



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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## Officers 2017-2018

President:	Phil Sammer
1 <sup>ST</sup> VP	Jimmy Ishimoto
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Troy Tomita
Secretary	Jennie Scott
Treasurer	Darryl Tupinio

## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Darryl Tupinio, Eunice Delacruz, Roy Tateishi, Jon Ikea, Tiffany Kugiya

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Troy Tomita  
 Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
 Community Service: Darryl Tupinio  
 Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau  
 Membership/Conserv.: Rick Lau  
 YMCA Service: Phil Sammer  
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 OVG District Governor:  
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 International President:  
 Henry Grindheim (Norway)  
 International President-elect:  
 Moon Sang Bong (Korea)

Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

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

**Y's Words:**  
*Anger is the only thing to put off till tomorrow.*  
Slovakian Proverb

## President's Message



As we come to the end of the year we can look back on six months of fun activities both at the club and the District levels. We're in a strong position with twelve very active members who give of their time and talents to make the club a success. We look forward to 2018 and to the excitement and sense of revitalization that a new year brings. The annual Christmas party is coming up and we'll soon be celebrating together in the holiday spirit. I wish each and every one of you a

very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year! *Aloha, Phil*

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

November began with our regular business meeting on November 13 at the Y during which we had a number of important questions to address including the Region possibly hosting the 2022 International Convention, six amendments to the international constitution, consolidation of the US and Canada-Caribbean Areas AND revisions to the Hawaii Region Awards program! In regards to the 2022 convention, there was some unease about the small number of members in the Region versus the large number of volunteers that will be needed. There was also concern about the age of our current membership and their ability to handle such a large responsibility five years from now. More facts are needed before a decision can be made. Things may also change when the consolidation of Area US and Area Canada-Caribbean moves ahead which the club favors. The club also voted in favor of five of the six constitutional amendments, only voting no on the last one which seeks to decertify all clubs of less than fifteen members from voting on international questions. Also before the club was a discussion of the types of memberships that we might want to create in order to increase participation. Families could be included under one dues structure that would make it more affordable for them to join. Another type is corporate in which the company is the member and can designate two or three employees to participate on a rotating basis.....**Darryl** handed out our Zippy's Chili fundraiser ticket allotments with each member receiving a minimum of 16 tickets although "super saleswoman" **Eunice** took 24 with a promise to come back for more!

The annual Residents Dinner took place on Sunday November 19 from 4pm to 7pm at the Y. This year we served a menu of spaghetti, meatballs, corn, salad, rolls, and apple pie for dessert to more than 30 hungry residents. Ten of our twelve members were there to help along with YSCI friend **Wayson Kobelansky**. Our next event is the annual Christmas dinner at the Pagoda Floating Restaurant on Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 6pm. \$20 max grab bag gift. Hope to see everyone there!

## Brother Club News

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that the club donated \$10,000 to the Bendigo Hospital Foundation and viewed the facilities as well as the wall of donors where, we assume, their name is prominently featured!

## December Emphasis: Christian Emphasis

"His kingdom will never end." – Luke 1:33 Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So this is he. She remembers the words of the angel. "His kingdom will never end." He looks anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being. Majesty in the midst of the mundane. The essence of Christmas is not on the presents.

It's Christ's presence living in us. Have a blessed Christmas.

**Humor:** LEXOPHILES: When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months. The batteries were given out free of charge. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

Chartered May 24, 1994

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

## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International

IHQ has presented six amendments to the International Constitution to the clubs for ratification. Central voted in favor of all but the last which seeks to complete the disenfranchisement of clubs with less than fifteen members from the International family.

### US Area

Areas US and Canada-Caribbean are polling their members regarding a possible merger due to falling enrollment. This would result in the loss of a seat on the International Council and both Areas becoming Regions in a new North American Area. We assume the presidency would alternate between the two regions. This is distressing news since YSCI began in the USA which will now effectively disappear as an independent entity.

### Metro District

The next Metro District meeting will be held on Saturday January 27, 2018 at 10am at Kalihi Y.

### Hawai'i Region

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Convention Committee met on Saturday November 4, 2017 at 9am just prior to the Mid Year Cabinet meeting. The final version of the registration form was approved and should be available by the end of November. Next meeting is at Kalihi Y at 9am just prior to the Metro District meeting on January 27.

The Mid Year Cabinet meeting featured reports from officers, club presidents and ASDs. The budget for 2017-2018 was approved. Much discussion centered on whether the Region should bid on the 2022 International Convention, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of YSCI. **Sharon Ishida** and **Phil Sammer** were appointed to head a committee to study possibilities and to liaise with the International Convention Committee.

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2017

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD:  
**Rick Lau** (Central)

6 Central YSC Xmas Party Pagoda  
Floating Restaurant 6pm.

### JANUARY 2018

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: **Phil Sammer** (Central)

8 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm  
21 YMCA Sunday  
27 Metro District Meeting and 82<sup>nd</sup>  
Convention Committee Mtg Kalihi YMCA

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Recently, staff had the opportunity to watch our amazing Atherton Y students in action. As part of their Keiki Outreach Initiative program, these students provide weekly enrichment activities for kids living at the IHS Shelter. The day was filled with origami swans, games and sharing what they would all like to be when they grow up. Our Atherton Y students started off the sharing and they set the bar high - - when it was the kids' turns, staff heard a lot of "doctors, teachers and policeman"- -oh, there was one very young girl who wanted to be both a doctor and a cheerleader! It was a joy for our team to watch the many big smiles on everyone's face...knowing that these kids had a chance to take a break from the very challenging and difficult lives they live each day - just to be kids for a while...

Photos from the annual Central YMCA Residents Dinner November 19, 2017



Darryl Samples the food



Garrett dishes out the spaghetti



Da Gang!



Appreciative crowd!