



# The Y'S OBSERVER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB, HAWAII REGION,  
US AREA, Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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## Y's Words:

*"If you don't know where you are  
going, you might end up  
someplace else."*

*Yogi Berra*



## President's Message

Well January is here so soon! And Xmas and all that food and turkey is just a figment of my imagination still in my stomach.

How time flies so fast! Were you ready for fireworks? If you didn't get your fireworks permit then you had to enjoy it from afar or at local aerial displays like Waikiki Beach, Aloha Tower Marketplace, Schofield Barracks, Koolina Resort, etc. Some of our club members helped out at the annual Manoa Christmas Santa Parade. We usually help the Manoa Jaycees pass out candies at these events and were lucky it didn't rain on the parade until after it was finished. On hand to assist this year were **Phil, Garret, Rick, Roy and Darryl**. It was a nice event that was coordinated by the Manoa Jaycees and was carried out by the Manoa Lions organization. Our job was made easier this year because a group of about 35 students from Damien High School Leo club came along and helped us pass out candies to the residents that lined the sidewalks. So for us it was a nice stroll through Manoa. Wanna come join us next year? Let's hope it doesn't rain! In December we usually have our club's annual Christmas party and this year was no exception. The party was again held at Waikiki Yacht Club. All who attended had an excellent meal, great time, good company and comraderie. In attendance were **Rick, Roy, Darryl, Phil, Troy, Eunice Delacruz, myself** and my guest **Yukari Nakatsuji**.

On behalf of the Central Y Service Club I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy 2012 New Year! May all the best be with you at this festive time of year. *Garret*



*The Damien Leo Club*



*Keiki get a hand out*



*Garret and Yukari enjoy the party*

## Club Activities

Volunteers are needed for the annual Central YMCA Open House on Saturday January 14, 2012 from 9 AM to 2 PM. As in past years we will be helping to register interested visitors and conducting tours of the facility. Contact **Troy** at the Y to sign up (951-1314). The Annual Support Campaign (ASC) kicks off on Wednesday February 1 at 6PM at the Y. As usual, our club will comprise a team in Division I with **Ian Santee** as Division Leader and **Rick Lau** as our fearless captain. Report meetings will follow every Wednesday night with the Volunteer Celebration scheduled for March 7 at Dave and Buster's. This year we will again join Nu'uano Y's Men's Club for YMCA Sunday to be held Sunday January 22, 2012, at New Hope Manoa located on the Mid Pacific Institute Campus. Meet at 9:30 AM for service at 10 AM. We will go to lunch after the service.

## Brother Club News

Our **Kyoto Palace** Brother Club will hold its "40<sup>th</sup>+1" anniversary on Sunday April 22, 2012 in Kyoto. The celebration was delayed due to the effects of the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the coast of Japan last March. Central president **Garret Ho** is interested in attending and welcomes any other club members who may also be able to go.... The **Northwest Y Service Club**, with the help of friends and local high school students, had a very successful Christmas fundraiser at the Vallco Mall wrapping 1437 gifts for 972 customers in 13 days. Proceeds topped \$4800! The **Y Service Club of Bendigo** had a "Break Up" meeting in December....No, it doesn't mean they are dissolving the club! It's just Aussie speak for the annual summer recess (remember, seasons are reversed Down Under). Seems that everybody goes away at that time so only informal meetings are held in January.

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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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 that directly or  
indirectly supports Central  
YMCA and the community  
it serves.

## News From Y'sdom

### Y Service Clubs International

Countdown has begun to the 70<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Stavanger, Norway August 2-5, 2012. This promises to be a fun event highlighted by a "home dinner" hosted by the local Y Service Members. There will also be a buffet dinner in a "mountain hall" outside the city. More info and registration at [www.ic2012.org](http://www.ic2012.org). There will also be a Youth Convocation in conjunction with the convention.

### US Area

The US Area Mid Year meeting will take place from January 12 to 15, 2012 in Cupertino, Ca. This is an executive meeting that includes Area President **Mary Ann Phillips**, Immediate Past President **Phil Sammer**, Area CFO **Gene Koester**, Resource Officer **Wayne Smith** and Corporate Secretary **Anne Stuckel** as well as Area ASD for IT **Bob Daniels**. No major decisions are made but topics of interest are discussed for the main Council meeting in July and officers are assigned as official Area reps to the various Regional conventions.

### Metro District

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Mei-Chih Chun**, wife of **Phil Chun** of the Kalihi Y's Men's Club. Services are set for 5 PM on Saturday January 21, 2012 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Queen Emma Street across from Central Intermediate School. Mei-Chih was a wonderful friend and will be sorely missed. Central sends its heartfelt condolences to Phil and the entire Chun 'ohana.

### Hawai'i Region

Nothing much new. Remember the Regional Convention in Las Vegas from May 4-6. Registration is open and forms may be obtained from Regional Secretary-Treasurer **Bob Kuwahara**. Should be a fun event! AP **Mary Anne Phillips** will represent the US Area.

## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2012

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Phil Sammer (Central)

9 Business Meeting Central Y 6PM  
14 Central YMCA Open House  
22 YMCA Sunday 10 AM New Hope  
Manoa at Mid Pac (jointly with Nu'uauanu)

### FEBRUARY 2012

Emphasis: Time of Fast Global Service  
Fund RSD: Bob Sims (E. Kaua'i)

1 ASC Kickoff Central Y 6 PM  
8,15,22,29: ASC Report Meetings  
13 Business Meeting Central Y 6PM

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"Your faith makes you offer your lives as a sacrifice in serving God." - Philippians 2:17

When we face struggles, we often wonder, Why? Years from now, though, we may realize that it was those struggles that taught us something we could not have otherwise learned - that there was a purpose in our pain. God's purpose is greater than your pain, and he has greater purpose than your problems.

### News From Central YMCA

Central has instituted a parking fee for the first time due to the rising cost of renting stalls in the Yacht Harbor Towers. Cost is \$1 per visit or \$7 per month (auto-deduction from your membership fee account) good for 2 ½ hours of parking. Validation at front desk.



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*Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!*

*To all our friends and fellow Y Service Club members around the world we wish you success, happiness and all the best in 2012!*

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