



# 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



Kamehameha Day originally began as a celebration of the reign of Kamehameha V who decided that a day honoring his grandfather would be more appropriate, designating June 11 as the holiday. Kamehameha I, or "the great", succeeded in uniting all of the Hawaiian Islands under his rule and brought peace to his kingdom. There are also two statues of Kamehameha, one in the North Kohala

town of Kapa'au where he was born and raised, and one in front of the Ali'iolani Hale (pictured page 2) in downtown Honolulu across the street from 'Iolani Palace. Traditional activities include a floral parade and draping of the two Hawai'i statues with lei. *Aloha, Troy*

### 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 Sangchae (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:

"He that can have patience will have what he will".

*Ben Franklin*

## Club Activities

The club gathered on May 17 at 6:15pm for a short Zoom meeting before the 6:30pm regular meeting at the Kaimuki YMCA which was subsequently cancelled due to President **Kent's** illness. At the Zoom meeting the club decided to help out at the Special Olympics to be held on Saturday June 19, 2022. Six volunteers were requested and five members stepped forward. After the meeting we were also invited by RDE **Melanie** to help out with the annual Friends of the Library book sale in June which we have done for many years. Members were also reminded that **Garret** was responsible for the Remembrance portion of the upcoming virtual Regional Convention. The next meeting will be **in person** at the branch at **5PM on June 13, 2022. Note time change.**

## Brotherclub News:

**Helena YSC** reports that congratulations go to **Judi Allen** on her appointment to the position as CEO of the Helena Family YMCA. Judi has served the Helena Y in many capacities, most recently as interim CEO and then Chief Operating Officer.....The Summer Day Camp program at YMCA Camp Child is not only a fun time for younger kids attending camp, but is also an opportunity for 13-15 year old kids to build leadership skills. They can be in the Leader in Training program at Camp Child. **Bendigo YSC** reports: It is pleasing to be able to report that the 64 boxes of books our club donated to the Lismore Library after the floods have been delivered and are now in storage as they dry out the building and rehabilitate the lower floor damage.

## Virus Update:

The latest mutation of COVID-19 has affected many people in Hawai'i including your Y's Observer editor **Phil Sammer** who is just coming out of a ten-day isolation period. So far this does not seem to have affected tourism from the continental US which continues to attract visitors who "just want to get away". Arrivals seem to be peaking in July with most hotels showing 80% or greater occupancies. This is good news for the many residents who depend on tourism for their livelihoods.

**Humor:** Fun with the English language: The bandage was wound around the wound. The farm was used to produce produce. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse. We must polish the Polish furniture. He could lead if he could get the lead out. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes. I do not object to the object. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
at 5pm at the Y.

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## News From Ysdom

### Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

For the GOLD program, our leadership team has been laying plans for a new approach to leadership development, with a greater focus on the District and Club levels. Essentially, we are looking at a different way of making leadership development more accessible. We will develop small GOLD teams within a Region or District. These will organize and lead leadership workshops, even within the clubs themselves.

### US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

**IPAP** Bobbie Stivers has begun publishing the "PAPer" which is a compilation of news about past area presidents and their current activities. Bobby has asked each PAP to submit their favorite recipes in hopes of assembling a cookbook for the Area.

### Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The Hawai'i Region held its second "virtual" regional convention via Zoom on Saturday May 28 from 8am to noon. It was by all measures a great success. We started with a business meeting at which it was decided to send two young members to participate in the refurbishment of the Sioux YMCA summer camp. This was followed by tributes via videos to our "golden" members who have been in YMI for at least fifty years and were often charter members of their clubs. Later we received updates from the YMCAs of Honolulu and Hawai'i Island. US Area PE **Doug Jones** also gave us an update as well as installing all new officers present. We closed with remembrances of departed members including our own **Eunice Delacruz**. Central members involved in the production were **Rick Lau** who emceed the event, **Garret Ho** who set up the remembrances and **Phil Sammer** who served as Parliamentarian and presenter of Eunice's tribute. The exciting news is that the **Hilo** club will host next years convention! A steering committee is currently being assembled by IPAP **Bobbie Stivers** to begin planning.

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE 2022

Emphasis: Public Relations

10 Kamehameha Day observed  
13 Club Meeting at Central Y 5pm  
19 Fathers' Day

### JULY 2022

Emphasis:  
Membership/Conservation/Extension

TBA: Kaimuki Club Meeting  
4 Independence Day

### Christian Emphasis

"The important thing is faith – the kind of faith that works through love." – Galatians 5:6

Symbols are important. Some of them, like communion and baptism, illustrate the cross of Christ. They symbolize salvation . . . but do not impart salvation. Putting your trust in a symbol is like claiming to be a sailor because you have a tattoo. Our God . . . saves us, not because we trust in a symbol, but a Savior...

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Join folks of all ages and families in our community to help restore, maintain, and beautify the historic **Ulupō Heiau** and **Lo'i fields** located right in the "backyard" of our Windward Y! A sacred place that dates back to old Hawaii, the Ulupō Heiau is adjacent to ancient lo'i fields and overlooks the **Kawainui Fishpond** which was Hawaii's largest cultivated inland fishpond in ancient times.



KAMEHAMEHA THE GREAT  
(Courtesy Wikimedia)