



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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Troy Tomita

## Y's Words:

*"Cheers to the New Year and another chance to get it right".*

*Oprah Winfrey*



## President's Message

Fellow Y Service Club Members,

**MELE KALIKIMAKA ME KA HAU'OLI MAKAHIKIK HOU!**

Hope your holiday season is going well: Take the time to enjoy family and friends. We've been pretty quiet for the past few months, but we have been slowly getting ready for the Holiday dinner with the Central Y residents. More on that with photos next month. Would like to say thank you to **Rick**, **Darryl** and **Garret** for representing our club at the Mid-year cabinet meeting on 11/3 (**Phil** was traveling again!). Looks like we got the information packet for the Peace Contest, which will be held in early 2013. I will be working with the staff of the Central Y to come up with a strategy to get some youth participation in this. The contest is open to 5<sup>th</sup> graders with an affiliation with the Y. The Metro Christmas party has morphed into a New Year's party currently slated for Friday January 18, 2013 at the Kalihi Y. Our club party is still set for Monday December 10 at Waikiki Yacht Club.

The sales of **Wally Amos'** new **Wamos Cookies** are going well. We have sold about 140 bags already with another 90 on the way. This should help the treasury a little. I know **Roy** is watching it to make sure we stay in the black. Thanks to those of you who sent in your checks to prepay for the last batch, that helps out a lot. Wally opened his new store front in Waikiki on December 1. Let's wish him well, it'll be his 2<sup>nd</sup> location (the Central Y is the 1<sup>st</sup>!). Don't forget the Manoa Jaycees Santa Parade on Saturday December 8. Start at Noelani elementary school and finish at Manoa Recreation Center. Please let **Rick** know if you plan to participate (editor's note: Someone please take pictures!) Aloha *Troy*.

## Brotherclub News

We read with interest in the Bendigo **Golden City Bulletin** that **Dave Coles** won the Footy Tipping competition. Now, in Wisconsin they have cow tipping where inebriated youth attempt to push over a sleeping bovine. Perhaps our Aussie mates have extended the tradition to include dozing meeting attendees??? **Nancy Libby** from the Whittier AM club in California visited Bendigo and was heartily welcomed by the members with nary a tipped foot in sight.. The Northwest Y Service Club **Y's Y're** reports that the club began its 14<sup>th</sup> year of gift wrapping at the Vallco Mall in Cupertino. The annual club Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 13, 2012 at Holders Country Inn in San Jose. **Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou** to all of our brother clubs: Northwest Y Service Club and Westchester Y Service Club, CA, Seoul Y's Men's Club South Korea, Kyoto Palace Y's Men's Club Japan, Bendigo Y Service Club Australia and Thika Y's Men's Club, Kenya.

### *A Cautionary Tale for the Holidays*

A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers and then topped it off with a margarita. Not a good idea. Knowing full well I was at least slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a taxi home. Sure enough I passed a police road block but because it was a taxi, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise. I have never driven a taxi before and am not sure where I got it.

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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To Acknowledge the Duty  
That Accompanies Every  
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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

Clubs are encouraged to vote in the International Elections because this year our own Past US Area president **Fred Leonard** is a candidate for International President. In the past we have lost out because not enough clubs voted. Let's get the USA represented again on the IC in Geneva!

### US Area

Exciting news: The First Y's Youth Club in the US Area will be chartered in early January 2013. The club is called the Saguaro Y's Youth Club and is based in Tucson, AZ. The club has been in the works since the International Youth Convocation in Japan a few years ago and will charter with fifteen members. Congratulations to our newest YSCI Youth members! A saguaro, by the way, is a tall, horizontally branched cactus native to Arizona.

### Metro District

The postponed District Holiday Party will now take place on Friday January 18, 2013 at the Kalihi Y starting at 6:30 PM. District Governor **Garret Ho** has also called a District Meeting for Saturday January 19, 2013 at 10 AM at Kalihi Y followed by a Roll Back Malaria Golf Tournament meeting. Please let **Troy** know if you are planning to attend.

### Hawai'i Region

The Roll Back Malaria Golf Tournament preparations are well underway thanks to the active leadership of chair **Ray Seto**. Prizes are rolling in and the only thing lacking now is participants. Cost is \$100 with \$40 going to RBM. The date is Wednesday February 6, 2013 at the renovated Leilehua Golf Course in Wahiawa. Tee times start at noon.

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2012

Emphasis: Christian Emphasis RSD:  
**JoeAnn McCarthy** (Windward)

8 Manoa Jaycees Santa Parade  
10 Annual Christmas Party 5:30PM

### JANUARY 2013

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: **Phil Sammer** (Central)

5 Family Fun Day Central Y  
14 Membership Meeting Central Y 6PM  
18 Metro District Party Kalihi Y  
19 Metro District Meeting Kalihi Y

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

*"His kingdom will never end."* Luke 1:23

Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. *So this is he.* She remembers the words of the angel. "His kingdom will never end." He looks anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent on Mary for his well-being. Majesty in the midst of the mundane.

### News From Central YMCA

Central YSCI members will participate in the annual Family Fun Day at the branch on Saturday January 5, 2013 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please contact **Troy** for more info and assignments.

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