



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAII REGION,  
US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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Troy Tomita

*"One of the secrets in life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks."*

Jack Penn

## President's Message

It's amazing how time passes by, and now the month of November is here with the holidays to enjoy. Before you know it, the year 2009 will come to an end, and another year older. The month of October went by quickly, with me taking off to Denver to visit with one of my daughters, and afterwards to Las Vegas for a class reunion. I had a great time at a resort (Breckenridge) in Denver- didn't win any jackpot in Vegas, but happy to back home. After a trip, doesn't that time difference between the mainland and Hawai'i just kill's you!

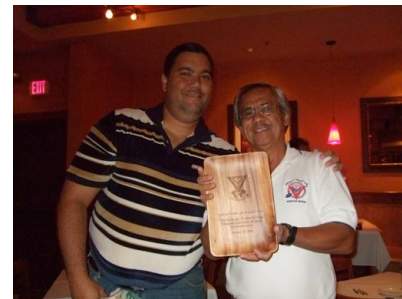
Mahalo to **Phil** for coordinating our club's recent 15th year celebration dinner, Monday October 12th at Macaroni Grill, with our mother club, **Kaimuki Y's Men**. Joining in the celebration that evening were **Ray Seto** and **Keahi Kaawa** from Kaimuki, **Duke** and **Linda Chung** from West Oahu for cocktails, and Phil's mom **Muriel** as guest. Sorry if I may have left some names out! Thanks to you, **Phil, Rick, Ben, Gary, Garret, Tina, Eunice, Roy T, Roy Y**, along with **Jimmy** and spouse **Charlene** including grandson **Kaleo**, for making that evening special with you all being there enjoying dinner and having a good time. To our early birds, Rick, Ben, Roy T and "Thy-self", the cocktails and pupus several hours before dinner were just what we needed to get that evening started. I'm looking forward to our Club's Christmas Dinner already! Cocktails before dinner is just what Doctor Ben suggested!....Thank you to club members **Roy Hiyama** and **Mary Nakamura** for taking the time to help out at the recent Manoa Jaycees Craft Fair that took place on Saturday October 17th at the Manoa Elementary School. Mahalo to the both of you from **Ed Lee** and the Manoa Jaycees.

As a reminder, on Monday November 9th, our monthly club meeting will be held at the Ilima Hotel. **Sharon Ishida**, and possibly another speaker from the Kaimuki Club will attend our meeting and will make a presentation on Membership Orientation and Retention. Also, reports from club members volunteering their time, looking into future projects for our club, will be made that evening. Pot luck that evening for all to enjoy, so bring one of your favorite dishes, or contribute some \$\$\$\$\$ to offset some of the cost.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving day dinner with family and friends! *Darryl*



Jimmy, Kaleo and Charlene enjoy the party.



Keahi presents President Darryl a plaque commemorating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club.

**Some prize-winning neologisms:** . *Lymph* (v.), to walk with a lisp; *Balderdash* (n.), a rapidly receding hairline; *Coffee* (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.

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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 community it  
serves.

## News From Y'sdom

### Y's Men International News

Area Africa has two new clubs to celebrate: The **Mushin Y's Men's Club** in Lagos, Nigeria which is chartering with 15 members and the **Kisumu City Y's Men's Club** in Kisumu, Kenya which is chartering with 17 members. Congratulations and welcome to Y Service Clubs International!

### US Area News

The Regional Director-elect training will be held in Torrance, CA from Nov. 12 to 15. Hawai'i's own **Russ Lynch** will attend. RDEs from the Canada-Caribbean Area will also participate. This is the "school" for training RDEs and provides a wealth of information about how to effectively run the region.

### Hawai'i Region

The 74<sup>th</sup> Regional Convention steering committee will hold its second meeting at the Kalihi YMCA at 10 AM on Saturday November 7. Chair **Duke Chung** plans to finalize the meal and registration costs and work on other organizational details. Central is tasked again this year with transportation. **Ben** and **Jimmy** will represent the club. **Phil** is in charge of the hotel arrangements and will also attend.

### Metro District

Saturday, October 10th, Make a Difference Day Project at Camp Erdman went very well, thanks to **Phil Chun** from Kalihi Y, project chairman. Volunteers from various clubs helped out, by painting certain sections of the buildings, while others spruced up the grounds as needed. Our crew of **Garret Ho, Ben Makaea, Roy Tateishi, and Darryl** are no longer apprentice painters, according to project supervisor, Ben. After a hard day's work at the site, which took just a few hours, **Duke** and **Linda** from West Oahu coordinated the BBQ luncheon with all the clubs providing main dishes and beverages for everyone to enjoy.

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER 2009

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund RSD:  
John Simpson (East Kaua'i)

7 74<sup>th</sup> Regional Convention Meeting  
Kalihi YMCA 10 AM  
9 Membership Seminar 'Ilima Hotel 6:30P  
21 Regional Mid Year Cabinet Meeting  
'Ilima Hotel 9 AM  
28 Work Project Central YMCA 8 AM

### DECEMBER 2009

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis Co-RSDs:  
Joni Neel (Hilo), Jenny Yukimura (E. Kaua'i)

4 Metro District Christmas Party Kalihi  
YMCA 6:30 PM  
14 Club Christmas Party 'Ilima Hotel 6 PM

### Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

"You are . . . God's own possession." -  
1 Peter 2:9

God loves you simply because He has  
chosen to do so. He loves you when you  
don't feel lovely. He loves you when no one  
else loves you. Others may abandon you,  
divorce you, and ignore you, but God will  
love you. Always. No matter what.

### News From Central YMCA

The YMCA winter school break program –  
December 21, 2009 - January 1, 2010-  
offers a fun, learning environment in our  
youth programs at branches across Oahu,  
including Central. Call 941-3344 for more  
information or visit the YMCA of Honolulu  
website at [www.ymcahonolulu.org](http://www.ymcahonolulu.org).

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