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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:
*The small act of paying attention
can take you a long way.*
-Keanu Reeves

President's Message



It seems that I was just wishing you all a happy new year and now we are in the month of March! 2000 years ago the Romans remarked on this phenomenon saying "tempus fugit" or time flies. March will be a busy month with several important activities scheduled including the annual Metro District Conference, held this year at the Kaimuki YMCA. We're also gearing up for the 82nd Regional Convention for which Central is tasked to provide the gift bags for guests of YSCI members.

If you haven't signed up yet it's not too late. This will be a great convention judging by the wonderful flyers being sent out by the good folks in Hilo. You can register on line at <http://www.ysmenhawaii.org/>. Don't forget to get your air tickets as well. *Aloha, Phil.*

Club Activities

February was dedicated to the Annual YMCA Campaign that provides the main source of scholarship money to deserving youth across the association. Central's goal is \$49,000 most of which has been attained. Central YSC donated \$250 this year from our chili fundraiser in December. Given the small number of campaign workers there were no report meetings but there will be a victory dinner from 5pm to 8pm on March 7 at Dave and Buster's. We also learned that redevelopment plans for the branch are once again moving ahead with hope that we will break ground on a new building sometime next year. In the meantime the residence continues to operate creating an income stream that helps defray some operating expenses. Another Camp Erdman work day is scheduled for March 24. We'll be providing the drinks. The club is working on gathering items for the welcome gift bags that will be given to guests of YSCI members at the annual convention in May. We are also looking to identify a new club president as **Phil** will be transitioning to Regional Director in May at the convention.

Brother Club News

The Bendigo *Golden City Bulletin* reports that **Paul Johns** was the guest of the club on 15th February to report on the success of the Kidney Kar Rally in which he drove a rally car with his navigator, Scott, from Griffith to Wagga Wagga via Tibooburra. The rally covered 6,000 kilometers to raise funds for kidney health and awareness.

March Emphasis: Brother Clubs

The internationality of YSCI is reflected in the International Brother Club (IBC) program that seeks to bring together individuals from across the world via formal agreements that allow members to find out more about the unique ways that each club conducts business and does projects. It also brings together individuals who might never have had the chance to meet were it not for the program. Clubs can be domestic as well as international and up to four can become associated as long as they all have each other in common. Central has IBC agreements with Westchester, CA, Northwest Y Service Club, CA, and Bendigo, Australia who in turn have agreements with each other. This is called a quadrangle relationship. Central has agreements with Northwest Y and Kyoto Palace, Japan, which forms a triangle relationship. Central also has relationships with Seoul, Korea, and Thika, Kenya. IBC truly spans the world!

Humor: Don't argue with an idiot; People watching may not be able to tell the difference. Wouldn't it be nice if, whenever we messed up our life, we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over? Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

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

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International

The ICM meeting in Korea in August in conjunction with the international convention will discuss and vote on possibly rescinding the ban on small clubs voting rights due to outcry from several regions around the world.

US Area

The Area Council met via internet on Saturday morning February 24. RD **Eddie** and RDE **Phil** "attended" the meeting. Highlights included the following: Our own **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** does not require a confirmation vote as APE and is declared elected; the International Convention is confirmed for August 9-12 with a Youth Convocation from August 6-12. The Area will partially subsidize attendees including our region's delegate **Kai Uyehara** from Kaimuki who will also receive a regional subsidy. The Pacific Central region will likely merge with the Pacific Southwest region later this year. The area council meeting will be held in Long Beach, CA July 6-8 while RDE training will take place in St. Louis, MO November 10-11. Finally the US Area/Area Canada-Caribbean merger is currently on hold.

Metro District

The Metro District Conference will take place on Saturday March 7, 2018 at 6pm at the Kaimuki YMCA. This is the official meeting of the year required under the bylaws and all YSCI members are invited to attend. Please RSVP with **Phil** if you wish to go so that an accurate headcount can be taken for dinner orders.

Hawai'i Region

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

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

APRIL 2018

Emphasis: Leadership Training Co-RSDs: Keola Taniguchi (West O'ahu); Sharon Ishida (Kaimuki)

7 Metro District Conference-Kaimuki Y
14 Healthy Kids Day-Camp Erdman
16 Membership Meeting: Note date

Christian Emphasis

"He himself is our peace. . . and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." - Ephesians 2:14

We are guilty and He is innocent. We are filthy and He is pure. We are wrong and He is right. He is not on that cross for His sins. He is there for ours.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The YMCA of Honolulu is offering Intersession Programs for year-round students during their breaks that provide a safe, fun environment for children to continue learning and developing while they are out of school. Program activities include sports, outdoor play, arts and crafts, science, cooking, story time, swimming, field trips, games, and much more. For more info or to register go to www.ymcahonolulu.org.