



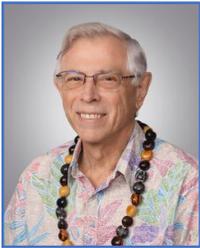
# Ku'i Ka Pahu

*Beat the Drum*

Hawai'i Region Y Service Club Newsletter – July 2019



## Regional Director's Message By RD Phil Sammer, 2018-2020



Aloha mai kakou!

As we begin the new Y Service Clubs year, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all those Y Service club members who are volunteering as officers and Regional Service directors for 2018 to 2020. I sincerely appreciate their dedication and willingness to serve at the Regional level for the benefit of our Hawai'i Region clubs. Thanks again for all that you do!

I would also like to thank Regional Director-elect Sharon Ishida for her willingness to step up and lead the region in 2020-2021. As a past RD she has the skills and experience to provide the resources necessary to assist the clubs to achieve their full potentials.

The Hawai'i Region continues to be active and engaged both with their YMCAs and their communities, serving as a model for other regions across the USA, but we must continue to rejuvenate our membership in order to continue the storied history of Y Serve Clubs in Hawai'i. Invite a friend to participate in a project and discover an organization that is not only local but international in scope.

To this end I invite you to participate in the upcoming USA/Canada-Caribbean joint convention that will take place August 16-18 in Ottawa, Canada. You will make new friends across the US and Canada as well as participating in interesting and important discussions about the future of our Y Service organization. I hope to see you there!

I would also like to congratulate the Central Y Service Club on the occasion of its 25th anniversary serving their Y and the community. A special dinner will be held on Saturday July 27. If you would like to attend please contact club President Rick Lau at [riclor@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:riclor@hawaii.rr.com).

Aloha,

Phil Sammer, RD

## METRO MEETING

First Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Kalihi YMCA 4<sup>th</sup>  
Conference Room

Second Meeting

Date: October 2019 (TBA)

Time: TBA

Host Club: Windward Y Service  
Club

Third Meeting

Date: January 2020 (TBA)

Host Club: Central Y Service  
Club

Metro District Conference

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Host Club: Kaimuki Y Service  
Club

## MID-YEAR CABINET MEETING

Date: Saturday, November 2,  
2019

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Ilima Hotel

*Note: Dates/times can be subject to change.*

## CLUB FOCUS

August

Community Service  
RSD Rick Lau (Central)

September

Endowment Fund (EF)  
RSD Troy Tomita (Central)

October

Alexander Scholarship Fund  
and Brad Ishida Dollars for  
Scholars (ASF/BIDFS)  
RSD Traven Apiki (Hilo)

## Japan West Y's Men's Convention in Kyoto, Japan

Submitted by Maurice Shimonishi

When you have a Brother Club Relationship, it is best to take the time and make the opportunity to visit and learn the culture and how they do things as Y's Men.

Our Brother club is the Osaka Centennial Club. They have about 20 club members like the Nuuanu Club. They have a once a month dinner meeting at the Gravia Hotel in Osaka and have a guest speaker at their meetings. One of biggest difference if the dues – members pay around \$700 a year to become a member. A huge financial commitment. Nuuanu's membership dues are \$40 a year!

The Osaka Club has several club members that can speak English fluently. Kan Tanikawa, a journalist who worked for a British firm in the Northeast United States for over 10 years, was my greeter and guide. That makes it very easy to meet and greet. One of the first things you learn about Japan is how to travel by using the trains, taxis and buses. Kan came to my hotel to escort me to the Rohm Theater and the Westin Miyako hotel. That was located about 25 minutes away.

At the meeting it was consisted of giving reports but the first order was the bringing of the club banners by each club. Over 40 clubs were represented. Another part of the program was the signing of Domestic Brother Clubs. Kaimuki's brother club Kyoto Zero club signed with a domestic brother club. It would have been nice to see a Kaimuki representative there. After the ceremonies, we took the train back to the hotel. Then back for the dinner celebration where I sat with my brother club and had a brother club meeting. Also, exchanging gifts from Hawaii and receiving gifts from Japan.

I visited the table of the Kyoto Prince Club member. They are the brother club of West Oahu Club. They stated that they would be attending the Hawaii Regional Convention next year. Also at the dinner were Aya Tango and Yumi Ishida, both attending the Hawaii Region Convention held at Kilauea Military Camp in Hilo.

