



The Y'S OBSERVER

JULY 2022

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

President's Message



I hope your summer is going well. Being now at a branch with tons of kids around during the day reminds me of the summers I had as a kid. All my summers were with the Y so when I think of summer, it's always connected to the Y. Swimming at the Central Y pool and not being able to make it to the other side. Climbing the big rope in the gym and not being able to go 10ft off the ground.

Jumping on the trampoline.. And all the friends that I would only see during the summer, but saw them every summer. They are the ones that I hang out with today. Thinking about how the Y summers had such a great impact on me and many others is amazing. The Y has the ability to change kid's lives in ways that they may only realize many years later. This is what the Y is about and this is why I think we all continue to support the Y in our own way. The small things we do as a club help the Y move forward. *Aloha, Troy*

Officers 2022-2023

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:
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Metro District Governor: Melanie
Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
OVG District Governor: TBD

US Area President: Shaju Sam
(North Atlantic)
US Area President-elect: Doug
Jones (Pacific SW Region)
International President:
K.C .Samuel (India)
International President-elect: TBD
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

*Correction does much but
encouragement does more.*

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Club Activities

On Saturday June 19, 2022 members and friends gathered at the University of Hawai'i to help out with Special Olympics. On hand were members **Rick** and **Garret** as well as former members **Gary** and **Darryl** as well as **Guy** with daughter **Charis** plus Garret's friends **Chris Wong** and **Grace Ho** (see picture page 2). It was a fun morning providing the meals for the athletes and applauding those who won medals. Food this year included hamburgers, turkey sandwiches and Jersey Mike's subs and fruit..... Our next meeting will be with Kaimuki with venue and date to be determined.

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo YSC reports: Treasurer of the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter, **Geoff Young** was our guest on 16th June. Geoff had prepared a power point presentation that told us about the wonderful work being done over the three winter months, in all 92 nights of care provided by the BWNS organization. The organization is supported by quite a number of churches in Bendigo. Prospective "clients" are interviewed, and many are cared for by being provided with a room/hut for the night, an evening meal and breakfast the next morning.

July Emphasis: Membership/Conservation/Extension

In 2022 our movement celebrates its 100th anniversary. Being a club member during this historic period is a great privilege – but one that comes with increased responsibility. Although our centennial is certainly a time to look back in honor of our founder and our past accomplishments, it is more importantly a time to look forward. We have been given a wonderful legacy, but what will we pass on? It is our urgent duty to decide the architecture of our future and to lay its foundation. Together, we must build the relevance of our movement and increase our service so that the next generation of YMI members inherit something solid and significant on which to construct their own history. Therefor the projects that we undertake must appeal both to our current members (conservation) and to future members (extension). Central was affected by declining membership numbers so decided to team up with the Kaimuki and Atherton clubs to be able to offer satisfying and important projects in the community that serve to maintain current members' interest and also attract other like-minded individuals. Over the years YMI has become an inclusive and welcoming organization that will continue to appeal to all those interested in service to the Y and the community.

Humor: Unfortunately there is no lifeguard in the gene pool...God: You're about to get your wings. Me: Garlic parmesan or honey bbq? God: Get out...Remember when you were little you could just rip off your diaper and run around naked and everyone thought it was so cute and funny? Any way I need bail money...

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To Acknowledge the Duty
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 at the Y.

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News From Ysdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Exciting news from IT Jose: I am pleased to inform you that the purchase of the new IHQ office space in Geneva is now complete. The final purchase deed was signed on Wednesday 18 May by IP Kim Sangchae, IT T.M. Jose and myself in the presence of IHQ staff members. Our new home will soon be found at 121 Rue de Lausanne, 1202 Geneva, on the right bank of Lake Geneva, just minutes from the main train station, the United Nations, other key international organizations, and the lakeside. Until further notice, please continue to use our existing street address for any postal correspondence

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The US Area currently consists of only eight regions due to the consolidation of the Mid East region into the Mid America region last year. RD is **Gerry Nehra**.

Metro District

The summer Metro District meeting will be held via Zoom at a date to be determined. The October meeting could be in person depending on the status of COVID in the state.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning has begun for the 2023 Hilo Convention. A steering committee is currently being assembled by IPAP **Bobby Stivers** which will hold its first meeting on July 13, 2022 at 5pm via Zoom. Bobby is currently soliciting ideas for convention activities. **Phil** and **Rick** will represent Central on the committee. Some of the questions to be addressed are: Which activities must be included in 2023? What pre or post convention activities in Hilo would interest you? What type of 'community service project' would interest you to attend? If you have some suggestions please let Phil or Rick know. There are currently no set dates for the convention but it will be around the third weekend in May probably at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

Calendar of Events

JULY 2022

Emphasis:
Membership/Conservation/Extension
RSD Phyllis Sakane-Popovich (Nu'uauu)

TBA: Kaimuki Club Meeting
4 Independence Day

AUGUST 2022

Emphasis: Community Service RSD: Albert Lee (Nu'uauu)

8 Membership Meeting venue and time tba
Metro district meeting via Zoom tbd

Christian Emphasis

Anyone who has seen me has seen the
Father (John 14:9)

Only in seeing his Maker does a
man truly become a man for in seeing his
Creator man catches a glimpse of what was
intended to be. He who would see his God
would then see the reason for death and the
purpose of time. Destiny? Tomorrow?
Truth? All are questions within the reach of
the man who knows his source. It is in
seeing Jesus that man sees his Source.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The YMCA of Honolulu consists of ten
branches including Camp Erdman, with
the newest being the Waianae Branch.
The Central branch is in the process of
being sold. Annual revenues are in
excess of \$20 million dollars making it
one of the largest associations in the
United States. Nationwide visiting
membership is called the "Away" program
and is offered in participating Ys.



The Special Olympics Team