



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

President's Message

2021 isn't waiting around, I'm surprised that one month has already gone by. Hopefully you are on your way to getting the vaccine so that we as a community can get back to normal (or the new normal). I would like to give a shout out to **Jennie**, who started a new job in December 2020. She is working for HPD as a Police Communications Officer. She's been training hard to be able to take your 911 calls and as of this month she just started taking calls. Don't worry, she is still a staff person at the Central Y. She's tough and working 2 jobs. Also, we are all keeping Eunice in our thoughts



as she goes through some difficult times. She's a real trooper to be able to make our meetings. As this month is Valentine's Day, (which is to acknowledge special people in our lives, like you) I thought a quote would be good: "I would rather walk in the dark with a friend than alone in the light" – Hellen Keller

Officers 2020-2021

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

Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Roy Tateishi, Eunice Delacruz

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

Hawaii Regional Director:
Sharon Ishida (Kaimuki)
Hawaii Regional Director-elect:
JoeAnn McCarthy (Windward)
Metro District Governor:
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
Metro Lt Gov: Karla Redding
(Windward)
OVG District Governor:
Ken Okimoto (Hilo)

US Area President: Bobby
Stivers-Apiki (Hawaii)
US Area President-elect: Shaju
Sam (North Atlantic)
International President: Jacob
Kristensen (Denmark)
International President-elect: Kim
Sang-chaee (South Korea)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Building on our Legacy

Y's Words:

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said. Peter Drucker

Club Activities

As the new year begins we look forward to participating in the Annual Campaign of the YMCA of Honolulu in February. Our goal of \$40,000 has been lowered a bit this year from \$50,000 due to the difficulty of fundraising during the pandemic. As Troy mentioned in his message we are giving **Eunice** lots of moral support right now. Next meeting is via Zoom on February 8 at 5pm..

Brotherclub News:

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that Christmas trees sold like hot cakes last year after a year of Covid restrictions. It seemed that people across the state just wanted to celebrate Christmas complete with a natural Christmas tree. It took only five selling days to sell all the trees our suppliers let us have so the numbers were down on last year but we still sold 362 trees and 59 stands for a final profit of \$7879..... The **Helena Capital Y-ze news** reports that The Helena Family YMCA has hired **Phillip Borup**, CEO at the Butte Y, to share the position with the Helena Y. His duties in Helena will be assessing financial and operational performance, developing strategic partnerships within the Helena community and managing fundraiser efforts.

February Focus: Time of Fast

The Time of Fast Fund (TOF) is an annual International YMI fundraising program which began as monetary assistance made available to areas of developing countries by arrangement with The World Alliance of YMCAs. TOF is now a popular program where YMI members all over the world, traditionally give up at least one meal and donate the cost of that meal to the TOF fund which in turn makes the money raised in this way available to projects sponsored by both YMI and the YMCAs all over the world. Since its inception in 1972, TOF has raised over US\$7 million for development projects and disaster relief. See page 2 for some of the approved projects for 2019-2020!

Virus Rules Reminder:

The COVID vaccine is 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

On average a panda feeds for approximately twelve hours a day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine which is why we call it a "Pandemic"... If they put the vaccine in beer and opened up the pubs the whole country would be vaccinated by next Thursday..Just trying to help!

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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 2nd Monday
via Zoom at 5pm

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Many YMI members are unaware that our international headquarters are located in two places: Geneva as the main seat of operations plus a satellite office located in the Chiang Mai YMCA in Thailand which enables easier communication and coordination with the Asia and Indian Areas.

Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Planning continues for the 75th YMI International Convention to be held in Honolulu Thursday to Sunday August 10-14, 2022. Current topic of discussion is the Youth Convocation that will be held in conjunction with the convention. Hawai'i's own **Eddie Miwa** and **Cassidy Inamasu** are taking leadership roles. The next HOC planning meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday March 2, 2021.

Metro District

The Metro district clubs continue to provide service to their communities either in person or virtually. Clubs are also gearing up for the Annual Campaign of the YMCA of Honolulu which runs through the month of February. District Governor **Melanie** along with RD **Sharon** and RDE **JoeAnn McCarthy** will be joining Convention HOC Chair **Phil** and others in a Zoom call to new YMCA CEO **Greg Waibel** on February 12 to formally introduce the YMI statewide leadership and to discuss plans for the International Convention.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The regular meeting of the Region Convention committee took place via Zoom at 10 AM on Saturday January 23, 2021. At this time it is likely that the convention will be via Zoom. Although a vaccine is currently available, it is doubtful that it will be widely available to the general public before late spring or early summer. Duties are being reassigned as necessary. **Garret** is our club's representative.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2021

Emphasis: Time of Fast CO-RSDs: **Kent Uyehara/Ashleeann Rowe**(Kaimuki)
8 Membership Meeting via ZOOM

MARCH 2021

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: **James Dang** (Kaimuki)
8 Membership Meeting via ZOOM

Christian Emphasis

If you are weary of your unique situation during this COVID-19 Pandemic or during any situation you may be faced with at any time ...**FIND PEACE IN GOD** ... Be strong and don't give up, for your work will be rewarded ..= 2 Chronicles 15:7, also see Psalm 91, Joshua 1:9, Corinthians 15:50-58, Mark 4:38-40 ...

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Youth Program Staff

Our trained youth program staff members ensure students attend their virtual learning classes and complete activities assigned by their school. Social enrichment opportunities, arts and crafts, and indoor and outdoor physical fitness activities are also provided. As schools have continued to adjust their virtual, in-person and blended school programming schedules, we have adapted our program offerings at select Y Branches for families in need of care for only a few days a week. For more info: www.ymcahonolulu.org.

Time of Fast projects approved:

YMCA Cambodia: Empowering Youth for Youth

YMCA Kosovo: Charity Shop for the Empowerment of Young People.

YMCA Michigan: My career My Opportunity

Southeast Asia: Korean Y's Men Medical Service.