



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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## Officers 2015-2016

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

## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Darryl  
Tupinio, James Ishimoto

## 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

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Albert Lee (Nu'uano)  
OVG District Governor:  
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International President-elect:  
Joan Wilson (Canada)

Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

*Regional Theme:*  
**E Ola Pu Kakou: Together we  
thrive**

## Y's Words:

*"Control your own destiny or  
someone else will".*

*Jack Welch*

## President's Message



May was pretty much all about the regional convention and a great convention it was (see following story). I was honored to be selected as Club President of the Year although the distinction really belongs to the hard working members of our club who, despite small numbers, are big in participation. As we enter our 23<sup>rd</sup> year of existence it's satisfying to know that we still effectively serve both the YMCA and

the community. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year and to continuing the good work of our small but mighty club! Don't forget this Sunday June 5 it's Special Olympics at UH Manoa Ching Field, Murakami Stadium from 8:30am to 1:30pm. See you there! *Aloha, Phil*

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

We began the month joining family and friends in celebrating the life of former member **Ben Makaea** on May 19 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Our own **Rick Lau** led the service and recounted warm and funny stories drawn from Ben's full and very eventful life. The large turnout attested to the impact Ben had on so many lives and assured us that he will never be forgotten. Aloha Ben. We'll miss you.

The 80<sup>th</sup> Hawaii Region convention kicked off on May 20 at the Manoa Grand Ballroom with a very well attended Endowment Dinner during which our own **Gary Bautista** was honored for his service to the club. It was delightful to hear the stories of the other honorees as well and served to get the convention started on a high note. **Rick** and **Phil** were also honored as Paul William Alexander Fellows for contributions of \$100 or more to the Endowment Fund. On Saturday May 21 the venue moved to the 'Ilima Hotel Conference Center for the business meetings that are the heart of the convention. Reports were given by Regional officers, Service Directors and club presidents. Service awards were also distributed with Central receiving recognition in all areas plus the Outstanding award for its bulletin *The Y's Observer*.

At the Awards luncheon outgoing RD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** delivered his farewell address thanking all who helped make his two years a success while warmly welcoming incoming RD **Eddie Miwa**. US Area president **Charley Redmond** delivered a message oriented towards membership development that tied in with the training scheduled for Sunday. In the afternoon Mililani Y executive director **Keola Taniguchi** delivered a very interesting leadership training program using innovative techniques that help lead to greater membership recruitment. Saturday evening the convention moved to the Willows restaurant for the Induction and Installation dinner which broke all records with over 100 attendees! President **Charley** installed club officers and new members were inducted including our own **Jimmy Ishimoto** who returned to the club after a brief hiatus. YMCA of Honolulu President and CEO **Mike Broderick** delivered an inspiring keynote address recalling the past cooperation between YSCI and the YMCA and outlining his views for the best ways to continue our 94 year old collaboration. On Sunday May 22 the convention concluded at the 'Ilima with a devotional and remembrance of departed members as well as an excellent training session on membership development by incoming RSD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki**. The closing event was the incoming cabinet meeting during which RD **Eddie** outlined his plans for the coming year.

Central was in charge of the Hospitality room that was open each evening at the 'Ilima as well as the Sunday continental breakfast. Lunch and brunch service was provided by Blue Truck catering who served onolicious food! From beginning to end this was a wonderful convention with kudos to Co-Chairs **Duke Chung** and **Brad Ishida** for a job well done! Plans are already underway for next year's convention that we hope will be held on one of the neighbor islands.

## Humor:

Just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web... Senility has been a smooth transition for me... I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day. How to prepare Tofu: 1. Throw it in the trash. 2. Grill some Meat.

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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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.

Club meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
at Waikiki Yacht Club 6p

## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International

The YSCI headquarters in Geneva will soon split into two offices with a second one opening later this year in Chiangmai, Thailand. General-Secretary **Takao "Nishi" Nishimura** will move to Thailand in order to be closer to the core of YSCI development which is now Asia and India. This is also a cost cutting measure as the Geneva office space will be halved for remaining staff. Space in Chiangmai is much less costly and will reduce overall annual expenses by more than \$100,000.

### US Area

There will be a joint US Area/Area Canada-Caribbean convention next year in Las Vegas. Once regular events, these joint conventions have not been held in recent years. They are great fun and really help bring both areas closer together. **Phil** attended the one held on Prince Edward Island a few years ago at the local university making many new friends in the process!

### Metro District

**Albert Lee** has agreed to continue as Metro District Governor under RD **Eddie Miwa**. Albert has done an excellent job this year in keeping up close contact with the six O'ahu clubs through regular, informative meetings.

### Brother Club News

The Bendigo *Golden City Bulletin* reports that the club has gone to the dogs...A recent program featured a wild life expert who brought a genuine dingo to the meeting, along with a young grey kangaroo (joey I think they're called..or that could be the trainer's name) and a PYTHON! The good news is that no one was eaten, swallowed or even mildly kicked..It was also reported that the club will soon be in the new Australian Pacific Region, part of Area Asia as membership remains as stagnant as ours. Hmmm, maybe we'll soon be the US Region, Area India.....

## Calendar of Events

### June 2016

Emphasis: Public Relations  
RSD Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward)

5 Special Olympics UH Manoa  
13 Membership Meeting Yacht Club  
26 Friends of the Library Book Sale

### July 2016

Emphasis:  
Membership/Conservation/Extension  
RSD Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hilo)

11 Membership Meeting Yacht Club

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

Mary and Martha sent someone to tell  
Jesus, "Lord, the one you love  
is sick." - John 11:3

The phrase the friend of Lazarus used is worth noting. When he told Jesus of the illness he said, "Lord, the one you love is sick." He doesn't base his appeal on the imperfect love of the one in need, but on the perfect love of the Savior . . . The power of the prayer, in other words, does not depend on the one who makes prayer, but on the one who hears the prayer.

### News From Central YMCA

The deal to develop the new Central YMCA has developed additional complications that will delay construction for an indefinite period. Meanwhile the residence remains open and is bringing a bit of income to the YMCA of Honolulu...

Moments from the 80<sup>th</sup> Hawai'i Region Convention May 20-22, 2016



Phil and Rick receive PW Alexander Certificates



Phil, Mike Broderick, Debbie & Charley Redmond enjoy the Installation/Induction dinner



Gary receives his Endowment Golden Book Page