



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

E Hana Kakou: Let's work together!

Y's Words:

The time is always right to do what is right.

Dr M L King Jr

President's Message

Hope you were all good little boys and girls so Santa delivered your wishes. The Friends of the Library will be having their annual book sale on Dr. M.L. King weekend. Go online to sign up to be a volunteer as they probably have all your info on file. But save Sunday January 19 as that's YMCA Sunday and we plan to join member Guy Arakaki at his church at First Presbyterian at Ko'olau golf clubhouse.



And don't forget our monthly meeting on Monday January 13. Central will host the next Metro District meeting on Saturday January 25 at 9:00 am. Y'all have a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

Club Activities

Members gathered on Sunday December 15, 2019 at the Waikiki Yacht Club for the annual holiday party and brunch. On hand to celebrate were **Rick, Phil, Eunice, Darryl, Gary, Roy, Guy** and daughter **Charis, Garret**, calabash member **Wayson Kobelanski** and special invited guest Metro DG **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida**. After lunch Prez Rick organized a game for the distribution of gifts: Each attendee drew a playing card with the lowest number making the first selection. However, the next lowest card had the option of picking a gift or "cock-a-roching" (taking) the previous selection. No one was safe until the last gift was selected! It was an enjoyable party with lots of laughs and fun... **The next regular club meeting will be on Monday January 13, 2020 at 6PM at Central Y.** Plans for the new year will be discussed including hosting the next Metro District meeting.

Brotherclub News

We are in the process of finalizing the Brother Club triangle relationship with Central, Bendigo, Australia and Helena, Montana that we hope will soon be completed. It'll be a great way to kick off the new year!

Monthly Focus: YMCA Service

The YMCA of Honolulu recently celebrated its 150th anniversary with a gala fundraiser at the Ko'olau Ballrooms in Kaneohe. Although it is the oldest and largest YMCA in the state it is not the only association in Hawaii. We are fortunate to also have YMCAs on three neighbor islands with the oldest being the Waiakea YMCA in Hilo. This Y owes its existence to the efforts of the Hilo Y Service Club who raised the original funds to build the branch in the 1930's and remains an active supporter. On the Garden Island the YMCA of Kauai serves the needs of its community both directly and through the efforts of the East Kauai Y Service Club that has traditionally organized activities and fundraising on behalf of the Y. The current Y CEO also serves as the president of the club. On the Valley Isle the YMCA of Maui has benefitted from the activities and support of the Maui Y Service club especially in fundraising for the Y and also annual work projects at the Y camp in Ke'anae located along the famous road to Hana. In January we celebrate these partnerships with YMCA Sunday across the state when we gather in church services to reaffirm and celebrate the bond between our two organizations. The Y and Y Service clubs make a difference everyday in Hawaii and around the world!

Humor: I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.....I had my patience tested. I'm negative....Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid the doesn't fit any of your containers. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out..

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 Environment Committee make up the "Green Team" – a group of Y's Members dedicated to reducing the impact of Y's Men International's activities on the environment. Interested? Contact Current Chair **Colin Lambie** with the Bendigo Y Service Club.

ColinLambie@ysmen.org.au

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The US Area Council will conduct its winter meeting via "Go to Meeting" on Saturday January 11, 2020. Agenda items include Regional and Area highlights as well as discussion of the 2022 International Convention planning that is well underway. It is hoped that we can learn a lot from attending the Denmark Convention that will take place this year from August 13-16, 2020.

Metro District

The next district meeting will be on January 25, 2020 hosted by **Central** at the YMCA. President **Rick** will discuss the details at the Jan. 13 membership meeting.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

RD **Phil** continues to work on chartering the newest club in the Region: The **Atherton Y Service Club** that we hope to welcome to Y'sdom early next month. This is a university based club located in the Atherton YMCA across the street from the main University of Hawai'i campus. Y Executive Director **Cassidy Inamasu** has been the driving force behind the club's chartering thanks to his experience with YMI as a member of the **Kaimuki Y Service Club**...Planning continues for the 84th Hawai'i Region Convention slated for April 24-26, 2020 in Las Vegas. Central will be in charge of the Slot Tournament. Registration forms should be available soon. If you plan to use the Vacations Hawai'i package contact **Ray Seto** for current pricing: 888olaloa@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2020

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: **Tony Yee** (Kaimuki)

13 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
19 YMCA Sunday
18-20 Friends of Library Winter Book Sale
25 Metro District Mtg-Central YMCA

FEBRUARY 2020

Emphasis: Time of Fast CO-RSDs: **Ray Seto, Ashleeann Rowe, Kent Uyehara** (Kaimuki)

10 Membership Mtg Central Y 6PM

Christian Emphasis

Is your vision 20/20 for 2020? Time is our most precious gift because we only have a set amount of time. God's Word advises us to use our time wisely because He knows that there are many things in life that can distract us from what truly matters. Do not waste your time so that you look back with regret - you do not know what tomorrow holds.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

YMCA of the USA "30 under 30": Congratulations **Connor Daniels!** Connor Daniels is the first person from the YMCA of Honolulu to be selected as a YMCA of the USA "30 under 30" honoree! Competing among 220 nominees from more than 70 Y Associations across the nation, Connor, along with 29 others were selected for their passion and tenacity as cause-driven Y Leaders advancing our Y's inclusive mission.

SOME PICTURES FROM THE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY HELD AT WAIKIKI YACHT CLUB SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2019



L-R: Roy, Rick, Garret, Gary, Melanie, Wayson, Darryl, Eunice, Phil, Charis, Guy

