

# The Y'S OBSERVER

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAI'I REGION, US AREA. Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL Honor Bulletin 2008-2014

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Regional Theme:

Right Time, Right Now

Y's Words:

"Failure is an event, never a person".

William Brown

# President's Message

Aloha Y Service Club members!

The summer is pau and we're all settling back into the work or school mode with vacation just a distant memory. Pity those who have to commute on H-1 now that the

universities are back in session. Too bad the new elevated rail system won't go all the way to Manoa! We're still trying to contact the Blood Bank about a possible drive in the fall also no word yet on our efforts to help the Leeward YMCA organize a Y Service Club. Members don't forget to bring your donation items for the Waikiki Community Center Thrift store to the next meeting: New or gently used household or recreational items such as snorkels, fins, coffee mugs and the like. Please make an effort as well to bring a prospective member to the meeting. Hey, we meet at a yacht club so it's all good!

Aloha, Phil

# **Club Activities**

It was Okinawan Festival time again and four stalwart Central YSC members turned out to lend a hand on Saturday morning August 30. **Rick, Roy, Darryl** and **Phil** were at the **Bito Doshi Kai** booth to assist our calabash member **Eunice Delacruz** bag huli huli chicken from 7am to 1pm. The morning started out slowly but by 11am there were lines of people waiting to buy the chicken, sushi and nishime (sort of an Okinawan vegetable soup). It was pretty warm but not unbearable with a nice breeze springing up around noontime. Roy and Rick dug out early to go to the UH football game (they lost by one point s) and do some tail gating at the stadium. That'll be worth a Y's Guy fine at our next meeting s. To all volunteers, dom arrigato gozaimasu!



Always a popular booth



Da gang! Rick,Phil,Darryl,Roy



Tastv menu

# **Brother Club Activities**

The Northwest YSC Y's Y're reports that the club held its annual picnic on August 28. **Morris Hosoda** provided the barbeque while **Buck Cox** coordinated supplies and set up. The Bendigo YSC *Golden City Bulletin* reports that the club will celebrate its 75th anniversary at a luncheon on September 28. A commemorative booklet has been prepared for the occasion. Are there any charter members left??

*Humor:* "What's wrong, Henry?" "My razor, babe. It doesn't cut at all". "Oh, Henry, don't be silly. Your beard can't be as tough as linoleum"! (Courtesy of Whittier AM YSC).

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To Acknowledge the Duty That Accompanies Every Right.

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#### **Brother Clubs**

Seoul Y's Men's Club Westchester Y's Men's Club Northwest Y Service Club Thika Y Service Club Kyoto Palace Y's Men's Club Bendigo Y Service Club

The Mission of the Central Y Service Club is to perform group volunteer work that directly or indirectly supports Central YMCA and the community it serves.

## **News From Y'sdom**

### Y Service Clubs International

The election this year will be significant because the International Council is reduced from 21 members to 15 members from 2015/16, with two of those seats reserved for Young Members (must be aged 26-39 years during the term). India and Europe will be the first Areas to elect one Young Member each to the Council. To allow a future new Young Member to be elected yearly - with no two new Young ICMs joining the Council in the same year - the Indian representative will serve an exceptional 3-year term.

#### **US Area**

The Area Council meeting was held in Tucson, AZ in July and attended by our RD **Bobby Stivers-Apiki** who will make his report at the mid-year meeting in November.

#### **Metro District**

The first Metro District meeting of the new year took place at the 'Ilima Hotel on Saturday August 23 after being postponed from August 9 due to tropical storm Iselle. Among the items discussed were:

-Possibly restarting HI Y Clubs at the YMCA branches with the sponsorship of Y Service Clubs.

-Expanding the Peace Project to the entire Region
-A regional "Paint over graffiti" project in association with other organizations and the counties to build recognition of Y Service Clubs.

-A project to preserve YMCA history through old photos, archives, newspaper articles and other media. **Russ Lynch** will chair the project.

The next meeting will be in October, with date and venue to be determined, hosted by West O'ahu.

### Hawai'i Region

It's official: The next Hawai'i Regional Convention will be held once again in Las Vegas at the California and Main Street Station Hotels from May 13-14, 2015. Registration forms will be forthcoming. Members need to make their own travel arrangements with Vacations Hawai'i being the company of choice. More info next month!

## Calendar of Events

#### SEPTEMBER 2014

Emphasis: Endowment RSD: Ray Seto (Kaimuki)

8 Membership Meeting 6pm-Yacht Club

#### OCTOBER 2014

Emphasis: ASF/DFS RSD: Maurice Shimonishi (Nu'uanu)

13 Membership Meeting 6pm-Yacht Club

#### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,"

says the Lord God. - Ezekial 34:15 What the shepherd does with the flock, our Shepherd will do with us. He will lead us to the high country.

When the pasture is bare down here, God will lead us up there. He will guide us through the gate, out of the flatlands,

and up the path of the mountain.

#### **News From Central YMCA**

October 1-8 is membership appreciation week. We will be having games, snacks and general frivolity. There will be small prizes for winners of games and a big prize drawing. We hope to see you that week for fun and fellowship... The Y construction project is moving forward. We are happy to say that the new plans include a half gym and a multi-pool aquatic center (a lap pool, therapy pool and a spa/Jacuzzi)! Stay tuned!

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