



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



We are one month into the new year and I hope everyone is doing well with their New Year's resolutions. (or if you're like me, didn't make any to avoid disappointment). The New Year brought sad news about the passing of one of our valued members, Eunice. She will be truly missed. Mahalo to Phil for setting us up for our post-Christmas party. It was a nice small event, but good to get together to enjoy each other's company.

As usual, the gift exchange was one of the highlights of the day. Thank you Roy for always being prepared with the cards. Better check his sleeves when he goes to Vegas.

Officers 2021-2022

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

Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Roy Tateishi

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

Hawai'i Regional Director:

Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward)
Hawai'i Regional Director-elect:
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
Metro District Governor: Karla
Redding (Windward)
OVG District Governor:
Ken Okimoto (Hilo)

US Area President: Shaju Sam (North Atlantic)

US Area President-elect: Doug
Jones (Pacific SW Region)
International President: Kim Sang-
chae (South Korea)
International President-elect:
K.C. Samuel (India)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

*I can accept failure but I can't
accept not trying.*

Michael Jordan

Club Activities

The December holiday party was finally held on Sunday January 16, 2022 at 10:30am at the Waikiki Yacht Club. We did our usual gift exchange with maximum \$20 value. COVID regulations are in effect and each person had to wear a mask except when eating and present proof of full vaccination. It was still a fun party tempered, however, by the untimely passing of member **Eunice Delacruz** a few days before. We'll miss her very much (see page 2 for more). The next regular business meeting will be on **February 14, 2022 in person** at Central Y.

Brotherclub News:

The **Helena YSC** reports that the club distributed grocery kits to 50 AIDS-affected families being treated at the Mure Memorial Hospital. The long-term objective is to give these families monthly nutrition grocery kits in collaboration with the Manav Seva Foundation. India Nutrition Kits distributed using the TOF funds granted to the Y's Men's Club of Nagpur Orange City...**Bendigo YSC** writes what a great organization Bendigo Food Share has become. It has always been a very worthy organization for the Club to support over many years. The failure of the arrangement to lease a Garsed Street property has, in the long run, had a very positive outcome with a new site for a permanent home being found in Golden Square. Their January newsletter was full of very positive news on a range of issues. There were thanks for the many volunteers who helped get them through the busiest year ever with the Covid challenges.

February Focus: Time of Fast

TOF is now a popular program where YMI members all over the world, traditionally give up at least one meal (usually during the month of February) 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 to date, TOF has raised about US \$7 million for development projects and disaster relief. All projects must be hosted by the local YMCA and involve the active participation of the local Y service club.

Virus Update:

The pandemic seems to be abating in the USA as we near "herd immunity" given the large number of people who are already carrying the virus. Rules for entry into Hawai'i from the US continent remain the same using the "Safe Travels Hawai'i" app. We eagerly await the time when our foreign friends will be welcomed again as well!

Humor: A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling. 'I'm O. K. But I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery,' he answered. 'What did he say,' asked the nurse. 'Oops!'

News From Y'sdom

CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club
(South Korea)
Helena YSC (Montana
USA)
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 5pm via Zoom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

A quote from our founder: "...To be a Y's Man has never been predicated upon what a man believes, but upon what he does...The virtue of unselfish service which we insist shall be the hallmark of the Y's Man is an exemplification of love for one's fellow man..." **Paul William Alexander**, 1951.

Mr **Ulrich Lauridsen** of Denmark Region has been voted International President-elect July 2022 to June 2023 and International President July 2023 to June 2024.

Congratulations!

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Doug Jones, long time member of the Pacific Southwest Region, has been voted US Area President-elect from July 2022 to June 2023 and Area President from July 2023 to June 2025. Congratulations to Doug and many thanks for your service to the US Area!

Metro District:

The Metro district meeting took place on January 22, 2022 via Zoom. Reports were received from all the Metro clubs which continue to sponsor many activities despite the pandemic. **Ray Seto** moved that each club be allotted \$300 to help defray expenses for the regional convention. The motion passed but there was some discussion later via email about who was qualified to vote. The next Metro meeting is the annual district conference which is required by regional bylaws and is scheduled for April 23, 2022 hopefully in person.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Convention dates are May 13-15, 2022 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel in Hilo, Hawai'i unless county COVID rules preclude large gatherings in which case Zoom could be used. However, planning for an in person meeting continues with the next planning committee session scheduled for Wednesday February 16 at 5pm via Zoom.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2022

Emphasis: Time of Fast RSD: **Kent Uyehara** (Kaimuki).

14 Club business meeting at Central Y
15 YMCA Annual Campaign Kickoff via Zoom

MARCH 2022

Emphasis: Int'l Brother Club (IBC) RSD: **James Dang** (Kaimuki)

14 Club business meeting

Christian Emphasis

"Thine is the kingdom and power and glory forever." –Mathew 6:13

"Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."What protection this . . .

phrase affords. As you confess that God is in charge, you admit that you aren't. As you proclaim

that God has power, you admit that you don't. And as you give God all the applause, there is none left to dizzy your brain.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

You've been asked to try new things in this STRONG challenge. Your body has been stretched beyond your comfort zone (your muscles have told you, right?) This week you will be challenged to EXPAND what it means to be STRONG in other ways... perhaps removing social or emotional barriers in your life that prevent you from engaging with others, taking time to rest and reconnect to replenish your mental well-being, or finding impact in your communities. Let's EXPAND!

Central YSC c/o Central YMCA

It is with great sorrow that Central Y Service Club announces the passing of club member **Eunice Delacruz** on January 12, 2022. Although hampered by declining health in the past years, Eunice remained an active and engaged member and made every effort to attend the Zoom meetings.



Eunice was responsible for several major club projects including our participation in the annual Okinawan Festival held every year at Kapi'olani Park. Eunice was also an enthusiastic fundraiser for the club selling more than her share of tickets to friends, colleagues and family alike. Eunice's enthusiasm for the club never waned and we are grateful that we had the chance to welcome such a warm and dedicated person to the club. We will miss Eunice terribly and send heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.