helps in the war again this terrible virus.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The US Area conducted the annual Regional Director-elect training via computer "Go To Meeting" on Saturday March 28 from 9am to noon thanks to the effort of AP **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**. This format allows for reduced US Area travel expenses. Although the participants could not join in fellowship they were able to get to know each other better and share ideas and plans with each other.

Metro District

Due to the novel corona virus, the work project at Camp Erdman scheduled for Saturday March 14, 2020 from 8:30AM to noon was cancelled and will take place sometime in the fall. The Endowment Dinner scheduled for April 17 has been put off to a later date, probably in the fall as well.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The 84th Regional Convention scheduled for Las Vegas April 24-26 was cancelled due to COVID-19. An attempt was made to reschedule for June but cancelled due to uncertainty about government restrictions on meetings.

The Region sponsored the Peace Through My Eyes project for elementary school students attending YMCA sponsored programs at the branches during the spring intersession March 16-20, 2020. However only Nu'uauu was able to complete the project due to branch closures.

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2020

Emphasis: Leadership Training RSDs:
Cassidy Inamasu/Keahi Kaawa
(Kaimuki)

13 Membership Mtg Central Y 6PM
17 Endowment Dinner
24-26 84th Regional Convention

ALL EVENTS CANCELLED

MAY 2020

Emphasis: Regional Convention

13 Membership Mtg Central Y 6PM
(Tentative)

Christian Emphasis

Outlook determines outcome.... You are what you think... Proverb 23:15-18
"I will rejoice if you become a man of common sense. My heart will thrill to your thoughtful, wise words. Don't envy evil men but continue to reverence the Lord, for surely you have a wonderful future ahead of you. There is hope for you yet."

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Due to the government issued orders because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the YMCA of Honolulu closed all of its branches although it continues to operate residences at Central and Nu'uauu. The Y is also offering child care service for parents designated as essential workers. Cost is \$427 per child per week. Contact the Y for more information at www.ymcahonolulu.org.