



# 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:

*"Advice is what we ask for when  
we already know the answer but  
wish we didn't".*

*Erica Jong*

## President's Message



Our esteemed president is traveling in Japan right now so cannot give us any words of wisdom. We look forward to his return on June 10! Meantime, the club has managed to stay busy and active without its fearless leader.

## Club Doings

May means Special Olympics at the University of Hawaii sports complex. Our club turned out in force to assist again this year in the food booth, distributing lunches to the athletes. Normally it's a messy affair since we dish up chili and rice plus a garden salad but this year it was a much easier task because pizza was on the menu. We only had to plop two slices on a plate (one pepperoni, one cheese) and give it to the competitor. Duck soup! On hand to lend a hand were **Phil, Garret, Rick, Gary** and **Roy** plus former members **Roy Hiyama** and wife **Carol** along with Gary's nephew **Marc Acierto** who couldn't understand why he was told this would be a hard job.. It was a great day and great fun to see all the shining faces of the athletes: Winners all!



**MEMBER ALERT:** This month's meeting will be held again at the Waikiki Yacht Club.

## Brother Club News

The *Golden City Bulletin* of our Bendigo Brother Club reports that the 2013 Southern District getaway was organized by the Echuca Club at Mountain View Resort. Attendance was up on last year with 35 attending, including 9 from Bendigo club. Although the weather was described as cold and clammy the fellowship was warm. On Sunday the Southern District AGM was conducted by SD governor **Christine van der Zee**, with the meeting deciding not to raise District fees in the coming year. Awards for the year were made to Echuca Club (Best Club), Bendigo (Most Improved Club – again!) and Eaglehawk (Gamesmanship Trophy).

## HUMOR

WELCOME NOTICE IN A BEIJING HOTEL: This is a family hotel, so children are very welcome. We of course are always pleased to accept adultery. Highly skilled nurses are available in the evenings to put down your children. Guests are invited to conjugate in the bar and expose themselves to others. But please note that ladies are not allowed to have babies in the bar. We organize social games, so no guest is ever left alone to play with them self. When you leave us at the end of your holiday, you will have no hope. You will struggle to forget it. *And they say the Chinese have no sense of humor.*

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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That Accompanies Every  
Right.

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### Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club  
Westchester Y's Men's  
Club  
Northwest Y Service Club  
Thika Y Service Club  
Kyoto Palace Y's Men's  
Club  
Bendigo Y Service Club

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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.

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## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International

We were delighted to welcome South Pacific Area President **Graeme Wilson** and wife **Lyn** for a short visit to Hawai'i. Phil invited them to the Waikiki Yacht Club along with a bevy of PRDs including **Duke** and **Linda Chung**, **Russ Lynch**, **Rick Lau**, RD **Sharon Ishida** and hubby PRD **Brad**. Graeme was hoping to visit a club but his timing was off by about a week.

### US Area

The US Area Convention in Las Vegas is just around the corner and will be held at the Hampton Inn Tropicana Hotel from July 18 to 21. Registration is \$200 which includes lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday. Rooms are \$84 per night plus 12% tax. Go to : <http://www.ysmenusa.com/AreaConvReg2013.pdf> to register. Sign ups are still light from Hawai'i. Too hot in Sin City in the summer maybe?

### Metro District

**Windward Y Service Club** members helped build the new KaBoom! playground at the Windward YMCA on Saturday May 25. Over 200 volunteers completed the job in under five hours which is a new record for this project. Congrats to prez **Jim Kanehira** and his hard working gang!

### Hawai'i Region

By the time you read this the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Convention will be history. I can tell you that Central did well in the awards department but you'll have to wait until next month for the full story and pictures. Kudos to chair **Duke Chung** and his committee for a job well done!

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE 2013

Emphasis: Public Relations

10 Membership Meeting **Waikiki Yacht Club** 6 PM

29 Friends of the Library Annual booksale. McKinley High School

### JULY 2013

Emphasis: Membership, Conservation & Extension RSD: Duke Chung (W O'ahu)

4 Independence Day

8 Membership Meeting Central Y 6PM  
26 Y Family Fair

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

*"God gives us a free gift – life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord".*

- Romans 6:23. One of the hardest things to do is be saved by grace. There's something in us that reacts to God's free gift. We have some weird compulsion that will make us "worthy" of our gift. Why do we do that? The only reason I can figure is pride. To accept its necessity, and most folks don't like to do that. To accept grace also means that one realizes his despair, and most people aren't too keen on doing that either.

### News From Central YMCA

Summer Fun has begun at the branch and the hallways and pool are filled with happy, LOUD children who remind us of the mission of the YMCA: For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility.