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

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Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

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

Y's Words:

*"Cheers to the New Year and
another chance to get it right".*

Oprah Winfrey

President's Message



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year! I hope it is a healthy and prosperous one for you and your family! As our Y's Words say, it's another chance to get it right, another chance to accomplish the many things that seem to fall by the wayside in our hectic lives. But at the same time, it's a chance to look at the balance that makes our lives worthwhile. Do we spend too much time at work and not enough

with family and friends? Do we give back to the community in proportion to what we receive? Are we putting enough time aside just to have fun? Yes, the New Year is a fresh beginning that gives us the chance to "get it right" and make our lives even more fulfilling! *Aloha, Phil!*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

December is traditionally a slow month for the club with projects on hold until the new year, but it is party time! Members gathered at the Waikiki Yacht Club on December 7 for the annual club Christmas party. On hand to celebrate were **Phil, Rick, Eunice, Darryl, Jimmy, Roy** and **Troy** with guest **Jennie Scott** (Central YMCA admin assistant). Dinner was a la carte so members could savor the specialties of the Yacht Club's French chef **Arnaud Jager**. As usual we had our grab bag exchange after dinner where members could opt either to choose a wrapped gift or take one from some one else! No fights broke out so everyone seemed satisfied. Unfortunately no one remembered to take pictures so the event will remain just a pleasant memory to all who attended... On Saturday December 10 **Jimmy** requested club help with the annual Manoa Jaycees Santa Parade. It was last minute so only a few members could help including **Jimmy** and **Garret**. The weather cooperated and a lot of candy was distributed to the hundreds of kids along the route. All parade participants received dinner at Manoa District Park where the parade ended... There are two main activities on tap for January 2017 starting with the Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale at Washington Middle School on Sunday January 15 from 8:30am to noon. Our second activity celebrates YMCA Sunday by joining the **Nu'uano YSC** in serving lunch from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Institute for Human Services (IHS) Homeless Shelter in Kalihi. We'll also be gearing up for the Y Annual Support Campaign which kicks off at 11am on February 11, 2017 at the Dole Ballrooms. Monday January 9, 2017 will be our first membership meeting of the year. *Remember we have moved our membership meetings back to the YMCA!*

*Jimmy and Garret represented the club at
The Annual Manoa Jaycees Santa Parade*



Brother Club News

All Central brother clubs are cordially invited to attend the 81st Regional Convention at the Courtyard By Marriott on beautiful Kaua'i from May 5 to 7, 2017. Registration information will be sent separately. Come enjoy a weekend of fellowship and fun in Hawai'i!

Humor: How we were "home schooled" by our parents:

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My father taught me LOGIC "Because I said so, that's why."

CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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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

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

There is a new YSCI program called Week4You that has the following objectives: 1. To make YSCI better known in our local communities. 2. Attract more members to our Clubs. 3. Create more local NGO net-working –where the local YSCI clubs lead the initiative. The means of promotion are up to the individual club, regions and areas.

US Area

The Area is currently looking for a CFO to replace **Gene Koester** who has “termed out”. Candidates are not required to be accountants but must have a working knowledge of budgeting and basic bookkeeping. There is also a certain amount of traveling required in the USA to attend board meetings, trainings and the biannual area convention. Interested persons should contact US Area president **Charley Redmond**.

Metro District

The next district meeting will be on Saturday February 4, 2017. Venue to be determined.

Hawai'i Region

The registration form for the 81st Regional convention is now available. Copies have been sent to members individually. Dates are May 5 to 7, 2017. Clubs are also encouraged to invite their brother clubs to attend. The venue is the Kaua'i Courtyard by Marriott Hotel at Coconut Beach and room prices are very reasonable starting at only \$129 plus tax for single or double occupancy. The rate is good three days before and after the convention as well. The meal package is also a bargain at only \$155 which includes the fabulous Smith Family Lu'au. Optional tours and a golf tournament are also being offered. Be ready for a weekend of fun and fellowship on the beautiful Garden Island! Don't delay, sign up today!

Calendar of Events

January 2017

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Phil Sammer (Central)

9 Membership Meeting Central Y
15 Friends of the Library Book Sale
29 YMCA Sunday-IHS in Kalihi

February 2017

Emphasis: Time of Fast-Global Project
Fund. RSD: Phil Chun(Kalihi)

4 Metro District Meeting
11 ASC Kickoff-Dole Ballrooms
13 Membership Meeting Central Y

Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

“God is so great, greater than we can understand.” – Job 36:26

We may search out the moment the first wave slapped on ashore or the first star burst in the sky, but we'll never find the first moment when God was God, for there is no moment when God was not God. He has never *not been*, for He is eternal. God is not bound by time.

News From YMCA of Honolulu

The annual Youth in Legislature took place during the closing days of 2016 at YMCA Camp Erdman. This annual gathering of YMCA teen program participants exposes future leaders to the workings of the political process. Just as at the capitol, representatives propose, debate and vote on bills that will be presented for consideration at the next state legislature in January 2017.