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

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*"I can accept failure but I can't
accept not trying".*

Michael Jordan

Club Activities

Gary and Darryl have decided to switch positions for the remainder of the year due to the demands on Gary's time. Darryl assumed the presidency after his return from Alaska. The club continues its planning process with YMCA liaison and associate executive **Troy Tomita** who is looking at the best ways to use the club's talents. We will be helping Temari Center again this fall at their annual Trash and Treasure sale in October.

Member doings: Aloha and welcome to our newest member **Roy Tateishi!** We look forward to putting him to work right away! **Darryl** back from Alaska but no omiyage! He claims he'll bring some to the next meeting... **Ted** has retired: Good, more time for Y'smen!

The International Council and Convention- concluded

Reported by Phil Sammer

The convention city of Herning lies in the center of the Jutland peninsula about three hours by train from Copenhagen. It is a rural area with many farms and small towns. Herning was the first city in Denmark to create a pedestrian-only zone in the heart of the old town making it a real pleasure to explore. The convention center was just the right size for our group with the plenary hall and breakout rooms very convenient to each other. The town of Holstebro is also in the center of the country and hosted the International Council meetings. We were able to make several excursions into the surrounding countryside during the International Council meeting and the convention. One excursion was to a typical Danish manor house dating from the 14th century that has been converted into a museum, convention center and hotel. The manor was a self-contained unit that was visited by kings and famous personalities including Hans Christian Andersen. Another excursion took us via steamer (see the August issue of the *Observer*) to the tallest hill in Denmark which features a tower at the summit commemorating important dates in Danish history. The weather was unseasonably hot which led to some problems since the Danes do not believe in air conditioning either in their hotels or in the convention centers! Danish food is similar to American with heavy emphasis on potatoes and meat. However, there were also some delicious fish dishes some of which are served raw such as salmon and herring. The Danes are very hospitable and all speak English to some degree since no one else speaks Danish! The convention was well attended especially by the local Y'smen and women who made up at least fifty percent of the 800 or so attendees. The US Area was well represented with about fifteen delegates who met for a short Area meeting during the convention. I am really looking forward to the 2010 International Convention that will take place in Yokohama, Japan. I hope that many Hawai'i Y'smen and women are already planning to attend!



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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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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

Y'smen Extension Support (YES) is a new program designed to give immediate assistance to Areas that are trying to increase membership. It is entirely separate from the Endowment Fund and will be funded by voluntary contributions from the clubs. Additionally 10% of the YMI operational surplus will be allocated to YES each year with two thirds of the funds going back to the Areas for distribution to the regions. A procedure for applications is currently under development. YMI is very serious about extension and will be putting great emphasis on the program in the coming years.

US Area News

There is still some uncertainty about the location of the next US Area convention and whether it will be held jointly with the Canada-Caribbean Area. The first choice was Asilomar near Monterey, California but that has not been confirmed. The convention is currently set for July 24 to 26, 2009 but that could change. Stay tuned for updates!

Hawai'i Region

RD **Rick Lau** polled the Regional Cabinet and got approval to immediately reduce dues by 50% for regional members under 25 years of age in line with the recent decision at the international convention.

Metro District

Planning for the 2009 Regional Convention continues at a rapid pace under the able leadership of **Walter Osakoda**. A preliminary schedule is already under discussion with final plans and registration forms to be ready for the mid year cabinet meeting on November 15. Some interesting new ideas are in the works that should make this a very worthwhile and memorable event!

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2008

Emphasis: Endowment RSD: Brad Ishida (Kaimuki)

30 Send in Endowment Payment and Write up

OCTOBER 2008

Emphasis: Alexander Scholarship Fund/
Dollars For Scholars. RSD: Larry Hiranaka (Nu'uauu)

13 Membership Meeting Central YMCA
6:30PM

25-26 Temari Trash & Treasure

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

*"The payoff for meekness and Fear-of-God is
plenty and honor and a satisfying life." -
Proverbs 22:4*

True humility is not thinking lowly of yourself but thinking accurately of yourself. The humble heart does not say, "I can't do anything." But rather, "I can't do everything. I know my part and am happy to do it."

News From Central YMCA

Hawai'i middle and high school students can get directly involved in the legislative process through this year's 60th YMCA Hawaii State Youth Legislature program. The YMCA is now accepting applications from students, who will be attending training conferences, writing bills and running for various elected offices over the next several months. Financial assistance is available. Call 941-3344 for more information.

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