



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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*"Age is not important unless
you're a cheese".*

Helen Hayes



HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Best wishes for a great 2009!
Spread Y'sdom!

President's Message

Happy New Year to All!

I have returned and I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. My trip to the Philippines was very enjoyable, except for the weather, which was very hot and humid. Christmas in Denver, Colorado was even better, except for the cold and windy weather. My children and grandson had fun playing in the snow and learning to snow board at the same time. A month and a half went by rather quickly, and now the year 2009 is upon us. I have a lot of catching up to do while I was gone, and I hope all went well. Our club Christmas Party must have been an enjoyable one, thanks to **Garret & Tina** putting it altogether after so many date changes. As for our participation with the Manoa Jaycees Santa's Parade in December, well that was cancelled last minute due to the bad weather. **Richard** and I enjoyed dinner with the Manoa Jaycees members who prepared a lot of food and drinks for that event. Well, the year 2008 is now history and let us all work together and make this year a memorable one. The month of January is Christian Emphasis Sunday, and let us all get together and celebrate one special Sunday. Meanwhile, let's get our Recipe Book completed and ready for sale. See you all at our next monthly meeting Monday January 12, 2009.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! *Darryl*

Club Activities

December turned out a bit slower for activities than planned. We started out strong with our annual Christmas party, ably chaired this year by **Tina** and **Garret** and held at **Kabuki** Restaurant on December 8. Members attending included **Phil, Rick**, both **Roys, Ben, Jimmy, Ted** and daughter **Heather** and Mary with granddaughter **Courtney** as well as special guests **Ann Asakura** and **Grant Kagimoto** of Temari. Also on hand were **James Chong** and **Jimmy Ouchi of Nu'uauu Y'smen**. This year Tina created a new game based on charades where team members had to guess the name of a well-known Christmas carol. It was great fun and appreciated by other restaurant diners as well since we moved into the main dining room to play. The proximity of said diners precluded caroling but we did exchange gifts with everyone leaving well fed and satisfied. The club planned to help out the Manoa Jaycees with their annual Santa Parade as we do every year; however, the weather did not cooperate and the parade was cancelled. As president Darryl mentions above, there was still plenty of food and fellowship, two requisites for any Central Y Service Club activity. Our friends at Temari did not do their usual kadomatsu project after Christmas so our year-end was very quiet. The New Year has begun and our first project is the Central YMCA Community Open House on Saturday January 10 from 9 AM to Noon. Volunteers please contact **Darryl**. We are also planning a YMCA Sunday that is tentatively scheduled for January 18. Time and venue will be discussed at the next club business meeting on Monday January 12. We will also discuss assignments for the Metro District Meeting that the club is sponsoring on January 28 at Stevenson Middle School in Makiki.

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To Acknowledge the Duty
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 will conduct training for incoming Area presidents in St. Louis, MO. on January 24 in conjunction with the International Council Mid Year Meeting. APE **Phil Sammer** will attend.

US Area News

The next joint Canada/Caribbean-US Area convention and council meeting dates are set for July 8-12, 2009. The venue is beautiful Santa Barbara, CA on the UC campus. The cost is \$120 per person registration while room and meals range from \$268 to \$324 depending on bedding. Registration forms are available from RD **Rick Lau**. It should be a fun event in a gorgeous part of the country!

Hawai'i Region

Planning for the 73rd Regional Convention continues to be the main preoccupation of the region. The 'Ilima Hotel will host the business meetings and offers special room rates for attendees while meals will be taken at the Miramar Hotel, a short walk from the 'Ilima.

Metro District

The Metro District held its first annual Christmas Party on Friday December 5 at the Kalihi YMCA. It was a fun event with about 50 attendees from most of the Metro clubs. The food, catered by Gyotaku Restaurant, was ONO and was followed by some fun games including a unique nose-to-nose masking tape event that had everybody laughing. Thanks to coordinator **Bob Kuwahara**, Kalihi Y Exec **Tony Pfalzgraff** and various members from all the clubs for making the event a great success. Present to represent Central were **Rick, Phil** and **Garret**.

Calendar of Events

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Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Darryl Tupinio (Central)

10 YMCA Open House 9 AM-Noon
12 Business Meeting Central Y 6:30PM
18 YMCA Sunday
28 Metro District Meeting 6:30 PM Stevenson Middle School

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Emphasis: Time Of Fast RSD: Dan Takamatsu (Kalihi)

3 ASC Kick Off Central YMCA 6 PM
9 Business Meeting Central Y 6:30PM
12 ASC Report Meeting Central Y 6 PM
26 ASC Report Meeting Central Y 6 PM

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau
Countless copies of Scriptures sit unread on bookshelves and nightstands simply because people don't know how to read it. What can we do to make the Bible real in our lives? The clearest answer is found in the words of Jesus. "Ask and God will give it to you." The first step in understanding the Bible is asking God to help us. "Ask and God will give it to you. Search and you will find."
- Mathew 7:7

News From Central YMCA

Central YMCA will hold its annual Community Open House on Saturday January 10, 2009 from 9 AM to Noon. Learn about exciting new island-wide programs for children, teens, adults and seniors. Meet old and new friends and get a chance to win \$100 Jamba Juice prize packs and other great prizes. Call 941-3344 for more information.

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