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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:
*Personality can open doors, but
only character can keep them
open. Elmer Leterman*

President's Message



Aloha! September turned out to be a bit busier than expected with three events spread across the month. Please see Club Activities for more details. At the last meeting we also decided to do a fall fundraiser selling Zippy's Chili tickets. This is a perennial favorite and yields a modest return that enables us to support the various YSCI programs including Alexander Scholarship Fund and Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars which are featured further on in this newsletter.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

September kicked off with the annual Okinawan Festival at Kapi'olani Park on Saturday Sept 2. Club members worked with Bito Doshi Kai in their huluhuli chicken booth, bagging half chickens hot off the grill (and I mean HOT!). On hand to help were **Phil, Rick, Eunice, Jimmy, Jennie, Troy and Roy**. We did our usual morning shift which was a bit shorter than usual this year so we were pau by 11:30, still plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the festival!

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey the YMCA of Honolulu organized a special project Sept. 15-17 called Kokua for Houston in association with Pasha Hawaii'i and Hawaii'i Stevedores Inc. The aim was to help Houston YMCA's keiki with donations of new sports and outdoor equipment, toys, books, games and other items. Donations helped the 30-plus branch Houston Y take care of hundreds of children at hurricane shelters and provide keiki day camps and after school care throughout the city. All items were packed in a container at the Y and shipped by Pasha Hawaii'i to Houston free of charge. Our own **Rick Lau** donated items as well.

The first annual Par Hawaii'i Golf Tournament to benefit Special Olympics and the YMCA of Honolulu took place on Friday September 22 at the Kapolei Golf Club. YSCI was well represented as was our club with **Rick, Roy, Darryl, Gary and Phil** in attendance. Duties included the Pitch n Putt contest, the booze tent (!) and general assignments. The day was a success (see YMCA next page) and may be repeated next year.

Brother Club News

The Australian Region meeting was held in Port Pirie on October 7. The meeting corresponded with the 50th anniversary of the charter of the Port Pirie Y Service Club. President-Elect **Doug Turnbull** was the regional representative and voting delegate at the AGM of the Region. Area President **Tung-Ming Hsiao** from Taiwan was in attendance, and also visited Bendigo prior to travelling to Port Pirie.

October Emphasis: Alexander Scholarship Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars

The purpose of these funds is to serve two different types of students. The Alexander Fund gives scholarships to college students who are interested in making the YMCA their career. Monies donated are administered by the US Area through the Trustees of the Fund. The Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars program is aimed at current Y professionals who wish to attend seminars that relate to their jobs at the YMCA. Donated monies are administered by the Region. The fund is named for the late **Brad Ishida** whose devotion to YSCI in Hawaii'i was unparalleled. The current RSD for both funds is **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** of Hilo while the ASD for the Alexander Fund is **Dean Currie** of the Pacific SW Region.

Humor: Redneck definitions: Artery: the study of paintings. Bacteria: Back door to the cafeteria. Dilate: To live long. Fester: Quicker than someone else. Fibula: A small lie..

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

The International Council has selected three candidates for International President-elect from among the nominees submitted by the Areas. They are: **Jennifer Jones** Asia Pacific Area, and **Jose Alphonse** and **Rabi Panigrahi** both of Area India.

US Area

The Area is currently seeking a Corporate Secretary. Any YSCI member in good standing is eligible to apply. Much of the Area work is now done via phone conferences, Skype or Go To Meeting given the expense of traveling to meetings and the shrinking size of US Area membership.

Metro District

District Governor **Joe Ann McCarthy** has set the second meeting of the Metro District for Saturday October 14, 2017 at 10am at 'Ilima Hotel. Central is responsible for drinks while the district will provide the meals. Topics of discussion include future Camp Erdman projects and the annual Peace Through Our Eyes project for elementary school children.

Hawai'i Region

Past Regional Director **Sharon Ishida** has agreed to serve as RD-elect for the current year and will assume the duties of RD on July 1, 2018. She is open to a second term but it is hoped that the region can identify a suitable candidate who can be mentored in the duties and responsibilities and be able to follow Sharon in 2019.

Planning continues for the 82nd Regional Convention in Hilo May 4-6, 2018 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. The registration forms are nearing completion and should be ready for approval at the next committee meeting that will precede the Mid Year Regional Cabinet meeting on November 4.

Calendar of Events

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

9 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
14 Metro District Meeting

NOVEMBER 2017

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund RSD:
Phil Chun (Kalihi)

4 Mid Year Cabinet Meeting
13 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
19 Central Residents Holiday Dinner

Christian Emphasis

By Rick Lau

"The payoff for meekness and Fear-of-God is plenty and honor and a satisfying life." - Proverbs 22:4

True humility is not thinking lowly of yourself but thinking accurately of yourself. The humble heart does not say, "I can't do anything." But rather, "I can do everything. I know my part and am happy to do it."

News From the YMCA of Honolulu

Mahalo to all YSCI members who volunteered to assist at the first annual Par Hawai'i Golf Tournament on September 22. The YMCA of Honolulu received \$20,000 which was \$5000 more than anticipated thanks to the large turnout of golfers!

Scenes From the Okinawan Festival

and

Par Hawai'i Golf Tournament

