



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

MARCH 2015

Honor Bulletin
2008-2014

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:
Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hilo)
Hawaii Regional Director-elect:
Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hilo)
Metro District Governor:
Albert Lee (Nu'uano)
OVG District Governor:
Lance Niimi (Hilo)

US Area President:
Debbie Redmond (Mid America)
US Area President-elect: Charles Redmond (Mid America)
International President:
Issac Palathinkal (India)
International President-elect:
Wichian Boonmapajorn (Thailand)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Right Time, Right Now

Y's Words:

*"The small act of paying attention
can take you a long way".*
Keanu Reeves

President's Message



This year is certainly flying by. Hard to believe it's March already and spring is just around the corner. Our Central Y branch building closed on February 28 although the residence will be open until the end of April. Demolition is set for mid summer and grand reopening in early 2017.

Y Exec and Central YSC member **Troy Tomita** threw a party on Sunday March 1 to celebrate Central's 64 years of service to the community and to bid farewell, at least temporarily, to the staff some of whom will move to other Ys. The branch board, including yours truly, will continue to serve and will meet quarterly to keep tabs on the construction. I have offered the board to meet at the Yacht Club or at 'Ilima Hotel as required. Our service club will continue to gather at the Yacht Club with our next meeting set for Monday March 9 at 6pm. We need to visualize projects for the remainder of the club year and also discuss our plans for the upcoming 79th Hawaii Regional convention for which we are running the raffle. Members are reminded to bring their \$60 checks to pay for the tickets that were distributed at the last meeting. Received the unfortunate news that Waikiki School will not participate this year in the annual Region Peace Contest. I've asked them to consider it for next year. Member **Ben Makaea** is still at Hale Nani and looks forward to members' visits. *Aloha, Phil*



Central Senior Staff poses for a final picture



The old building served us well!

Club Activities

The club concentrated on the ASC in which Central did participate but at a reduced level. However, we quickly hit the \$27,000 branch goal which was immediately raised to \$50,000! No good deed goes unpunished..! The money will be used to provide program scholarships to Central youth members who will be using other branch facilities for the next two years....**Rick, Phil, Gary** and **Troy** gathered at the Oceanarium restaurant on March 5 to celebrate **Roy's** birthday. Despite his advanced age Roy did justice to the seafood buffet. As Satchel Paige said about age: "It's mind over matter: If you don't mind it doesn't matter"! Happy ___th birthday, Roy!

Brother Club Activities

The Bendigo YSC recently donated \$3000 to the local Bendigo Youth Choir of which the club has been an ardent supporter.

Humor: Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

Chartered May 24, 1994

c/o Central YMCA
401 Atkinson Dr
Honolulu, HI 96814

To Acknowledge the Duty
That Accompanies Every
Right.

Editor: Phil Sammer
Ph: 808-923-1877
Fax: 808-924-8371
psammer@lava.net

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.

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

Past Canadian Area president **Joan Wilson** is the International President-elect and is only the second woman to occupy the top position in Y'sdom. The first was the US Area's own **Rachelle Reeg** from the Mid America Region. **Phillips Cherian** of India is the International Treasurer-elect.

US Area

Matt Stuckel will represent the US Area at the Hawai'i Region convention in Las Vegas in May. Matt is the son of **Ann Stuckel**, Area corporate secretary and current president of the Carondelet Y Service Club in St. Louis. Matt became active in Y'sdom from an early age and has traveled abroad on several occasions to represent the US Area at youth convocations.

Metro District

The final Metro District meeting of the year will be the annual District Conference on Saturday April 4, 2015 hosted by Windward Y's Men's Club at Windward YMCA. This is the "official" yearly meeting and all YSCI members are invited. Meeting time to be determined.

Hawai'i Region

The Regional Convention committee met on March 3 at the Kalihi YMCA to update preparations for the Las Vegas gathering on May 13 & 14, 2015. Registrations are coming in slowly but commitments have been made by the clubs for close to 40 attendees so the minimum hotel requirements will be met. Central is sending three members. It was decided to have only two slot tournaments rather than the proposed four. Also prime rib will be added to the Thursday buffet! As indicated in the story above, **Matt Stuckel** will represent the US Area. The raffle tickets are moving well with almost 500 sold. There will be at least four hotel stays among the grand prizes. The final committee meeting will be on May 7, 2015 at 6:30pm at Kalihi YMCA.

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2015

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: Jim Kanehira (Windward)

9 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm

APRIL 2015

Emphasis: Leadership Training

13 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm
4 Metro District Conference: Windward YMCA

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
Psalm 56:3

How did Jesus endure the terror of crucifixion? He went first to the Father with his fears. Do the same with yours. Don't avoid life's Gardens of Gethsemane. Enter them. Just don't enter them alone. And while there, be honest. Pounding the ground is permitted. Tears are allowed. And be specific ..He knows what you need.

News From Central YMCA

We still have a skeleton crew here manning the residence, cleaning out the facility and facilitating the distribution of equipment. We'll be in this physical location until April 30th, then move to Metro to maintain the virtual Central Branch. Mahalo to Y service club for all the help it has given this branch over the past 20 years and we look forward to having the club back in the new facility.

Central Y Service Club
401 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu, HI 96814