



The Y'S OBSERVER

NOVEMBER 2020

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

Officers 2020-2021

President: Troy Tomita
VP: Phil Sammer
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Tateishi, Eunice Delacruz

Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
Community Service: Rick Lau
Christian Emphasis: Gary B.
Membership/Conserv: ALL!
YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita
Endowment: Troy Tomita
Time of Fast: Phil Sammer
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International President: Jacob
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Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Building on our Legacy

Y's Words:

*What's real in politics is what the
voters decide is real.*

Ben J. Wattenberg

President's Message



Aloha Club members. Wow, it's already November! Can't believe we've been in this Covid pandemic for over 7 months. I wonder how it will affect the holiday season. I'm glad that the club has decided to continue the holiday dinner for the residents, it should be good for both the club and the Y. It'll be nice to actually do a physical project. The Y's long term residents really look forward to this event, it a nice way to start the holiday season for them.

Looks like the next time we meet via ZOOM, we'll have the results of the 2020 election. I hope you all did your civic duty and cast your ballot (it was so easy to just mail in). Hopefully 2021 will be kinder to us than 2020. *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

Members decided at the last meeting to put on the annual Central Y Residents Holiday Meal again on Monday November 23, 2020. In order to avoid physical contact it was decided to make it a "grab and go" meal using bentos. **Garret** was tasked to research a source restaurant. . . Since the Endowment Dinner was cancelled this year, the club decided to recognize our current honoree, Metro Y CEO **Mike Broderick**, at the annual Regional convention in May 2021. Rather than select another honoree for 2021 members decided to simply donate \$120 to the Endowment Fund. In new business, **Garret** suggested an update to the local cookbook that the club put together a few years ago as a fundraising project. Could be a winner since so many people are cooking at home during the pandemic. Next meeting is Monday November 9, 2020 via Zoom from **5pm to 6pm**.

Brotherclub News:

The **Bendigo Golden City Bulletin** reports that, as Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease, it has been great to be able to open the Book Bin again and resume book sorting. In the first week a considerable number of books came in and these were all sorted and boxed on our first day of sorting for about five months. It is hoped that we can have a small book sale this month over a weekend in the lane beside the stadium which would give us some much needed funds and also reduce the number of books that are currently in storage in the garage... The **Helena Capital-Y-ze News** updated its article from October concerning the YMCA which is now providing child care for the City and County at the Exhibition Hall of the fairgrounds in addition to Distance Learning.

November Focus: Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund began in 1931. Its initial purpose was to promote our movement outside North America and to enable Y's Men from other areas to attend International Conventions. As the name suggests, its purpose is to strengthen the brotherhood of Y's Men throughout the world, still partly by enabling Y's Men to attend Area and Regional Conventions but also by enabling them to visit distant Regions. The fund also sponsors a variety of grants as well as supporting newly chartered clubs in remote locations, leadership development and Youth activities.

Virus Rules Update The City and County of Honolulu continues its reopening "strategy" for O'ahu: We are now in Tier Two: You'll be happy to learn that five unrelated people can now both meet on the beach AND eat together! Gyms have reopened but are restricted to 25% occupancy. Team sports are still forbidden although you can get friends together for an impromptu basketball game BUT with only two and a half players per side. On a bright note impromptu drive in theaters are making a comeback at malls and other location ☺.

Humor from the pandemic

The dumbest thing I've ever bought was a 2020 planner ... Okay, the schools are closed. So, do we drop the kids off at the teacher's house or what? I stepped on my scale this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time on scale". Want to hear a corona virus joke? Can't tell you..you might spread it...

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To Acknowledge the Duty
That Accompanies Every
Right.

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Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club
Helena YSC (Montana)
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
via Zoom at 5pm

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News From Y'sdom

Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

With international elections approaching it's a good time to review club eligibility to vote: Must have fifteen members for the three last semesters but clubs with 5-14 members that have at least 25 years of service may request an exemption from the minimum membership requirement to enable them to become eligible to vote on international issues. Request exemptions at <https://www.ysmen.org/exemption-request/Area> (**yserviceclubsusa.org**)

Planning continues for the 75th YMI International Convention to be held in Honolulu August 10-14, 2022. HOC Co-Chair **Phil** reports the international YMI ad hoc 100th Anniversary Committee is providing suggestions for special activities at the convention as well as asking for plans for special local projects from clubs around the world. The next HOC planning meeting will be held on Friday November 6, 2020.

Metro District

DG **Melanie** announced that the next Metro District meeting will take place on Saturday November 14, 2020 following the Regional cabinet meeting via Zoom.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

Planning for the 84th Hawai'i Region Convention continues under the auspices of co-Chairs **Eddie Miwa** and **Albert Lee** with **Garret** representing the club. Members decided to wait until January before making a decision on a virtual or physical event. The next convention committee meeting will take place on Saturday January 16, 2021 at 10am via ZOOM.... RD **Sharon** is planning a virtual Regional Cabinet meeting on Saturday November 14, 2020. Attendees are asked to submit oral reports only. All Regional officers and club presidents should attend. RSDs and all club members are also invited to attend.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2020

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund
RSD: **Celine Allouchery** (Nu'uauu)

9 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5pm
14 Regional Cabinet Mtg & Metro mtg-Zoom
23 Central Residents Holiday Dinner

DECEMBER 2020

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD:
Isaac Sakamoto (Nu'uauu)

14 Club Christmas Party

Christian Emphasis

THE SAFEST PLACE

Life's storms come in many forms ... Amid life's unpredictable storms, Scriptures point us to the safest place: "God is our refuge and strength, (Psalm 46:1-2) an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we should not fear, though the earth give way" == Psalm 46:1-11

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

With such a roller coaster of a year, this Thanksgiving has so much more meaning. At Atherton YMCA we are thankful for our dozens of college volunteers who are committed to serving the community. We wish you and your families nothing but great health and homes full of joy and laughter....Our Atherton YMCA College volunteers are providing office hours for students in grades K through 12th who need academic support. Parents should RSVP for their child once and will be able to access the office hours for any day thereafter. However, weekdays and weekends RSVPs are separate links. More info: ymcahonolulu.org