



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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President: Jimmy Ishimoto
VP: Troy Tomita
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Other Club Members:

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

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Phil Sammer (Central)
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International President-elect:
Jennifer Jones (Australia)

Central YMCA Executive Director:

Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

E Hana Kakou: Let's work together!

Y's Words: An expert is a man who will know tomorrow why things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today..anonymous

President's Message



Aloha Central Y Service Club members: President Jimmy is currently traveling on the continent to visit family. He sends his best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year and looks forward to seeing everyone at the next club meeting on January 14.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! *Aloha, Jimmy*

Club Activities

The main activity for December was the annual club Christmas Party which was held this year at the Willows Restaurant. Unbeknownst to us the restaurant was planning to close permanently at the end of December so we were fortunate to be able to hold our celebration there one last time. We had an excellent turnout that included ten of our thirteen members as well as VIP guests Metro District Governor **JoeAnn McCarthy** and Lt. DG **Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida**. On hand to celebrate were **Jimmy, Rick, Roy, Guy, Jennie, Eunice, Darryl, Jon, Troy** and **Phil**. We had the same private room as in the past so were able to enjoy the party fully. The food was one and the gift exchange lots of fun. Playing cards were drawn to determine the order of selection with each person choosing either a wrapped gift or "cock-a-roaching" (taking) someone else's that they preferred. No one was safe until the end! It was a great way to end the year and, as they say, a good time was had by all!.....The club's first meeting of 2019 will be on Monday January 14 at 6pm at the Y. Plans will be discussed for YMCA Sunday and the annual **Friends of the Library** Media and Book sale on Sunday January 20. Also to discuss are spring projects and the upcoming 83rd Regional Convention including sale of Raffle Tickets and plans for the Hospitality duty that we will share with Hilo...The Annual YMCA Strong Communities Campaign kicks off at Dole Ballrooms on Saturday February 2 at 11am. Please let **Jennie** know if you plan to attend. Central's goal this year is \$55,000 and our club has always played a major part in achieving that goal!

Brother Club News

Our good friends **Hitoshi** and **Yuko Inoue** of the **Kyoto Palace Y's Men's Club** will be visiting Hawai'i May 18-21, 2019 staying at 'Ilima Hotel. Unfortunately they will miss the regional convention but hope to meet with members of the club while they are here.

January Emphasis: YMCA SERVICE

When Judge **Paul William Alexander** formed Y's Men's Clubs in 1922 the era of the service club was well underway beginning with Rotary and continuing with Kiwanis and Lions. However, Y's Men was unique in focusing on the needs of a single organization, the Toledo Central YMCA, to assist in its mission of providing opportunities to the community for personal growth both physical and emotional. Today Y Service Clubs continue this unique tradition of a very close partnership with the YMCA especially here in Hawai'i where every island association has a Y Service Club partner or partners. In January we celebrate YMCA Sunday during which clubs can celebrate this collaboration singly or together while also honoring the Christian foundations of our movement.

Humor: Age brings wisdom they say but also a few other issues:

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art.. It's perfect.' 'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty..'

Three old guys are out walking. First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer..'

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
Northwest Y Service
Club(CA)
Thika Y Service Club
(Kenya)
Kyoto Palace Y's Men's
Club (Japan)
Bendigo Y Service Club
(Australia)

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 (ysmen.org)

Electronic ballots will soon be sent out to all eligible clubs for the upcoming election for International President-elect designate. Candidates for International president include **Poul-Henrick Jakobsen** of Denmark, **Susy Mathew** of India and our own Past Area President **Debbie Redmond**. Be sure to vote and make your voices heard!

US Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The US Area will participate in a joint convention with Area Canada-Caribbean from August 16 to 18, 2019 in the capital of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario. The venue is the University of Ottawa campus where meetings will be held and dormitories are available for lodging. The use of the university facilities and the favorable currency exchange make the convention very affordable. We hope that all US Area YSCI members will plan to attend what promises to be an exciting and interesting gathering!

Metro District

The next district meeting will be held on Saturday February 9, 2019 at 'Ilima Hotel from 10am to 1pm. RSVP to **Jennie** for lunch count.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The 83rd Regional Convention Committee met on Saturday December 8 at 'Ilima Hotel. The raffle was discussed and tickets will soon be distributed to clubs for presale. Fifty and one hundred dollar cash prizes will be offered this year along with gift certificates and other items. Deadline to turn in monies is April 19. The registration form is currently being developed and will be sent out shortly. Central and Hilo are responsible for Hospitality and will coordinate duties. The next committee meeting is on Thursday January 17 at 6:30pm at the Kalihi YMCA.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2019

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Tony Yee (Kaimuki)

14 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
19-21 Friends of the Library Media Sale

FEBRUARY 2019

Emphasis: Time of Fast Co-RSDs: Ray Seto, Ashleeann Rowe, Kent Uyehara (Kaimuki)

2 YMCA Annual Campaign Kick off
6, 13 & 20 Reports Due
9 Metro District Meeting
11 Membership Meeting Central Y 6pm
27 Victory Dinner Dave and Busters

Christian Emphasis

Happiness is not a matter of good fortune or worldly possessions. It's a mental attitude. It comes from appreciating what we have instead of being miserable about what we don't have. It's so simple-yet so hard for the human mind to comprehend.

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

The Annual Strong Communities Campaign of the YMCA of Honolulu will kick off on Saturday February 2, 2019 at the Dole Ballrooms from 11am to 1pm. As in past years all branches will participate in the event and present their goals for the campaign. Central will participate and has set a goal of \$55,000.

Photo Gallery: Annual Central Y Service Club Holiday Party

