



# The Y'S OBSERVER

DECEMBER 2008

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

## Officers 2008-2009

President: Darryl Tupinio  
Vice President: Gary Bautista  
Secretary: Tina Alfred  
Treasurer: Roy Hiyama

## Club Members:

Garret Ho, Ted Isekawa, Jimmy Ishimoto, Rick Lau, Ben Makaea, Mary Nakamura, Marilyn Nakayama, Carol Sakuma, Gary Sakuma, Phil Sammer, Reggie Takaki, Roy Tateishi

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Darryl Tupinio  
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Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau  
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Rick Lau (Central)  
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US Area President:  
Fred Leonard  
US Area President-elect: Phil Sammer  
International President:  
V.S. Bashir  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Kadi Tarlecky

*"One of the secrets in life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks".*

Jack Penn

## Mele Kalikimaka! Merry Christmas to all our friends in Y'sdom!

President **Darryl** is currently roaming about the Pacific and has left **Garret** in charge while he is gone. There are several projects slated for the month of December including assisting the Manoa Jaycees with their annual Christmas parade Saturday December 13 (meet at Noelani Elementary School 4:15 PM) and the Central YMCA breakfast with Santa on Monday December 15 from 8 AM to 10 AM. We will also hold our annual Christmas Party on Monday December 8 at 6:30 PM but with a change of venue this year from the Pagoda Hotel to Kabuki Restaurant at the corner of Kapi'olani and King. The Metro District will have a special Christmas party at the Kalihi YMCA on Friday December 5 at 6 PM. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 6-12. Under 6 free. Rather than give gifts, clubs are urged to donate to a charity of their choice.

## Club Activities

Our club participated in Temari's Piece of Cloth Festival held at Ward Warehouse on November 16, 2008 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. They needed our assistance to pass out lunch and drinks to the volunteers who were manning the booths and exhibits on the mall area. Representing our club were **Roy, Garret, Ted and Marilyn**. There were many interesting exhibits and demonstrations on how to use cloth besides wearing it. One group demonstrated and with hands on approach how to use cloth to gift wrap presents or even bottled items, such as a bottle of wine. Good ideas for the upcoming holiday season! There was an informal potluck dinner at the Ishida's on November 11th. The Inoues from our Kyoto Palace brother club came for their semiannual sojourn to Hawaii and we met them and gave them some omiyage. In attendance was: **Darryl, Ted, Marilyn, Garret, Mary** and granddaughter **Courtney, Tina** and **Rick**. We had fun socializing and enjoyed Kaimuki Y's men fellowship. **Rick** also entertained Y'sman **Peter Gilbert**, the RDE for Australia, who passed through town on his way home from training in Minneapolis where he had met APE **Phil Sammer**. Central Y held the annual Thanksgiving dinner for its residents on Tuesday November 25. We had a big turn out of members including **Garret, Ted, Marilyn, Ben, Rick, Phil, Mary** and granddaughter **Courtney**. There was plenty of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy for the 50 or so attendees with some left over for the serving crew. Later, Y Exec **Kadi Tarlecky** presided over Bingo with the first prize of three free nights at the Y.



Turkey, stuffing and all the fixin's!



Ben delivers pumpkin pie to hungry diners.

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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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

IPE/ICM ballots have been sent to the clubs and are due at IHQ by January 20, 2009.

### US Area News

The next joint Canada/Caribbean-US Area convention and council meeting dates have been changed to July 8-12, 2009. The venue has not yet been confirmed but will be in Southern California. Stay tuned for more details.

### Hawai'i Region

The Regional Mid Year Cabinet Meeting took place on Saturday November 15 at 9 AM at the 'Ilima Hotel. **Rick** and **Darryl** represented Central. **RD Rick** presented the International Booster Award to **Sharon Ishida** for bringing five new members into Y'sdom while **Brad Ishida** accepted the club award on behalf of Kaimuki Y'smen. Attendees passed the 2008-2009 budget that includes a 50% reduction in dues for members 25 years old and younger. The regular dues per member are \$104. Metro DG **Phil Chun** reported that the district is looking at a much needed orientation program for new and existing members as well as member recognition program. Phil would like to see this adopted by the Region so that awards could be given at the regional convention. **RD Rick** reported on the international Roll Back Malaria project in conjunction with the United Nations that kicked off on October 24. Each member is asked to donate at least \$7.50 to the cause.

### Metro District

The next Metro District meeting will be hosted by Central Y Service Club on January 28, 2009 at Stevenson Middle School since Central YMCA no longer has adequate meeting space.

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2008

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis CO-RSDs:  
Joni Neel (Hilo), Jennie Yukimura (E.Kaua'i)

5 Metro Christmas Party Kahili Y 6:30 PM  
8 Club Christmas Party Kabuki restaurant  
6:30pm  
13 Manoa Jaycees Christmas Parade  
15 Central YMCA Breakfast with Santa  
25 Merry Christmas!

### JANUARY 2009

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Darryl  
Tupinio (Central)

12 Membership Meeting Central Y 6:30PM  
18 YMCA Sunday  
28 Metro District Meeting 6:30 PM

### Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

*"I look at your heavens, which you made with  
your own fingers. I see the moon and stars,  
which you created". - Psalm 8:3*

We serve God who designed the universe  
and set our world in motion. But those hands  
that hung the stars in the heavens also wiped  
away the tears of the widow and the leper.  
And they will wipe away your tears as well.

### News From Central YMCA

December 15 Breakfast with Santa, fun  
crafts, visit with Santa and yummy breakfast.  
\$10.00 per person, benefits Teen Adventure  
Program. Additional capital improvements to  
be completed at Central from December to  
February include renovation and thorough  
cleaning of pool area, new carpet and  
painting in residence, resident bathroom  
improvements and new entry way flooring.

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