



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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Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Darryl
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ASF/DFS: Troy Tomita
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
Community Service: Darryl Tupino
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
Membership/Conservation: Rick
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Eddie Miwa (Kalihi)

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US Area President: Charley
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US Area President-elect:
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International President: Joan
Wilson (Canada)

International President-elect:
Henry Grindheim (Norway)

Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

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

Y's Words:

*"Accept that some days you're the
pigeon, and some days the
statue". Roger C. Anderson*

President's Message



International elections will be coming up again this year when we vote for the IP-elect who will serve in the 2018-2019 year. Our region is nominating PAP **Debbie Redmond** who would be only the third woman to serve in that office. Central has the right to vote as long as we get an official waiver from YSCI since we are below the minimum number of 15 members. This occurs every year but is not required

for US Area elections for which there is no minimum club size. In any case it's just another good reason why we need to constantly strive to increase our membership, not only to remain a viable part of an international association but also to be able to perform more service projects for the YMCA and the community. So, let's find those people who want to make a difference and introduce them to Y'sdom! *Aloha, Phil*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately the annual Okinawan Festival was cancelled this year due to the threat of bad weather. It actually turned out to be a nice weekend but on Thursday it didn't appear that would be the case. A mini version was held the following Saturday but, without time to really publicize it, not many folks came and the Okinawan association still lost a lot of money. We turned in our purchased scrip to **Eunice** with instructions to keep the money. October has no official activities mainly because a number of us will be traveling. **Darryl** is looking into getting new club shirts since most of ours are paint splattered or show other signs of heavy use! Planning has begun for the annual Central Y residents dinner which will take place on Sunday November 20. This year we'll do a spaghetti feed with salad and dessert. Yes, the old building is still standing with no date yet set for demolition. It's escaped so many death sentences that we'll have to start calling it the Rasputin Y pretty soon ☺

International Convention Report Part 2

 by Phil Sammer

Friday August 5 was a busy day for convention goers with plenary sessions and breakout forums including Community Service & Roll Back Malaria and Partnership with the YMCA. I attended the one on extension since we are still trying to bring the Leeward club on board. **Bobby** took in membership of course. Later we had a US Area meeting, mostly discussing our contribution to the entertainment at the IPE night that evening! Fortunately no video exists of our performance! On Saturday we heard reports from the various forums and witnessed an impressive series of Brother Club signing ceremonies. The afternoon was free time and I took the Taipei Modern City tour. We visited the Taipei 101 tower which soars 101 stories over the city then walked around the National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall which boasts an impressive collection of memorabilia including a mock up of his office. We finished at the National Taiwan Museum dating from 1908. Unfortunately a good portion of the building was off limits due to renovation of exhibits. At dinner that evening I was able to connect with the large delegation of brother club members from **Kyoto Palace** including **Kawakami**-san who just visited us this year. They are very interested in our regional convention and hope to send a good delegation. The convention concluded on Sunday August 7 with the closing ceremony and many farewells! We hope to be together again August 2-5, 2018 in Yeosu, Korea to once again renew bonds of friendship through YSCI!

Brother Club News

Our Bendigo brother club recently had an informative talk from the local constabulary about the problem of drug addiction in the town including crystal methamphetamine commonly called "ice". However, the most destructive "drug" is alcohol with its far reaching harmful side effects for society. Yet, it is legal..Sounds like our own situation here at home!

Humor: A blonde MAN joke: A friend told the blonde man: "Christmas is on a Friday this year." The blonde man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

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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 2nd Monday
at Waikiki Yacht Club 6p

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

ICM 16 approved eight new TOF-GPF Projects for a total of \$158,178. Since the inception of the TOF-GPF program in 1973, Y's Men International has contributed around \$6,300,400 to various YMCA and community projects and emergencies around the world.

US Area

The search is on for candidates for US Area Chief Financial Officer. Current CFO **Gene Koester** has "termed out" and must step down. See Phil if you have someone in mind.

Metro District

The Metro District meeting was held Saturday September 17, 2016 at 10am at the 'Ilima Hotel. **Darryl** and **Roy** hosted on behalf of the club providing morning pastries and bento lunches. A \$600 allotment was approved for the YMCA of Honolulu from the proceeds of the Healthy Kids Day. There was also discussion about holding another Metro work day at Camp Erdman since the last one was successful and included four of the six Metro clubs. There will be a new & old member orientation on Sunday Oct. 16 at the Kaimuki YMCA from 9:30am to 11am. Next meeting after the regional cabinet meeting on Nov. 19.

Hawai'i Region

The 81st Hawai'i Region Convention committee met on October 5 at 'Ilima Hotel to discuss and finalize arrangements for the Kaua'i venue which will be the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel at Coconut Beach. Room rates will be \$129 plus tax(single/double) and the meal package will run about \$155 per person. Three meals will be taken at the hotel while the opening dinner on Friday will be at Smith's Family Garden Lu'au. Registration forms are being prepared by **Nu'uano** YSC. Should be a fun and relaxing gathering!

Calendar of Events

October 2016

Emphasis: Alex. Scholarship Fund
Dollars For Scholars RSD: Brad Ishida (Kaimuki)
10 Membership Meeting Yacht Club
16 New/old member orientation

November 2016

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund RSD: Phil Chun (Kalihi)
13 Friends of Library Book Sale
14 Membership Meeting Yacht Club
19 Mid Year Cabinet Mtg-'Ilima Hotel
20 Central Y Residents Dinner

Christian Emphasis

By Rick Lau
"I have chosen the way of truth, I have my heart on your laws." – Psalm 119:30
Think about it. There are many things in life we can't choose. We can't, for example, choose the weather. We can't control the economy. We can't choose whether or not we are born with a big nose or blue eyes or a lot of hair . . . But we can choose where we spend eternity. The big choice, God leaves to us.

News From YMCA of Honolulu

In July **Bob Masuda**, former CEO/President of the YMCA of Honolulu, was inducted into the National YMCA Hall of Fame at Springfield College and recognized for his 40-plus years with the Y. From 1983-2003, Bob represented the Y in his work with national and local leaders throughout emerging nations.

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

Taipei 101 Tower



Ceremonial Gate At Chiang Kai-shek Memorial



The four conventionneers



Night Market



Giant Buddah



Phil at the Expo Center



Bobby and PAP Debbie