



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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President: Phil Sammer  
Vice President: Troy Tomita  
Secretary: Rick Lau  
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## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Darryl  
Tupino

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Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau  
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Lau  
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Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

## Regional Theme:

## Right Time, Right Now

Y's Words:  
"Remember, today is the  
tomorrow you worried about  
yesterday".

Dale Carnegie

## President's Message



The end of the year is upon us and it's time to wish everyone Happy Holidays! The club decided to do a brunch this year for the annual party so mark your calendars for Sunday December 6, 2015 from 11:30am to 2pm at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Be sure to bring a present of no less than \$10 value for the gift exchange. Ordering will be off the menu and paid

directly to the Yacht club. We're looking at combining the YMCA Sunday celebration in January with the Camp Erdman work project that will be discussed at our next meeting. We will also be inviting Waikiki School to participate in the annual Peace Project sponsored by the Metro District. We did ask them last year but a little too late for them to do adequate planning. Finally Central will host the next Metro District meeting in January at a date and place to be determined. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! *Aloha, Phil*

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

Members gathered at the Central YMCA on Sunday November 22 to once more offer a holiday dinner to the residents. This was an unexpected event since the Y was originally scheduled to close and be demolished by now; however, the residence will remain open until January 31, 2016. On hand to help were members **Rick, Garret, Troy, Darryl, Phil** and **Roy** as well as friends **Wayson Kobelansky, Eunice Delacruz, Masa and Rika Tsuda** and Y staff **Jennie Scott**. Also helping were Troy's wife **Naoko** and their two children **Jett** and **Apple**. The menu included the traditional roast turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, cranberry sauce and rolls as well as onolicious pumpkin pie for dessert. About twenty residents came to enjoy the feast. It was fun to be able to host the dinner one more time but we all hope that by this time next year construction of the new YMCA will be well underway!



Phil, Wayson and Rick cut the pies



The serving line welcomes the first diners

## Brother Club Activities

The Bendigo *Golden City Bulletin* reports that the club will once again sell Christmas trees beginning December 4. There will be 13 days of selling as this is a major fundraiser for the club.

## Humor: THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THOMAS COOK VACATIONS FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS:

"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."

"No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."

And the best of all: "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."

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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

The International Council has announced that as of August 1, 2016 the South Pacific Area will be folded into a new Asia Pacific Area that will include Sri Lanka, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Fiji, Australia and, if clubs can be renewed, New Zealand. This is occurring because of drop in membership in the Australia Region (the New Zealand Region disbanded several years ago).

### US Area

US Area membership continues its downward spiral with the current count at 91 clubs and 1198 members. This of course impacts the Area budget which calls for belt tightening at all levels. Hawai'i Region has remained steady at nine clubs with 138 members of whom nine are Youth under 29 years of age.

### Metro District

The Metro District meeting was held at the Kalihi YMCA on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 11:30am to 2pm. Healthy Kids Day will be on April 30, 2016 at Bishop Museum while the Endowment Dinner will be on May 20, 2016 as part of the Regional Convention. The Peace Project will be continued in 2016 with more details to follow.

### Hawai'i Region

The mid-year cabinet meeting took place at 'Ilima Hotel on Saturday November 21, 2015 from 10am to 2pm with RD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** presiding. Items of interest included presentation of the YSCI /US Area plan for Youth Service Clubs. These would be independent clubs working alongside regular YSCI clubs. Hawai'i Region had such a plan under PRD **Paul Kuromoto** but it was not implemented. Also discussed were the proposed 2015-16 regional budget (presented preliminarily at the Las Vegas Convention), the 2016 Peace Project and revisions to the regional constitution and bylaws that will be discussed at our next club meeting in January. There have also been some changes to the Awards procedures as well. RD Bobby is encouraging members to attend the next International Convention which will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from August 4 to 7, 2016

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2015

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD:  
Rick Lau (Central)

6 Annual Club Xmas party 11:30am  
12 Manoa Jaycees Xmas Parade

### JANUARY 2016

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Phil  
Sammer (Central)  
11 Monthly membership meeting  
16 Friends of the Library Winter Book  
Sale  
24 Camp Erdman Service Project  
(tentative)

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"Glory to God in the highest." Luke 2:14  
For the shepherds it wasn't enough to  
see the angels. You'd think it would have  
been. Night sky shattered with light.  
Stillness erupting with song. Simple  
shepherds roused from their sleep and  
raised to their feet with a choir of angels:  
"Glory to God in the highest!" Never  
had these men seen such splendor. But  
it wasn't enough to see the angels. The  
shepherds wanted to see the  
one who sent the angels.

### News From the YMCA of Honolulu

The latest update concerning the  
Central YMCA has the branch closing  
on January 31, 2016; however, the  
developer has a contingency clause  
that could delay closing until February  
29, 2016. In the meantime the residence  
remains open and a skeleton staff is  
maintaining the facility.