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US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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

Y's Words:

*"The most important political office
is that of the private citizen".
Justice Louis Brandeis*

President's Message



We were disappointed to learn that the Central Y reconstruction project has again encountered delays. Forecast now is for a new branch no earlier than late 2018. We'll continue to support the Y of course and participate in projects that benefit our community. It's sort of funny that we thought that the 2014 Central Y residents holiday dinner would be the last one for a while but we're now planning

another one for November or early December of this year! Oh well, as the saying goes the more things change the more they stay the same ☺! We continue to meet at the Waikiki Yacht Club but this month's meeting will be on September 20 since I'll be traveling on the 12th. *Aloha, Phil*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

August was a slow month for us but ended with a multi-club effort at Y Camp Erdman that involved Central, Nu'uano, West O'ahu and Windward. Organized by **Maurice Shimonishi** and directed by **Isaac Sakamoto**, the project involved about thirty Y Service members who did various maintenance projects at the camp including painting at Marques Lodge, repainting picnic tables, staining benches, clearing a trail and painting a footbridge. Central's delegation included **Rick, Roy, Darryl, Troy** and **Phil** who painted the lodge handicapped access ramp. Work began at about 8:30am and was completed by noon after which a very filling lunch was served. It was great fun to have so many Metro District clubs working together to accomplish that which we couldn't have done individually....We were planning to once again work the chicken booth at the Okinawan Festival on Saturday September 3. However, due to an approaching hurricane **the festival was cancelled**. It may be rescheduled later this year.

International Convention Report Part 1

 by Phil Sammer

I was delighted to represent Central Y Service Club at the 72nd annual Y Service Clubs International Convention from August 4 to 7 in Taipei Taiwan. I was fortunate to have three traveling companions to share the experience including **Ray Seto, Bobby Stivers-Apiki** and his friend **Jimmy Dang**. We were also joined in Taipei by **Maurice Shimonishi**. We left on China Airlines at 1:15am Monday August 1 and arrived in Taiwan at 5:30am the next day. We were met by members **Austin Lin** and **Mark Lin** of Hilo's Brother Club Taipei Central who took us to the YMCA for breakfast. We were then given a short tour of major Taipei attractions some of which I would revisit later in the week. At noon we were treated to a nine course Chinese lunch at a beautiful garden restaurant. We were ready for a little shuteye when we finally checked in to the Grand Hotel where most of the foreign delegates were staying and also the venue for the first two days of convention activities. On Wednesday morning Bobby, Jimmy and I took a half day tour to the north end of the island including the port of Keelung and the oceanside town of Yehliu which is famous for it's sandstone rocks that have been carved by wind and tides into fantastic shapes including the "Queen's Head" that looks like the Egyptian queen Nefertiti! That evening we were invited to attend the awards dinner for the Roll Back Malaria Golf Tournament. The official program kicked off on Thursday August 4 with the parade of flags representing all the countries in which Y'sdom can be found followed by welcoming addresses and the keynote speech by Dr. **Kwan-Tsae Huang**. The IPIP's dinner that evening featured remarks by IPIP **Wichian Boonmapajorn** followed by some incredible acrobatic entertainment by the Taiwan National Dance Theater. The theme of the convention was Living In Harmony. Part 2 next month!

Humor: True stories from the files of a computer tech:

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it..

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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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 2nd Monday
at Waikiki Yacht Club 6p

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

IP **Joan Wilson** has begun publishing an electronic newsletter called E-News with pertinent information on Emphasis Month themes for the coming month, as well as a number of special articles. The hope is that it will provide support for the work we do in our clubs. It may be accessed on the YSCI website www.ysmen.org. Here is a direct link as well: <http://ysmen.org/index.php?id=360>.

US Area

The 2017 US Area convention is being planned for Las Vegas with more details expected shortly.

Metro District

DG **Albert Lee** has called a Metro District meeting for Saturday September 17, 2016 at 10am at the 'Ilima Hotel. The gathering is open to all YSCI members and club presidents are expected to make brief reports.

Hawai'i Region

The second meeting of the 81st Hawai'i Region Convention committee will take place on Thursday September 1, 2016 at 6:30pm at Kalihi YMCA (third floor). The main item on the agenda is the selection of the dates for the event as well as the location on Kaua'i.

Brother Club News

The Bendigo *Golden City Bulletin* reports that **Terry McDonald** is a brotherhood fund delegate from the Cumberland club in the Maritime Region in Canada. He will be in Victoria for 16 days and will visit Ararat, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Echuca. He will be in Bendigo to attend the Regional Conference on the weekend of the 8-9th of October. Editor's note: I ran into old friend **Russ Jones** former Area So. Pacific president and now Area Asia Pacific ICM since consolidation of the two areas on Aug. 1.

Calendar of Events

September 2016

Emphasis: Endowment Fund RSD: Issac Sakamoto (Nu'uauu)
1 81ST Regional Convention Mtg
3 Okinawan Festival ****Cancelled****
17 Metro District Meeting 'Ilima Hotel
20 Membership Meeting Yacht Club

October 2016

Emphasis: Alexander Scholarship Fund/Dollars For Scholars RSD: Brad Ishida (Kaimuki)
10 Membership Meeting Yacht Club

Christian Emphasis

By Rick Lau
Because he delights in me, he saved me." – Psalms 18:19
You thought he saved you because of your good works or good attitude or good looks. Sorry. If that were the case, your salvation would be lost when your voice went south or your works got weak. There are many reasons God saves you: to bring glory to himself, to appease his justice, to demonstrate his sovereignty. But one of the sweetest reasons God saved you is because he loves you.

News From YMCA of Honolulu

We know when you work out with a friend, you're more likely to stick with your goals, and you'll have more fun doing it! So during the month of September, Y members can bring a friend to the Y for free for 3 days and Buddy-Up to try Group Exercise Classes!. See ymcahonolulu.org for details!

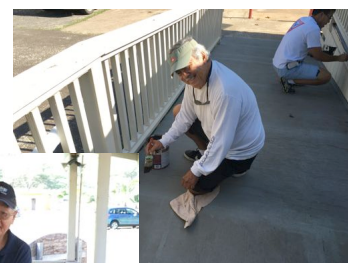
Memories of the 72nd Annual Y Service Club Convention, Taipei, Taiwan August 4-7, 2016



Breakfast at the Y
Grand Hotel Taipei



Yehliu Park with Queen's Head



Darryl on his knees
while Roy Rolls!

