



The Y'S OBSERVER

Mele Kalikimaka!



Officers 2007-2008

President: Reggie Takaki
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Secretary: Roy Hiyama
Treasurer: Rick Lau

Club Members:

Christina Alfred, Gary Bautista,
Garret Ho, Ted Isekawa
Ben Makaea, Mary Nakamura,
Marilyn Nakayama, Carol Sakuma,
Gary Sakuma, Phil Sammer

Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Darryl Tupinio
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho
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Reggie Takaki
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau
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US Area President:
Fred Leonard
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Central YMCA Executive Director:
Maile Kanemaru

A Y's Note

"In the space age, the most important space is between the ears".

Thomas J. Barlow

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

DECEMBER 2007

President's Message

It's Christmas time once more. That magical season we all look forward to. We all like to say we should practice that charitable feeling all year. Well said but not likely. That's human nature at it's best, or worst. Let's celebrate it once a year so it can be very special. So we can feel like jerks for forgetting to live that Christmas spirit the other eleven months. Continue to live that Christmas spirit for one month. Lets make the most of it...We welcome new members **Tina Alfred** brought in by **Garret Ho** and **Carol** and **Gary Sakuma**, brought in Carol's sister **Marilyn Nakayama**. They have been actively participating with our club's functions.

Merry Christmas!

Reggie

Club and Member Activities

By Reggie Takaki

Temari Trash & Treasure

Saturday & Sunday November 3 & 4.

On Saturday Roy Hiyama was the only one able to show up at Temari's headquarters to load up the T&T items onto trucks then transporting them to Japanese Cultural Center for the Sunday event. On Sunday Roy and the rest of us showed up between 6:15 to 7:30 AM. Helping were **Roy, Rick, Reggie, Marilyn**, her sister and husband **Carol** and **Gary Sakuma**, and **Tina Alfred**. We hauled the items from the lounge onto the event floor then helped sort them out. At the end of the event we packed up the unsold items and hauled them downstairs to someone who took them away for their fundraiser. Carol and Gary Sakuma gave me their member applications and dues so they are now officially new members. As usual Temari fed us all day long with coffee and pastries, and good heavy lunch items. As always it was a good fun project and we look forward to helping them again.

Australian RDE **John Pontefract**, a friend of **Phil**, flew into Honolulu on November 2 on his way to the RDE training in Indianapolis along with Hawai'i RDE **Rick Lau**. Rick and president **Reggie** entertained John since Phil was on a mainland business trip. John also stopped off on his return trip and was able to attend the November meeting of the club and do an island tour to Camp Erdman. Great to have him here again!



Isn't Australia the other way?

Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School carnival: On Wednesday November 21 From 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM our new member Tina Alfred, who is the Vice Principal at the school, asked if we could help them at their carnival. Being a work-day we had very limited help. Helping were **Rick, Reggie**, and naturally **Tina**. Rick helped serve lunch, whatever he didn't consume himself, while Reggie helped serve cold drinks. He didn't consume any since all were without alcohol. They then fed us lunch, BBQ beef and chicken over rice. It was refreshing to see so many teenagers having so much fun. Thanks Tina for this opportunity!

Central YMCA 95th anniversary. **Rick** and **Reggie** attended. There were only a handful of other Y's Men there otherwise attendance was great with good food and a good reunion of the YMCA Social Clubs of the 60's. Lots of good dancing to too loud music which forced us to leave too early. More for slightly younger crowd. Should do this annually with each YMCA taking turns chairing.

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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

Elections for IPE are underway with three candidates: **Kevin Cummins** of Canada, **Hirotohi Fujii** of Japan and **Bill Schmidt** of Australia.

US Area News

Elections also underway for AP-E and ICME with two candidates: **Larry Boll** of North Central Region and Hawai'i's own **Phil Sammer**.

Hawai'i Region

The Mid Year Meeting of the Regional Cabinet took place at the 'Ilima Hotel in Honolulu on Saturday November 24, 2007 during which RD **Phil Sammer** presented the US Area awards to four clubs including Central who earned kudos for World and Community Service, Staff Training and Membership.

Metro District

Metro DG **Russ Lynch** conducted the district meeting on November 24 just before the Regional Cabinet Meeting. Discussion centered around the possible uses for the convention surplus from May 2007. Many ideas were discussed including assisting clubs with projects, funding a district project and keeping a reserve for the next convention. No decisions were made other than to donate \$500 to the Waiakea YMCA in Hilo that is experiencing financial challenges right now. During the Convention Steering Committee meeting later in the day, it was decided to charge a \$15 registration fee for all Y's men and women attending. The hotel, the Royal Lahaina, will cost \$175 per night plus tax while the meal plan will be about \$140 per person. It was also decided to keep a similar schedule as this year with business sessions on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2007

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD: Joni Neel (Hilo)

8 Manoa Jaycees Annual Christmas Parade
10 Annual Christmas Party Pagoda Hotel 6 PM
29 Temari Coconuts and Bamboo Event

JANUARY 2008

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Jenny Yukimura (East Kaua'i)
14 Membership Meeting Central YMCA 6:30PM
20 YMCA Sunday

News From Central YMCA

New Executive Director **Kadi Tarlecky** has met with the Central Board of Managers and has been familiarizing herself with the branch and staff. She will assume full responsibility in January along with new Associate Executive **Troy Tomita**. The 2008 ASC will start a little later this year due to the Y staff change over with kickoff set for Tuesday February 12, 2008. Co-chairs are **Grant Kashiwabara** and **Phil Sammer**.

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

"She brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger." Luke 2:7 The virgin birth is more, much more, than a Christmas story; it is a picture of how close Christ will come to you. The first stop on his itinerary was a womb. Where will God go to touch the world? Look deep within Mary for an answer. Better still, look deep within yourself. What he did with Mary, he offers to us! He issues a Mary-level invitation to all his children. "If you'll let me, I'll move in!" Merry Christmas to all!

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