



The Y'S OBSERVER



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A Y's Note

*"Know the true value of time,
snatch, seize and enjoy every
moment of it".*

Lord Chesterfield

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAII REGION,
US AREA, Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL
MAY 2007

President's Message

Hawai'i Region Convention: Last reminder! If you can't do the whole weekend, just sign up for the events and meals that you are able to participate in. Sign up for the two dinners and stay for the hospitality and the auction events. The Endowment Dinner banquet is on Thursday May 17, the day before the convention opens, and we will be honoring **Les Abe**. Les was a fun person but also had deep feelings about friendship and life in general. He wrote a short poem called **A Smile** which is printed in this issue. Let's all attend to support Les. Please call me to RSVP if you have not already done so. Temari's **Anne Asakura** brought dinner to April's meeting and gave us the details on the Bolts of Fabric event on April 21 (see the following story). Ann also gave us a check for \$100 from Temari's board of directors in honor of Les Abe's Endowment Fund Golden Book entry. Mahalo nui!

Club and Member Activities

Temari Bolts of Fabric and Fun reported by Reggie Takaki.

Central members gathered at Temari headquarters in the basement of the Honpa Hongwangi Temple on Pali Highway on Saturday April 21 around 7 AM. We helped carry the vendors' craft items from their vans up to the sales floor. At the end of the fair, around 1 PM, we carried the unsold craft items back to the vans. We also helped with parking whenever necessary. Present for duty were **Roy, Rick, Reggie, Darryl, Mary, Ted** and **Marilyn**. As always there were coffee and doughnuts for the dawn patrol and lunch for all workers plus lots of fellowship between Central and Temari members.

The US Area Convention is only two months away. Registration materials will be available at the Regional Convention or can be downloaded from the US Area Web Site:

www.ysmenusa.com.

Member Doings: **Phil** just back from the Bay Area where he narrowly missed the chaos created by the collapse of the freeway connector in Oakland. Timing is everything!

A Smile
By Les Abe



"A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it and none is so poor that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the soul and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen for it is something of no value until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them yours as none needs a smile as much as he who has no more to give".

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

"The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command." - 1 Thessalonians 4:16

Have you ever wondered what that command will be? It will be the inaugural word of heaven. I could very well be wrong, but I think the command that puts an end to the pains of the earth and initiates the joys of heaven will be two words: "No more."

No more loneliness. No more tears. No more death. No more sadness. No more crying. No more pain.

Brother Club News

Four members of Kyoto Palace Y'smen's Club will attend the regional convention and Brother Club dinner: **Yuko** and **Hitoshi Inoue** and president-elect **Takeshi Kawakami** and wife. We look forward to their visit and hope they will enjoy the events!

Friday, March 30th, the Northwest Y Service Club assisted the Cupertino Rotary Club and Fremont Union High School District Foundation in a fund raiser for the five high schools in Northwest Santa Clara Valley, achieving \$44,000.00.

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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

More new clubs have been formed overseas. Korea West: Seoryeong(17 members); Denmark: Holbaek Fjord(20 members); Finland: Vievis "Tempus"(18 members); Australia: Central Goldfields(24 members). 40-50 applications(!) are in the works for Area India.

US Area News

Great news! A new club will be chartered with 19 members in the US Area South Atlantic Region on May 15: Raleigh (North Carolina) Y Service Club based at the A.E. Finley YMCA.

Hawai'i Region News

RD **Phil Sammer** has circulated "Talking Points" about spreading the responsibility of the annual convention across the entire region each year. The District Governors would continue to chair the event alternating between Metro and OVG. Surpluses from various convention activities would revert to the regional treasury and could be used to decrease the annual assessment and help with district projects. Voting on the proposal is scheduled for next year and the new arrangement would take effect for the 2009 convention.

Metro District News

The Metro District Conference was held on Wednesday April 18 at 6:30 PM at the Central YMCA hosted by Metro DG **Rick Lau**. Discussion centered around the upcoming convention and the status of each club. The group also briefly discussed the Regional Leadership Guidelines and the proposal to make planning the annual convention a regional affair... The final meeting of the convention planning committee took place on Friday May 4 at the Kalihi YMCA. Chair **Ray Seto** reviewed each club's responsibility including those of Central which include transportation. The committee also decided to replace the casino night on Friday with a silent and live auction which will also be repeated on Saturday.

Calendar of Events

MAY 2007

Emphasis: Regional Convention Metro DG Rick Lau
14 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30PM
17 Annual Metro Endowment Dinner: JCCH Manoa Grand Ballroom 6 PM.
18-20 71st Hawai'i Region Convention: Pagoda Hotel, Honolulu.
20 Brother Club Dinner at the home of Brad and Sharon Ishida. 6 PM.

JUNE 2007

Emphasis: Public Relations. RSD: Donna Schulze (East Kaua'i).

11 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30PM
Tba Pan Pacific Matsuri in Hawai'i Parade

News From Central YMCA

Central Names Volunteer of the Quarter



Pail Waller has been a friend and a Volunteer at Central YMCA for over two decades. He is passionate about his volunteer work with our Healthy Lifestyles Department supporting youth, teen and adult fitness programs. He also facilitates a bible study class with a small group of Central Y members and residents. What drives Paul to volunteering? His answer, "I don't like to quit" and "I love to serve others." **Spirit, Mind & Body** is exemplified by Paul not only in his work but in his dedication and commitment to serve others. He is truly an inspiration to the Central YMCA staff and members.

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