



The Y'S OBSERVER

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US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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Officers 2015-2016

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Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Darryl
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Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
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Endowment: Phil Sammer
Time of Fast: Gary Bautista
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International President-elect:
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Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Right Time, Right Now

Y's Words:

"One of the secrets in life is to
make stepping stones out of
stumbling blocks". Jack Penn

President's Message



Am I the only one who feels like we're playing dodge ball with tropical storms and hurricanes this summer? We've had eight so far and we're only halfway through the season. Plus this is the hottest, most humid summer I can ever remember. I think there's something to this climate

change thing..September is Endowment month and this year Central will honor long time member **Gary Bautista**. Gary is a faithful participant in our activities despite his hectic schedule and often brings members of his family to help out as well. For him YSCI is a family affair! We'll be presenting his certificate at the annual Endowment Dinner which will be part of the 80th Hawaii Region convention in May 2016.... Former member **Ben Makaea** has been moved from Hale Nani to an assisted living facility closer to home. We hope to organize a visit in early September.

Aloha, Phil

CLUB ACTIVITIES

We're all looking forward to volunteering at the annual Okinawan Festival on Saturday September 5 in Kapi'olani Park. Meeting time is 8:30am. We'll be in the Bito Doshi Kai food booth again doing various duties including our usual huli huli chicken packing and perhaps some counter sales this year. Hopefully the weather will cool off a bit but I wouldn't count on it....We're also looking into a fundraiser using a wallet sized plastic card featuring local merchants that can be used multiple times. We're waiting for more info from the company that handles the distribution... Another project on the back burner is to help with some small maintenance items at YMCA Camp Erdman. **Troy** has provided some suggestions which we will review at the September club meeting....The club is looking at putting on the annual holiday dinner in November for the YMCA residents since the old building has not yet been shut down. This year we would do some type of bento lunch that would be pre-packed and distributed to the residents in the lobby since there is no longer any cooking equipment and dining space at the Y.

Brother Club Activities

The Bendigo **Golden City Bulletin** reports that the July 30 guest speaker was Cheryl Neilson an Occupational Therapist who works to help assess whether drivers are capable of driving their vehicles. Cheryl had a lot of advice to keep in mind when driving, including the use of rear-view mirrors and turning our head to look behind us left and right. Hmmm, maybe if we paid her airfare she'd come to Hawaii'i and give lessons to our local drivers and the tourists. They could use it!

Humor: Ever wonder why: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'? In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

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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

Seven new clubs, six in India and one in Korea, have been announced in the latest New Club Announcement. Congratulations to everyone responsible for these new clubs including the new club members and their sponsors.

US Area

The Carondelet Y Service Club, home club of Area president **Charley Redmond**, is being led this year by twenty-something **Matt Stuckel**, son of US Area Corporate Secretary **Anne Stuckel**. Matt is concentrating on membership development especially among the Youth of his local YMCA but is also looking for great projects that will involve not only the club members but also the community. We here in Hawai'i have seen a similar development during the past few years in the Kaimuki Y Service Club that has successfully recruited younger members who now run the club.

Metro District

District Governor **Albert Lee** was honored at the US Area Convention with the **Elmer Crowe** award that is given each year to the outstanding DG in the US Area. Congrats, Albert, it's richly deserved!

Hawai'i Region

The 2016 regional convention committee has been meeting regularly and has issued a list of duties to be performed by the clubs. Central has chosen to handle Hospitality this year which involves procuring snacks, drinks and other items for the various sessions as well as the hospitality get together in the evening. We will also be responsible for the continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Lastly we will organize any get togethers with visiting off shore YSCI members.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2015

Emphasis: Endowment Fund. RSD:
Ray Seto (Kaimuki)

5 Okinawan Festival-Kapi'olani Park
8:30am
14 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm

OCTOBER 2015

Emphasis: Alex.Schol.Fund/Dollars For
Scholars RSD: Maurice Shimonishi
(Nu'uuanu)

12 Membership Meeting Yacht Club 6pm

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"God's strong name is our help." – Psalm
124:

You have a ticket to heaven no thief can
take, an eternal home no divorce can break.
Every sin of your life has been cast to sea.
Every mistake you've made is nailed to the
tree. You're blood-bought and heaven-
made. A child of God – forever saved. So be
grateful, joyful – for isn't it true? What you
don't have is much less than what you do.

News From the YMCA of Honolulu

Strengthen your community by shopping
at Foodland during the month of
September and making a donation to
nonprofits like the YMCA. Designate
78538 for the YMCA and Foodland will
match the donation. Proceeds will be
distributed to all participating
organizations in early October.