



The Y'S OBSERVER



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A Y's Note

"You only live once, but if you work it right, once is enough".

Joe E Lewis

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

President's Message

Hurray, your president finally got onto the Internet, mostly for email purposes. This was after a couple of broken eardrums from all those nagging. My wife, Laura, is an angel compared to all of you (you know who you are..!). The Internet is a wonderful, convenient tool saving time and stamps to mail items. I still miss the instant interaction and the sound of a live voice knowing that it is a person...Recently while in Los Angeles our family friend hosted us and another friend invited us over for a wonderful brunch. I wasn't about to email my gratitude but mailed a warm thank you card. There are times you need to send a "live" message. Can you imagine the day when thank you cards for weddings and funerals will be emailed. How about emailing Christmas greetings instead of a card? My mentality is still going to the mailbox or picking up the phone. There are good and bad times and reasons for emailing. We must each use our own judgment and be sensitive to those who do not communicate via email.

Reggie

Club and Member Activities

By Reggie Takaki

Flavors of Honolulu: This fundraiser takes the place of the Easter Seals Taste of Honolulu. The beneficiary is Abilities Unlimited, a nonprofit organization that trains people with disabilities to become employable and contributing citizens in our communities. Helping were **Mary, Ted, Marilyn** and **Reggie**. We each worked separately in the various beverage and wine booths. We were assigned to check customers' identification for alcohol drinking age. We were given scrip to spend for our dinner during the breaks. As always it was fun working with the club members to support a worthy cause.

Central YMCA Bake Sale for AUW: Tuesday and Wednesday July 17 and 18 from nine to noon. We helped sell the assorted baked goods that members had donated. There were also some homegrown vegetables, potted plants, t-shirts and books that were signed by a local author.

Helping were **Rick, Darryl, Roy** and **Reggie**. **Mary** baked huge batches of delicious cookies and packaged them in bags for individual sale.

Friends of the Library Book Sale: Several Central Y Service Club members gathered at the McKinley High School Cafeteria on Sunday July 1 to assist the Friends of the Library in putting on their annual book sale. The club has helped many times with this event serving as restockers, runners, adders and general gofers. Present for duty from 8 AM to 2 PM were **Rick, Darryl** and **Phil** who was accompanied by his nephew **Josh**, a recent high school graduate visiting from the mainland. **Reggie** worked 2 PM to closing. It was only the second day of the sale so it was pretty crowded. Earlier Phil saved the day for the waffle dog vendor who desperately needed a tent that the 'Ilima Hotel kindly provided. It wasn't quite as hot this year due to brisk trade winds so the hours passed quickly. This is always a fun event and we look forward to participating again next year.

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

"The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is my only reason for bragging." Galatians 6:11

Do you feel a need for affirmation? Does your self-esteem need attention? You don't need to drop names or show off. You need only pause at the base of the cross and be reminded of this: The maker of the stars would rather die for you than live without you. And that is fact. So if you need to brag, brag about that.

News From Y'sdom

Hawai'i Region

The Region will hold the first planning session for the 2008 convention on Saturday August 4 at the 'Ilima Hotel. OVG DG **Champ Ono** will preside assisted by Metro DG **Russ Lynch**. A meeting of the convention task force will follow the planning meeting.

Metro District

Y'smen Youth Exchange student **Jun Mitamura** will visit the district in August and will be hosted at several homes coordinated by **Paul Kuromoto**.

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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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The Mission of the Central
Y Service Club is to
perform group volunteer
work in the community that
directly or indirectly
supports Central YMCA
and the children it serves

Y's Men International News

We are awaiting the decision by the International Council currently meeting in Adelaide, Australia on the location of the 2010 International Convention that was bid on by the Pacific Southwest Region with assistance from Hawai'i. If successful, PSW plans to stage the event in Anaheim, CA close to Disneyland. Hawai'i will provide the registration services.

US Area News

The US Area Council Meeting and Convention was held in Charleston, SC from July 11 to 15, 2007 with approximately 150 Y'smen in attendance including RD **Phil Sammer**, **Ray** and **Phyllis Seto** and **Donna Schulze**. Donna was honored with the Boots Faubion Award as an outstanding former YMCA Director while Phil was totally surprised when he received the Henry Grimes Award as the outstanding Regional Director in the US Area. There were many events and seminars among which one on how to revitalize a dormant or dying club led by past US Area president **Harry Frick**. There were tours of old Charleston as well as a very interesting visit to Fort Sumter where the Civil War begun. All nine regions were represented as well as IHQ in the persons of IP **Lasse Bergsted** and ISG **Roland Dalmás**.

Phil and Donna receive their awards



Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2007

- Emphasis: Community Service RSD: Reggie Takaki (Central)
- 4 Convention Planning Committee and Task Force: 'Ilima Hotel 10 AM.
 - 4 Central YMCA Rummage Sale for AUW 8 AM to Noon.
 - 4 NAMI Walk
 - 13 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 2007

- Emphasis: Endowment RSD: Brad Ishida (Kaimuki)
- 10 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 PM

News From Central YMCA

The Central YMCA will hold a rummage sale to benefit the Aloha United Way on Saturday August 4 from 9 AM to Noon at the YMCA. Executive Director **Maile Kanemaru** is asking that anyone with garage sale type items to donate please bring them down to the YMCA. She recommends that you price them before delivering them.



Kings of the Bake Sale: Rick, Darryl & Reggie

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