



# The Y'S OBSERVER

SEPTEMBER 2021

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

## President's Message



Aloha everyone, hope you have your stockpile of toilet paper (I noticed that Sam's club had run out the other day). It appears that our return to normalcy has been temporarily postponed. But hopefully you can enjoy your Labor Day Weekend. I am planning to enjoy the outdoors and do an overnigher with my son and his friends. We are blessed to live in a place that we have the ocean and mountains so close for us to enjoy. It's nice to know why we have the day off so here's the story:

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. So, for all you hard working Americans, enjoy the day off, you earned it. *Aloha, Troy*

### Officers 2021-2022

President: Troy Tomita  
VP: Phil Sammer  
Secretary: Jennie Scott  
Treasurer: Rick Lau

### 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  
Time of Fast: Phil Sammer  
Public Relations: Jennie Scott

Hawaii Regional Director:  
JoeAnn McCarthy (Windward)  
Hawaii Regional Director-elect:  
Melanie Ka'aihue-Yoshida (Kalihi)  
Metro District Governor: Karla Redding (Windward)  
OVG District Governor:  
Ken Okimoto (Hilo)

US Area President: Shaju Sam (North Atlantic)  
US Area President-elect: Vacant  
International President: Kim Sang-chae (South Korea)  
International President-elect:  
K.C. Samuel (India)  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

### Regional Theme:

### Serve and Make a Difference

### Y's Words:

*One of the secrets in life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks.*

*Jack Penn*

## Club Activities

The club continues to support the annual **Okinawan Festival** which this year will be, in part, a virtual "Feastible" running from September 1 to 14, 2021. Twenty restaurants will be offering Okinawan specialties both for dine in and take out. More details and a list of participating restaurants may be found on line at <hawaiiokinawans.com>. This month is dedicated to the **Endowment Fund** whose proceeds are used to further the cause of YMI throughout the world. The club decided at the last meeting to look for suitable nominees for the Golden Book to be voted on at the September meeting which will take place on **Monday September 13, 2021 at 5pm via ZOOM**.

**Brotherclub News:** Bendigo's *Golden City Bulletin* reports that on Wednesday 18th August, for the first time in many years, Eaglehawk, Bendigo and Kangaroo Flat Clubs met together at the Kangaroo Flat clubrooms for a meal and a guest speaker as the program for the evening. With some members away for the winter months the attendance from each club was down but the 28 members who did attend enjoyed an excellent evening together with our own Tim providing the meal... **Helena YSC Capital Y-ze News** reports that they received the annual summer letter from their Brother Club in Aars, Denmark. The annual visit to the Club in Arendal, Norway, will be postponed because of the Covid 19 virus restrictions. The letter will be available for reading at the meeting.

## August Focus: Endowment Fund

The **Endowment Fund** has two major goals: To extend and develop clubs affiliated with Y's Men International around the world and to provide funds to solve special problems or carry on special projects which strengthen, extend and develop YMI in Areas or Regions. **Limitations:** Only the income is used. The principal remains untouched (in order to provide stability). Funds can be disbursed for stated purposes of the fund and approved by the **International Council** and the **Endowment Trustees**. A Club, individual or group may make a CHF 120 (\$141) or more contribution and a tribute which will be edited and entered into the Golden Book in Geneva.

## Virus Rules Update:

On September 13, 2021 the City and County of Honolulu will implement a system that requires all individuals to present evidence of full vaccination before entering certain establishments (gyms, restaurants and others) in an effort to reduce new COVID infections that are currently averaging over 800 a day.

**Humor:** I'm not much on seizing the day..I just kinda poke it with a stick,,,

## News From Y'sdom

### CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
via Zoom at 5pm

#### Y Service Clubs International ([ysmen.org](http://ysmen.org))

As part of the Challenge 22, the 3rd annual 100 Days Membership Campaign will run from 1 September to 9 December 2021. All clubs are requested to actively participate. Every club member should strive to recruit one new person, either locally or remotely. A special Centennial Booster Award will be given by the International President to those who bring in three or more persons. Inductees who are 18 to 35 or a spouse of an existing member will benefit from a 50 % discount on international dues through the 2nd semester 2022. Clubs are requested to take this opportunity to sponsor a new club in their neighborhood or anywhere in the world. Let us challenge ourselves to have at least one new club chartered in every Region this year.

#### US Area ([yserviceclubsusa.org](http://yserviceclubsusa.org)):

News from YMCA of the USA: **Suzanne McCormick** has been named president and chief executive officer of YMCA of the USA (Y-USA). She will be the 15th person and first woman to lead the Y in the United States. McCormick brings more than 27 years of experience as a senior executive leader in nonprofit, for-impact organizations to the role. Congratulations Suzanne!

#### Metro District:

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 23 possibly at Central. However, current county restrictions on indoor meetings may require this to be a Zoom event.

#### Hawai'i Region ([www.ysmenhawaii.org](http://www.ysmenhawaii.org))

The Regional midyear meeting is set for Saturday November 13, hopefully in person but possibly via Zoom if current county meeting regulations do not change. Among agenda topics is the decision about where to hold the next Regional Convention which was held via Zoom this year. Las Vegas is always the perennial favorite!

## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER 2021

Emphasis: Endowment Fund RSD: **Donna Saito** (Windward)

13 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

### OCTOBER 2021

Emphasis: Alex. Scholarship Fund/Brad Ishida Dollars for Scholars. RSD: **June Niimi** (Hilo). ASD: **Doug Jones** (Pac.SW)

11 Membership Meeting via Zoom 5PM

#### Christian Emphasis

Happy are they whose sins are forgiven,  
whose wrongs

are pardoned." - Romans 4:7

To qualify for bankruptcy, you have to admit you are broke . . . And to go to heaven, you have to admit you are hell bound. That's a tough one . . . Not easy

for a decent guy to admit he's a sinner. Hard for a pretty good girl to confess spiritual destitution.

If we are saved it is because God rescued us and not because we learned to swim.

#### News from the YMCA of Honolulu

[Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics at the Y](#)  
Kaiser Permanente is providing free vaccine clinics at YMCA of Honolulu facilities. The clinics are open to the public: No charge, no copay, and walk-ins are welcome! To save time, please print, complete and bring with you Kaiser Permanente's Pre-Vaccination Assessment and Consent Form, and if you have insurance, the Insurance Information Form. Uninsured participants are welcome. If you don't have a printer, Kaiser will also have forms.

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