



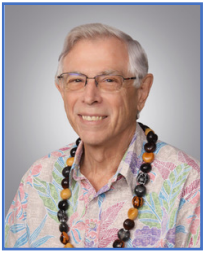
# Ku'i Ka Pahu

*Beat the Drum*

Hawai'i Region Y Service Club Newsletter – July 2018



## Regional Director's Message By RD Phil Sammer, 2016-2018



Aloha mai kakou!

Welcome to the first issue of *Ku'i Ka Pahu (Beat the drum)* the newsletter for the Hawai'i Region of Y Service Clubs International.

Every quarter during the coming year we hope to “beat the drum” about your club’s projects and events both at the YMCA and in the community. To do this we will need your kokua in providing short write-ups and pictures of all the great things you are doing.

Additionally, we will publish news about upcoming District and Regional events as well as news about what is happening at the Area and International levels.

Communication is one of the main themes of my two-year tenure as Regional Director and I can think of no better way to keep all members up to date than through an informative newsletter.

We look forward to your submissions which should be sent to Bulletin Editor Melanie Ka’aihue-Yoshida at [miekogecko@gmail.com](mailto:miekogecko@gmail.com). A list of deadlines and publication dates appears at the end of this newsletter.

Mahalo and A Hui Hou!

Phil Sammer, RD

### July's Club Focus: Membership, Conservation & Extension

**Membership** is the livelihood of ours and any organization and the driving force in achieving our mission to serve. New members may bring strength and new ideas. **Conservation** is the retention of members through strong leadership, keeping members involved, innovative ideas and fellowship.

**Extension** is the chartering of a new club. Youngest club is Central, formed in 1994.

**Goal** is for each club in the Hawaii Region to achieve a net increase of 2 new members and the formation of one new club.

Contact RSD Eddie Miwa ([eddiemiwa@aol.com](mailto:eddiemiwa@aol.com)) for more information.

## METRO MEETING

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2018  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Place: Windward YMCA club room

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2018  
Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Place: Ilima Hotel

3rd Metro Meeting in January 2019 - Time and place to be determined.

4th Metro Meeting in March/April 2019 - Time and place to be determined.

## MID-YEAR CABINET MEETING

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2018  
Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Place: Ilima Hotel

## 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)

\*See Page 4 for more information.

# CLUB HAPPENINGS

## Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club

Hilo's hosting of the 2018 Regional Convention happened just as the volcano in Pahoa literally erupted. It brought back memories of when the last Hilo-hosted convention was at Kilauea Military Camp, almost walking distance from the also-active Halemaumau Crater. At that last convention, we drove up to the lookout to see that previous eruption at Halemaumau. That lookout area has now sustained damage and may never have visitors anymore.

Soon after this year's convention, the Hilo Club conducted a fundraiser to help victims of the eruption. Happily, we collected a generous amount and donated to the Hawaii Island Food Basket and Salvation Army. The Pahoa eruption started in one of the lowest income neighborhoods in the state so funds may be helping the newly homeless as well as those who have been homeless.

On a happier note, the Hilo Club is starting to prepare for this Fall's annual Christmas Tree sale, a signature community event in Hilo. This will be the Hilo club's 79th annual tree sale!

The Hilo Club has also been involved with the ongoing improvements to Lili'uokalani Gardens, Hilo's historic Japanese style park; which convention delegates recently toured next to Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. We have donated Japanese Koi, cloth windsocks that are traditionally flown on bamboo poles around Boys Day in May. The Koi colorfully decorate the park and its surroundings. We have also volunteered to dig out mud and silt from the garden ponds; and may plan to do so again in coming months.

## Kalihi Y Service Club



Kalihi Y Service Club, together with Windward Y Service Club, participated in the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Food Drive at the Hawaii Foodbank on Saturday, May 12. Club members helped sort donations collected at local post offices and mailboxes throughout Oahu earlier in the day. Food collected and sorted will go to help struggling families during the summer months when the need for food increases.

