



The Y'S OBSERVER

JUNE 2021

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

President's Message

Officers 2021-2022

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:
JoeAnn McCarthy (Windward)
Hawaii Regional Director-elect:
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)
Metro District Governor: 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-chaeh (South Korea)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Serve and Make a Difference

Y's Words:

The opportunity for brotherhood presents itself every time you meet a human being.

Jane Wyman



Summer feels like it is already here. The days are getting longer and hotter. Hope we all stay well hydrated and if you're like my family, the electricity bill is gonna go up in the following months. Mahalo to all the club members who participated in the Regional Convention, I thought our part of the induction went well. Sorry I couldn't stay to the end, I had another ZOOM call later in the day. Congrats to our club raffle winners. I know I heard **Jennie** and **Roy's** names called out.

Seems like more and more people are open to travelling. As I bike through Waikiki, there are many more people out and about. I know some of our club members have also been recently travelling. I'm looking forward to my trip to Catalina Island in July. Hopefully by then the "safe travels" program will lighten up – although I don't have high hopes on that. Mahalo, *Troy*

Club Activities

Club members were proud to report that a total of \$400 was donated to India COVID-19 relief including \$100 from the club and the balance from **Phil, Roy** and **Rick**....**Troy** distributed scripts for the new member induction ceremony to be done by the club and held as part of the upcoming 84th Hawaii Region Virtual Convention on May 29. The members also donated a total of \$56 to the Roll Back Malaria fund which was matched by the club for a total of \$112. Our thoughts and prayers go out to club member **Eunice** as she faces health challenges. **Next meeting Monday June 14, 2021 at 5pm via ZOOM.**

Brotherclub News: *Bendigo's Golden City Bulletin* reports on May 13 seeing 15 members visit the Bendigo Electroplating factory in Havilah Rd. A very interesting tour hosted by owner Oliver White who has operated the business for over 10 years. An interesting but time-consuming process that results in the restoration of much-loved items for vintage car and motor bike enthusiasts. Meanwhile the club held its AGM on Thursday 29 April. Unfortunately, new President **Peter Searle** was an apology as was Treasurer **Colin Lambie**. Regional Director **Wayne Cameron** conducted proceedings with the new Council inducted for the 2021/22 year.....**Helena YSC** reports that the June meeting will be a potluck picnic on Saturday, June 19 at 1:00 P.M. at the home of **VIC** and **BILLYE VINCENT** at 3150 York Road. This will be the last meeting until August. Plans are to have a speaker from the Helena YMCA. Please wear your masks.

June Focus: Public Relations

The Incoming RSD for Public Relations is RDE **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida**. Her plans for the coming year include revitalizing the Regional webpage, Facebook page and Instagram account in order to put YMI more in the forefront of service clubs. She will need information about club doings to highlight in her postings and is requesting that club PR service directors copy her on any activities. The same will be true of the regional newsletter "Ku'i Ka Pahu" whose publication will now be handled by the Atherton YSC.

Virus Rules Update: The state of Hawaii is moving towards opening the state to all local travelers who are fully vaccinated and have a registration card. They will no longer need a pre-test before entering the state. Hawaii officials hope to be able to extend the program to all domestic passengers by mid-summer. International travelers, however, will need to wait longer to get the exemption and must still produce proof of a negative COVID-19 test before entering the state.

Humor: Eat whatever you like because: The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 55...The inventor of gymnastics died at 57...The world bodybuilding champion died at 41....The best footballer in the world, Maradona, died at 60...**And then** -The KFC inventor died at 94....The inventor of Nutella died at 88....The cigarette maker Winston died at 102...The inventor of opium died at 116 in an earthquake...The inventor of Hennessey died at 98.. The rabbit is always jumping but it lives for around 2 years and the turtle, that doesn't exercise at all, lives over 200 years. So rest, chill, eat, drink and enjoy life.

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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)
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

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

The Paul William Alexander Legacy Project has received \$413,644 in pledges to date towards its \$1 million goal.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org):

A special meeting of the US Area Council will take place on Saturday June 12 via Zoom to discuss several important matters concerning the Area.

Metro District: Incoming Metro DG **Karla Redding** is currently planning the first district meeting.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The 84th Hawai'i Region Convention convened via Zoom this year in a one day event on Saturday May 29, 2021 from 9am to 4pm. The program included a business session, raffle, training session, guest speaker YMCA of Honolulu CEO **Greg Waibel**, and a talk story with outgoing US AP **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**. Also on the agenda was the installation of regional officers and club presidents conducted by AP Bobby and induction of new members conducted by **Central**. Hands-on forums included 'ukulele instruction with **Kai** and **Kent Uyehara**, laulau preparation using a slow cooker presented by **June Niimi** of the Hilo club and ribbon lei making by **Cathy Foy** former Miss Hawai'i. Also included was a raffle using a virtual "wheel of fortune". Our own **Jennie Scott** and **Roy Tateishi** were among the winners. Kudos go to all who made this convention such a success including committee chairs **Eddie Miwa** and **Albert Lee** as well our own techno wizard **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida** who skillfully managed the ins and outs of running a virtual convention. Congratulations also to **all the clubs** for their efforts in sustaining projects during a pandemic year as well as to **Mary Jannell Murro** and **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida** who both received the prestigious Club Member of the Year awards. Also receiving recognition was **Eddie Miwa** who was voted the **Red Triangle** award by the Regional Counselors for his innumerable contributions to YMI in Hawai'i!

Calendar of Events

JUNE 2021

Emphasis: New Club Year-Public Relations RSD: **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida** (Kalihi)

10 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

JULY 2021

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

12 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

Christian Emphasis

"God has planted eternity in the hearts of men." – Ecclesiastes 3:10
You will never be happy on earth simply because you were not made for Earth. Oh, you will have moments of joy. You will catch glimpses of light. You will know moments or even days of peace. But they simply do not compare with the happiness that lies ahead.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

FREE Summer Memberships For Teens

Ōpi'o Summer Membership Benefits:

Full access to 6 YMCA locations, to include gyms, pools, fitness centers, and multi-purpose spaces

A safe space to spend time and make new friends

Fun social events and physical activities

Opportunities for leadership and community service development and a pathway to jobs at the Y and career development. More info and registration at <ymcahonolulu.org>

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