



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

FEBRUARY 2015

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Officers 2014-2015

President: Phil Sammer
Vice President: Troy Tomita
Secretary: Rick Lau
Treasurer Roy Tateishi

Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Ben Makaea, Darryl Tupino

Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Troy Tomita
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
Community Service: Darryl Tupino
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
Membership/Conservation: Rick Lau
YMCA Service: Phil Sammer
YMCA Liaison: Phil Sammer
Endowment: Phil Sammer
Time of Fast: Gary Bautista
Public Relations: Troy Tomita

Hawaii Regional Director:
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Hawaii Regional Director-elect:
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OVG District Governor:
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International President-elect:
Wichian Boonmapajorn (Thailand)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Right Time, Right Now

Y's Words:

"There is a danger in changing too much in search of perfection".
Agnetha Faltskog

President's Message



Well, the time has finally come: On Saturday February 28, 2015 the Central branch will close its doors in preparation for demolition of the old building and construction of a spanking new facility! A special festival has been organized to celebrate the past, present and future of Central (see the

YMCA article on page 2). Central Y Service club will, of course, remain active and involved and operate temporarily out of the Yacht Club and the 'Ilima Hotel. The branch board will continue to meet and, as a member, I will have the inside scoop on developments during the construction. I've seen the plans and drawings and am very excited about the beautiful facility that will be the new Central YMCA sometime in early 2017. Our service club activities will be oriented to the community during this time but will continue without interruption. Our branch may change but not our commitment to the YMCA! There will be an ASC this year in which Central YMCA will participate. Our goal is modest, just \$27,000, but I know that Central YSC members will be active in raising a good part of the total. I'm pleased to report that **Duke Chung** is at home and will be returning to work shortly. Member **Ben Makaea** is still at Hale Nani and looks forward to members' visits. *Aloha, Phil*

Club Activities

The Friends of the Library held their annual winter book sale at McKinley High School cafeteria over the ML King Jr holiday weekend. On Sunday January 18 Central YSC was represented by **Rick, Gary and Phil. Roy and Darryl** had every intention of helping too but were felled by the flu. Phil was a cashier while Rick guarded the exit and Gary helped where needed. Both Phil and Gary showed unsuspected talent when given the opportunity to try the harp that was providing entertainment: Which talent is uncertain but certainly not musical..The same small group of members gathered at the Kahala Theaters on January 25 to observe YMCA Sunday with the Kaimuki YSC. We attended the Hope Chapel services at 9:30am then retired to PRD **Brad and Sharon Ishida's** home for some ono-licious Hawaiian kaukau (translation: great Hawaiian food!) after which we enjoyed a grab bag gift exchange. Many thanks to our hosts for a memorable YMCA Sunday event!

Brother Club Activities

President **Phil** traveled to the 50th Anniversary luncheon celebration of the Northwest Y Service Club on Saturday January 31 at Michael's at Shoreline restaurant in Mt. View, California. It was a great gathering with over 60 members, former members and friends in attendance. The highlight of the day was the presentation of a proclamation by the city of Cupertino recognizing the contributions of Northwest YSC to the community. Phil presented a specially inscribed calabash filled with island treats to RD and long time member **Buck Cox** as a symbol of our brother club connection. It's a little known fact that the club was the moving force behind the establishment of the Northwest branch and has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the YMCA. Congratulations again from your Brother Club in Hawaii!

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
Westchester (CA) Y's
Men's Club
Northwest Y Service
Club(CA)
Thika Y Service Club
Kyoto Palace Y's Men's
Club
Bendigo Y Service Club

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

There is an International Election this year but Central is ineligible to participate since we have fewer than 15 members. We can request a waiver for next year though.

US Area

No US Area election is necessary this year since **Charley Redmond** was elected to a two year term last year and will take office on July 1, 2015.

Metro District

The winter Metro District meeting was held on Monday January 19, 2015 hosted by the Kaimuki YSC. Every club was represented with **Phil** and **Rick** attending for Central. Club reports were received and upcoming activities discussed. The Endowment Dinner will be held on May 22 in the Manoa Grand Ballroom with tickets at \$32 in advance and \$40 at the door. The Peace Project for 3rd and 4th graders will take place during school intercession from March 16 to 20 with prizes to be awarded at Healthy Kids Day which will take place at Bishop Museum on Saturday April 11. There will be two shifts with three to four volunteers needed for each. **Russ Lynch** is heading up a project to preserve YMCA archives. **Phil** will help. The next meeting will be the annual District Conference on Saturday April 4, 2015 hosted by Windward YSC.

Hawai'i Region

Planning for the Regional Convention in Las Vegas is moving along. Dates are May 13-14, 2015 at the Main Street Station Hotel. Central and Hilo are responsible for the raffle. Each club has received 100 tickets to sell at \$5 each or five for \$20. Each club has also been asked to solicit five prizes at minimum \$20 value each as well as two large prizes at minimum \$50 value each. There will also be eight \$50 prizes and one \$100 grand prize. Deadline for prize and ticket money submission is May 1, 2015. Phil will distribute Central's tickets at the February 9 meeting.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Emphasis: Time of Fast-Global Project
Fund RSD: Phil Chun (Kalihi)

9 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm
11 ASC Kickoff Dole Ballrooms 11am
14 Central Festival Event 10am-2pm
28 Central Y closes

MARCH

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: Jim
Kanehira (Windward)

9 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

*"We do not know how to pray as we should.
But the Spirit himself
speaks to God for us." - Romans 8:26*
You know, we really don't know what to
pray for, do we? What if God had answered
every prayer that you ever prayed? Just
think who you'd be married to. Just think
where you'd be living. Just think what you'd
be doing. God loves us so much that
sometimes he gives us what we need and
not what we ask for.

News From Central YMCA

Central Y: Love It, Don't Leave It Festival Event

We'd like to invite you to join your fellow
Central Y members, staff and volunteers
in a community festival event celebrating
the past, present and future of the
Central Y on Saturday, February 14,
10 am to 2 pm. Please feel free to bring
your family and friends as the event will
be free and open to the public.