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The Y'S OBSERVER

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAI'I REGION,
US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

President's Message

Happy New year! Hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I'm sure 2021 won't be the end of Covid, but I would like to thank all of you for ensuring that 2020 wasn't going to stop our club. We continued to meet monthly with great participation. We supported other organizations with monetary gifts. We held our annual dinner for the residents of the Y. And we even shared the Christmas spirit with each other during our virtual party. With all that's happening, I'm proud of the way that this club dealt with everything. Hopefully the vaccine will bring things closer



to normal. I'm sure we are all waiting for the day when we feel comfortable to meet in-person and do in-person projects. In the meantime, ZOOM has done rather well to keep us connected. (I also enjoy the "Where is Roy?" virtual backgrounds). *Aloha, Troy*

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
Community Service: Rick Lau
Christian Emphasis: Gary B.
Membership/Conserv: ALL!
YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita
Endowment: Troy Tomita
Time of Fast: Phil Sammer
Public Relations: Jennie Scott

Hawai'i Regional Director:
Sharon Ishida (Kaimuki)
Hawai'i 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 (Hawai'i)
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:

May all of your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.
Joey Adams

Club Activities

We had a fun virtual Christmas Party via Zoom on December 14. Troy came up with about 40 questions related to Christmas and holiday traditions and even offered some prizes for the most correct answers. Per our club tradition, we did a gift exchange where you could keep the gift you got or take one from another member. **Phil** had the misfortune of being the number one name drawn from the hat so his original prize changed hands several times! In the end everyone enjoyed the game and all signed off with a hearty Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As the new year begins we will be focusing on several different projects including preparing for the Regional Convention, whether it is in person or via Zoom. We also look forward to participating in the Annual Campaign of the YMCA of Honolulu in February. Next meeting is via Zoom on January 11 at 5pm..

Brotherclub News:

Helena YSC reports that the YMCA's annual **Ed Kellner Swim** was held on New Year's Eve Day from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Ed Kellner was a YMCA member who inspired others to swim by mapping his miles. He swam 2341 miles of the Missouri River. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Helena YMCA Aquatics Department. Let's hope it was an INDOOR swim..lol... Central wishes Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year) to Bendigo, Helena, Seoul and Kyoto Palace YSCs. All the best in 2021!

January Focus: YMCA Service

Founded in Toledo, Ohio, USA in 1922 to support the local YMCA, Y's Men International (YMI) is now oriented to serving the worldwide YMCA, the largest non-governmental youth organization, and through it the communities in which it is present throughout the world. YMI has joined with Ys around the world in "Principles of Partnership" wherein both organizations pledge to mutually help the other through support for programs that benefit the communities in which they are located. YMI clubs assist the Y in annual fundraising as well as offering scholarships for Y professionals seeking further training. YMI clubs also work with local Ys to sponsor projects that benefit the community. This partnership, called Time of Fast, will be highlighted in the month of February. In Hawai'i the relationship with the Y is a strong one with all four island Ys sponsoring YMI clubs including seven on the island of O'ahu.

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

One day 2020 will be the one word catch phrase for everything messed up and bad. "How's your day"? "A total 2020". "Say no more"....

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That Accompanies Every
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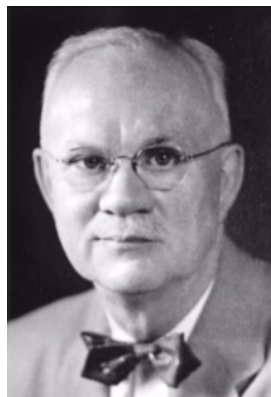
Brother Clubs

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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Judge Paul William Alexander, founder of the first Y's Men's Club in Toledo, Ohio in 1922. Over the years the name of the organization evolved with the times and is now also known as Y Service Clubs, welcoming any person interested in the Y and community service.

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Congratulations to **Dwight Tomlinson** who has been elected YMI's International Youth Representative 2020-2022! We wish you all the best with the challenging task of promoting youth work within the movement. Dwight Tomlinson is a member of Y's Men's Club of Savanna-La-Mar, Jamaica, Area Canada-Caribbean.

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 placement and scheduling of volunteers as well as assigning committee chairs. The next HOC planning meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday January 5, 2021.

Metro District

Week4Waste Cleanup Project is a YMI project where clubs from around the world will pick up trash in their local community. Dates are 4/18-25/2021. U.S. Area participation is still in development. You can do either as a Metro group activity or individual club activity. A lot depends on how much COVID-19 vaccine will have been distributed by then... The annual Endowment dinner has been postponed and will probably take place during the Regional Convention, circumstances permitting.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The next meeting of the Region Convention committee will take place via Zoom at 10 AM on Saturday January 16, 2021. Still to be decided is the format of the convention which could be in person, via Zoom or a hybrid of the two. 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. If in person, Central remains in charge of transportation; however, there will be modifications as planning progresses. **Garret** is our club's representative.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2021

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

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

FEBRUARY 2021

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

8 Membership Meeting via ZOOM

Christian Emphasis

Everyone will struggle with the storms of life at some point. Regardless of where they originate, the Bible offers us reassurance and encouragement to keep moving forward..The Scriptures remind us that we are never alone in our times of trial and God will see us through our suffering.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Until recently, there was a lack of emergency shelter resources on the North Shore for houseless individuals and families - especially critical during this pandemic. However, thanks to an innovative and collaborative partnership between YMCA Camp Erdman and ALEA Bridge, along with COVID relief funding from the City and County of Honolulu, safe, temporary transitional housing and meals, along with case management services are moving this vulnerable population towards more secure permanent housing and with that, a better life and stability.