



The Y'S OBSERVER

APRIL 2021

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

President's Message

Officers 2020-2021

President: Troy Tomita
VP: Phil Sammer
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Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Roy Tateishi, Eunice Delacruz

Club Service Directors:

ASF/BIDFS: Phil Sammer
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
Community Service: Rick Lau
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
Membership/Conserv: ALL!
YMCA Liaison: Troy Tomita
Endowment: Troy Tomita
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Hawaii Regional Director-elect:
JoeAnn McCarthy (Windward)
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OVG District Governor:
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US Area President: Bobby Stivers-Apiki (Hawaii)
US Area President-elect: Shaju Sam (North Atlantic)
International President: Jacob Kristensen (Denmark)
International President-elect: Kim Sang-chaee (South Korea)
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Troy Tomita

Regional Theme:

Building on our Legacy

Y's Words:

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed, easy to get into but hard to get out of... Anonymous



Mahalo to everyone who supported the Roll Back Malaria Project. Your/our donation will be a great help in this effort. I'm looking forward to our first project of the year coming this month. Still haven't decided on a location for the Week 4 waste, but we'll figure it out at the April meeting. It will be nice to see everyone again at this community service event. Plus we'll get some exercise too!

Not sure where everyone is with their COVID vaccinations but I finally was able to schedule myself for a first shot this coming Monday April 5. Soon we may be able to meet in-person again (although, I'm beginning to like this ZOOM format also.) *Aloha, Troy*

Club Activities

The club has received the special vests for the international Week 4 Waste cleanup scheduled for April 24. The club would like to conduct an in-person project since we are now in Tier Three that allows larger gatherings. **Troy** and **Phil** are inspecting possible clean-up sites close to Waikiki and will report at the next meeting which will be on Monday April 12, 2021 at 5pm via Zoom.

Brotherclub News:

Bendigo's Golden City Bulletin reports that the club is preparing for its annual Easter book fair but mentioned that the significant difference from previous Book Fairs would be COVID restrictions on numbers in the Stadium at any one time. To that end customers are being invited to apply for tickets on-line for set hours of the day. Those who register will be given preference in gaining entry and those who have not registered will make up the numbers to the capacity for that hour....**Helena YSC** reports that The Helena YMCA is holding several in-person programs for all ages now. They are also holding some virtual classes, so those who are interested can go online or call to register. Members were also finally able to meet in person and plan to do so again for the April and May meetings. Normalcy is slowly returning to the country!

April Focus: Leadership Training

Leadership training is an important part of the success of Y Service Clubs as we groom the next generation to continue the work of YMI in the coming years. To this end a new program called **GOLD** has been developed that seeks to prioritize Leadership Training across the YMI movement by creating a curriculum that will prepare members to assume leadership roles at all levels including club, region, area and international. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways including weekend retreats, regional convention breakouts and Zoom sessions. Leadership training has always been a part of the Hawaii Region both as a stand alone event and as part of the regional convention. We are fortunate to have two experienced trainers as Co-RSDs this year: **Cassidy Inamasu** and **Keahi Kaawa** both of whom have a YMCA background.

Virus Rules Reminder:

The COVID vaccine is here but we still need to follow simple rules: Wash hands frequently for at least twenty seconds. Plain soap will kill the virus...Keep six feet away from others as "social distancing"...Wear a mask in situations where you could possibly transmit the virus to another person or receive it from them...Shaking hands is not recommended...

Humor: Some glorious insults from a more literate era: *He has delusions of adequacy...He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire....Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it....He is a self-made man and worships his creator...He has Van Gogh's ear for music...Some cause happiness where ever they go; others, whenever they go..*

News From Y'sdom

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To Acknowledge the Duty
That Accompanies Every
Right.

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Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club
(South Korea)
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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Y Service Clubs International (ysmen.org)

YMI has been an engaged partner in the global fight to end malaria since 2009, a commitment renewed in 2019 with the establishment of a [new multi-stakeholder agreement](#) with The Global Fund, the YMCA and DFID. Use the following link to find out more: <<https://www.ysmen.org/new-multi-stakeholder-partnership-with-global-fund-to-fight-malaria/>>

Area (yserviceclubsusa.org)

The new Mid America Region (MAR), formed by the amalgamation of the Mid America and Mid East regions, includes the following officers: Regional Director **Carl Miles**, Regional Secretary **Fred Leonard**, and Regional Treasurer **Ruth Deelo**.....Planning continues for the 75th YMI International Convention to be held in Honolulu Thursday to Sunday August 10-14, 2022 with the theme: *Building on our Legacy*. Uncertainty remains regarding the format with an in-person gathering still favored; however, circumstances may dictate a virtual gathering. The next HOC planning meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday April 6, 2021.

Metro District

Preparations continue for the international WEEK 4 WASTE scheduled for **April 18 to 25**. Central has chosen **Saturday April 24** as its project date and is currently reviewing possible sites near the branch.

Hawai'i Region (www.ysmenhawaii.org)

The regular meeting of the Region Convention committee took place via Zoom at 10 AM on Saturday March 29, 2021. Discussion centered on the forums that will include 'ukulele instruction, kalua turkey preparation using a slow cooker and ribbon lei making. Featured speakers will be APE **Shaju Sam** and new YMCA Of Honolulu CEO **Greg Waibel**. There will also be a virtual raffle and a remembrance of departed members. It will be a single day virtual convention from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday May 29, 2021.

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2021

Emphasis: Leadership Training Co-RSDs:
Cassidy Inamasu, Keahi Kaawa
(Kaimuki/Atherton)

12 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

MAY 2021

Emphasis: Regional Convention
Co-RSDs: Eddie Miwa (Kalihi), Albert Lee
(Nu'uuanu)

10 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5pm
29 84th Hawai'i Regional Convention via
Zoom 9am-4pm.

Christian Emphasis

"He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead." – Mathew 28:6 The crucifixion was marked by sudden darkness, silent angels, and mocking soldiers. At the empty tomb the soldiers are silent, an angel speaks, and light erupts like Vesuvius. The one who was dead is said to be alive, and the soldiers, who are alive, look as if they are dead. The women can tell something is up . . . The angel informs them: "He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead. Heaven unplugged the grave's power cord, and you and I have nothing to fear. Death is disabled. Have a Blessed Easter ! .

News from the YMCA of Honolulu

For a rundown on current programs allowed under Tier Three use this link: www.ymcahonolulu.org. Activities vary by branch.