



EVERY CLUB. ITS OWN STORY.

As YMCA branches grew, Y Service Clubs grew with them.

Members often moved from one branch to another, carrying friendships, experience and the habit of service with them.

UNIVERSITY Y'S MEN'S CLUB / ATHERTON YMCA — HISTORIC TODAY

The University Y's Men's Club came together at Atherton YMCA in 1957. Young, social and still finding their place, its members built friendships that would shape the Hawai'i Region for decades.

They came for friendship. They stayed for service.



in 1932, the University YMCA opened the Atherton Y dorms and was renamed, the Atherton YMCA.



WATCH JIMMY'S INTERVIEW



JAMES "JIMMY" OUCHI — 69 YEARS

Jimmy Ouchi came into the University Y through something he already loved — photography. Sam Tanimoto asked him to help with a university event, and that invitation led to deeper involvement and eventually service as both secretary and president of the University group. Jimmy later moved to the Nu'uauu Y's Men's and Women's Club.

"I figured, 'Well, I might as well... get myself more involved with the YMCA."

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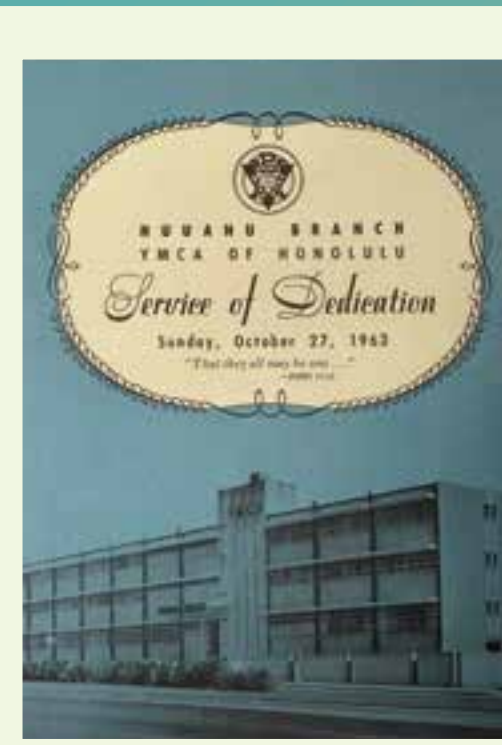
ATHERTON Y SERVICE CLUB — 2020–2026

More than 60 years later, another generation picked up the idea and formed the Atherton Y Service Club on January 30, 2020, with a focus on environmental and hands-on community projects. On January 31, 2026, the club closed and incorporated into the Atherton Y's community service programs.



Atherton's newest generation took service outdoors — working on stream cleanups, invasive-species removal, and other environmental projects.

NU'UANU Y'S MEN AND WOMEN'S CLUB — ACTIVE TODAY



The 1964 Y's Men's Club was a new generation at Nu'uauu, and some members brought earlier Y's Men experience with them.

When the new Nu'uauu YMCA opened in 1963 at its current location, it opened the door to a new chapter in Y Service. On May 29, 1964, the Nu'uauu Y's Men and Women's Club was chartered — a new club continuing the tradition that had begun at the original Nu'uauu Y with the YMCA of Honolulu Y's Men's Club in 1926.



WATCH MAURICE'S INTERVIEW



MAURICE SHIMONISHI — 54 YEARS

The Y had already been part of Maurice Shimonishi's life for years. Growing up on Kaua'i, he participated in the Kaua'i YMCA's Gray-Y, Junior High Y, and Hi-Y before eventually joining the Nu'uauu Y's Men and Women's Club in 1972.

"It's given me satisfaction in terms of helping the community and helping the Y."

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WATCH LARRY'S INTERVIEW



LARRY HIRANAKA — 54 YEARS

Larry Hiranaka joined the Nu'uauu club in 1972. His years of service also opened a window to the international side of Y's Men through Brother Club relationships with Osaka-Centennial and Bauhinia in Hong Kong.

"I am forever grateful to the members of the Nu'uauu Y's Men's Club for the many years of fellowship that I enjoyed at the club's meetings and projects. If you have a bigger membership, you can do more for the community."

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WATCH STEVE'S INTERVIEW



"STEVE" WONG — 54 YEARS

Steve Wong came to Y's Men through friendships connected to the Metro District Golf Club and joined Nu'uauu in 1972. Service and fellowship kept him involved for more than five decades..

"It's the fellowship. That's what I enjoyed most—doing service. I've been a service person all my life."

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June 28
KAMAMALU PARK CLEAN-UP
The Nuuanu Y's Men and Women's club members gathered together on Saturday, June 28th at Kamamalu Park, next to the Nuuanu YMCA to pick up trash. This is an annual event to recognize Earth Day on April 22nd. About 60 pounds were collected from pieces of candy wrappers, a baseball, lots of soda cans, beer bottles and old boxes. It wasn't as bad as previous years. The city keeps the park pretty clean throughout the year. We look forward to doing this every year!



Nu'uauu's service still reaches right outside the Y's doors. Members regularly clean nearby Kamamalu Park, removing trash and helping care for the neighborhood.