



# The Y'S OBSERVER

MAY 2020

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

## Officers 2019-2020

President: Rick Lau  
VP: Troy Tomita  
Secretary: Roy Tateishi  
Treasurer: Darryl Tupinio

## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Eunice Delacruz, Phil Sammer, Guy Arakaki, Jimmy Ishimoto, Jennie Scott.

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer  
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
Community Service: Rick Lau  
Christian Emphasis: Gary B.  
Membership/Conserv: Eunice D.  
YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita  
Endowment: Troy Tomita  
Time of Fast: Guy Arakaki  
Public Relations: Jennie Scott

Hawaii Regional Director:  
Phil Sammer (Central)  
Hawaii Regional Director-elect:  
Sharon Ishida (Kaimuki)  
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:  
Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hawaii)  
International President: Jennifer Jones (Australia)  
International President-elect:  
Jacob Kristensen (Denmark)  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

*Regional Theme:*  
**E Hana Kakou: Let's work together!**

**Y's Words:**  
*A friend is a lot of things, but a critic he isn't.*  
Bern Williams

## President's Message



Aloha and long time no see. Welcome to the new normal: Social distancing, etc. Hope y'all doing well and adjusting to your home stays. As a result of the mandatory confinement, there is no Y's Men activity occurring in the community. All scheduled events have been cancelled including this month's annual Hawaii Special Olympics for which our club has volunteered for many years.

Well, since you all have computers **RD Phil** suggested we all meet via Zoom internet. Phil will send you details on how to log on so hope to see y'all next Monday May 11, 2020 at 6pm. Please mark your calendars. Mahalo.

## Club Activities

Different times, different ways. As President **Rick** mentioned we will be trying out Zoom for our next meeting on May 11. **Phil** will set up the invitations and handle the details. As with any meeting we will have a formal agenda. Among items to consider are completion of the nominating process for next year's officers including vice president, secretary and treasurer. President-elect **Troy** will be approaching you to step up and help keep the club running. We also need to look at any fall projects that may be of interest to the club.

## Brotherclub News:

We are still awaiting the official certificates certifying the triangle Brother Club relationship between Central, Bendigo and Helena. We hope to received them soon. We also look forward to featuring excerpts from Helena's newsletter *Capital Y's News* to keep us informed of their activities.

## Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund began in 1931 and, as the name suggests, its purpose is to strengthen the brotherhood of Y's Men throughout the world, still partly by enabling Y's Men to attend Area and Regional Conventions but also by enabling them to visit distant Regions. Income has grown steadily from US\$ 140 in 1936 to about US\$ 200,000 today. Although most now comes from cash contributions, about 15% still comes from stamps. The Hawaii Region donated \$1875 last year to the fund. Currently Area USA has an outbound trip available in 2021 to Area Asia-Pacific. More information at [www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org).

**Virus Reminders:** Wash hands frequently for at least twenty seconds-plain soap will kill the virus....Try not to touch eyes, nose or mouth....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:** How to be socially obnoxious-Part 1: Always be right; tailgate the elderly; ask how people are but don't wait for a response; fish for compliments; rubberneck...

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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That Accompanies Every  
Right.

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### Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club  
Helena YSC (Montana)  
Thika Y Service Club  
(Kenya)  
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 Central YMCA 6pm

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## News From Y'sdom

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

RD-E training will be conducted in South Korea early next year. Our own RD-E **JoeAnn McCarthy** will attend since she was unable to be at last year's meeting in Toledo. JoeAnn will serve for two years followed by RDE-designate and current District Governor **Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida**.

### US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The US Area will conduct the spring Area Council meeting via computer "Go To Meeting" on Saturday May 16 from 9am to noon thanks to the effort of AP Bobby Stivers-Apiki. This format allows for reduced US Area travel expenses and COVID-19 personal space. The participants include the eight Regional Directors as well as Area officers and ASDs.

### Metro District

Windward YSC was able to complete its Peace Through My Eyes poster contest for elementary kids at the Windward Y Spring Intersession. The winner this year was **Maiha Flores** who took home the \$50 prize for her thoughts that peace includes compromise and forgiveness. So much wisdom from a 4<sup>th</sup> grader!

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

Two Hawai'i Region clubs received funds that the Korean Area donated to YMI to help in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 virus: **Nu'uau** in the Metro District and **Hilo** in the OVG district who together received \$2400 which was then partially matched by the region for a total of \$3000. Both clubs donated the money to their local YMCAs to help pay tuition for child care for COVID-19 essential workers.

## Calendar of Events

### MAY 2020

Emphasis: Regional Convention  
13 Membership Mtg Central Y 6PM  
(via ZOOM)

### JUNE 2020

Emphasis: Public Relations  
8 Membership Mtg Central Y 6PM  
(Tentative)

### Christian Emphasis

The sun will rise, this too will pass .... It is true and appropriate in all times and all situations. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of compassion and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Thanks to the generous support of the Hawaii Community Foundation's Hawai'i Resilience Fund, up to 100% financial assistance is still available for the YMCA Essential Workers Child Care program to ensure safe child care at the YMCA is affordable for any essential worker who needs it. Child care is available Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 7:30 pm, at the Leeward YMCA in Waipahu, Windward YMCA and Nu'uau YMCA. Lunch and two snacks are included. Contact the Y for more information at [www.ymahonolulu.org](http://www.ymahonolulu.org).

