



The Y'S OBSERVER

JUNE 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
Sammer

Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Darryl Tupinio
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
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Reggie Takaki
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
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Reggie Takaki
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Time of Fast: Gary Bautista
YEEP/STEP: Garret Ho
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Hawaii Regional Director-elect:
Rick Lau (Central)
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Metro LT DG:
Phil Chun (Kalihi)
OVG District Governor:
Champ Ono (East Kauai)
US Area President:
Fred Leonard
International President:
Lasse Bergstedt
Central YMCA Executive Director:
Kadi Tarlecky

A Y's Note

*"He aikane, he punana na ke
onaona: Sweet indeed is a good
friend."*

Hawaiian Proverb

President's Message

The month of May is over already. We had our monthly club meeting, along with the Maui Convention, attended by **Phil Sammer** and **Garret Ho** who were responsible for putting together the "program" for the convention, along with designated emcee **Rick Lau**, doing a fantastic job. Incoming club president, **Gary Bautista** rounded out the four members present at the Regional Convention. Our dinner engagement with our brother club Kyoto Palace was down right good fun. **Phil Sammer, Rick Lau, Garret Ho, Ben Makaea**, and yours truly, had a great time being entertained by our guests from Kyoto Palace with their guys singing, women dancing hula, and lots and lots of laughs, and of course the good buffet provided by Willows Restaurant. Phil Sammer, without his ukulele, still got that magic touch with his singing, and so did Garret Ho, the hidden talent in our group. Rick Lau, with aloha spirit, donated gifts to all our guests, and they did likewise with their omiyage to us. Mahalo to Phil, Rick, and Garret for providing transportation to and from their hotels. The Endowment Dinner at JCC was certainly enjoyed by all the members. Our Endowment Honoree, **Maile Kanemaru**, representing the YMCA, was certainly deserving of her award from our club, presented to her by Phil Sammer, our next US Area President Elect. Our newest members, **Christina Alfred** our incoming Secretary, and **Ben Makaea** were given club pins, and inducted into Central Y Service Club that evening. Mahalo, to all the club members that make these events possible, and for supporting club functions.... as always. *Darryl*

A Special Message from Reggie: I have been receiving many, many, many get-well wishes at the hospital, via mail, and phone calls from so many of our Hawaii members. It has been so heartwarming. I am still trying to regain my strength and weight so I can attend a function or two. Thank you for showing all your love. That is the difference between our Y'sdom organization and my other clubs. I can feel your thoughts of good wishes and your prayers. Keep up your great work, much success, 'till we meet again.

With much aloha, *Reggie*

Club Activities

This month was all about the 72nd annual Regional Convention at the Royal Lahaina Resort on Maui. Central had four attendees **Garret, Gary, Rick** and **Phil**. The program flowed smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy the Saturday afternoon off to explore Maui. Congrats to **Nu'uanu**, the Club of the Year, and to President of the Year **Tom Tannery** of East Kauai! **Rick Lau** was a fabulous auctioneer raising more than \$1000 for the Regional coffers while Windward Y'sguys dunned us for a considerable amount that was donated to **Trevor Jones** for his trip to Europe. The Sunday remembrance event was touching and memorable. More next month...



Brother Club News

We gathered at the famous Willows Restaurant to enjoy fellowship with the visiting members of the Kyoto Palace Y's Men's Club who had also attended the Regional Convention on Maui.



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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

News From Y'sdom

Y's Men International News

IHQ announced the formation of three new clubs:
Daejon – Joo Hyang in Korea, Uthimoodu Green Valley in
India and Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates. Y'sdom has
seen considerable expansion in these parts of the world in
the past few years.

US Area News

AP **Fred Leonard** has announced District Governor Training
for the western regions on July 17 and 18 in Torrance, CA.
This is the first such training in many years and marks an
effort by the Area to assist the regions in educating new
officers to their duties with the added benefit of making the
average club member less hesitant about accepting a district
level position. The area will pay all travel expenses. The
incoming DGs for Hawai'i are **Phil Chun** (Kalihi) for Metro
and **Lance Niimi** (Hilo) for OVG.

Metro District

Kaimuki Y'smen sponsored the annual Endowment
Dinner and New Member Induction on Thursday May
22 at the Japanese Cultural Center. **Maile Kanemaru**
was Central's honoree this year in recognition of her
many years of service to the YMCA and to Y'sdom.
Tina Alfred and **Ben Makaea** were officially inducted
into the club while Area Corporate Secretary **Debbie
Redmond** gave the keynote address on the
Endowment Fund. Another great event for the District!



Calendar of Events

JUNE 2008

Emphasis: Public Relations RSD: Donna
Schulze (East Kaua'i)

9 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30

JULY 2008

Emphasis: Membership & Conservation: RSD:
Duke Chung (West O'ahu); Extension: RSD:
Gary Bautista (Central)

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9-11 US Area Council Meeting: St. Louis, MO.
28-Aug. 3: International Council Meeting and
Convention, Herning, Denmark.

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

"The important thing is faith - the kind of faith
that works through love."- Galatians 5:6
Symbols are important. Some of them like
communion and baptism, illustrate the cross
of Christ. They symbolize salvation . . . but
they do not impart salvation. Putting your
trust in a symbol is like claiming to be a sailor
because you have a tattoo . . . Our God . . .
saves us, not because we have trust in a
symbol, but because we trust in a Savior.

News From Central YMCA

Y Exec **Kadi Tarlecky** announced that the
Rotary Club of Waikiki has donated \$1500
to the Central Youth Programs as part of
the recently completed ASC campaign.

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