



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



It looks like there is some light at the end of this covid tunnel. It's hard to believe that this has been going on for 2 years as of this month. I remember being on Maui camping as things started shutting down. Then we got back to Honolulu and it was a different world. If we knew then what we know now.... We just need to hang in there a little more... As per our conversation at the last club meeting, I spoke with

Kent from the Kaimuki Y Service club, and he has graciously opened their club to us. With this opportunity, hopefully we can do more projects and interact with more service members. I am targeting us to attend their March meeting, which is on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm, At this meeting, Jennie can relax as we don't need to take any minutes. Things are looking bright!

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 Sang-chaee (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:

"It's not enough we do our best; sometimes we have to do what is required".

Sir Winston Churchill

Club Activities

The last meeting centered on a discussion about the shrinking size of the club and how best to continue to serve the Y and the community. In the end we decided that teaming up with a larger club would give us more opportunities without losing our identity. We asked Troy to approach Kaimuki since they were our original sponsors. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. His thoughts were that we would attend their meetings every other month, and have our meeting on the off month. If they have club activities, we could also join them. But we still keep the identity of the Central Club. Per President Troy's message above, the arrangement begins in March with the first joint meeting on Tuesday **March 15, 2022 in person** at 6:30pm at Kaimuki Y.... We received word that the memorial service for our late member, **Eunice Delacruz**, will take place on Wednesday March 9 at 11am at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo YSC reports that **Rob Green**, a key person in the pre-Christmas sale of trees, has done some analysis of the recent sale. Again we used two suppliers for our trees and purchased 340 trees overall. We donated two trees to charitable organisations and sold 338. There were 40 metal stands purchased of which 38 were sold and 2 donated to the organizations to which we gave trees. With various costs such as advertising and cartage disbursed, the project gave a figure on close to \$8000 clear. A wonderful effort. Rob also indicates that the trend from the public appears to be to purchase their tree early in December instead of waiting until closer to Christmas. That will have implications for planning a date for opening our sales later this year....Our **Kyoto Palace IBC** will celebrate its Covid delayed 50th anniversary on Saturday May 7, 2022 from 4pm to 7pm at the Hotel Okura in Kyoto. We congratulate them on 50 years of service!...**Helena YSC** reports that The Helena Family YMCA had their kickoff for the 2022 FOY Campaign in a zoom meeting on February 16. Some of the services they want to deliver are to double the number of campers, ensuring no child is turned away; expand swim lessons for the community; ensure that all youth and families have access to learn, grow and thrive in our programs and continue to grow sport participation numbers, aiming to help young athletes to become better players and people.

Virus Update:

Rules continue to loosen as all counties drop proof of vaccination requirements for restaurants and other facilities as of March 5. Rules for entry into Hawai'i from the US continent using the "Safe Travels Hawai'i" app will expire on March 26. Entry rules for our foreign guests remain the same with a five day quarantine for any unvaccinated individuals.

Humor: Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well. A day without sunshine is like, well, night. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

News From Y'sdom

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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 6pm at the Y.

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

From IHQ: During the YMI Mid-Year Meeting held on 26 February 2022, the International President approved an initial contribution of USD 10 000 to YMCA Europe to support the Ukraine relief project as a mission partner. We appeal to our clubs and regions to further contribute by donating to the Heal the World – Ukraine Appeal

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

PAP **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** forwarded the following important message: You're probably getting a whole bunch of emails from IHQ, Area, or fellow club members seeking your support for what is happening thousands of miles from where you are reading this email, but may I add another email? If we are true to the YMCA values of caring, sharing, responsibility and honesty then we must demonstrate these values with action to what's happening in Ukraine. I'm not here to preach, but just to join **Dr. Kim, Jose, Shaju** and all YMI & YMCA leaders in seeking your support for Ukraine. As I have said in the past, "Give not till it hurts, give till it feels good". CFO **David Workman** has set up an easy way to make an online donation. I just did my donation and it was easy and fast! Here's the link:
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=GP8PWU3Z4V2UJ

Metro District: The next Metro meeting is the annual district conference which is required by regional bylaws and is scheduled for April 23, 2022 hopefully in person.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org) At the convention meeting on February 16 the committee made the decision to hold a virtual convention similar to last year's effort rather than in person due to county regulations regarding the number of participants allowed in indoor settings. The date is May 14, 2022 from 9am to 1pm. More information will be forthcoming after the next committee meeting the date of which has not yet been set.

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2022

Emphasis: Int'l Brother Club (IBC) RSD:
James Dang (Kaimuki)

15 Joint club meeting with Kaimuki 6:30pm

APRIL 2022

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

11 Club business meeting Central Y 6pm
23 Metro District Conference

Christian Emphasis

"The LORD won't leave his people nor give up his children." Psalm 94:14
When everyone else rejects you, Christ accepts you. When everyone else leaves you, Christ finds you. When no one else wants you, Christ claims you. When no one else will give you the time of day, Jesus will give you the words of eternity. What is the work of God? Accepting people . . . Caring before condemning.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Get a jump on creating the perfect summer for your family! Register today with just a 10% deposit to reserve summer programs for your whole family at the Y! Spots are also still open for Spring Day Camp - with availability at all 6 of our YMCA Branch facilities and new locations at our YMCA Camp Erdman (optional transportation available) and specialty camps at Nu'uuanu Congregational Church and YWCA Camp Ho'okahi. More: www.ymcahonolulu.org

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