



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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## Officers 2018-2019

President:	Jimmy Ishimoto
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## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Gary Bautista, Eunice Delacruz, Roy Tateishi, Jon Ikea, Phil Sammer, Rick Lau, Guy Arakaki

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Tiff Kugiya  
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
Community Service: Rick Lau  
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Phil Sammer(Central)

## Hawaii Regional Director-elect:

Phil Sammer (Central)

## Metro District Governor:

Joe-Ann McCarthy (Windward)

Metro Lt Gov: Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida(Kalihi)

## OVG District Governor:

Ken Okimoto (Hilo)

## US Area President: Tibor Foki

(Pacific Southwest)

## US Area President-elect:

Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hawaii)

## International President:

Moon Sang Bong (Korea)

## International President-elect:

Jennifer Jones (Australia)

## Central YMCA Executive Director:

Troy Tomita

## Regional Theme:

***E Hana Kakou: Let's work together!***

***Y's Words: Be life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for.***

*David S Jordan*

## President's Message



Aloha Central Y Service Club members,  
Thanks to **Troy** for filling in for me at last month's meeting as I was in Japan with my family for 17 days. We at Central Y are fortunate to have good members who are very capable including RD **Phil** for always putting out great Y's Observer newsletters that keep us up to date. See you all at the next meeting. *Jimmy*

## Club Activities

It was a very quiet month for the club with members traveling and only one official activity: The Metro District meeting on Saturday July 28 (see article next page). President **Jimmy** was on an extended tour of Japan. Unfortunately he didn't have time to visit our brother club in Kyoto but certainly saw a lot of the country. **Phil** went to California for the US Area Council annual meeting at Long Beach State U. and arrived just in time for a major heat wave with temps topping 100 degrees! The RDs were housed in an old dorm without air conditioning which nearly caused a revolt but fortunately the meeting room and cafeteria had aircon. Next year no dorms!

## Brother Club News

The Bendigo **Golden City Bulletin** reports that at the last meeting David Barber from Bendigo Woodturners spoke about the various timbers they turn into a huge variety of items as well as the variety of the processes used to make their creations. Also reported was a story that two Y Service families are now working with Friends and Mentors in Bendigo, an organization of local people who assist indigenous Karen refugees from Myanmar negotiate their transition into the Bendigo community.

## August Emphasis: Community Service

When judge **Paul William Alexander** founded Y Service Clubs International in 1922 he did so to provide service to the YMCA of Toledo, Ohio. But it was soon evident that there was a need for service to the community as well. YSCI clubs have a long tradition of seeking out and providing services that benefit their hometowns and the world in general. Local projects in Hawaii include delivering food for Meals On Wheels, the Peace Through My Eyes essay contest for school children, projects to feed the homeless, repairs and maintenance to a *lo'i* or taro patch, and Thanksgiving dinner for seniors. At the International level many community projects are financed by the Time of Fast-Global Project Fund in association with local YMCAs. Some examples are: Empowering young people to get better jobs through continuing education in Belarus, Youth Leadership Training in the Philippines, and providing early detection screening for cancer in India. One area of great need is Africa where YSCI, in conjunction with other organizations, has been providing anti-malarial mosquito nets to local communities through the Roll Back Malaria project that targets the young children who are the most susceptible to the disease. These efforts have reduced cases of malaria among children by 35% since 2010. Locally and internationally YSCI is making a difference in the world thanks to the efforts of dedicated Y Service club members who live by the motto: *To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.* For more information about community service contact Regional Service Director **Rick Lau** at [riclor@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:riclor@hawaii.rr.com).

**Humor: Age brings equanimity:** I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke. I smile because I don't know what the heck is going on. Don't take life too seriously: No one gets out alive.

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

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## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

The International Council takes place just prior to the Yeosu convention at which time the Area presidents will take up the question of changing the definition of an official club able to vote in international elections from 15 members to 5 members.

### US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The US Area will be sending a total of nine delegates to the International Youth Convocation which runs concurrently with the International Convention in Yeosu, Korea in August. **Kai Uyehara** of Kaimuki YSC will represent the Hawai'i Region while US Area Youth rep **Matt Rodrigues** will head up the delegation.

### Metro District

The first Metro District meeting of the new year was held at the Windward Y on Saturday July 28, 2018 presided by DG **JoeAnn McCarthy**. All six clubs were represented with **Rick** on hand for Central. **The proposed Camp Erdman work project on August 25 has been postponed.** A Community Day will take place on April 6, 2019, that replaces Healthy Kids Day, during which Metro will once again make and sell shave ice. Also discussed was the Par Hawai'i Golf Tournament on September 28 to benefit the YMCA of Honolulu. The next meeting will follow the Regional Mid Year Cabinet Meeting on October 20.

### Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The first planning committee meeting for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regional Convention took place just before the Metro District meeting on July 28. The plenary session and breakouts will be at 'Ilima Hotel while the Friday dinner will be at Hale Koa and the Saturday dinner at Kapi'olani Community College Ka 'Ikena Room. Central and Hilo will share Hospitality duties.

## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST 2018

Emphasis: Community Service RSD:  
Rick Lau (Central)

13 Membership Mtg Central Y 6PM

### SEPTEMBER 2018

Emphasis: Endowment Fund RSD: Troy  
Tomita (Central)

10 Membership Mtg Central Y 6PM  
28 Par Hawai'i Golf Tournament

### Christian Emphasis

Though we grieve, we have hope in  
Jesus = Luke 24:13-32

Lord God, thank you for being the light in  
the darkness. Bring hope when I'm sad  
and confused, and help me to see Your  
glory = Luke 24:31

### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The YMCA of Honolulu is now hiring After  
School Program Leaders for the upcoming  
school year. Positions are available at 61  
locations across Oahu! Lead and supervise  
kids in a variety of activities including  
outdoor play, homework help, field trips,  
arts and crafts, sports and games. Enjoy  
great hours, a flexible schedule, paid  
training, and a FREE Y membership! More  
info at [www.ymcahonolulu.org](http://www.ymcahonolulu.org).