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

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Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Darryl
Tupinio, James Ishimoto, Eunice
Delacruz.

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Troy Tomita

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

Y's Words:
"Remember, today is the
tomorrow you worried about
yesterday". Dale Carnegie

President's Message



Well here we are at the end of another year. Time to assess what we've accomplished and get ready for the year to come. Our club has kept busy with a variety of projects including Special Olympics, Friends of the Library of Hawaii'i, and Camp Edrman work projects. We've also welcomed brother club members and put on a residents dinner at the YMCA. In addition we welcomed back Eunice Delacruz as a regular

member. In 2017 we look forward to YMCA Sunday and another Book sale in January and the Annual Support Campaign for Central Y in February. Small but active we continue to serve the YMCA and the community. Happy Holidays to all! *Aloha, Phil*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

We kicked off the month of November with the annual Friends of the Library fall book sale on Sunday November 13, 2016 from 8:30am to 1:30pm at Washington Middle School. On hand to help were **Roy, Rick, Phil** and **Darryl**. The crowd was smaller than last year but still a success for the Friends. Our next activity with them will be in January. Central provided the beverages at the Mid Year Cabinet meeting on Saturday November 19 at 'Ilima Hotel. **Phil, Rick** and **Darryl** represented the club. The following day we put on our annual residents dinner at Central Y starting with prep at 3pm. **Troy** had picked up and stored the ingredients which were all donated by the YMCA. On the menu was spaghetti with meatballs, veggies, salad, rolls and dessert. Present to help were **Rick, Roy, Garrett, Phil, Troy, Eunice** and **Darryl** as well as Troy's entire family! At 5pm we served dinner in Studio 1 which was attended by about 25 residents. After dinner we laid out the remaining food in the lobby for those who could not attend earlier. Troy said that everything was gone by 4am!.. **Late note: Jimmy** has asked for volunteers for the Jaycee's Annual Santa Parade on Saturday December 10. Let him know directly if you can help out. *Remember we have moved our membership meetings back to the YMCA!*

Brother Club News

Last month I mentioned that our Seoul Brother Club will celebrate its 70th anniversary in February 2017. Here is the message I sent on behalf of the Central Y Service Club: ALOHA! The members of the Central Y Service Club in Honolulu, Hawaii'i would like to congratulate our Seoul Y's Men brother club on the occasion of your 70th anniversary in February 2017. We are delighted to have been with you on a part of this historic journey and wish you continued success in providing service both to the Seoul YMCA and to its community. We look forward to strengthening the bonds of friendship between our clubs and to increased contact between our members in years to come. A hui hou (until we meet again).

Doug Turnbull, editor of the **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** wrote some comments in the latest issue that are especially relevant to the season and bear repeating: "The bonds which tie people together come from various sources. Conjugal family bonds flow from a common ancestry and a shared history. Other bonds, such as those in our Club, come from shared memories, goals and activities. Sometimes those bonds are damaged and even broken, often because the actions and activities which sustain, develop and heal them are neglected or even ignored. It might be a good time this Christmas to do a "bond check" on all those relationships which are valuable and which enrich our lives. We might even tell those special to us how much we appreciate them"..

Humor: A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.."

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 2nd Monday
at Central YMCA 6pm

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

IP **Joan Wilson** reminded us in her December e-Newsletter that YSCI is dedicated to **active service** to build a better world for all mankind; a very relevant message in this season of giving to and taking action for others.

US Area

The US Area Convention will be held August 3-6, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV. There is discussion to make this a joint meeting with Area Canada-Caribbean but nothing is yet decided. It would be fun to get together with our YSCI friends from another area so let's hope it materializes!

Metro District

The district meeting planned for after the regional cabinet meeting on Nov. 19 did not take place due to time considerations. The next meeting will be on Saturday February 4, 2017. Venue to be determined.

Hawai'i Region

The Mid Year Regional Cabinet meeting took place on Saturday November 19 at 'Ilima Hotel chaired by RD **Eddie Miwa, Phil, Rick and Darryl** were on hand to represent Central. Reports were received from Regional and District officers, RSDs and club presidents. The minutes of the 80th Regional Convention were approved as well as the 2016-2017 budget. Constitutional amendments were discussed as were the 81st Regional Convention and the Peace Project. A lot of time was devoted to discussing the excellent revised Awards program that IPRD **Bobby** presented and the vote was taken to accept the changes. All in all a good meeting but somewhat too long due to errors in parliamentary procedure which, in the interest of time, led to the cancellation of the planned Metro meeting!

Calendar of Events

December 2016

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD Rick Lau (Central)

7 Club Christmas Party WYC 6pm
10 Manoa Jaycees Santa Parade
25 Christmas Day

January 2017

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD Phil Sammer (Central)

9 Membership Meeting Central Y
15 Friends of the Library Book Sale
29 YMCA Sunday (tentative)

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"She brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger." – Luke 2:7
The virgin birth is more, much more, than a Christmas story; it is a picture of how close Christ will come to you. The first stop on his itinerary was a womb.
Where will God go to touch the world? Look deep within Mary to an answer. Better still, look deep within yourself. What he did for Mary, he offers to us! He issues a Mary-level invitation to all his children. "if you'll let me I'll move in!"

News From YMCA of Honolulu

Don't forget to include regular visits to the YMCA during the holiday season to keep those extra pounds off! Remember your membership is valid at seven branches of the YMCA of Honolulu so, no matter where you are on O'ahu, we got you covered!

Photos from the Friends of the Library fall book sale and the 2016 Central YMCA residents dinner.



A very literate bunch..



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Rick likes really hot food...

EDITOR'S NOTE: More pictures next month!