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Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Right Time, Right Now

Y's Words:
"Keep the faith, don't lose your
perseverance and always trust
your gut instinct".

Paula Abdul

President's Message



January zipped by so quickly it's hard to believe we're in February. I think any month that begins on a weekend seems shorter than usual! I have to admit though that the years have flown by ever since I graduated from high school and now have retirement staring me in the face. Of course, the USA retirement system is facing underfunding which is the norm

so that along with the recent stock market crash may delay the "golden years" longer than I would like ☹ January was a fairly quiet month for the club and February will be dedicated to the YMCA Annual Support Campaign. Right now we have no other service projects in February. We're also hoping to welcome a former member back to the fold which would cause our membership to skyrocket to... eight . We're small but mighty! **Darryl** had heart surgery last month but is recuperating nicely and is always happy to see fellow club members. We hope that he will soon be well enough to convalesce at home. I had a sad event personally when my mother passed away on January 23; however, she was 94 and had a happy and fulfilled life. We're meeting at the Waikiki Yacht Club again. Now that football season is over it's a lot quieter!

Aloha, Phil

CLUB ACTIVITIES

We began the month somewhat more quietly than usual since we did not have a YMCA Open House. **Phil** volunteered one day at the winter Friends of the Library media and book sale that featured many rare LP albums and CDs. **Phil** and **Rick** attended the Kalihi Y Service Club's 25th Anniversary on January 17 and also represented the club at the first Metro District meeting of the year on January 30. Both guys were also slated to attend YMCA Sunday on January 31 with Kaimuki Y Service Club but **Phil** came down with a cold and **Rick** opted for a last minute free trip to the mainland courtesy of the US military (?) We'll wait for his explanation at the next meeting... The club will participate again this year in the YMCA Annual Support Campaign even though the Central Branch is closed. The money donated will be held in escrow for use when the new branch opens. We had been planning a Camp Erdman service project in early March but need to reconfirm the date at our next meeting.



DG Albert, Phil, Rick and Ray Seto help Kalihi YSC celebrate 25 years of service!

Brother Club Activities

The Bendigo Y Service Club *Golden City Bulletin* reports that much loved and respected member **Ian McDowell** passed away on New Year's Day 2016. Ian joined the Club on the 16th May 1958 and soon it was clear that he had leadership qualities. Over the years he held many offices, at both the club level and in the wider organization including District Governor and Regional Director. Central Y Service Club sends its sincere condolences to Ian's family, friends and fellow club members.

Humor: Astute Observations

- I live in my own little world, but it's OK. Everyone knows me here.
- I don't do drugs. I find I get the same effect just by standing up really fast.
- I don't like political jokes. I've seen too many get elected.
- The most precious thing we have is life, yet it has absolutely no trade-in value.

CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club
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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

February is Time of Fast-Global Project Fund month on the International YSCI calendar. It began as a member donation to worthwhile YSCI global projects in place of a meal thus the name 'fast'. However, the name did not indicate the purpose of the fund so none-other-than Past US Area President **Phil Sammer** suggested that the name be altered to include "Global Project Fund". This was adopted and the name now reflects the purpose of the donations. **See below** for a current project write up.

US Area

US Area has announced that President **Charlie Redmond** and wife **Debbie** will be the reps to our regional convention this year. Both have visited us in the past and we look forward to welcoming them back. Maybe they should come now though to avoid that cold St. Louis winter..!

Metro District

The first Metro District meeting of the new year took place on Saturday January 30, 2016 from 10am to Noon at 'Ilima Hotel. Central hosted and provided drinks and delicious bentos from Bluetruckteppanyaki. Thanks to RD **Bobby** as well for the onolicious Hilo cookies! Items of discussion included Healthy Kids Day on April 9 at Bishop Museum. Two shifts are needed, one from 8-12 and the other from 12-3. Also on the agenda was the Peace Project taking place during intersession from March 16 to 24 with prizes being awarded at the regional convention. **Russ Lynch** continues to research and attempt to classify hundreds of old photos stored at Metro. All assistance is welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2016 hosted by Kaimuki YSC...We were saddened to learn of the passing of two long time YSCI members: **Steve Kranz** and **Dr. Dennis Kuwabara**. Our condolences to their family and friends.

Hawai'i Region Next regional convention meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday Feb. 25. Time and place to be determined.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2016

Emphasis: Time of Fast-Global Project Fund. RSD: Phil Chun (Kalihi)

6 Monthly membership meeting 6pm
10,17 ASC Report Meetings Central Y
24 ASC Victory Celebration Central Y

MARCH 2016

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: Jim Kanehira (Windward)

14 Monthly membership meeting 6pm
Camp Erdman Project: TDB

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"The blind receives sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear." – Matthew 11:5

None were more shunned by their culture than the blind, the lame, the lepers, and the deaf. They had no place. No name. No value. Canker sores on the culture. Excess baggage on the side of the road. But those whom the people called trash. Jesus called treasures.

News From the YMCA of Honolulu

Final permits have been obtained for the new Central YMCA and, if all goes well, the old building will close completely on March 31 with demolition and construction to begin soon thereafter. Still, I'll believe it when I see it...

Time of Fast-Global Project Fund (2015 P)

India: YMCA Fort Kochi, Kerala

"Women Empowerment Programme & Youth Resource Centre"

(Project Carrier: YMCA Fort Kochi & supported by Y's Men's Club Cochin .)

Location: Fort Kochi, Kerala, India

Background: The socio-economic background of Fort Kochi is unique in many ways. What was once a flourishing seaport doing trade with the West, it stands forlorn and dilapidated today. Employment opportunities are far and few and the gap between the 'haves' and 'have-nots' is increasing. Youth in the area are a misguided lot with insufficient educational facilities easy access to drugs and gambling.

Drugs and gangs have changed the face of Fort Kochi. Unemployed and poorly schooled youth draw to these vices like a magnet. This viciousness has gripped almost all spheres of lives. In order to save the youths of Fort Kochi and mould a good society, the YMCA of Fort Kochi and the YMC-Cochin West have given shape to this project named Youth Resource Centre (YRC) to motivate and guide the young in the area to lead responsible life. The YRC also plans to organise vocational training courses for the marginalized women, especially widows, in Fort Kochi area to help them earn a decent livelihood and lead them into the main stream of the society. YMCA Fort Kochi, established in 1956, has been a major centre for physical education for young people in the area. The proposed Youth Resource Centre will supplement and strengthen youth focus of the Y, especially in the context of today's challenges. This project will create sustainable livelihood options for the poor women/widows/youth and the marginalised population in Fort Kochi.

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