

# Y'S CRACKS

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

## ALOHA FROM THE ISLAND OF HAWAII

Keep the smile,  
Leave the tear,  
Hold the laugh,  
And forget the fear,  
because it is a happy new year.  
Wish you a rocking year!!



Welcome  
2013

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## Happy New Year After Party & Club Meeting

Wed., January 23 6 PM Don's Grill

Black & White Attire . Party Hats. Fireworks.

### International Y Service Club Members Visit Hilo

Mr. Akira Takahashi a member of Tokyo Y's Men & Director, International Exchange Committee Nihon University had lunch with Lance and Bobby at the new Miyo Restaurant. Mr. Takahashi brings students to UH-Hilo to study & he enjoys Hawaii. Mr. Takahashi remembered Milton Hakoda.

Georg Sjoqvist and his new bride Eva Zandstra Ilhammar, members of Vasteras Y's Men's Club of Sweden had dinner with Lance, June and Lanny at Hilo Bay Café and breakfast with Bobby at the new Hawaiian Style Café. Georg does sports statistics that is shown on television sports programs. Thanks to Phil Sammer who knew Georg's father, they came to Hawaii for their honeymoon. We wish them the best.

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#### Special points of interest:

- \* From Japan and Sweden Y's Men Guests
- \* \$5,000 Donated to 2013 YMCA ASC
- \* 2013 YMCA ASC Needs Help
- \* Winter in Hawaii at Richardson's Beach

## 63 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS TREES

The Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club has been selling Christmas trees since 1950. While we sold pre—order trees for the first time, most of our customers are repeats. In fact, a number of families came in ... three generations strong. They shared their stories about

grandma buying the 'Charlie brown' trees of long ago and today their grandchildren are now selecting their trees. While our prices were higher than local retailers, families after families bought our trees because they supported our cause. . . supporting the YMCA.



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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".*



*"Every man should  
be born again on the  
first day of January.  
Start with a fresh  
page." - Henry  
Ward Beecher*



**Y's Men International News**

Check the Y's Men International website (www.ysmeninternational) and learn about all the good programs and activities. Check out the TIME OF FAST FEBRUARY 2013.

**US Area News**

Gene Koester is up for re-election as U.S. Area Chief Financial Officer.

**OVG District News**

Under the leadership of Lance Niimi, OVG District Governor, our district will honor TIME OF FAST with DONATE YOUR CHANGE! A coin box at the YMCA office will collect coins and bills and donate it to the Y's Men International TOF.

**Hawaii Region News**

2013 Roll Back Malaria Golf Tournament will be held on Oahu, Feb. 6 at the Leilehua Golf Course. Register now to play or help donate gifts to use as prizes. Deadline is January 16.

Peace Poster Contest is underway. 5th grade students in YMCA programs are encouraged to draw and write about what does 'peace' mean through their eyes.

**THE ISLAND OF HAWAII YMCA**

The Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club began the New Year with a \$5,000 Annual Support Campaign (ASC) donation to the IOH YMCA. Thanks to our supportive community who purchased 471 trees we were able to make this donation and put into action our purpose of supporting our YMCA.

**ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN**

Lance Niimi, Chair of the YMCA Board of Director's announced the start of the YMCA's 2013 Annual Support Campaign (ASC). The ASC Goal is \$100,000. The Board members are committed to raise the funds. Y's Men and Women members are asked to individually donate to the Y.

*"Give not  
hurts but  
it feels  
to it  
until  
good."*



**TIME OF FAST FOR OTHERS FEBRUARY**

**DONATE YOUR CHANGE!**



Give up a meal and donate the cost of that meal and/or drop your loose change & bills in the coin box at the YMCA front office from Feb. 1 to 28. 100% of the

donations will help needy children and families through the International Association of Y Service Clubs and YMCAs around the world. This project is sponsored by the Hawaii Region OVG District Y Service Clubs of Hilo, Maui and East Kauai. Our mission is to support our Island YMCAs and the International Association of Service Clubs.

. DONATE TODAY!



**BENTO BOX AUCTION**

Club members, instead of giving up a meal, let's have a B E N T O F E L L O W S H I P DINNER AUCTION



on Wed. Feb. 1, 6:00 PM at QLCC. This is before our regular Board meeting on the 2nd Wed. Simply. buy or make a "BENTO" and donate to the auction. We will auction each bento and raise funds for TOF.

**CLUB ROSTER:** Gary Bautista, Putman Clark, James Fujimoto, Steve Hiramaki, Aaron Inouye, Gordon Inouye, Lily Inouye, Les Isemoto, Danielle Kualii, Bernie 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.