



The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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*"The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything".
Theodore Roosevelt*

President's Message

February has been a busy month because of our commitment to our Central YMCA's ASC fundraiser. The kick off celebration was held on Tuesday, February 3rd. Helping this year are **Phil** (ASC Chairman), **Rick, Mary** and granddaughter **Courtney, Ben, Roy, Reggie, Darryl** (Captain), and **Ed Lee**, a volunteer from the Manoa Jaycees. Phil, Rick, Darryl, and Ed Lee attended most of the report nights. We had lots of food to eat, and enjoyed playing games provided by the Y. To top it off, a few members from our group, the *Y's Guys*, won gift certificates and baseball caps for the most money turned in that week from donations. All of our members at one time or another have made sacrifices by helping with various projects, along with our own fundraisers. To all our members, I can't thank you enough for all you do for our club, our YMCA, and the community....

The M&M sale fundraiser for March 14th is cancelled for now due to the lack of peanuts, according to the distributor, and M&M candy without nuts cannot be sold as a fundraiser. Mary Nakamura, chairperson, will continue this fundraiser at a later date. ...**Ann Asakura** from Temari is asking for our kokua for their Celebration of Hawaiian Leimaking event happening on Sunday, March 22nd from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Linekona Art Center. Location, parking, etc, tba. ..

Tina and **Garret** are putting the final touches on our club's cook book, so get your grandmother's secret recipe in for others to enjoy, otherwise, we would certainly enjoy sampling some of your dishes at one of our monthly club meetings....April 4th is our Stenciling Project at Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School from 8:30-11:30 am. Lunch and refreshments will be served....New club member, **Troy Tomita** needs our kokua also for the Bishop Museum YMCA Healthy Kids Day taking place Saturday April 18th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Bishop Museum. Troy is also working on a date for our painting project at one of the Y's racket ball facilities possibly in May that would probably take two days to complete. Again, this would be considered our Make a Difference Day project for this year.

Reminder, our 73rd Hawaii Region annual convention is May 16-17, 2009. We need club members' assistance in providing transportation to and from the airport and to the convention site when necessary. *Darryl*

Brother Club News

Vocational Training Program in Vietnam. From the Bendigo, Australia *Golden City Bulletin*

Peter Malone, Chair International Committee for YMCA Australia, writes thanking our club for their generous support for the above program in Vietnam. This overseas program of the Bendigo Regional YMCA has recently been extended for another three years by the signing of an agreement to that effect. Peter, a staunch supporter of this program, will keep the club informed of outcomes during the coming year. This very worthwhile project has been a very good one for our club and it is hoped that we can continue to contribute to it in the future as it is making significant changes in the lives of many young people in that country.

Quotes from 1955:

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.'

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000 will only buy a used one.'

'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.'

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That Accompanies Every
Right.

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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

The International President-elect for 2009-2010 is **Hirotohi Fujii** of Japan while the International Treasurer-elect is **T.M. Mathew** of India. Congratulations!

US Area News

The US Area Convention in Santa Barbara has been canceled due to the low number of registrations. The main reason seems to be the sagging economy. The Area Council meeting is still on track and will run from July 7 to 9 at UC Santa Barbara. APE **Phil** and RD **Rick** will attend this mandatory meeting. The council is the primary legislative body of the Area and is comprised of the regional directors and the Area officers. RDEs and ASDs are also invited but not required to attend.

Hawai'i Region

Deadlines for registrations for the 73rd annual Hawai'i Region Convention to be held in Waikiki on May 16 and 17, 2009 are as follows: Convention registration form: April 15, Hotel reservations to get special rate: May 1; Charity Walk form and payment: April 1; reports for convention booklet: May 1. Don't delay, register today!

Metro District

The next meeting will be the District Conference sponsored by the Windward Club with venue to be announced later. This meeting is the official annual conference required in the regional bylaws. Topics of discussion will include the regional convention as well as the proposed member recognition program that was developed by Metro DG **Phil Chun**. All district Y's men and women are invited and encouraged to attend. It's a great way to make new friends!

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2009

Emphasis: Brother Clubs RSD: James Chong (Nu'uauu)
5,10 ASC Clean Up at Central YMCA
9 Business Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 PM
19 ASC Volunteer Celebration: Dave & Busters
22 Temari Leimaking at Linekona Center
25 Metro District Conference: Venue TBA

APRIL 2009

Emphasis: Leadership Training
Co-RSDs: Linda Chung/Paul Kuromoto
4 Stencil Project Stevenson Middle School
13 Business Meeting Central YMCA 6:30 PM
18 Temari Bolts Sale at Honpa Hongwanji
Healthy Kids Day at Bishop Museum

Christian Emphasis by Rick Lau

*There will be no more death, sadness, crying,
or pain, because all old ways are gone. -
Revelations 21:4*

Folks, if you're expecting to be given a fair shake in life, forget it! You won't be. You're going to face illness. And your body is going to wear out. You may be the victim of someone else's mistake. But you can get through those tough time if you prepare your heart now, living to know and serve the Savior who loves you and died so that you might have an eternal home free of pain and sorrow.

News From Central YMCA

The YMCA of Honolulu is proud to announce that this year's YMCA Healthy Kids Day will be a major community event at the Bishop Museum - free and open to the public on Saturday April 18. Designed to promote healthy living for local families, the YMCA is collaborating with companies and community organizations like Hawai'i Y'sdom.

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