



The Y'S OBSERVER

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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:
*Life is like a box of chocolates:
You never know what you'll get.
Forrest Gump*

President's Message



Aloha! I hope the year has been going well for you. A few weeks ago I was asked to accept the RD position for the coming year. After some consideration I accepted and will be installed at the 82nd Regional Convention in Hilo in May. Yes, I am being recycled, but the Region needed a transitional period during which upcoming young members could gain valuable experience before taking on the RD duties. I am honored by the confidence the Hawaii Region has in me and look

forward to serving. This of course means that I will be stepping down as president of the club but will continue to participate in its activities. Our club has reached twelve members and is stronger than ever with a pool of talent waiting to be tapped. I'm excited about giving another member the chance to gain leadership experience while continuing our tradition of YMCA and community involvement. *Aloha, Phil.*

CLUB ACTIVITIES

January turned out to be a quiet month for the club with only one scheduled activity: The annual Friends of the Library winter book and media sale that features rare LP records and CDs as well as lots of books. The gang gathered on Sunday January 14 from 8:30am to noon at Washington Middle School. On hand to help were **Rick, Roy, Tiffany** and **Phil**. Rick and Roy worked as adders while Phil cashiered and Tiff polled exiting patrons about how they knew about the sale. The turnout was good and business was brisk with many people buying hundreds of dollars worth of recorded treasures. The next sale is the main summer event that runs from June 16 to 24 at McKinley High School. Central will be there to help!.....January 27 was not a club project day but turned out to be very busy with three events scheduled that involved Metro members: The 82nd Regional Convention meeting and Metro District meeting, both attended by **Rick** and **Phil**, and the Annual Support Campaign Kickoff for the YMCA attended by **Troy**. More on those meetings on page 2...**DUES ARE DUE**: One semester: \$55; one year: \$110, monthly: \$10. Please bring your checkbook to the next meeting or mail directly to treasurer Darryl. Next club meeting is Monday February 12 at 6pm at Central Y..

Brother Club News

Our **Bendigo** Brother Club in Australia reports that long time YSCI member **Bill Schmidt** has been appointed RD which is the highest office in Y'sdom in the Australian Region. Bill is taking up the role immediately, although not yet officially installed, and will serve until June 30, 2019.

February Emphasis: Time of Fast Global Project Fund

TOF-GPF reflects the spirit of Y'sdom and urges members to sacrifice at least one meal a year and contribute its cost to the Fund. Such contributions support a variety of YSCI and YMCA projects with focus on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Around eight new projects are funded annually within a collective budget of about \$180,000. Since its inception in 1972 the Fund has supported hundreds of projects in more than thirty countries with nearly \$6.5 million. See the second page bottom of this newsletter for examples.

Humor: Some wisdom from the great American funnyman Will Rodgers:

- There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.

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 2nd Monday
at Central YMCA 6pm

News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

Faced with widespread negative backlash regarding the disenfranchisement of small clubs, IP **Henry Grindheim** has issued a letter stating that the decision will be reviewed at the upcoming IEO meeting later this month.

US Area

The US Area is collecting comments from the Regions regarding the International voting issue. Hawai'i RD **Eddie Miwa** has received comments from the clubs which he will present in a report at the February Area Council meeting that will be held via internet.

Metro District

Metro DG **JoeAnn McCarthy** gaveled the district meeting to order at 10 AM on Saturday January 27 at the Kalihi YMCA. **Phil** and **Rick** represented Central. There was discussion about selling shave ice at Healthy Kids Day, this year to be held at Camp Erdman, which poses some logistical problems. However, we will participate. The Peace Project will be held March 19-23 during intercession with Hilo also participating this year. Much debate centered on hosting the proposed International Convention in 2022. DG **Eddie** has asked the presidents to review the requirements once more time at their next meetings and give a yea or nay vote.

Hawai'i Region

The 82nd Regional Convention Committee has created an exclusive convention polo shirt that is sure to become a collector's item. Cost is only \$25 per shirt. **Phil** will be taking orders at the February club meeting. If you haven't registered for the convention yet forms are available on www.ysmenhawaii.org. Flights are limited to Hilo so book early. Central is providing the amenity bags and lei for guests of YSCI members and ViPs.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2018

Emphasis: Time of Fast Global Project
Fund RSD: **Phil Chun** (Kalihi)

12 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
ASC: Drop updates at the Y every
Wednesday

MARCH 2018

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: **Jim Kanehira** (Windward)

7 AC Victory Dinner Dave & Busters
12 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
24 Camp Erdman Work Day 8am

Christian Emphasis

"Let your light shine before men, that
they may see your good deeds and
praise your Father in heaven." – Mathew
5:16

Did you notice the first five letters of the
word courteous spell court? In old
England, to be courteous was to act in
the way of the court.....Are we not called
to represent the King? Then "let your light
shine before men, that they may see
your good deeds and praise your Father
in heaven."

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

Central is participating in the ASC (now
called simply Annual Campaign) with a
goal of \$49,000. At the kick off at
Honolulu Country Club on Saturday
January 27 Chair **Dave Livingston**
reported \$31,095 or 63% of the goal with
100% board participation! Envelope
drops are on Wednesdays with the
Victory dinner on March 7 at Dave &
Busters.

Four stalwart Central members turned out for the winter
Friends of the Library book sale.



Rear: Tiff and Phil Front: Rick(L) and Roy

Sample TOF-GPF Projects

TOF 17-06 "EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THEIR
EMPLOYMENT THROUGH
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND VOCATIONAL
TRAININGS" IN PONEMONTSY VILLAGE, BELARUS

Pledged CHF 26,238 to research the needs of local youth and
subsequently provide relevant, modern training/support where
the antiquated educational system is failing, hopefully reversing
the local employment trend (approaching 40% unemployment
for young people) in the post-Soviet era.

TOF 17-04 "RIZAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
INSTITUTE" IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Pledged CHF 9,170 to support the Philippines' YMCA Rizal
Youth Leadership Training Institute, providing targeted and
tested leadership education to promising college/university
students for more than 50 years.