



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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Joan Wilson (Canada)

Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

## Regional Theme:

## Right Time, Right Now

## Y's Words:

"Courage is grace under  
pressure".

Ernest Hemingway

## President's Message



You'll read further down in this issue about the passing of **Buck Cox**, longtime YSCI and Northwest Y brother club member. I had the great pleasure of working with Buck for several years as US Area president as well as when I served as Hawaii'i Region Director. Buck was a tireless

advocate for YSCI and became a personal friend over the years. I could always call him for help on any question or concern about our organization. He was always there for me and never failed to support Y'sdom at every level. Though short in stature he was large in character. His death is a blow to all who knew him. A hui hou, Buck, until we meet again. *Aloha, Phil*

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

We had a great time at the annual Okinawan Festival on Saturday September 5 in Kapi'olani Park working in the Bito Doshi Kai food booth. Reporting for duty were: **Rick, Darryl, Roy and Phil**. As usual we bagged (HOT!) chicken for sale and helped deliver ice, stock drinks and other chores. It was hot but there was a small breeze ☺



Our proposed fundraiser using a wallet sized plastic card featuring local merchants didn't fly because the minimum quantity was too great..oh well, back to the drawing board. Roy is looking into a Zippy's Chili sale... We're still looking at doing some work at YMCA Camp Erdman but are having trouble finding a date suitable for all....We did decide to put on the annual holiday dinner in November for the YMCA residents. This year though we'll cook the turkeys ourselves which could lead to some interesting results.. **Reminder:** We're meeting at the Y right now since the building still has not been demolished. Looks like it will be there until next March at least.

## Brother Club Activities

We are very sad to report that long time YSCI and Northwest Y brother club member **Ashley "Buck" Cox** passed away. Buck was a founding member of the Northwest Club and chaired their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last January. Buck served in many capacities at all levels of Y'sdom especially RD which office he held at least eight times including this year. Buck was the definition of a YSCI member and will be sorely missed by all of his friends in Y'sdom. Aloha, Buck and thank you for your service.

**Humor:** A Lexophile is a word used to describe those who have a love for words. Some examples: A boiled egg is hard to beat....When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall...Police were called to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest...A bicycle can't stand alone; it's two tired..When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds...

## 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 (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

The next International Convention will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from August 7 to 10, 2016. There is a website but it is still under construction: <http://ic2016.org>. Since Hawai'i has many ties with Asia, I'm sure that RDE **Eddie Miwa** would like to see a good turnout of attendees.

### US Area

The latest **Y's Alliance**, the newsletter of the US Area, has just been published and you should have received your personal digital copy. If not be sure to notify editor **Fred Leonard** by email: [leonard@cablelynx.com](mailto:leonard@cablelynx.com). US Area President **Charley Redmond** highlighted four areas of interest one of which was using technology. Charley wrote about attending a Youth club installation via Skype where people in five different parts of the country were able to "attend" the meeting without leaving home. This is not new technology of course but needs to be used more to attract younger members and to allow those who cannot travel to attend meetings.

### Metro District

Mark your calendars for the next Metro District meeting which will be held at the Kalihi YMCA on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 11:30am to 2pm. All YSCI members are invited. More info next month. The **Windward YMCA** will hold it's annual Halloween fundraiser on Saturday November 7, 2015 at the Ko'olau Ballrooms. Contact Noa Hussey for more info and tickets at 261-0808. The teens group of the **Kaimuki YMCA** will put on a Halloween Haunted House on Saturday October 31, 2015. More info at 737-5544.

### Hawai'i Region

The mid-year cabinet meeting will take place at 'Ilima Hotel on Saturday November 21, 2015 from 10am to 2pm. All YSCI members are invited although regional officers, service directors and club presidents are expected to attend and make reports. Lunch will be served. More info next month.

## Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER 2015

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

12 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm

### NOVEMBER 2015

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund RSD:  
John Simpson (East Kaua'i)

7 Friends of Library Fall Booksale  
9 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm  
14 Metro District Meeting Kalihi Y  
21 Mid year Cabinet Meeting 'Ilima Hotel  
22 Central Y Residents Dinner

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"Teach me how to live to please you,  
because you're my God". Psalms 143:8

If God called you to be a Martha, then  
serve! Remind the rest of us there is  
evangelism in feeding the poor and there  
is worship in nursing the sick. If God has  
called you to be a Mary, then worship!  
Remind the rest of us that we don't have  
to be busy to be holy. Urge us with your  
example to put down our clipboards and  
megaphones and be quiet in worship.

### News From the YMCA of Honolulu

The YMCA of Honolulu will honor  
Heritage Club and Presidential Club  
members (those who remember the  
YMCA in their wills and those who gave  
\$1000 or more to the ASC campaign) at  
its annual recognition luncheon at the  
Waialae Country Club on Friday  
November 13, 2015.