



# 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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## Club Members:

Garret Ho, Ted Isekawa, Jimmy Ishimoto, Rick Lau, Ben Makaea, Mary Nakamura, Marilyn Nakayama, Carol Sakuma, Gary Sakuma, Phil Sammer, Reggie Takaki, Roy Tateishi

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Darryl Tupinio  
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*"The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life".  
Muhammad Ali*

## President's Message

Hi you all!

How quickly the time goes by, and we're now into the month of February. January 18th, we celebrated YMCA Sunday at Manoa Valley Church, attended by **Phil, Rick, Ted, Jimmy, Ben, Roy Hiyama** and his wife **Carol**, and me. **Pastor Anne** added our club member **Reggie Takaki** in her prayers during the service, and again the following Sunday. After the service, a group picture was taken with Pastor Anne out in the courtyard and later we had a Chinese lunch.....I attended the ASC training one evening with other YMCA staff members, along with other volunteers which was held at the Central YMCA, Thursday January 22. On hand to provide training that evening were **Troy** and **Kadi**.....Our club hosted the most recent Metro District Meeting at Stevenson Middle School on Wednesday January 28th. A big thank you goes out to **Tina** for providing a meeting room in her cafeteria and also getting the delicious food we all ate that evening. Mahalo to Tina's friends for their helping hand and also to **Rick, Roy T, Mary**, and **Ted** for pitching in by setting up the food table and directing other club members to the meeting place. The discussion at the meeting was the upcoming convention in May and also club officer's and member's recognition for hours and years of service to Y'sdom beginning sometime in June. ....February is YMCA Annual Support Month (ASC) as most of you know and, being selected as one of the captains for this campaign, I will need help from the members of our group to solicit donations again in support of our YMCA. Your support for this campaign is greatly appreciated, especially now because of the state's poor economy. Central has stepped up to the plate with **Ben, Rick, Mary, Reggie**, and **Roy Hiyama** on the team along with calabash member **Ed Lee**. **Phil** is chair of the campaign.....Our club's recipe book is still being worked on and hopefully completed soon. Let's have an M/M fundraiser sometime in March at Central again and possibly a Make a Difference Day at the Y sometime after. *Darryl*



Roy and Ben sign the church register



Darryl and Ted discuss religion....

## Brother Club News

From **Northwest Y Service Club's Y's Y're**: Cupertino Square Holiday Gift Wrapping Update = (finals) Discount sales in the down turned economy brought a huge number of JC Penny, Macy and Sears customers to our best ever gift wrap setup in front of the new Cupertino Square Food Court and near JC Penny. Customers were just as charitable as last year, so our preliminary results show we did as well as last year to net about \$10,000. (\$10,329 net for 08) Congratulations to all the crew and wonderful volunteers. Training of the many high school service club volunteers really pays off. (216 students / 1266 hrs) (40 adults / 650 hrs) wrapped 6783 packages.

From **Bendigo Y Service Club Golden City Bulletin**: The decision by the club to provide secondhand computers to the Tovolu school in Tonga has been followed up by Colin Lambie. A total of 12 computers were sourced locally and dispatched on January 20 to P&O Melbourne for the trip to Tonga.....(We're) sure the students will get great value from them.

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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

All eight Area presidents and presidents-elect met in St. Louis in January for a productive training session and mid year meeting. Major topics of discussion included the need to change the name of our organization to be more inclusive. Y'smen is seen as outdated. Suggested names are Y Service Clubs International and Global Y Service Clubs. US Area APE **Phil Sammer** and Australian AP **Colin Lambie** will be conducting an informal survey to present to the full international council in Sri Lanka in July.

### US Area News

The Area executives met in Phoenix in mid January to discuss issues of concern especially the need to recruit new members and create new clubs in order to counter the downward spiral of membership. Hawai'i has two possible new clubs that are being pursued by RD **Rick**, one on O'ahu and one on Hawai'i Island.

### Hawai'i Region

Regional Secretary/Treasurer **Bob Kuwahara** reports that Hawai'i has donated \$402.50 to date to the Roll Back Malaria project. Good start!

### Metro District

The winter district meeting was held on Wednesday January 28 at Stevenson Middle School teacher's dining room. Thanks in a large part to Tina Alfred who secured the venue and also took charge of the onolicious dinner. In attendance were: **Darryl, Rick, Roy Tateishi, Mary, and Ted**. We discussed the Member Recognition Program as presented by DG **Phil Chun** and Darryl will bring back the proposal for further discussion on the club level. The next District meeting is slated for March 25 and **Larry Bush**, YMCA Of Honolulu CEO, has been invited to speak. Host club will be Windward. Venue: tba

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY 2009

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

### MARCH 2009

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: James Chong (Nu'uuanu)

9 Business Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 PM  
19 ASC Volunteer Celebration  
TBA Work Project at Central YMCA

### Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

*"In the past God spoke. . . at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son"* - Hebrews 1: 1-2  
God, motivated by love and directed by divinity, surprised everyone. He became a man. In an untouchable mystery, he disguised himself as a carpenter and lived in a dusty Judean village. Determined to prove his love for his creation, he walked incognito through his own world. His calloused hands touched wounds and his compassionate words touched our hearts. He became one of us.

### News From Central YMCA

Central YMCA kicked off the 2009 Annual Support Campaign themed "This is My Y" on Tuesday February 3 collecting \$7700 on a goal of \$85,000. This year the funds will support various community service programs. Report nights and phone banks are scheduled every Thursday through the end of February.

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