



# The Y'S OBSERVER

MARCH 2008

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

## Officers 2007-2008

President: Reggie Takaki  
Vice President: Darryl Tupinio  
Secretary: Roy Hiyama  
Treasurer: Rick Lau

## Club Members:

Christina Alfred, Gary Bautista,  
Garret Ho, Ted Isekawa  
Ben Makaea, Mary Nakamura,  
Marilyn Nakayama, Carol  
Sakuma, Gary Sakuma, Phil  
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## Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Darryl Tupinio  
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
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Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau  
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OVG District Governor:  
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US Area President:  
Fred Leonard  
International President:  
Lasse Bergstedt  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Kadi Tarlecky

## A Y's Note

*"A joy that's shared is a joy made double."*

*English Proverb*

## President's Message

March is here and that can only mean that we are well into our Central YMCA's ASC fundraiser for our kids. Helping this year is **Phil Sammer**(ASC Chairman), **Rick Lau**, **Reggie Takaki**, **Roy Hiyama**, **Mary Nakamura**, **Marilyn Nakayama** and **Ted Isekawa**. Seven out of our fourteen members is not a bad participation rate. I understand phone calling for money even if you're given a list of YMCA people to call is not everyone's dream job. All of our members are great in helping with our various projects, including our own fundraisers. We've had on occasions a 100% turnout or 100% participation and that's all we can ask of our members. To all our members, thanks for all you do for our club and community.

*Reggie*

## Club and Member Activities

After a very busy January, members took a break from community activities to help with the Central YMCA Annual Support Campaign. There were report meetings every Tuesday in the month of February with a Victory celebration on March 11. As noted by President **Reggie**, most of the club is involved. This year's goal is \$95,000 so there's a lot of work to do.

Member News: **Phil**-traveling as usual somewhere to rack up mileage to share with us for our Maui Convention (editor's note: Phil was also in Las Vegas! Nothing to show for it tho..) **Garret**-just back from Las Vegas. Said all he brought back was a cold. **Ben**- also back from Las Vegas-ask him what he brought back. **Kaimuki Y'smen's Club** will celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and **Ray Seto's** retirement after 47 years on Kaimuki YMCA's Board. Date is April 1 Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Japanese Cultural Center. Cost is \$30. We need our club's total head count by March 15. RSVP to **Reggie** who will turn in to Kaimuki Y'smen.

Nominations for officers are due in March. Hopefully some of our newer members have enough confidence to step up and volunteer. Our "veterans" are getting a bit worn out or are moving up to regional or area responsibilities (**Rick** will be RD and **Phil** will be US Area President-elect). There are manuals written by Y'smen International that explain the duties of each job plus the vets will help you out. Contact president Reggie for more info!

## Brother Club News

*From the Y's Y're of the Northwest Y Service Club, Cupertino, California:*

The Membership Committee (**Buck Cox**, **Lou Ciabattoni**, **Ed Dodge**, & **Bruce Parsons**) has been focusing its efforts on working with the "Y" Adventure Guide (YAG) dads to make them more aware of the resources that our Service Club is able and willing to supply to their YAG program. The YAG program consists of the Northstar (boys) and Atlantis (girls) for grades K through 3 and the coed Trailblazer group for grades 4 through 6. All together, these three YAG clubs have an enrollment of approximately 260 dads and a similar number of kids.....

*From the Golden City Bulletin, Y Service Club of Bendigo, Australia:*

### Kind Cuts for Kids: 14th February

Professor Paddy Dewan gave us a passionate talk on his work with the Kind Cuts for Kids Foundation. The Foundation, formed in 1993, sends surgical teams to under-developed countries for the purpose of training local surgeons in pediatric surgery techniques. An important part of their work is training people in their own hospitals with the equipment and services available to them. Professor Dewan instanced a number of cases where he had been able to adapt procedures to cope successfully with the local situation

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To Acknowledge the Duty  
That Accompanies Every  
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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

## News From Y'sdom

### Y's Men International News

The International Council will meet from July 28 to 31 just prior to the International Convention to act on items covered during the mid year meeting in Geneva last month.

### US Area News

US Area President **Fred Leonard** recently made a swing through the Mid West visiting several clubs as well as the national YMCA headquarters in Chicago. Fred reports that there will be some changes coming that could impact the relationship between the YMCA of the USA and Y'smen.

### Hawai'i Region

**Trevor Jones** of the Maui Y'smen's Club has been awarded a grant from IHQ to attend the Youth Convocation just prior to the International Convention in July. The Region also granted Trevor \$500 to help with expenses.

### Metro District

DG **Russ Lynch** presided over a meeting of the district convention committee on Saturday February 16 at the 'Ilima Hotel. All clubs reported including Central whose responsibility is the program. Among other things we'll be lining up speakers, running the early bird prizes and arranging lei for the VIPs (with Maui's help). Final meeting will be on March 29 in conjunction with the district conference.

### News From Central YMCA

The Annual support Campaign got off to a good start on Tuesday February 12 at the Waikiki Prince Hotel. A phone night took place on Tuesday February 19 followed by a report meeting on February 26. Total raised so far of our \$95,000 goal is \$29,527.

## Calendar of Events

### **MARCH 2008**

Emphasis: Brother Clubs Co-RSDs: Masayo Nakagawa and Bob Martin (Kaimuki)

4 ASC Report Meeting  
10 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30PM  
11 ASC Victory Dinner Ali'i Kai Catamaran  
16 Honolulu Festival Parade  
29 Metro District Conference Site TBD

### **APRIL 2008**

Emphasis: Leadership Training Co-RSDs: Naomi Aimoto (Nu'uuanu), Paul Kuromoto (Kaimuki)

1 Regional S/T sends Dues and Rosters to US Area and IHQ.

14 Regional Convention Reports due (Club Presidents, RSDs, DGs, 2007 Convention Committee, Regional Officers).

14: Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30PM

19 Temari Bolts Event

### **Christian Emphasis** by Rick Lau

Remember Easter is not about the Easter bunny and hiding eggs.

How did Jesus endure the terror of crucifixion? He went first to the Father with his fears. Do the same with yours. Don't avoid life's Gardens of Gethsemane. Enter them. Just don't enter them alone. And while there, be honest. Pounding the ground is permitted. Tears are allowed. . .And be specific. . . He knows what you need. "When I'm afraid I put my trust in you." -

Psalms 56:3

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