



# The Y'S OBSERVER

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

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## Officers 2012-2013

President: Troy Tomita  
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## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Jimmy Ishimoto, Phil Sammer, Gary Bautista, Ben Makaea

## Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Darryl Tupinio  
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
Community Service: Darryl Tupino  
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau  
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YMCA Service: Phil Sammer  
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Endowment: Phil Sammer  
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## Hawai'i Regional Director:

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Garret Ho (Central)  
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International President-elect:  
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Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

## Y's Words:

*"It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities".*

J K Rowling



## President's Message

Fellow Y Service Club Members,

**HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As we enter 2013, it's nice to reflect on some of the things that we have done this past year:

We assisted the Central Y with 2 Open Houses, cooking and serving food  
We were there helping at the Special Olympics  
We were adders and cashiers at the Friends of the Library book sale  
We sponsored 2 teens in the YMCA Youth In Government program  
We helped with the Manoa Jaycees Christmas Parade and most recently we sponsored the Y annual holiday dinner for the residents. All the servers did such a great job in portioning that we had lots of seconds. **Roy** was controlling the cranberry sauce and **Rick** was the Turkey King. **Garret** was the Masher and he also brought others to help serve. It was nice to see **Tina** and **Eunice** at the front of the serving line. **Ben** had the comfy task of passing out plates (he got to sit). I know **Darryl** was there, but as usual, I don't exactly know what he was doing – why is that always the case? We ended up serving between 60 and 80 people. It was a great event thanks to all of you, who not only came to help, but also got the food. I heard many "thank yous" that night and for the rest of the week. Helping others and the Y is the mission of the Y Service Club and I think we accomplished that in 2012. I look forward to the New year because it brings new opportunities for us to serve others. Aloha **Troy**.

## Jaycees Christmas Parade

by Garret Ho

On Saturday December 8, 2012, the Annual Manoa Christmas Parade was held. It was a nice cool December evening where loads of people had lined the sidewalks and streets of the coned-off parade route in Manoa valley. I noticed that more people than ever had come out to see this annual Santa parade and support the community, partake in this holiday spirit and cheer, and get a little candy too. Usually our club members come out to support the Manoa Jaycees' club to help pass out candy but this year many couldn't make the event due to other commitments so **Gary** and **Garret** carried the torch!. Garret had enlisted some extra Santa's helpers: **Sheri Wong** and her three daughters **Cat**, **Aianna** and **Emma** plus some of their friends who, I think, jumped at this opportunity to have some fun which they did scurrying around giving out candies to young and old alike. The Damien High School Leo Club student participants were also helping to pass out some of the bags of candy. After the parade everyone had dinner at the rec center and got some extra goodies to take home too.

### *Some senior humor to begin the year:*

A man was sitting on a lawn sunning and reading, when he was startled by a fairly late model car crashing through a hedge and coming to rest on his lawn. He helped the elderly driver out and sat her on a lawn chair. My goodness he exclaimed, you are quite old to be driving! Yes she replied, I am old enough that I don't need a license anymore. The last time I went to my doctor he examined me, and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of a drawer, cut the license into pieces and threw them in the wastebasket."You won't be needing this anymore," he said. So I thanked him and left.

## CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB

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That Accompanies Every  
Right.

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### Brother Clubs

Seoul Y's Men's Club  
Westchester Y's Men's Club  
Northwest Y Service Club  
Thika Y Service Club  
Kyoto Palace Y's Men's Club  
Bendigo Y Service Club

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

YSCI International president **Philip Mathai** and wife **Elizabeth** will be arriving a few days before the planned International Council Meeting on Monday January 28, 2013 after a month long stay on the mainland. **Phil** will host them at 'Ilima Hotel.

### US Area

Area President **Mary Ann Phillips** will be in Hawai'i for the US Area Mid Year Cabinet Meeting in February accompanied by husband **Pete**.

### Metro District

We were saddened to learn of the passing of long time YSCI member **Dick Wong**. Dick was always friendly and cheerful and a hard working member of the Kalihi Club. Our condolences go out to his wife **Bev** and family. Services are pending.

### Hawai'i Region

Chair **Duke Chung** convened the Regional Convention Committee on Saturday December 8 with members from all six Metro clubs in attendance. Discussion centered around the registration fee which, in the past, has been paid only by club delegates present. After much discussion it was decided to assess the clubs the fee based on the number of delegates to which they are entitled whether or not they all attend. The meal package cost was set at \$140 for five meals with pricing available for individual meals ranging from \$15 for breakfast to \$40 for the two dinners. All meals will be at the Manoa Grand Ballroom except for Sunday lunch at 'Ilima Hotel. The 'Ilima is also offering a special rate of \$113.96 per night inclusive of tax for a spacious studio with full kitchen and two double or one double and one king bed. The rate is good for two days before and after the convention.

## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2013

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

5 Family Fun Day Central Y 9AM  
14 Membership Meeting Central Y 6PM  
18 Metro District Party Kalihi Y 6PM  
19 Metro District Meeting Kalihi Y  
31 ASC Kickoff Central Y 6 PM

### FEBRUARY 2013

Emphasis: TOF Global Project Fund  
RSD: Eddie Miwa (Kalihi)

Every Thursday: ASC Report Night  
11 Membership Meeting Central Y 6PM

### Christian Emphasis

By Rick Lau

*"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."*

— 1 John 4:10

Does God love us because of our goodness? Because of our kindness? Because of our great faith? No, he loves us because of his goodness, kindness, and great faith. John says it like this: "This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us."

### News From Central YMCA

The annual Family Fun Day at the branch happens on Saturday January 5, 2013 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Central club members will again help so please contact **Troy** for more info and assignments.

## PHOTO GALLERY: Santa Parade



## Annual Holiday Dinner At The Y



## Christmas at the Waikiki Yacht Club