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

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Regional Theme:

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

Y's Words:

*Minds are like parachutes-they
only function when open.*

Thomas Dewar

President's Message



September means back to school in many parts of the country although here in Hawaii the public schools reopen in August as do most of the colleges and the University of Hawaii. Lots more traffic on the roads and a longer commute for most people! Meanwhile our club is gearing up for fall activities while looking for new projects that will benefit the YMCA and our community. We exist to serve! I'm also delighted to announce that we have two new members from the YMCA

Staff: **Jon Ikea** and **Tiffany Kugiya**. Welcome aboard Jon and Tiff!

CLUB ACTIVITIES

We had a pretty calm month that saw **Rick** head off to Las Vegas to attend the joint US Area/Canada-Caribbean convention. Here's his report:

US/CANADA/CARIBBEAN JOINT AREA CONVENTION – by Rick Lau

The convention was held Aug. 4 – 6, 2017 at the Hampton Inn in Las Vegas. Representatives from Hawaii were: **Duke Chung, Maurice Shimonishi, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Ray Seto, James Dang** and myself. I got to meet delegates from other areas : India, Australia, Canada, Caribbean and the USA. Also met with the current IP **Henry Grindheim** and IPIP **Joan Wilson. Mr. Moon**, IPE, from Korea was also there promoting next year's Y's Men International convention in Yeosu, South Korea. Interesting breakout sessions were held stressing membership growth as the numbers are falling each year. It was nice to meet delegates from different parts of the world to share ideas and find out what their individual clubs are doing for their communities. I highly encourage y'all to attend the next convention in Korea which will take place August 3-5, 2018. Hawaii did submit a bid to host the 100th Anniversary of Y'sMen International in 2022. It's now up to the International Council members to vote on it.

The third Camp Erdman workday was held on Saturday August 26 from 8am to noon. **Rick, Roy** and **Phil** represented the club and provided the water and juice for all participants. Our task was to prep and stain the wooden auxiliary tent platform. We also helped paint some of the picnic tables. It was a beautiful day for the job although it got a bit warm towards noon. All Metro clubs participated as well as a large contingent of young people from Kaimuki. The camp staff prepared a delicious lunch that hit the spot after a very productive morning. Next project is the **Okinawan Festival** from 8am to noon on Saturday September 1 followed by the **Par Hawaii Golf Tournament** on September 22 to benefit the YMCA of Honolulu. Our next club meeting will be on Monday September 11 at 6pm at Central YMCA.

Brother Club News

The Bendigo *Golden City Bulletin* reports a visit to Parkes Radio Telescope which played a significant role in the first manned Moon landing in July 1969. Built in 1961 the telescope has been regularly upgraded so that only the basic structure has remained unchanged. The telescope is now ten thousand times more sensitive than when commissioned in 1961.

September Emphasis: Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was created to foster development of Y'sdom in all Areas of the world and provide for financial stability of the organization. Funds are raised by contributions (currently \$120 per honoree) made by clubs or individuals on behalf of a YSCI member or other person who has provided exemplary service to the organization, the YMCA or the community. Tributes to the individual are placed in the *Golden Book* which is kept at International Headquarters. Central's honorees over the years have included past members as well as YMCA executives and volunteers

Humor: What do you call an itinerant priest? A *Roman*' Catholic ☺

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
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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

The International Council has eliminated voting exemptions for clubs with less than 15 members. Thus Central will no longer have a say in international elections. It is difficult to understand how disenfranchising members will encourage growth of YSCI. A very shortsighted decision indeed.

US Area

IPRD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** has been nominated for the position of US Area President-elect and International Council member to serve as APE from July 2018 to June 2019 and AP from July 2019 to June 2020. The election will be run this fall by IHQ. ALL Hawai'i Region clubs need to vote to help Bobby get elected!

Metro District

All six Metro district clubs participated in the workday at Camp Erdman on August 26. The original project was created by **Maurice Shimonishi** as a **Nu'uuanu YSC** project then transformed by **Isaac Sakamoto** of the same club into a district project. There are many small projects at camp that are perfect for YSCI most of which involve painting something so there are sure to be more camp adventures in the future for our members!

Hawai'i Region

The Regional Convention committee is working hard on plans for the 82nd convention to be held May 4-6, 2018 in Hilo. Headquarters hotel is now the Hilo Hawaiian which was recently renovated and looks fabulous. There will be many interesting activities including a service project and a visit to the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center. The next committee meeting will follow the Regional Mid Year cabinet meeting on November 4, 2017 at 'Ilima Hotel. Central has responsibility for the guest gift baskets, lei for VIPs and speakers and miscellaneous items.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2017

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

2 Okinawan Festival 8am-noon
11 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
22 Par Hawai'i Golf Tournament

OCTOBER 2017

Emphasis: Alexander Scholarship Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars RSD: Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hilo)

9 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
14 Metro District Meeting

Christian Emphasis

By Rick Lau
"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Jesus Christ . . . who walk according to the Spirit." - Romans 8:1
Does the Word of God say, "There is limited condemnation to those Who are in Christ Jesus?" No. Does it say, "There is some condemnation ? No. It says, "There is no condemnation for those who are in Jesus Christ." Think of it – regardless of our sin, we are not guilty!

News From the YMCA of Honolulu

Mahalo to Macy's and their customers for helping to raise more than \$12,000 to support the Y's summer day and resident camp scholarship program. Thanks to Macy's enthusiastic staff and generous customers, children who otherwise would not be able to afford camp gained new skills, confidence, friends, and life-long memories this summer.

Scenes from the joint US Area/Canada-Caribbean Convention and the Camp Erdman work project.



Da gang invades Lost Wages....



Beautiful Camp Erdman

