



The Y'S OBSERVER



NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAII REGION,
US AREA, Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL
JULY 2007

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A Y's Note

*"The highest reward for a person's
toil is not what they get for it but,
what they become by it".*

John Ruskin

President's Message

I am pleased to announce our latest new member, **Ben Makaea**, brought in by **Rick Lau**. Ben, like Rick, is a retired State Farm agent with lots of spare time...just kidding, we don't want to scare him away so soon! July is membership emphasis month so, with that in mind, let's think of some of our friends that would be able to blend in with our group. Invite them to one of our meetings or events. It's a numbers game: You're not going to have every person you ask join. That would be super but not realistic. Just ask ten people and three might show an interest and one might join. Ask any salesperson and they will tell you that's a good percentage. The challenge is out there: Let's meet it. Good luck!

Reggie

Club and Member Activities

Pan Pacific Matsuri in Hawaii Parade
By Reggie Takaki

We reported to Parade Man **Nelson Fujio's** warehouse at 2:45 PM for a briefing then on to the parade's staging site at Ft. DeRussy. As usual there was a good number of groups from Japan that added to the parade's color and language challenges. Our duties were first to lead the placard holders to each marching group in its designated area, then we did sidewalk pedestrian control as each group entered Kalakaua Avenue for the parade.



"We go left here..No, no we go right. Hey, this is a map of Maui..."

We then headed back to the warehouse for some refreshments and a sumptuous dinner. **Darryl** reported later to help us with the knock down of the twelve or so floats. Those reporting earlier were members **Reggie, Garret, Mary, Ted** and **Marilyn** plus **Carol** and **Gary Sakuma**, Mary's sister and her husband who are potential members. Again, besides getting some exercise while on our feet, it was a fun project promoting cultural diversity and aloha.



Marilyn has some strange friends...

At the June membership meeting we welcomed new member **Ben Makaea** and discussed the upcoming projects including the Friends of the Library Book Sale and the Matsuri Parade. Our M&M fundraiser is going well with five cases of 144 packs each sold. Sales went well in the lobby of the YMCA plus members each did their parts in selling to friends and family..... **Darryl** is researching a club polo shirt....

Member News: **Phil** is still globe trotting heading for the US Area Convention in Charleston and racking up the miles...**Rick** and **Ben** are off to Vegas in mid-July...**Darryl** retired Hawaiian Airlines on June 30 (and goes to the bottom of the priority travel list..!)..**Gary** is not retired yet, just tired..**Reggie** is off to LA LA land (aka Los Angeles) in mid-July..

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

"He willingly gave his life...He carried away the sins of many people." Isaiah 53:12

You can't go to the cross with just your head and not your heart. It doesn't work that way. Calvary is not a mental trip. It's not an intellectual exercise... It's a heart-splitting hour of emotion...That's **GOD** on that cross. It's us that put him there.

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That Accompanies Every
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Y Service Club is to
perform group volunteer
work in the community that
directly or indirectly
supports Central YMCA
and the children it serves

News From Y'sdom

Y's Men International News

The International Council will soon be meeting in Adelaide, Australia. One of the most important issues is the "Balance of Power" which is an attempt to find a better way to apportion seats on the council. Currently seats are based on total paid membership which favors the rapidly growing Areas of Y'sdom but runs the risk of sidelining areas with slower growth rates. The USA currently has only one seat, down from two a few years ago.

US Area News

Fred Leonard took over as US Area President on July 1 and will preside over the US Area Convention in Charleston, SC from July 13 to 15. RD **Phil Sammer** will represent the region.

Hawai'i Region News

The planning committee for the 72nd Hawai'i Region Convention will meet at the 'Ilima Hotel on Saturday August 4 at 10 AM. OVG District Governor and Chair **Champ Ono** will preside while co-chair and Metro DG **Russ Lynch** will assist in coordinating the O'ahu clubs. This is the first time that joint planning has been attempted for the convention and marks a trial run for RD **Phil's** suggestion that all future conventions be run this way. A meeting of the task force that will consider the structure of future conventions will follow the planning meeting. Several ideas are under consideration including a biannual convention, joint OVG-Metro planning and continuation of the current system.

Metro District News

Metro DG **Russ Lynch** is working on a schedule for district meetings for the coming year. The first one is likely to be in conjunction with the regional mid-year cabinet meeting in November. Meanwhile Russ is off to his native New Zealand for a much anticipated holiday!

Calendar of Events

JULY 2007

Emphasis: Membership, Conservation and Extension. RSDs: M&C: Duke Chung (West O'ahu); Extension: Gary Bautista (Central).

1 Friends Of the Library Book Sale: McKinley HS
9 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30PM
13-15 US Area Convention: Charleston, SC

AUGUST 2007

Emphasis: Community Service RSD: Reggie Takaki (Central)
4 Convention Planning Committee: 'Ilima Hotel
13 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 pm

Brother Club News

From the Y's Yre of Northwest Y Service Club: Starting Saturday, July 21st, the Northwest YMCA will begin holding monthly family nights at the Y. The feature for July will be the movie "Happy Feet", shown in the skylight room of the Y. The Northwest Y Service Club will use their popcorn machine to provide popcorn for this and future events.

News From Central YMCA

The Y has been contacted by Camp Erdman concerning possible home stays for participants after the World Camp which will take place from August 10 to 24, 2007. One of only nine worldwide, Camp Erdman's Odyssey III is a unique, state-of-the-art challenge course. It captures the essence of adventure-based education that allows development of both the team and the individual. The course provides an experience highlighting teamwork, leadership, cooperation and trust. Call the YMCA at 941-3344 if you are interested in hosting.

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