



The Y'S OBSERVER

MAY 2022

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

President's Message

Starting in 1927, the first Lei Day celebration was held on O'ahu and became a state-wide festivity two years later. Grace Tower Warren, decided Lei Day should be observed on May Day, May 1st, and popularized the phrase, "May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii Nei." This theme inspired the song by the same name. I'm sure all of us (most of us) remember the elementary school May Day festivals.



I hope all of you are enjoying our joint meetings with the Kaimuki Club, I know that I like getting together with more people and its nice hearing what other clubs are doing. This collaboration led to a service project with the Atherton YMCA and I hope it will lead to more. *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 Sang-chae (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:

"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know".

Daniel J Boorstin

Club Activities

The club gathered on April 23 for our first joint project with Kaimuki which was to help the Atherton club make yarn lei for graduation. Present to help were **Troy, Jennie** and **Phil**. It was a pot luck evening with Central supplying the salad. Things got off to a rocky start as the novices learned how to create the lei which is surprisingly easy to do once you get the hang of it. We used three colors and were able to complete two lei each in the time allotted. All in all it was great to be with the young members of Atherton, most of whom are students since the club is now located on the main campus of the University of Hawai'i. We enjoyed the fellowship and look forward to our next project. The club voted to retain the same officers for 2022-2023: President **Troy Tomita**, VP: **Phil Sammer**, Treasurer **Rick Lau** and Secretary: **Jennie Scott**. Congrats to all! Our meeting this month will be on **May 17 at 6:30pm at the Kaimuki YMCA**.

Brotherclub News:

Helena YSC reports that Helena YMCA Summer Day Camp will be held at beautiful Camp Child. Kids ages 5-12 will enjoy canoeing, arts and crafts, swimming, zip lining, climbing the rock wall, practicing archery, disc golf and so much more. Campers will also participate in daily STEM activities based on the Montana Science and Math Content Standards that prevent summer regression and expand developing skills. There will be free transportation to and from the Helena YMCA and Camp Child. Registration is going on now...

Virus Update:

Tourism continues to rebound as the state opens to more foreign visitors including Japanese, Koreans, Australians and New Zealanders. A COVID-19 negative test is still required before boarding.

Humor: Survival tips: If you get lost in the woods start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you...**Did you know:** By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of the joy you still have left in your life....**Police** came around last night and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes. My dogs don't even have bikes.....**A huge stack** of toilet paper rolls fell on me in the supermarket. I'm OK though, just soft tissue damage...

News From Ysdom

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
(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 5pm at the Y.

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Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

Activities are being held around the world from May 1 to 8 celebrating 100 years of YMI which was founded in Toledo, Ohio, USA in 1922. During the past 100 years the organization has grown to over 25,000 members in clubs on 6 continents. We are grateful to Judge **Paul William Alexander** for his efforts that forever joined the YMCA with YMI in mutual support and service to the community.

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

An international centennial celebration event will be hosted in Taipei, Taiwan from 15 to 17 November 2022 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Y Service Clubs movement. It also commemorates the chartering of the first Ys Men's Club located in Toledo, Ohio. The Area is hoping that YMI's country of birth will be well represented!

Metro District

The annual conference of the Metro district took place on April 21, 2022 at 5pm via Zoom. Reports were received from all the clubs as well as the treasurer and a state of the district update from RD **JoeAnn McCarthy** and RDE **Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida**. The clubs also voted to rescind the \$300 subsidy to each club for the convention which was rendered moot due to the need to go virtual again this year. We hope that next year will allow us to gather as a group for the first time in three years!

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Exciting news: Honolulu Mayor **Rick Blangiardi** will proclaim **May 28, 2022**, the date of our regional convention, as Y Service Clubs day in the City and County. This follows a proclamation honoring YMI in Hawai'i issued by both the C&C of Honolulu County Council and the state House of Representatives (see photos below). On hand to accept the honors were PAPs **Ray Seto** and **Phil Sammer**, RD **JoeAnn McCarthy**, RDE **Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida** and IPRD **Sharon Ishida**.



In Council chambers with councilwoman Heidi Tsuneyoshi (right) representing the City Council.

Calendar of Events

MAY 2022

Emphasis: Regional Convention

17 Club Meeting at Kaimuki Y 6:30pm
18 Final Regional Convention Mtg 5pm
28 Regional Convention via Zoom 8am

JUNE 2022

Emphasis: Public Relations

13 Club Meeting at Central Y 6pm

Christian Emphasis

"If we are not faithful, he will still be faithful, because he cannot be false to himself." - 2 Timothy 2:13
Our moods may shift, but God's doesn't. Our minds may change, but God's doesn't. Our devotion may falter, but God's never does. Even if we are faithless. He is faithful, for He cannot betray himself.

He is sure God.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The Y celebrated the 30th Anniversary of YMCA Healthy Kids Day® on April 30, 2022 with a FREE community event for folks of all ages at each of the YMCA of Honolulu's Health & Fitness locations across the island. Included were family pool time, arts and crafts, obstacle course, children and adult IDs, kids Zumba and many other healthy activities. More about the Y at <ymcahonolulu.org>.



YMCA of Honolulu and State of Hawai'i with Sen. Bert Kobayashi (2nd from left) representing the state.