



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

MAY 2017

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Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

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

Y's Words:

*"There's more than one way to
look at a problem and they may all
be right".*

Norman Schwarzkopf

President's Message



"May day is lei day in Hawaii, garlands of flowers everywhere.."

School children in Hawaii learn this catchy song at an early age to celebrate May 1st and the arrival of spring in the islands. Some would say it's always spring in our beautiful state and it's hard to disagree. We hope that the weather is fine where you live as well...The Regional Convention is just around the corner and with it the celebration of another year of Y'sdom. I plan to attend and hope to see you there!

CLUB ACTIVITIES

April kicked off with the annual Metro District Assembly which is the official meeting required under the district bylaws. Unfortunately no one from the club could attend but much of the discussion centered on the YMCA Healthy Kids Day in which the club did participate. The event was held on Saturday April 8 on the Bishop Museum Great Lawn with Metro District running the shave ice tent. Central had a good turn out with **Rick, Roy, Darryl, Gary** and **Phil** on hand to help set up tables, cut ice, restock supplies and collect money from eager patrons. The weather was pretty warm so there was no lack of customers. Actually we ran out of flavorings at one point which required an emergency trip to the store to buy more. Business was so good that we ran out of ice about one half hour before the end of the event which effectively shut us down. Still, we did quite well in raising money for YMCA and district projects...

We were delighted to welcome **Daniel Lee** and wife **Grace** of our **Seoul** brother club at our meeting on April 10. Dan is in Hawaii for medical treatment and actually lives on the continent; however, he maintains his membership in the Seoul club which recently celebrated its 70th anniversary and is eagerly preparing for the 2018 YSCI International convention in Yeosu which **Phil** is planning to attend. During the meeting members voted in the election for US Area CFO as well as discussing several items that will come before the convention including a resolution to rename the Dollars for Scholars program in honor of **Brad Ishida**. We'll also vote on proposed amendments to the regional bylaws and the nomination of the next RDE.....The club will participate in the Special Olympics on Sunday June 4 with **Rick** as our main point of contact. More details at the May meeting.

Remember we have moved our membership meetings back to the YMCA.

Brother Club News

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that, with the assistance of the Y Service Women, the YMCA staff and helpers, the fire brigade members and several family friends and volunteers they staged another great book sale over Easter weekend. Despite the thousands of unsold volumes the stadium was totally cleared in just one hour on Monday afternoon. Almost all members took part in staffing the sale days, the preparation and clean up – a great effort from all. The club congratulates the whole book group in the Club for a well organized and, once again, new record return for their efforts.

Our old friend **Takashi Kawakami** of the **Kyoto Palace YSC**, was planning to attend our regional convention this year but, at the last minute, was unable to come. He sends his best wishes for a successful conference. Note however that we will be welcoming members of West O'ahu's **Kyoto Prince** brother club at the convention!

Humor MERGER TIPS FOR 2017: For all of you with any money left, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks. Watch for these consolidations in 2017: Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R. Grace Co. will merge and become: Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.... FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.... Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa...

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

IP **Joan Wilson** has issued her latest e-newsletter which includes some very interesting information about the early history of YSCI along with a group picture featuring our founder **Paul William Alexander**. Download your copy at <http://www.ysmen.org/>.

US Area

US Area CFO **Gene Koester** has been elected to an additional two-year term 2017-2019. We appreciate his willingness to step up to fill this critical position which would have been left vacant due to a lack of candidates.

Metro District

The annual Metro District Endowment dinner is scheduled for 5:30pm Friday May 12, 2017 at the Manoa Grand Ballroom. In addition to presenting the club Endowment honorees we will be inducting new members and installing club officers. Central has selected **Roy Tateishi** for inclusion in the Golden Book.

Hawai'i Region

The 81st Regional Convention begins on Friday May 5 and promises to be an exciting weekend of fun, fellowship and relaxation with our own regional members and visiting brother clubbers as well. The event kicks off with the Smith Family lu'au and show at Wailua Marina on Friday May 5. Although it will be a weekend of celebration we will also remember our members who have left us including just recently **Jiro Yukimura** and **Donna Schulze** both of the East Kaua'i Y's Men's Club. Several items will come up to vote at the convention including renaming the Dollars for Scholars program to honor the late **Brad Ishida** as well as changes and updates to the Regional bylaws. On Saturday we will honor the East Kaua'i Y's Men's club for their service to the Y and to the community.

Calendar of Events

MAY 2017

Emphasis: Regional Convention Chair:
Duke Chung (W. O'ahu)

5-7 81st Regional Convention
8 Membership Meeting
12 Endowment Dinner Manoa Ballroom

JUNE 2017

Emphasis: Public Relations RSD Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward)

4 Special Olympics UH Manoa
5 Membership Meeting

Christian Emphasis

By Rick Lau

"We will find grace to help us when we need it." – Hebrews 4:16

God isn't going to let you see the distant scene . . . so you might as well quit looking for it. He promises a lamp unto our feet and not a crystal ball into the future. We do not need to know what will happen tomorrow. We only need to know he leads us and "we will find grace to help us when we need it."

News From the YMCA of Honolulu

YMCA CEO **Mike Broderick** has announced the sale of the Atherton branch to the University of Hawai'i Foundation which will use it for special programs and dormitory space. The Y was given offices on campus at a nominal fee to continue its outreach activities for students.

Photos from the annual Healthy Kids Day at Bishop Museum April 8, 2017



Da Metro Gang



Rick directing traffic



Dan and Grace Lee visit the club