



# The Y'S OBSERVER

MARCH 2021

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

## President's Message

### Officers 2020-2021

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:  
Sharon Ishida (Kaimuki)  
Hawaii 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 (Hawaii)  
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:

*Spring is nature's way of saying "let's party!"*

*Robin Williams*



Hard to believe that we are already in March! Spring is upon us and hopefully that brings good things. Here is what I got off the internet: Spring represents bouncing, start of something new, new beginnings, progress, blossoming of new things, birth, new life and business. Dreaming of spring indicates pleasance in life. Just like you feel at peace when you see the flowers blossoming in nature, you feel amazing when you see a spring dream.

I'm sure we are all ready for something new! Mahalo to the club for contributing \$250 to the YMCA Annual Campaign. This year's rally was virtual, which I thought went well. We heard some great Y stories and saw a lot of creativity from the branches to create their Campaign Goal videos. Saw **Rick** and **Phil** at the rally (via ZOOM). Rick was the winner of a gift certificate. As we move into tier 3, with tier 4 looking closer, I'm really looking forward to our April Week 4 Waste project, a beach clean-up. That should be a refreshing change to all this virtual stuff.

## Club Activities

The club has responded to the YMCA of Honolulu Annual Campaign by pledging \$250 while members have also volunteered as individual workers. Our target is \$45,000... The club has received the special vests for the international Week 4 Waste cleanup scheduled for April. Due to the uncertainty of large gatherings, it is likely this will involve individual efforts in which each member will collect and weigh the amount of trash collected which will then be announced as a total amount for the club. The next club meeting will be on Monday March 8, 2021 at 5pm via Zoom.

## Brotherclub News:

**Bendigo's Golden City Bulletin** reports it was of interest to read that a Zoom gathering of Secretaries General of World YMCA and YMI in August last year signed a Principles of Partnership Agreement. The agreement "acknowledges a mutual desire to work towards new dimensions of partnership that will contribute to individual and collective growth and service at local, national, area and world levels." Meanwhile in **Helena**: Starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Helena Family YMCA will be offering afterschool child care in partnership with Lewis and Clark County. The YMCA will be offering after school child care transportation from the student's school to the fairgrounds with their newly purchased vans (thanks to the CARES ACT).

## March Focus: International Brother Clubs

The International Brother Club program joins in partnership clubs located in different countries, or in the same country, for their mutual benefit and better understanding. It is designed to assist fellow Y's Men and Women and their families to learn about and exchange ideas between clubs, whether they are just over the border or right across the world. Y's Women's clubs may prefer to use the term "Sister Club." Central currently has four Brother Clubs (see page 2) and receives updates regularly from **Bendigo Y Service Club** (Australia) and **Helena Y Service Club** (Montana). Benefits of Brother clubs include: to foster close relationships in the movement, to promote better understanding between different cultures, to give encouragement, support and stimulation and to exchange ideas and experiences.

## 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...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:** Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby....Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.

## 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  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
via Zoom at 5pm

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## News From Y'sdom

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

Mr. **K.C. Samuel** from India has been elected **International President Elect for 2021/22**. He will take office as International President on 1 July 2022....The merger of Mid-East and Mid America regions was completed by a vote of the International Council in August 2020. The updated Mid America constitution was also approved first by the Constitutional Review Committee then by the International Council making the new Mid America Region (MAR) official. MAR Regional Director will be **Carl Miles**.

### Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

Planning continues for the 75th YMI International Convention to be held in Honolulu Thursday to Sunday August 10-14, 2022. There was discussion about using a hybrid convention combining virtual and actual but the emphasis should remain on encouraging actual attendance which can be affected by many factors including travel restrictions and cost. The next HOC planning meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday April 6, 2021.

### Metro District

Preparations continue for the international WEEK 4 WASTE scheduled for **April 18 to 25**. The club has received the special vests for members to wear during the cleanup.

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

The regular meeting of the Region Convention committee took place via Zoom at 10 AM on Saturday February 27, 2021. The clubs made the decision to do the convention via Zoom. 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. Duties are being reassigned as necessary. **Garret** is our club's representative. It will be a single day virtual convention on May 29, 2021.

## Calendar of Events

### MARCH 2021

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: **James Dang** (Kaimuki)

8 Membership Meeting via ZOOM

### APRIL 2021

Emphasis: Leadership Training Co-RSDs: **Cassidy Inamasu, Keahi Kaawa** (Kaimuki/Atherton)

12 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

### Christian Emphasis

"GOD sent his Son . . . so we could be his children." - Galatians 4:4 -5  
We . . . were orphans. Alone. No name. No future. No hope. Were it not for our adoption as God's children we would have no place to belong. We sometimes forget that.

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Great news! With the move to our City's "Tier 3" phase, fitness center capacity at our Y facilities will increase to 50% and our indoor, outdoor and pool exercise classes can now include up to 9 members per class. In addition, nearly all of our indoor group classes will continue to be available via live streaming on our Virtual Y.

For more info: [www.ymcahonolulu.org](http://www.ymcahonolulu.org).

