



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

## Regional Theme:

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

## Y's Words:

*"You should live your own life and  
live up to your own expectations."  
Tiger Woods*

## President's Message



Summer is always a slow time for the club and this year is no exception. We had two events in July but only one involved service: The Annual Friends of the Library book sale. The other was the Metro District meeting which is open to all members but is usually sparsely attended. We're looking forward to the Camp Erdman work project in late August as well as the annual Okinawan Festival on Labor Day weekend. Hope you're all enjoying the summer break!

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

There were only two major activities in July. The first was the annual Friends of the Library book sale which we worked on its final day Sunday July 23. We had a good turn out that included **Troy, Rick, Roy, Darryl, Gary, Jennie** and son **Dexter**. Prez **Phil** had an unexpected family obligation and was unable to volunteer although he did do several other cashier shifts during the course of the ten day event. Most of our gang were adders who total the amount of purchase before sending the customer to the cashier. We also helped with door control as well as rearranging books. The crowd seemed a bit small this year but they kept a steady pace. The last day is always a bit wild since ALL items are 50 cents! As always we look forward to the next sale which will be in November...At the July meeting members voted to ratify the selection of Hilo for the site of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regional convention next year. Central will be in charge of welcome gifts for guests of attendees.

**Phil** attended the Metro district meeting that is summarized on page two. New DG **Joe-Ann McCarthy** is off to a running start and has already planned the next meeting which will be held at 'Ilima Hotel on Saturday October 14 hosted by our club.

Our next club meeting will be on Monday August 14 at 6pm at Central YMCA. We are looking forward to hearing a report from **Rick** concerning the joint US Area/Area Canada-Caribbean convention.

## Brother Club News

Sad news from our Bendigo brother club: A meeting of the Southern District clubs on 27th June agreed to dismantle the District structure as it was no longer appropriate given the number of clubs involved and the total membership numbers. The Australian Region will now be the administrative body for all Australian Y Service clubs. District funds remaining will be distributed back to the clubs...Editor's note: Australia recently became a Region of Area Asia giving up it's autonomous area status due to declining membership.

## August Emphasis: Community Service

RSD **Ethyl Takamatsu** is urging all clubs to plan their community service projects for the coming year to include existing efforts as well as new and fresh undertakings. Community service is one of the two pillars supporting YSCI the other being YMCA service (January emphasis month). We are fortunate to enjoy excellent relations with all the Y associations in the state including Honolulu, Maui, Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island.

## Humor

Secret to a long happy marriage: An old woman was sipping on a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says: "I love you so much. I don't know how I could ever live without you"...Her husband asks: "Is that you or the wine talking?". She replies: "It's me..talking to the wine."

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
at Central YMCA 6pm

## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International

General Secretary **Takao "Nishi" Nishimura** will retire in June 2018. A search is currently underway for his successor. Nishi currently runs YSCI from an office in Thailand while certain services remain based in Geneva.

### US Area

There has been some discussion recently in the US Area about the relationship of Y Service clubs to their YMCAs. Some fall under the non-profit umbrella of the Y while others (such as our own **Kaimuki** club) have their own 501 (C) (3) designations. The latter model gives a club a distinct identity separate from the Y and reduces confusion for non-YSCI participants. However, the process to obtain federal non-profit status is long and complicated and often not worth the effort. In the end each club must decide how best to serve the Y and the community.

### Metro District

DG **Joe-Ann McCarthy** called the first Metro District meeting of the new year to order at 6:30pm on July 20 at the Kalihi YMCA. Central prez **Phil** along with the five other Metro club presidents gave a brief summary of club activities and voted on several proposals including participation in the Camp Erdman project on August 26, support of the Par Hawai'i Golf Fundraiser for the YMCA on Sept. 22 and continuation of the Peace Essay/Poster contest in 2018. Central volunteered to host the next meeting on October 14 at 10am at 'Ilima Hotel.

### Hawai'i Region

The clubs voted to ratify the selection of Hilo as the site of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regional Convention to be held (tentatively) May 4-6, 2018 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Central is responsible for gift baskets for the guests of delegates. The next full committee meeting will be August 24 at 6:30pm at the Kalihi YCMA.

## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST 2017

Emphasis: Community Service RSD:  
Ethyl Takamatsu (Kalihi)

4-6 Joint US Area/Canada Convention  
14 Membership Meeting Central Y  
24 82<sup>nd</sup> Regional Convention Meeting  
26 Camp Erdman workday 8am.

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Emphasis: Endowment Fund RD: Isaac  
Sakamoto (Nu'uuanu)

2 Okinawan Festival  
11 Membership Meeting Central Y  
22 Par Hawai'i Golf Tournament

### Christian Emphasis

 By Rick Lau

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness, for they will be  
filled." – Mathew 5:6

We usually get what we hunger and  
thirst for. The problem is, the treasures  
of earth don't satisfy. The promise is, the  
treasures of heaven do . . . Blessed are  
those who, if everything they own were  
taken from them, would be, at most,  
inconvenienced, because their true  
wealth is elsewhere.

### News From the YMCA of Honolulu

The Y recently announced that it now  
supervises 56 A+ sites for the State of  
Hawai'i Dept. of Education. A+ offers  
programs to those children who cannot  
go home immediately after school since  
both parents or other responsible adults  
are working. A+ features a combination  
of activities that add to the children's  
physical and intellectual growth.

### Scenes from the annual Friends of the Library Book sale



The Gang working hard(ly)...



No one gets by this cashier!