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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
Vice President: Troy Tomita
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Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Darryl
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Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
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Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
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Eddie Miwa (Kalihi)
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International President-elect:
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Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

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

Y's Words:

*"Life just doesn't hand you things.
You have to get out there and
make things happen".*

Emeril Lagasse

President's Message



I am very sad to report that past Regional Director **Brad Ishida** passed away unexpectedly last month. Brad was a long time member of the Kaimuki Y Service Club serving as president and in other offices. Brad was also very active at the regional level where he served as Regional Director and was currently serving as the chair of the upcoming 81st Hawaii Region Convention. Brad was a wonderful friend and will be

greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing him. Our condolences go out to his wife **Sharon** and the entire Ishida family. Memorial services will be held on Saturday November 26 at 10am at the Hosoi Mortuary on N. Kukui street. *Aloha, Phil*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

October was a quiet month for the club spent mostly in making preliminary preparations for the 81st Regional Convention in May 2017. Central is responsible for hotel arrangements and certain ground activities. Our next project is the annual Friends of the Library fall book sale on Sunday November 13, 2016 from 8:30am to 1:30pm at Washington Middle School. Members can sign up directly with FOL but should let **Phil** know for planning purposes. Central is also responsible for beverages at the upcoming Mid Year Cabinet meeting on Saturday November 19 at 'Ilima Hotel at 8am. The following day we will put on our annual residents dinner at Central Y starting with prep at 3pm. **Troy** will pick up and store the ingredients which will be a spaghetti dinner with salad and dessert. *Remember that our next membership meeting will be at the YMCA!*

Brother Club News

Our **Seoul** brother club will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Saturday February 11, 2017. **Phil** participated in the original IBC ceremony which took place after the International Convention in Busan in August 2006. All Central YSCI members are invited to attend....The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that a dinner was held on October 8 to remember the achievements of Area South Pacific which has now merged with Area Asia. RD **Christine Van Der Zee** had done the research and it was an eye opener to learn that 73 clubs were chartered in the South Pacific Area commencing in 1926 with the Brisbane Club. The vast majority of these, 61, were in the Australian Region and 12 were in the New Zealand Region. Currently just 14 Clubs remain in Australia; while all of the former clubs in New Zealand are now defunct, the last four closing since 2000. This sad situation is, of course, the experience of several other service club organizations in western countries (including the USA!).

November Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund was established to strengthen the fellowship of Y'sdom throughout the world by providing funds for YSCI members to travel to regions in other Areas and/or to attend International and Area conventions. Allocation of funds is controlled by the Brotherhood Fund Expenditure Committee which operates at the international level and is composed of individuals from different Areas who determine the visitation framework and administer the funding of the visits. Traditionally the fund was open to all YSCI members but has recently been restricted to those members under 65 years of age. This was done primarily to allow younger members the opportunity to become more familiar with the movement and its presence across the globe. This policy is, however, currently under review.

Humor: Some political jokes for a political month: They hold elections in November because it's the best time for picking out a turkey...They had to shut down the circus: All the clowns went to Washington....Money can't buy happiness but what it *can* buy is an election....I think this election I'm going to do a write-in ballot: HELP!

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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 2nd Monday
at Central YMCA 6pm

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

The Candidates have been announced for International President-elect and International treasurer-elect. Central applied for an exemption to the 15 member minimum rule for voting and will receive its ballot after November 15. This year for the first time all voting will be electronic.

US Area

RDE training will take place from November 11 to 13 in St. Louis, MO hosted by the Mid America Region. Participants will also be guests at a special dinner/club meeting of the Carondelet YSC at the home of AP **Charley Redmond** on November 12. RD **Eddie** has the option of not going since he just went last year; however, it is usually a good time to meet any new RDEs from regions that elect a different person each year.....The US Area Convention will be held August 3-6, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV. Venue to be announced later.

Metro District

The next district meeting will take place after the regional cabinet meeting on Nov. 19.

Hawai'i Region

Duke Chung has taken over as convention chair. Booking procedures for the Courtyard by Marriott hotel have been established for the 81st convention. Rooms may be reserved either by phone at 877-622-2975 or on line at www.kauaicourtyardresort.com. There are two types of rooms available: Garden view at \$129 per night (booking code: R11R11A) or Ocean view at \$159 per night (booking code R11R11C) plus tax. Parking is \$10 per night. Rates are good three days before and three days after the convention. Convention registration forms will be issued soon.

Calendar of Events

November 2016

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund RSD: Phil Chun (Kalihi)

13 Friends of Library Book Sale
14 Membership Meeting Central YMCA
19 Mid Year Cabinet & Metro Mtgs
20 Central Y Residents Dinner

December 2016

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD Rick Lau (Central)

11 Club Christmas Party/Brunch
25 Christmas Day

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"If only you knew the free gift of God." –
John 4:10
When Jesus washed the disciples' feet,
he was washing
ours; when he calmed their storms, he
was calming yours
When he forgave Peter, he was forgiving
all the penitent . . .
He hasn't changed. . . The gift and the
Giver. If you know them,
You know all you need.

News From YMCA of Honolulu

The annual YMCA Turkey Swim will take place on Saturday November 26 at 9am at Ala Moana Beach Park. The race features the Classic 2K Swim and the Turkey Lite 1K Swim. Great fun for novice swimmers and seasoned racers! Come and join the gobble, gobble fun! Register on line or by calling 541-5248.