



The Y'S OBSERVER



Officers 2007-2008

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Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
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Fred Leonard
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Central YMCA Executive Director:
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A Y's Note

"The principle mark of genius is not perfection but originality, the opening of new frontiers".

Arthur Koestler

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

OCTOBER 2007

President's Message

It's 8:45 PM on a Saturday night. I'm exhausted after helping my painter all day painting my house. I'm sipping on my third glass of red wine and getting a little mellow. Trying very hard to think of what to write. Maybe I should write about the benefits of drinking at least three to five glasses of red wine. No, I don't think that is what Y's men and women should do. October is "Make A Difference Day" with the designated day being the last Saturday of the month. We will be painting one or two rooms at the Central YMCA. As Y's men and women I believe we are making a difference every time we participate in a project. Let's all continue to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. I thank our members for making a difference.

Your grateful pres, *Reggie*

Club and Member Activities

By Reggie Takaki

Canister Pick up for Waikiki Health Center: Every year the club assists the Waikiki Health Center to distribute and pick up canisters for collecting loose change at various merchant establishments. The money collected is used to defray the expense of back to school inoculations for underprivileged kids. Drop off is done in time for the big Fourth of July weekend and pick up takes place after Labor Day in September. Helping to deliver and/or pickup were: **Rick, Gary, Reggie, Darryl, Roy, Garret, and Mary.** There were fewer canisters this year so we didn't need as much help as in previous years. It was still a good project where we played a role in helping to get these under-privileged kids immunized so they can go to school.

Central YMCA Member Appreciation Day and 95th Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 26, 2007 10:30 AM to 1 PM.

We helped unload Chloe Martin's car of the food that we helped serve at lunch time. Prior to lunch there was a short program honoring some of the long time members.

Helping were **Rick Lau, Darryl Tupinio, Ben Makaea, and Reggie Takaki.** Not too many of our members could help since it was a working day. We had fun meeting a lot of the members.

Member doings; Rick and Roy went to see UH play in Las Vegas, altho not with each other. **Garret** went to Kaua'i to the county fair to sell one of his many products. **Phil** celebrated 60 years on the planet by renting his company's beach house in La'ie for a weekend.

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

Agape love cares for others because God has cared for us. **Agape** love goes beyond sentimental and good wishes. Because God loved first, **agape** love responds. Because God was gracious, **agape** love forgives the mistake when the offense is high. **Agape** offers patience when stress is abundant and extends kindness when kindness is rare. Why? Because God offered us both. "Love is patient and kind." - 1 Corinthians 13:4

Brother Club News

From the Y's Y're of Northwest Y Service Club.

Saturday and Sunday, September 15th and 16th The Northwest YMCA had a display that had four booths specializing in different areas (at Cupertino Wine and Art Festival). There were demonstrations of spin cycle, pilates exercises, fitness activities and children doing picture art. There was staff sharing information on YMCA programs. Child Care staff included Kimi Synder and our club member **Brenda Freeman.**

Y's Humor: Puns Intended:

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference...The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work... To write with a broken pencil is pointless... When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.... A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall...If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine...

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye....Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know to basis...(I've got lots more!)

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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

One of the topics discussed at the recent International Council Meeting in Australia was the lack of publicity for Y'smen International. A task force has been appointed to work with a PR company to conduct a review of the image of Y'smen, Y's Menettes and Y's Youth. A budget of about \$29,000 was authorized for this purpose.

US Area News

AP **Fred Leonard** announced at the recent International Council Meeting that, given the decline in membership in the Area, the primary thrust during his next two years will be to reverse the trend through coordinated extension and membership conservation efforts utilizing Area and Regional Extension and MC RSDs and District Governors. This will be accomplished by following through on YMCA contacts, training for all levels from club member to ASD with special emphasis on District Governors and continuing evaluation and modification of club structure, organization and culture. He also expressed a long term goal of encouraging involvement of clubs and members beyond the local level in Y'smen International.

Hawai'i Region

Clubs should be well underway in planning for the 72nd Regional Convention and should be preparing preliminary reports for the Regional Cabinet and Convention Steering Committee meetings on November 24, 2007. Central is responsible for the general program of the convention.

Metro District

Metro DG **Russ Lynch** is planning a district meeting at 9 AM on November 24 just before the Regional Cabinet Meeting.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2007

Emphasis: ASF/Dollars for Scholars RSD: Larry Hiranaka (Nu'uauu)
8 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 PM
20: Make a Difference Day. Room painting at Central YMCA

NOVEMBER 2007

Emphasis: Brotherhood Fund RSD: Phyllis Seto (Kaimuki)
4 Temari Trash and Treasure
12 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30PM
24 Mid Year Cabinet Meeting/Metro District Meeting/72nd Convention Steering Committee.
24 Central YMCA 95th Anniversary Celebration

News From Central YMCA

Central YMCA will soon be saying farewell to a very important person: **Chloe Martin**, long time executive secretary, who will retire this month after ten years of service. Chloe has worked closely with the Central Y Service Club over the years and has also served as recording secretary for the Central YMCA Board of Managers. A party is planned for her on Friday October 12, 2007 at the Shorebird Restaurant in the Outrigger Reef Hotel. Call **Debbie Victor** at 951-1306 to RSVP. Mmm, maybe now that she's retiring we can recruit her into the club..!

Central will celebrate its 95th anniversary on Saturday November 24, 2007 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Central was the original YMCA of Honolulu and was located downtown and kept the name "Central" when it became the first of nine subsequent branches. In days past, Central was a sports powerhouse especially in volleyball and was recently recognized as a pioneer of the sport in the United States. There are still a few members who have been with the branch since it moved to Ala Moana in 1952!

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