



# The Y'S OBSERVER

DECEMBER 2020

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

## Officers 2020-2021

President: Troy Tomita  
VP: Phil Sammer  
Secretary: Jennie Scott  
Treasurer: Rick Lau

## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Roy Tateishi, Eunice Delacruz

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer  
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
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Christian Emphasis: Gary B.  
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Time of Fast: Phil Sammer  
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International President-elect: Kim Sang-chaee (South Korea)  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

## Regional Theme:

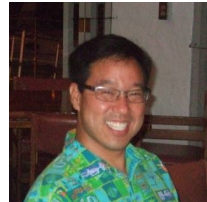
## Building on our Legacy

## Y's Words:

*Experience is the name everyone gives their mistakes.*

*Elbert Hubbard*

## President's Message



Aloha Club members. Happy Holidays everyone. I can't believe 2020 is almost over, but at the same time, I can't wait for it to be gone. We've all had our challenges this year and have all endured. Even through all of this, the club never missed a meeting and we still found ways to help in our community. Big MAHALO to all of you. Treat yourself to a huge turkey dinner (I'm sure there's a way to do that virtually now!). Thankyou all for helping with the Central Y Residents' dinner, I felt it went very well and the residents were very thankful for the generous gesture.

Our December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas party will still be via ZOOM. To continue at least a part of our Club Christmas tradition, I would like to continue the gift exchange game. So have your \$20 gift wrapped and ready for the meeting. *Aloha Troy*

## Club Activities

The annual Central Y Residents' Holiday Meal took place on Monday November 23, 2020. In order to avoid physical contact, it was decided to make it a "grab and go" meal using bentos. **Garret** found a very nice bento for a reasonable price from Panda Chinese takeout. We bought 40 meals and served about 24 residents as well as some of the club members who had bought meals. The plate included beef broccoli, spring rolls, noodles and honey chicken. Also included was a slice of pumpkin pie. On hand to serve were **Garret, Phil, Troy, Rick and Jennie...**The club also decided to purchase "Waste Coats" for the upcoming Week4Waste project in April 2021 as they can also be used for future projects. Next meeting is our annual club Christmas party on Monday December 14, 2020 via Zoom from **5pm to 6pm**. Don't forget your \$20 gift!

## Brotherclub News:

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that the Summer Book Fair, was held Nov 28/29, 2020 as a COVID-safe book fair. Although very close to the start of the Christmas tree sales, the reason chosen for the fair was the strong possibility of an easing of gathering restrictions on November 22. It will be the first fair since Spring 2019, so it will be interesting to see the public response... The **Helena Capital-Y-ze** reports that the Helena Family YMCA has a new CEO. **Phillip Borup** has been CEO of the Butte YMCA for eight years. He has been assisting at the Helena Y in recent months and began as Helena CEO earlier in November, sharing time in Helena and Butte. Borup's primary focus will include assessing financial and operational performance and developing strategic partnerships within our community as well as overseeing and managing fundraising efforts.

## December Focus: Christian Emphasis

"His kingdom will never end." – Luke 1:33 Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So this is he. She remembers the words of the angel. "His kingdom will never end". He looks anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being. Majesty in the midst of the mundane. The essence of Christmas is not on the presents. It's Christ's presence living in us. Have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

**Virus Rules Reminder:** The COVID vaccine is almost here but we still need to follow simple rules: 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...

## Humor from the pandemic

COVID-19: This too shall pass...it might pass like a kidney stone... but it will pass☺

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

Chartered May 27, 1994

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To Acknowledge the Duty  
That Accompanies Every  
Right.

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### Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club  
Helena YSC (Montana)  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
via Zoom at 5pm

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## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Our own AP **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** has entered his name as a candidate for International President-elect to serve July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Good luck, Bobby!

### Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Planning continues for the 75th YMI International Convention to be held in Honolulu Thursday to Sunday August 10-14, 2022. Current topics of discussion are the Saturday cultural activities as well as the subjects of the various forums to be offered on Friday. The next HOC planning meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday January 5, 2021.

### Metro District

The fall Metro District meeting took place on Saturday November 14, 2020 via Zoom following the Regional cabinet meeting. DG **Melanie** presided and is to be congratulated for winning the International **Henry Grimes** award for outstanding district governor! Club activities were limited due to the pandemic. DG Mel will be creating a new social media Facebook and is requesting short write ups about each club.

### Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning for the 84<sup>th</sup> Hawai'i Region Convention continues under the auspices of co-Chairs **Eddie Miwa** and **Albert Lee** with **Garret** representing the club. It is still undecided if it will be a virtual or in-person event. Much depends on the availability of a vaccine. The next convention committee meeting will take place on Saturday January 16, 2021 at 10am via ZOOM....RD Sharon held a virtual Regional Cabinet meeting on Saturday November 14, 2020 during which oral reports were received from regional officers, club presidents and regional service directors. The regional budget was formally approved. Clubs were reminded too of the Alexander Legacy Project donations. The next regional meeting will be during the convention in May 2021.

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2020

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD: **Isaac Sakamoto** (Nu'uuanu)

14 Club Christmas Party via Zoom 5PM

### JANUARY 2021

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: **Phil Sammer** (Central)

11 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM  
16 Regional Convention Mtg-Zoom 10am  
24 YMCA Sunday

### Christian Emphasis

#### ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

What do you need to stop complaining about? What do you have to thank God for today? Colossians 3:12-25 = Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful ....

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The YMCA of Honolulu recently announced that CEO and President **Mike Broderick** would be retiring on December 31, 2020. The board of directors launched an immediate search for his replacement and selected **Greg Waibel** to succeed Mike on January 1, 2021. Greg is imminently qualified due to the breadth and depth of his experience including his current position of COO of the third largest YMCA in the United States. Central Y Service Club congratulates Greg and welcomes him to the YMCA of Honolulu 'ohana.



**Rick, Jennie, Troy, Garret & Phil at your service! Chinese Bento**