You begin to meet and establish relationships that will be helpful throughout your life. You adapt and make the best of the language differences. Kyoto is also a beautiful city to visit. Plan on attending next year's Japan West Convention in Otsu at Lake Biwa.



Presentation of the club banners



Kyoto Zero Club Signing



Kyoto Prince Club



Osaka Centennial Club



2020 Japan West Convention Banner



Aya Tango and Kan Tanikawa

## **Update on 83<sup>rd</sup> Convention Service Project**

Submitted by JoeAnn McCarthy

Thank you to all clubs that donated money and items towards the monthly Kailua Houseless Project sponsored by the Windward YMCA, the Institute for Human Services and Daybreak Church. At this event, the houseless are provided a hot lunch, clothes, a portable bath station, a free haircut, toiletry items as well as services provided by various agencies. This event is held the last Tuesday of each month and it is celebrating its second year as a community outreach service project. Approximately 30+ clients are served monthly.

Clubs and individuals in the Region donated a total of \$325, socks, gauzes and bandages. The donated money was well spent and included 10 packs of razors, 2 dozen deodorant, 15 boxes of various size bandages, 10 boxes of bacitracin ointment, 10 boxes of antibiotic ointment, 2 dozen chap sticks, 4 large boxes of alcohol wipes, 6 packs of hand wipes, 6 packs of women's underwear and 3 dozen socks. There are enough supplies to last an additional 6 months.

As part of our support for the Windward YMCA and the Kailua community, Windward Y Service Club members man the toiletry booth and hand out the usual toiletry items: toothpaste, tooth brushes, hand lotions, shampoos, conditioners and soaps. However, on May 28, we were able to distribute the additional supplies provided by the Hawaii Region and clients were able to choose whatever they needed. These items were much appreciated as they were supplies that were specifically requested by the clients. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## **CLUB HAPPENINGS**

### **Central Y Service Club**

Submitted by Rick Lau

June 30 - Volunteered at the Annual Friends of Library Book Sale at McKinley High School Cafeteria.

July 27 - Central Y Service club 25th Anniversary dinner.

Aug. 31 - Volunteer at food booth at annual Okinawan Festival – Hawaii Convention Center.

### **Kaimuki Y Service Club**

Submitted by Sharon Ishida

Our new club year began with a Wine Sampling Fundraiser on June 27th at the Temple Emanu-el in Nuuanu. Supported with amazing donations from various vendors and donors, the evening was a successful blend of excellent wine, delicious heavy pupus (kudos to our own club member, CASSIDY INAMASU and his capable kitchen helpers), and the ukulele duo of KAI and KENT UYEHARA. About fifty friends, family, Y staff and club members enjoyed the relaxing evening of fellowship and laughter. A brisk and competitive auction of unopened bottles of wine ended the event by Chairman, RAYMOND SETO. Along with the "Goodnights" were already inquiries about "next year's Wine Sampling event"!

Club officers for this year are: Sharon Ishida, President; Wes Pei, VP; Vernon Yoshida, Treasurer and Ashleeann Rowe, Secretary

### **Kalihi Y Service Club**

Submitted by Tony Pfaltzgraff

Each year Kalihi Y Service Club members volunteer to help with the annual Kalihi YMCA golf tournament. Members show up early on the Friday morning of the tournament to make tuna and egg salad sandwiches for golfer's lunches. Members also help out at Pearl Country Club registering players, arranging snacks, lunches and many of the details that help the tournament continue to be such a success. When the tournament started over thirty years ago, the Kalihi Y Endowment Fund had a balance of \$30,000. Primarily through the profits from the tournament, the fund now has in excess of \$1,000,000! Kalihi Club members helped out in the "Country Store" at the Kalihi Y Summer carnival in July. We will also be serving shave ice to children and their families as they enjoy games of skill and fun during the event.

## West Oahu Y's Men's Club

Submitted by Duke Chung

MEALS ON WHEELS: 7th year of participation and 6 members deliver meals to about 25 persons

MEETINGS: We have meetings every month except December and after holiday party in January and our members attend all Regional and District meetings

YMCA INVOLVEMENT: Ron Okimoto, Walter Osakoda, Kathy Ishimoto and Karen Ebato are Board Members

FUND RAISER: We are planning our annual Molokai Sweet Bread sale with distribution at the YMCA's Halloween - Trunk and Treat event on October 26th.

