

# Y'S CRACKS

THE HILO Y'S MEN & WOMEN SERVICE CLUB HAWAII REGION US AREA

## ALOHA FROM THE ISLAND OF HAWAII



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*



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### SHARING ALOHA DURING THE HOLIDAYS

What does it mean to be a Y's Men & Women? I cannot think of a better answer, than to say, "**WE SERVE**" and during this holiday season, we have brought faith, hope and love to many. On Thanksgiving Day, we hosted a wonderful luncheon for 60 International students from

the University of Hawaii Hilo & Hawaii Community College. They are away from their families and what an awesome treat to share the 'giving of thanks' with them. The came from Burma, Sweden, Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Spain and even California! Joni Neel and

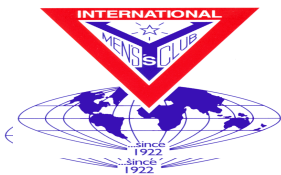
her helpers cooked the traditional turkey and all trimmings that come with the tradition. At the dessert table, it was overheard from a student asking, "What is custard (pie)? Students and members also donated canned goods to the Food Basket. Thanks for giving!

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**MEETINGS**

2ND WED. QLCC 7 PM  
4TH WED. DON'S GRILL 6

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*"To acknowledge the  
duty that accompanies  
every right".*



*I will honor Christmas in  
my heart, and try to keep it  
all the year.*



**Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year from  
the members of  
Hilo Y's Men & Women  
Service Club!**

**Y's Men International News**

We will be voting on constitutional changes to the International Association of Y Clubs. These changes include adopting the new logo, change Y's Men to International Association of Y Clubs and to include "Y Community Club" as another choice by which clubs can be called.

**US Area News**

The 'coconut wireless' has reached Hilo and it seems there will be a few Hawaii Region members attending the US Area Convention in Las Vegas next July 18-21. Guess who?

**OVG District News**

High tech reaches OVG!! Lance Niimi, OVG DG has a teleconference scheduled for Monday, December 17 with Donna Jones, Jess Castro and Bobby Stivers-Apiki. We're sharing and caring for each other.

**Hawaii Region News**

Sharon Ishida, Hawaii Regional Director came to Hilo not to meet but to work at our 63rd Annual Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser. She was named, "Salesperson of the Year." With her beautiful smile and charming ways Sharon sold more than 10 trees within her shift!

**HAWAII REGION IS ACTIVE**

**"Peace Through My Ears" is a new project for the Region. It's a drawing contest for 5th graders in YMCA programs. Through the YMCA, we will choose 1st, 2nd & 3rd places and the overall winner from Hilo will fly to Honolulu for award presentation at the Hawaii Region Convention June 1, 2013.**

**"Roll Back Malaria" is our Regions commitment is planning a golf tournament on Oahu on February 6, 2013. Donations for prizes, goodie bags, raffles and awards are needed.**

**CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS**

**"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other".—Burton Hillis**

**MORE THAN A FUNDRAISER**

The 63rd Annual Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser of the Hilo Ys' Men & Women Service Club was a huge success! We brought to Hilo 471 quality, fresh, sheared and "slug free" trees. In 16 days with 66 volunteers contributing 1,491 volunteer hours we made the holiday season very special for 471 families. You could feel the Christmas spirit as children with grandparents and children with parents walked around the tree lot choosing their special tree. Many of our customers told us they purchased their trees from us because they support the good work of the club in supporting the YMCA and community organizations.

A big **MAHALO** to Chairperson Lance Niimi, for organizing and leading the tree sale. Lance also made some awesome wreaths! Lance and President Bobby want to thank Wayne

Kamitaki of Ben Franklin Crafts for the use of the store's facilities for the tree sale. Mahalo to Floral Construction, our very own member Oscar Panem and his merry men for setting up and breaking down the tree lot, Oscar and his men took just 1 hour to broke down.

We especially want to thank BISAC, HOPE SERVICES, CIRCLE K CLUB, ROTARY CLUB OF HILO and ROTARY CLUB OF HILO BAY volunteers for all of their help.

Success. Many hearts & hands working together. MAHALO!



**CLUB ROSTER:** Gary Bautista, Putman Clark, James Fujimoto, Steve Hiramaki, Aaron Inouye, Gordon Inouye, Lily Inouye, Les Isemoto, Danielle Kualii, Bermie Kualilani, Rhonda Mattos, Dr. Milton Murasaki, Ilyn Narciso, Joni Neel, Lanny Neel, June Niimi, Lance Niimi, Tracey Niimi, Ken Okimoto, Oscar Panem, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Fred Yamashiro. Honorary Member: Harold Tanouye.