



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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## Officers 2016-2017

President: Phil Sammer  
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Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

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

*Y's Words:*

*"No great thing is created  
suddenly".*

*Epicritus*

## President's Message



July begins our YSCI calendar and we look forward to another year filled with fun, service and fellowship. On the membership side we're a bit stronger than twelve months ago with the addition of returnee **Jimmy Fujimoto** bringing our numbers to eight. We may be small but we are very active and can always count on all members to participate in our projects; however, small numbers make it difficult for us to

initiate new projects so this year we will be joining other O'ahu clubs in their activities beginning with a joint Kalihi-Nu'uano-Central work day at YMCA Camp Erdman. We will, of course, continue to look for new activities of our own as well as concentrating on expanding our membership. *Aloha, Phil*

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

We kicked off the month on June 5 with the annual Special Olympics at UH-Manoa Ching Field. On hand to help out were **Darryl, Rick, Roy** and **Phil** along with **Gary** who brought his nephew **Marc** who has helped us the past few years. Also joining us were **Garret** and calabash member **Eunice Delacruz**. As usual we worked in the food service booth preparing lunches for the athletes. This year the food was donated by **L&L Hawaiian Barbecue**. We assembled the bentos at their facility inside Murakami Stadium then transported them to the distribution tent. As usual it was a fantastic experience interacting with these courageous individuals of all ages and from all islands for whom a handicap is no obstacle to success. Hats off to them and to all who work hard to make these games a success!

On June 26 the gang gathered again to assist in the Friends of the Library annual book sale. This year five of our Central members turned out including **Rick, Roy, Gary, Darryl** and **Phil** who performed various duties including adders, cashier, restocker and floater. This is the largest book sale in the state with over 50,000 volumes available that include traditional books, comics, maps, guide books, self help and many, many more. Our work day was the final day of the sale and all items were a mere fifty cents each so the crowd was huge with well over a thousand buyers. After the sale all remaining items (over ten thousand!) were packed for shipment to Micronesia where they will be used to stock as well as to start libraries. It's a fun event and we look forward to participating in the smaller fall event that takes place from November 11 to 13 over the Veterans Day holiday weekend.

## BROTHER CLUB NEWS

Our banjo playing brother clubber **Takashi Kawakami** from **Kyoto Palace Y's Men's Club** will be visiting Honolulu the week of July 18 so that granddaughter **Saya** can participate in the summer fun program at Kaimuki YMCA. Taka is a frequent visitor and really enjoys coming to Hawaii.

We were saddened to learn that long time **Northwest Y Service Club** member **Jerry Zichter** passed away recently. Jerry was very active in all club events and edited the club bulletin for many years. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife **Jo** and family.

**Humor:** Modern Education? Recently, I went to McDonald's and I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. 'We don't have half dozen nuggets,' said the teenager at the counter. 'You don't?' I replied. 'We only have six, nine, or twelve,' was the reply. 'So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?' 'That's right.' So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets... Gives new meaning to the old expression "six of one, half dozen of another"!

## 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.

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

## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International

The upcoming International Convention in Taipei hopes to attract over one thousand participants with the theme "Living in Harmony". The venues are the Grand Hotel and the Taipei Expo Center. The program features forums that include Roll Back Malaria, Community Service and Membership Development. On Saturday there will be half day bus tours and a grand International President's Ball. Current attendees from Hawai'i include **Ray Seto**, IPRD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** and **Phil Sammer**. Registration is online at <ic2016.org>.

### US Area

Plans continue for the joint US Area/Area Canada-Caribbean convention in the summer of 2017 in Las Vegas. More details as they are released!

### Metro District

Three Metro District clubs will join forces for a service project on Saturday August 27. **Central, Nu'uano** and **Kalihi** will gather at YMCA Camp Erdman for a morning of general repairs and painting. Specific tasks will be assigned that day. The Camp was recently praised in Midweek magazine as a "rural Ritz-Carlton but at a much more affordable rate"!

### Hawai'i Region

Incoming 2017 Regional Convention Chair **Brad Ishida** has scheduled a meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday July 7, 2016 at Kalihi YMCA. Topics will include a wrap up of the 80<sup>th</sup> convention and a discussion of the dates and location of the 81<sup>ST</sup> convention. Suggested sites include Kaua'i, Hawai'i Island, Maui and Las Vegas. Participants from Central include president **Phil** and committee member designate **Darryl**.

## Calendar of Events

### July 2016

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

7 Convention Planning meeting  
11 Membership Meeting Yacht Club

### August 2016

Emphasis: Community Service RSD  
Ethel Takamatsu (Kalihi)

8 Membership Meeting Yacht Club  
27 Multi-club Camp Erdman project

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"We do not live following our sinful  
selves, but we live following the Spirit." -  
Romans 8:4

ALMOST. How many times do these six  
ugly words find their way into despairing  
epitaphs? "She almost chose not to  
leave him" . . . "He almost became a  
Christian." . . . Jesus . . . demands  
absolute obedience. He never has had  
room for "almost" in his vocabulary.  
You are either with him or against him .  
With the Master,  
"almost" is just as good as "never."

**News From YMCA of Honolulu**  
Charity Navigator, America's largest,  
independent premier charity  
evaluator, awarded the YMCA of  
Honolulu a 4 star rating, the highest  
rating a nonprofit can receive, for its  
sound fiscal management and  
commitment to accountability and  
transparency.

*Special Olympics and Friends of the Library annual summer book sale June 2016*

