



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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Troy Tomita

## Y's Words:

"Open your arms to change but  
don't let go of your values".

Dalai Lama



## President's Message

Fellow Y's Men,  
The summer is flying by so fast. It's hard to believe that school is already in session. Mahalo to Rick and Roy for volunteering at the annual summer family fair at Central.

They helped out in the food booth and from what I hear, they both did a great job. Chili and cheese seemed to be the big hit this year. At the last meeting, we did review and approve 2 scholarship students to receive \$250 each to participate in the YMCA's Youth In Government Program. Moanilehua Earle, a student at Roosevelt High School and Kapaia'ala Earle, a student at Saint Louis School will be representing the Central YMCA in the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Youth In Government Program. If you are interested in seeing them in action, the opening session is on Friday, August 17 from 11am-1pm at the Hawaii Supreme Court chambers. We hope to get both students at our August meeting to officially accept the award. I hope that we will be able to continue to offer these types of scholarships to support teens in YMCA programs. To be able to do more, we do need to come up with 1 or 2 fundraising projects, so if you have any suggestions please bring them up. Aloha *Troy*.

## Brother Club News

The **Golden City Bulletin from Bendigo (Australia) Y Service Club** reports that the club recently held a change over dinner to install new President **Ian Randall** and took time to reflect on the good work the club did over the past year. Among other projects, a solar pool blanket was donated to the YMCA and a donation was made to cover the use of a local stadium for the annual book fair. All in all the club donated \$58,500 for programs at the YMCA and in the community!

**The Northwest (Cupertino) YSC Y's Y're** reports that member **Bill McCarty**, the club's resident astronomer, took pictures of the planet Venus as it transited the face of the sun on June 5. This is a rare occurrence that will not occur again until 2117!

**The Thika Y's Men's Club** in Kenya continues to strengthen their relations with the Thika YMCA, the Kenya Red Cross and with other NGOs every passing year. On World Malaria Day, which was observed worldwide on 25 April 2012, Thika Y's Men led by Club President **Mary Wabule** initiated and executed a joint Y's Men/YMCA/Red Cross cleaning exercise at Thika YMCA. Representatives of Thika Y's Men's Club, Thika YMCA and Thika Red Cross converged on Thika YMCA compound armed with garden equipment and did a marvelous job of clearing and cleaning the compound for three hours from 9 am to 12 noon. Bushes and all mosquito breeding areas around the Thika YMCA Hostels were cleared." (quoted from international website).

## Murphy rules!

Murphy's Law states that anything that can go wrong will go wrong. Here are some lesser known laws: **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. . He who laughs last, thinks slowest. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark. . Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.**

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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To Acknowledge the Duty  
That Accompanies Every  
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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.

## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International

Clubs are currently voting on whether to reduce the size of the International Council from 21 members to 15 members with two seats reserved for youth. The current body is rather large for an organization of our size. Rotary, with 1.2 million members, gets by with only 17 board members. The measure is controversial though because certain populous Areas would lose seats.

### US Area

The annual Area board meeting was held in steamy Chicago July 12-15. PAP **Phil** attended as did RD **Sharon**. The RDs were urged to get their clubs to vote on the amendments to the international constitution that will have important implications for the movement.

### Metro District

DG **Garret Ho** called to order the first meeting of the district for the new year at 'Ilima Hotel on Saturday July 14, 2012 at 10 AM. All six Metro clubs were represented. Several important decisions were made including: Formal approval to send \$500 to the YMCA representing 50% of the net proceeds of the Healthy Kids Day Shave Ice booth; Repeal of the Membership Awards System that gave \$25 to a club for each new member; Voted to have a Metro Christmas party with Lt. DG **James Chong** volunteering to head the effort. Future meetings will be on October 13, January 19 and March 16 which will be the official Metro District Conference. Congrats to Garret on a productive meeting!

### Hawai'i Region

August is Community Service month in Hawai'i with two Kalihi members as co-RSDs: **Dan Takamatsu** and **Jaunette Quiroz**. Now is the time to look at the coming year and create a calendar of events that will benefit our community. Meals on Wheels needs volunteers as does the Food Bank. Central has joined in the past with other local organizations such as Bito Doshi Kai and the Manoa Jaycees to accomplish worthwhile projects. Now is the time for ideas and planning!

## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST 2012

Emphasis: Community Service Co-RSDs: Dan Takamatsu/Jaunette Quiroz (Kalihi).

13 Business Meeting Central Y 6PM  
17-19 YMCA Youth in Government

### SEPTEMBER 2012

Emphasis: Endowment RSD: Ray Seto (Kaimuki)

10 Business Meeting Central Y 6PM

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

*"You thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scriptures day and night." Psalm 1:1-2*

The Bible is not a newspaper to be skimmed but rather a mine to be quarried. Here is a practical point. Study the Bible a little at a time. God seems to send messages as he did his manna: one day's portion at a time. He provides "a command here, a command there. A rule here, a rule there. A little lesson here, a little lesson there" (Isa.

28:10). Choose depth over quantity.

### News From Central YMCA

The opening session of the annual Youth In Government program that gives young people a taste of the legislative process will take place on Friday August 17, 2012 at 11 AM in the Hawai'i State Supreme Court Chambers. Central YSCI members are sponsoring two delegates who will learn the intricacies of the legislative process and parliamentary procedure.

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