



The Y'S OBSERVER



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A Y's Note

"Truth has no special time of its own. Its hour is now-always".

Albert Schweitzer

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

SEPTEMBER 2007

President's Message

I had to threaten R.D. Phil to print this verbatim. We in the Central Y Service Club were elated to learn that our **Phil Sammer** won the prestigious Henry Grimes Award for being the outstanding Regional Director in the U.S. Area. Phil worked hard all year only because that is his work ethic. Besides being the Hawaii R.D. he also is the editor for our Hawaii Regional Bulletin and our club's bulletin editor. His stock continues to climb since he was asked to be one of the nominees for the area president. I am writing this since he is such a humble guy that he shies away from taking any credit for any positive thing he does. Phil, congratulations to a very deserving Y's man. We are all so very proud to have you in our club. Continued success in all of your endeavors.

Your proud president, *Reggie*

Club and Member Activities

NAMI Walk by Marilyn Nakayama

The NAMI Walk (National Alliance on Mental Illness) on Saturday August 4 at Honolulu Hale was a success. **Mary, Ted,** and myself were able to participate. **Gary and Carol Sakuma,** prospective new club members also participated. Mary also got some of her staff from **Extermco** to walk as well. The NAMI foundation are already preparing for next year's walk and I will email you the details once I have them. Let's try to take up their challenge of collecting \$2000 in pledges over the coming year. Others who were not able to walk but who donated to the cause were **Reggie and Rick.** Mahalo to them!

Central YMCA Rummage Sale

Was held on Sat. August 4 in the morning. It was on the same day as our regional convention meeting and the NAMI Walk so no one could help. But some of our members donated items to sell. Mary donated three bags of various items, and Gary donated

a new shredder and a Chinese painted glass ball. There may have been other club donors as well. No word on how much was raised but it all went to help meet the 2007 ASC goal.

Member doings; Phil just returned from a week in the beautiful Pacific Northwest visiting Portland and Vancouver, BC. Claims it was a business trip but what were those golf clubs doing in the baggage?? His travels took him to the small town of Chemamus on Vancouver Island which is famous for the life sized murals painted on the buildings of the town depicting its logging past. He also visited Victoria, the capital of BC and home to several large totem poles carved by First Nations Indians. Cost a bit more than usual though as the Canadian dollar is almost at par with the US dollar.....**Darryl** newly retired and just back from a fishing trip to Alaska. He promises to bring some smoked salmon pupu to the next club meeting! Be sure to update your rolodex (or PDA) and delete Darryl's HawaiianAir email and phone number.

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

Ever blame your plight on Washington? (If they'd lower the tax rates, my business would work.) Inculcated your family for your failure? (Mom always liked my sister more.) . . . Consider the prayer of David: "Create in me a new heart, O God." . . . Real change is an inside job. You might alter things a day or two with money and systems, but the heart of the matter is and always will be, the matter of the heart. "Create in me a new heart, O God." - Psalm 51:10

Brother Club News

Northwest Y's Yre:

On Thursday August 16 it was wonderful to see members, wives, friends and guests assemble and visit in our Linda Vista Park site. Two special guests from the East Kauai Y service Club, **Jesse Castro** and **John Simpson** arrived from Yosemite just in time to eat. **John** is the club Vice President and **Jesse** is the Hawaiian Region's Bulletin Editor. The evening was an opportunity to share summer experiences, enjoy a variety of food and to hear and see **Buck's** presentation of his trip to the Carolinas, South and North (US Area Convention & after)

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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

Well, the International Council turned down the convention bid submitted by the Pacific Southwest Region in favor of Yokohama, Japan. Seems that the deciding factor was the problem that some foreign Y'smen might have getting USA visas. Too bad world politics subverted the hard work PSW RD **Karl Walther** put into preparing the bid.

US Area News

RDE Training will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana this year from November 8 to 11, 2007 in conjunction with the YMCA's "John 17:21 Spiritual Emphasis Conference " to show how the Y's Men's/Y Service Clubs can help in promoting the "C" in the YMCAs. RDE **Rick Lau** will attend the training (he's also the club SD for Christian Emphasis so it's doubly interesting for him).

Hawai'i Region

Hawai'i Region Webmaster **Russ Lynch** has been working very hard to make the regional website an up to date and dynamic document. He is posting club newsletters, regional and district news and is maintaining the rosters. There are pictures of current activities as well as links to Y'sdom and the YMCA. He is counting on all Hawai'i Y'smen to supply updated info and pictures so keep in touch. The website URL is www.ysmenhawaii.org. Visit soon!

Metro District

Metro DG **Russ Lynch** is planning to hold a District Meeting just before the regional mid-year cabinet meeting on Saturday November 24 at 9 AM. The major topic of discussion will be club reports on preparations for the 72nd Regional Convention.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2007

Emphasis: Endowment RSD: Brad Ishida (Kaimuki)
Pick up Community Center Fund Drive Canisters (after Labor Day)
10 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 PM
26 Central YMCA Open House

OCTOBER 2007

Emphasis: ASF/Dollars for Scholars RSD: Larry Hiranaka (Nu'uano)

TBA: Make a Difference Day
20: Manoa Jaycees Craft Fair.

News From Central YMCA

The Central YMCA will celebrate its 95th Anniversary this year. **Tyler Ching** and **Paul Yokota**, co-chairs of the Social Club Alumni Special Events Committee, along with Executive Director **Maile Kanemaru** and Marketing Director **Susan Nakamura** are organizing a very special event which will be hosted by Honorary Co-chairs **Mayor Mufi Hanneman** and **Dean Okimoto**. The event will be held on **November 24, 2007** at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and includes buffet dinner, live music and dancing. Ticket sales begin soon. Central YMCA started as a three story building downtown at the corner of King and Alakea Streets on October 11, 1911 but was not organized as a branch until 1918 since it was the only building in the association at that time.

Y's Humor: A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.' "Can you read this?" the optician asked. "Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."

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