



# The Y'S OBSERVER

JANUARY 2014

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

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## Other Club Members:

Garret Ho, Phil Sammer, Gary  
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## Club Service Directors:

ASF/DFS: Darryl Tupinio  
Brother Clubs: Garret Ho  
Community Service: Darryl Tupinio  
Christian Emphasis: Rick Lau  
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Issac Palathinkal (India)  
Central YMCA Executive Director:  
Troy Tomita

## Y's Words:

*"We must accept finite  
disappointment, but we must  
never lose infinite hope".*

*Martin Luther King Jr.*



## President's Message

Fellow Y Service Club members: Happy New Year!  
Thank you all for a great 2013. The year seemed to just fly  
by. Looking back, we did many things to help both the Y  
and the community. Cooking for the Y for events, providing

a hot Thanksgiving dinner to the residents, raising fund to provide quality programs to those who can't afford it, helping out the Friends of the Library with their book sale, providing support for the Special Olympics, and many more. December was no different. Mahalo to **Rick** and **Tupi** for providing last minute support to the Manoa Jaycees in the Santa Parade. They looked like the perfect Santa's helpers with their Christmas hats on. The annual club Christmas party at the Waikiki Yacht Club was a nice event, thanks **Phil** for the venue. It was nice to spend time with the members over a meal. I was glad that calabash member **Jimmy Ishimoto**, plus RD **Sharon** and **Brad** were able to join us. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

See you all in 2014, where I hope we'll be able to do the same if not more for the community. **Don't forget that in January, we are meeting at the Y** since Phil will be out of town. *Aloha Troy*

## Club activities

**Rick** and **Darryl** (alias **Tupi**) reported for duty to assist with the annual Manoa Jaycees Santa parade on a surprisingly dry and warm early December evening- no Manoa mist or rain and there were many spectators at curbside. Manoa Jaycees treated them to a great catered dinner from Ige's after the parade at the Manoa Rec Center.



## Brother Club News

The Northwest Y Service Club will celebrate its 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 11. There will be a speaker and a Silent Auction to benefit the Time of Fast-Global Projects Fund.

*More humorous epitaphs:* Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go. On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

## 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

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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

The 2014 International Convention will take place from August 7 to 10 in Chennai, India, formerly called Madras. This Metropolis is often called the "Cultural Capital of India" for its deep-rooted traditions and long heritage. More information and registration are available at <http://www.ic2014.org/>.

### US Area

The U.S. Area now has its own Facebook page and it's growing and proving to be a valuable means of quick sharing. It's in its early stages and not everyone cares about Facebook or wants to be involved, but the U.S. Area hopes it will spread the word about who we are and what we do. It allows us to swap information quickly, perhaps ideas that help others in Y'sdom to better serve their YMCAs and their communities. As word of its existence spreads, it will also serve to educate others about who we are and what we do. Our Facebook page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/yseviceclubsUSA>.

### Metro District

The next Metro District meeting will be at 6PM on Monday January 20, 2014 at the Kaimuki YMCA. Let **Troy** know if you plan to attend as dinner will be served.

### Hawai'i Region

Membership continues to be a problem for the Region as it is across the US Area. We currently have 133 members, down from 135 last semester. West O'ahu and Kalihi have shown some growth but most clubs are, at best, stagnant. Central is no exception and needs to grow to keep fulfilling its mission. Turn volunteers into members!

## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2014

Emphasis: YMCA Service RSD: Phil Sammer (Central)

4 Annual YMCA Open House  
13 Membership Meeting 6PM at YMCA  
20 Metro District Meeting 6PM-Kaimuki

### FEBRUARY 2014

Emphasis: Time of Fast-Global project  
Fund RSD: Phil Chun (Kalihi)

8 ASC Association Kickoff 11:30 AM  
Report night every Wednesday at 6PM  
10 Membership Meeting 6PM

### Christian Emphasis By Rick Lau

"I will come back and take you to be with me." – John 14:3

We don't know when Christ will come for us. We don't know how he will come for us. And, we really don't know why he would come for us . . . Most of what we have is faith. Faith that he has ample space and a prepared place and, at the right time, he will come so that we can be where he is. He will do the taking. It's up to us to do the trusting.

### News From Central YMCA

Try the Y for FREE! Sign up online or stop at any Y Branch for a FREE 2-Day Pass to use from January 4-11. Central is participating in the promotion. Now's the time to keep that New Year's resolution to get fit! Remember your full paid membership is good at all eight YMCA branches. Sign up today!

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