In July, club members will be assisting with the Summer Fun Family Night by providing manpower at the country store and shave ice booth. In August, club members will volunteer to do a craft project with the children attending HUGS Respite Night and provide desserts that will be served after dinner.

## Nuuanu Y's Men and Women Service Club

Our Camp Erdman service project will be held on Saturday, August 25 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We are helping the camp by painting cabin exterior walls. Like always it would be great if you could bring paint brushes, poles w/rollers, paint buckets, etc. if you have any available. Please put your name or mark on all supplies you bring. Camp will provide the paint and some supplies.

The continental breakfast and beverage assignments were sent to each club. Lunch will be provided. Email Isaac Sakamoto with the head count no later than Monday, August 13. Mr. Ron Okimoto, camp executive director, also needs names, ages, and ethnicity of volunteers. It is required for the 2018 YUSA Year End Reporting. More information will be emailed.

## Windward Y Service Club



Beginning in January 2018 our club members have volunteered to assist with the Kawainui Houseless Coalition Service Care Event at Daybreak Church the last Tuesday of each month. Club members currently man the care package table handing out toiletry bags, snack bags and tote bags with blankets.

In August we will be providing 50 bentos to feed the houseless that attend this event.

## West Oahu Y's Men's Club

The club is on its seventh year with volunteering for Meals on Wheels. Together with brother club members from Kyoto Prince, attended the 82<sup>nd</sup> Hawaii Region Convention in Hilo. Club member Keola Taniguchi did the Diversity Training at the convention. The club is holding its annual Molokai Sweet Bread Fundraiser. Pick up is at the Family Fair on Friday, July 27. Club members will be assisting with the PAR Hawaii Golf Tournament with other Metro District Clubs.

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## US AREA NEWS

The US Area Council met in Long Beach, Ca. July 6-8, 2018. The council consists of the Regional Directors, US Area President, President-elect, secretary, treasurer and youth rep plus invited guests. The most important action taken was to dissolve the Pacific Central Region due to declining membership and move its member clubs into the Pacific Southwest Region. The Area now has eight regions.

In other actions a new leadership training program called "GOLD 2.0" was introduced under the auspices of ASD Tim Singletary. It was also announced that no region has bid on the 2019 Area convention. In regard to the 2022 100th anniversary International Convention Honolulu and Long Beach are in the running with a final decision due in December. Finally, a search is underway for a candidate to succeed US Area Treasurer Gene Koester who is terming out.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IHQ announced the appointment of Jose Varghese as Secretary General of YSCI to replace Takao "Nishi" Nishimura who is retiring. Incoming International President Moon Sang-bong's theme is "Yes we can change". International President-elect is Jennifer Jones of Australia. The International Convention will be held in Yeosu, Korea August 10-12.

**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: JoeAnn  
McCarthy  
Metro District Lt. Governor:  
Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida  
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  
2018 and deadline for articles is  
October 1. Deadline for January  
and April 2019 newsletters to be  
announced. Send club and  
district stories and pictures to  
Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida at  
miekoagecko@gmail.com.

## HAWAII REGION QUARTERLY CALENDAR

### August

- 13** – Head count for the Camp Erdman Project due to Isaac Sakamoto (ziggy96817@gmail.com)
- 15** – First Semester Dues for Region, Area, and International due to Duke Chung.
- 25** – Camp Erdman Service Project (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

### September

- 28** – 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

- 1** – Club and District Articles for Regional Bulletin due to Melanie Kaaihue-Yoshida (miekoagecko@gmail.com)
- 12** – Mid-Year Club Reports due to Duke Chung (chungs@hawaii.rr.com) and Phil Sammer (philsammer@gmail.com)
- 20** – Metro District Meeting (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) Ilima Hotel
- 20** – Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) Ilima Hotel
- 31** – Alexander Scholarship Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars (ASF/BIDFS) payment due to Duke Chung (chungs@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.