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## HAWAII REGION NEWS



Pursuant to Secretary/Treasurer Duke Chung's recent poll of locations for the 84th Regional Convention, the majority of the clubs have chosen Las Vegas as the next venue. Although the vote to officially confirm the venue will be held during the Regional Mid Year meeting, it was decided that planning should begin immediately due to the logistics involved including distances and time difference.

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## US AREA NEWS

### Elmer Crowe Award

Submitted by Bobby Stivers-Apiki, U.S. Area APE

The 2018-2019 Elmer Crowe Awards was officially announced at the Asian South Pacific Convention. Congratulations to JoeAnn McCarthy, Hawaii Region; Lee Woodland, Pacific Northwest Region, and Tim Singletary, Pacific Southwest Region recipients for outstanding service as District Governors. Award plaques will be presented at the Joint Area Council Meeting and again at the Convention by PIAP, Tibor Foki.

### Community Service ASD Report

Submitted by Rick Lau, CSD

Save the Date...Saturday October 26, 2019. U.S. Area Make a Difference Day - All Regions to participate. More details forthcoming.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Challenge 22 is a Y's Men International Plan for every club to make the world a better place, to work collectively for the common good, and to ensure the future of our International Movement. It challenges us to expand our reach, our engagement, and our service, both locally and globally. Membership numbers are still slipping 7 to 10% per year and we need to stop this trend. There are three strategic steps to help reach the goal of 50,000 club members in 3,000 clubs and 100 countries by 2022. To learn more about Challenge 22 and to view the PowerPoint, click [here](#).

**Y Service Clubs International  
U.S. Area  
Hawaii Region**

**Leadership Team 2018-2020**

Regional Director: Phil Sammer  
Regional Secretary/Treasurer:  
Duke Chung  
Metro District Governor: Melanie  
Kaaihue-Yoshida  
Metro District Lt. Governor:  
Karla Redding  
OVG District Governor: Ken  
Okimoto

**Hawaii Region Clubs**

**Metropolitan District**

Central Y Service Club  
Kaimuki Y Service Club  
Kalihi Y Service Club  
Nuuanu Y's Men and Women  
Service Club  
West Oahu Y's Men's Club  
Windward Y Service Club

**Orchid-Valley-Garden District**

East Kauai Y's Men's Club  
Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club  
Maui Y Service Club

**Important Links**

**Hawaii Region Website:**

<http://ysmenhawaii.org>

**Facebook Group Page:**

<http://facebook.com/groups/ysmenhawaii>

**U.S Area Y Service Website:**

<http://yserviceclubsusa.org>

**Y's Men International**

**Website:** <http://www.ysmen.org>

**Our International Motto:**

To acknowledge the duty that  
accompanies every right.

Next issue will be in October  
2019 and deadline for articles is  
October 1. Deadline for January  
and April 2020 newsletters to be  
announced. Send club and  
district stories and pictures to  
Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida at  
miekogecko@gmail.com.

## HAWAII REGION QUARTERLY CALENDAR

### August

- 1 & 10** – International and Area Rosters/Member Count will be submitted. Clubs must submit any changes to their club roster by July 23.
- 15** – First Semester Dues for Region, Area, and International due to Duke Chung.

### September

- 27** – Par Hawaii Charity Golf Tournament at Kapolei Golf Course.
- 30** – Endowment Fund Payment and Golden Book Write-up due to Troy Tomita (ttomita@ymcahonolulu.org). See below for more information about Endowment Fund.

### October

- TBA Metro District Meeting (Hosted by Windward)
- 1** – Club and District Articles for Regional Bulletin due to Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida (miekogecko@gmail.com)
- 19** – Mid-Year Club Reports due to Duke Chung (chungsh@hawaii.rr.com) and Phil Sammer (philsammer@gmail.com). Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting will be held on November 2 at the 'Ilima Hotel.
- 31** – Alexander Scholarship Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars (ASF/BIDFS) payment due to Duke Chung (chungsh@hawaii.rr.com). See below for more information about ASF/BIDFS.

NOTE: CALENDAR IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE. DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### Endowment Fund

Each year clubs in the Hawaii Region recognize an individual or individuals as honorees of the Golden Book. Clubs must submit the write-up and a minimum payment of \$120 per honoree to Troy Tomita by September 30. Write-ups will be entered into the Golden Book at the Y's Men International headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

### Alexander Scholarship Fund

For YMCA oriented college students seeking an undergraduate degree AND a YMCA career. Registration Form will be sent to each club.

### Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars

For YMCA staff seeking funds for short courses, seminars, and trainings. Registration Form will be sent to each club.