



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

AUGUST 2015

*Honor Bulletin
2008-2015*

Officers 2015-2016

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

Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, 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:
Eddie Miwa (Kalihi)
Metro District Governor:
Albert Lee (Nu'uano)
OVG District Governor:
Lance Niimi (Hilo)

US Area President:
Charles Redmond (Mid America)
US Area President-elect: Vacant
International President:
Wichian Boonmapajorn (Thailand)
International President-elect:
Joan Wilson (Canada)

Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Right Time, Right Now

Y's Words:

*"Learn the rules so you know how
to break them properly".*

Dalai Lama

President's Message



July was a month of rest for our members as we had no club activities other than the club meeting. I was on vacation for two weeks and other members were traveling as well. **Rick** represented us at the Metro District meeting (see story page 2). Actually it's been so hot that no one

really wanted to work outdoors anyway! We'll be meeting on the usual day and location on Monday August 10 at 6pm at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Bring a prospective member!

Aloha, Phil

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Our lack of activities in July leaves a big puka (hole) in our newsletter so here's a short history of the Y Service Club Movement. Y'smen, as it was then known, was founded in Toledo, Ohio in 1922 by Judge **Paul William Alexander** who saw a need for volunteers for the local YMCA. The movement grew rapidly and expanded internationally as well and was subsequently divided into Areas of which there are currently nine. Y'smen began admitting women in 1972, one of the first service clubs to do so, and has now reached a membership of over thirty thousand. The most active countries in the movement are in Asia including Korea and India which currently has the largest number of Y'smen and women. At the beginning of the 21st century there was a need to change the name of the organization to reflect its actual makeup so the name Y Service Clubs International (YSCI) became an official alternate name. Historically the relationship between the YMCA and YSCI has been very tight, often sealed with a "Principles of Partnership" agreement. Many YSCI clubs were instrumental in assuring the implantation and success of their Ys including our own Hilo Y'smen and Women Service club whose efforts brought about the establishment and continued vitality of the Waiakea YMCA in Hilo.

Brother Club Activities

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that the 2015 South Pacific Area convention will be held on the weekend of Friday 9th to Monday 12th October and will offer all the camaraderie and fun, as well as the formalities, one expects at such an event. The location this year is not too far away from the Bendigo Club: the Big 4 Bellarine Holiday Park 19 km from Geelong on the road to Queenscliff. The **Northwest Y Service Club** Y's Y're reports that **Buck Cox** attended the US Area convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan and endured a marathon return trip during which his flight was delayed for three and a half hours which caused him to miss his connection in Dallas and ultimately to San Jose. He finally bought a ticket to San Francisco where he arrived after midnight! Buck the road warrior!

Humor: First graders completing the second part of well known proverbs:

Don't change horses ~ until they stop running. Strike while the ~ bug is close

Never underestimate the power of ~ termites. Don't bite the hand that ~ looks dirty.

Where there's smoke there's ~ pollution. There are none so blind as ~ Stevie Wonder.

And my personal favorite: If you lie down with dogs, you'll ~ stink in the morning

CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

Chartered May 24, 1994

c/o YMCA of Honolulu
1441 Pali Hwy
Honolulu, HI 96813

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.

Central Y Service Club
c/o YMCA of Honolulu
1441 Pali Hwy
Honolulu, HI 96813

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

IP **Wichian Boonmapajorn** has announced his theme and slogan for the year which are respectively: *Mission with Faith* and *Count Your Blessings*.

US Area

Area webmaster **Russ Lynch** has published a very good recap of the recent US Area Convention. Here's the link: <http://ysmenhawaii.org/areaspecial.pdf>. RD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** accepted US Area awards for both Kaimuki and Nu'uaniu including ones for Youth, World and Community services. Congrats to both clubs. Approximately 80 YSCI members and guests attended from across the country.

Metro District

The first district meeting of the year was held on Saturday July 18, 2015 from 10am to 1pm at the Kupu Net Shed at Kewalo Basin. Nu'uaniu hosted and provided lunch. **Rick** represented Prez **Phil** who was traveling. Attendees voted to allot \$600 to the YMCA of Honolulu from the proceeds of the recent Healthy Kids Day. More info about the meeting will follow in the next issue. The next Metro meeting will be hosted by Kalihi and held on Saturday November 7, 2015 at Kalihi YMCA.

Hawai'i Region

The 2016 regional convention committee met on Saturday July 25, 2015 at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi which was one of the sites under consideration. However, due to certain restrictions and possible lack of parking, the committee decided to hold the convention once again at 'Ilima Hotel with dinners at the Manoa Grand Ballroom and the Willows restaurant. Tentative dates are May 20-22, 2016.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2015

Emphasis: Community Service RSD:
Jaunette DeMello (Kalihi)
10 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm

SEPTEMBER 2015

Emphasis: Endowment Fund. RSD:
Ray Seto (Kaimuki)
5 Okinawan Festival-Kapiolani Park
14 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"I lay down my life . . . No one takes it from Me." – John 10:17
Jesus knows the meaning of the phrase, "It's just not right."
For it wasn't right that people spit into the eyes that had wept for them. It wasn't right that the soldiers ripped chunks of flesh out of the back of their God. It wasn't right that the spikes pierced the hands that formed the earth . . .
Was it right ? No . . . Was it love ? Yes.

News From the YMCA of Honolulu

Did you go to UH Frosh Camp and Camp Erdman or dance in Showtime Express or participate in Fellowships, Leaders Edge or live in the dorms at the Atherton YMCA between 1932 and 2015? You're invited to: UH Frosh Camp & Atherton Y Reunion Saturday, August 15, 5:00PM-9:00PM at Atherton YMCA. www.AthertonYMCA.org for more info.