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US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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Regional Theme:

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

Y's Words:

*The art of leadership is saying no,
not yes. It's very easy to say yes.*
-Tony Blair

President's Message



I was planning to be out of town the second week in April but that has changed so our monthly meeting will be on the usual second Monday which is **April 9**. Be sure to adjust your calendar! If you haven't signed up yet for Hilo 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. We'll be making up the gift baskets on location

since the bags are being provided by Hilo YSC. I'll be bringing the gift items. *Aloha, Phil.*

Club Activities

March seemed to fly by this year. The month kicked off with the Central Y Annual Campaign Victory celebration at Dave & Busters. We were delighted to learn that we had not only reached but exceeded our goal of \$50,000! Congratulations to chair **Dave Livingston**. Central YSC members were key producers bringing in almost two thirds of the total raised...With **Phil** moving up to RD we needed a new president and **Jimmy Ishimoto** stepped up to the plate. This is his first time as president of the club and we appreciate his willingness to serve. The work day at Camp Erdman scheduled for Saturday March 24 had to be postponed due to threatening weather. The day wasn't as bad as forecasted but it would have been too wet to do any painting. Organizer **Isaac Sakamoto** is looking at another date later in the year...**Take note:** The April meeting will be on the usual second Monday of the month, April 9 due to the cancellation of Phil's planned trip to Los Angeles.

Brother Club News

The Bendigo **Golden City Bulletin** reports that Bendigo held a combined meeting with the **Kangaroo Flat Club** at Bendigo Club Rooms and received an interesting and informative address on the disease of leprosy, something that we in Hawai'i are very familiar with. It is of course completely treatable these days and the patients who remain in Kalaupapa do so of their own volition. However, the disease is still rampant in parts of the world where ignorance of means of transmission and fear of social and family ostracism prevent people from seeking treatment, much as it did over 150 years ago here in the islands...

March Emphasis: Leadership Training

Leadership training is a core function of the club and the region in that it prepares individuals to assume increasingly important positions of responsibility that are necessary for the effective functioning of our organization. We are fortunate this year to have two seasoned trainers in the Region: **Keola Taniguchi**, Executive Director of the YMCA Mililani/West O'ahu Branch and **Sharon Ishida**, past regional director and former branch executive at Kaimuki Y. Keola and Sharon will be presenting a very interesting breakout session at the 82nd Regional Convention entitled "Dimensions of Diversity and Inclusion" in which we will learn how the Y is working to ensure that everyone in our community feels welcome and fully engaged as participants, members, staff and volunteers. Our commitment to inclusion creates better communities, a better country, and a better world. . . for a better us. A not-to-be-missed training as well as another great reason to attend the convention May 4-6 in Hilo on beautiful Hawai'i island!

Humor: Questions to ponder: Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one? If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled? What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men? Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard? Whose cruel idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?

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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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

Since the year 2000, one billion malaria nets have been delivered worldwide, thanks in part to the contribution of YSCI clubs who have contributed more than \$704,378.

US Area

AP **Tibor Foki** reported that the merger of Areas USA/Canada-Caribbean is definitely off. It appears that there never was any real reason to suppose that the two areas wished or needed to combine. There was also no groundswell of support for the measure among members....PAP **Debbie Redmond** continues to gather information from the Hawai'i Region for the 2022 YSCI 100th Anniversary convention bid. Several other regions are interested in hosting so it's not a done deal..

Metro District

Editor's correction: The Metro District Conference will take place on **Saturday April 7, 2018** at 6pm at the Kaimuki YMCA. This is the official annual meeting 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

US Area Corporate Secretary **Nancy Libby** will be taking advantage of her trip to Hawai'i to visit Hawai'i Island and also explore O'ahu. The Hilo YSC will assist her for sightseeing in Hilo and Kona while RD **Eddie** and RDE **Phil** will be working out arrangements for her stay in Honolulu which will take place from May 10 to 15. This is Nancy's first visit to the islands and we're sure she'll be wowed by our Hawaiian hospitality! Convention preparations are reaching a climax with the final committee meeting set for Saturday April 7 at Kaimuki Y just before the Metro District Conference. The agenda and other preparations will be finalized.

Calendar of Events

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

7 Metro District Conference-Kaimuki Y
9 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
14 Healthy Kids Day-Camp Erdman

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Emphasis: Convention. Chair: Duke Chung (West O'ahu)

4-6 82nd Regional Convention, Hilo, HI
14 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
27 Special Olympics-UH Manoa

Christian Emphasis

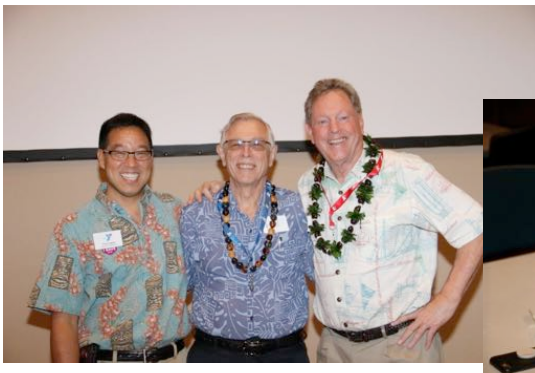
"Christ died for our sins." – 1 Corinthians
15:3

The cross . . . My, what a piece of wood!
History has idolized it and despised it,
gold-plated it and burned it,
worn and trashed it. History has done
everything to it but ignore it. That's the
one option the cross does not
offer. No one can ignore it!

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

In a departure from the past the YMCA will hold Healthy Kids Day this year at Camp Erdman in Mokulei'a. Attendance is expected to be below previous years but the cost of putting on the event will be much reduced. The Metro District clubs will once again join together to sell shave ice although it is a bit more difficult to obtain enough ice that far from town. Should be a fun day, as always!

Scenes from the AC Victory Dinner



Troy, Phil and Chair Dave
Celebrate



It's all about the kids!



Dave Livingston and Honolulu
YMCA CEO Mike Broderick