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## President's Message

By Tiffany Kiyabu

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Mele Kalikimaka!

Happy holidays to everyone near and far. This time of year is busy busy busy for everyone as the year comes to a close, but I hope that each one of you finds a moment to save for yourself and to reflect on all that you have accomplished in the year 2013. The year truly sped by quickly, and although we had to bid farewell to some loved ones in 2013, we know that they remain in our hearts for forever, and instead of feeling sad - remember a favorite memory you will always share. I'd like you all to sing a Christmas carol with me through this Lima Hana - "Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Let your heart be light. From now on your troubles will be out of sight. Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Make the Yuletide gay ... From now on your troubles will be miles away..." Ok, enough of my off-key singing. But you get the point, be happy and sing with your family and friends, make wonderful memories to share for lifetimes to come.

For those of you keeping tabs on our involvement in the Families Can-SurVive Camp, it was another successful year out at the Bellows Air Force Station. The American Cancer Society initially said that this will be their last year having the family camp due to finances, however with a turn of fortunate luck - their director Ms. Debra Glowick will be working with Camp Mokuleia and they will be hosting the Families Camp and the other 2 annual camps the ACS has been providing. She has asked for our help and involvement again next year. I am truly glad that they were able to find a home for the camp, as the families enjoy their time at camp.

I want to thank everyone who was able to make it to the Atherton Student Dinner. It was a great success, and the students all enjoyed the food and fellowship. Atherton YMCA will soon be home to a familiar face of our club once again, as Keahi Kaawa will return there in the new year as a program director. May you all join me in wishing him the best of luck in this endeavor.

Upcoming events to keep in mind are the Youth in Government State Session, our re-scheduled Maunalani BINGO Project, Ronald McDonald House project, and our annual Holiday Party (February) following YMCA Sunday. The new year is just around the corner, so be ready and geared up to start fresh, and I will see you all in 2014! Stay safe and have a happy holidays!

*Tiffany*

**CLUB CALENDAR**



**NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
**January 13th, 6:15 pm**  
**Kaimuki YMCA)**

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**METRO DISTRICT MEETING**  
**January 20th, Meet at 5:15 for set-up (starts at 6:00 )**  
**Hosted at Kaimuki Y Branch**

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**YMCA ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN ASSOCIATION KICK OFF**  
**Saturday, February 8th**  
**(Time & place to be announced)**

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**YMCA SUNDAY & HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**Sunday, February 9th**  
**(Church and time to be announced)**  
**Club meeting will be held before party**  
**Hosted by Ishidas at their home**



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Club rosters and dues will need to be in IHQ by early February. We are very grateful for our club treasurers and Region Treasurer, **STEVE WONG** for all of their timely efforts.

## U.S. AREA NEWS

A great resource for what is happening around the Area is the newsletter "Y's Alliance" produced by **FRED LEONARD**. You can find it on the website—ysmenusa.org. It is a quarterly publication which even clubs can use to get in important events, photos or projects.

## HAWAII REGION NEWS

Regional Director and Kaimuki Y's Men Club member, **SHARON ISHIDA**, would like to thank the following clubs in the Region who had invited her and also her Y'sman husband, **BRAD**, to participate in their seasonal projects and events:

- ∴ **NUUANU Y'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB:** Serving pre-Thanksgiving dinners to senior residents on November 24th including a door prize game with playing cards.
- ∴ **MAUI Y SERVICE CLUB:** Preparing chicken enchilada meals for residents in a homeless shelter in Wailuku on November 30th.
- ∴ **HILO Y'S MEN & WOMEN SERVICE CLUB:** Assisting with Christmas tree sales in Hilo while some of their club members had to work at the Jake Shimabukuro fundraising benefit in Kona on December 7th.
- ∴ **KALIHI Y SERVICE CLUB:** On December 8th, sharing holiday cheer with caroling, garland leis and little gifts with elderly care home residents in Kalihi.
- ∴ **CENTRAL Y SERVICE CLUB:** Enjoying good fun and lots of laughter with members at the Waikiki Yacht Club on December 11th.

"It was quite a busy holiday season but absolutely a joy to share the fellowship with members from the various clubs and to be able to help out others in the community. I look forward to even more opportunities before the end of my term next May."



## METRO DISTRICT NEWS

The Kaimuki Y's Men's Club will be hosting the next Metro District meeting at 6:00 pm at the Kaimuki YMCA on Monday, January 20, 2014. The club will prepare dinner and dessert for the District club representatives. It's been a very long while since the meetings have been held at different branches. DG **EDDIE MIWA** reinstated this "tradition" to enable clubs to visit the other Y locations.



## SPOTLIGHT ON NEWEST CLUB MEMBER: **VERNON YOSHIDA**

I grew up in Southern California, attending Loyola High School and worked summers at Disneyland during my senior year and my first few years of college. I received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science from Boston University, where I worked in their Academic Computing Center for 6 years. I moved to Hawaii (both my parents were born and raised on Oahu) in 1989 and, from 1990-1994, worked for Tino Reyes in a federally funded gang/drug prevention program based out of the Kaimuki Branch and located in Palolo Housing. After a few part-time jobs, I began working as a database administrator at the University of Hawaii system office of Information Technology Services (ITS) in 1995. I have been there since, and am currently manager of a group of 8 database administrators. We are responsible for the MySQL, Oracle, and SQL Server databases which support 50+ administrative applications. I returned to the Kaimuki Branch looking for part-time work to help offset the 4 year, 5% across the board pay cuts state employees were subjected to recently. I asked Noa if he could be a reference, and he told me Kaimuki was looking for someone to work in the Healthy Start Room. I did not know there was a fitness room - when I was last at the branch, the room was a multi-purpose room which we used for meetings and arts & crafts!

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## A Message from the Branch Executive of the Kaimuki-Waialae YMCA—TONY YEE



Aloha Lima Hana Readers,

Although it has been over three weeks since the branch celebrated its 70th Anniversary, our staff continue to draw upon the positive momentum generated from the eventful evening. Well over seventy guests attended the celebration including four generations of Executive Directors: Sam Luna, Paul Kuromoto, Sharon Ishida, and Noa Hussey. Former CEOs Bob Masuda and Don Anderson and current CEO Mike Broderick also joined in celebrating the branch's impactful history. We were also honored to have so many members of the Kosasa family celebrate with us as well. Paul, Minnie, Mi, Lisa, Tom, Susan, Gloria, and Steve Kosasa all attended the event. It was the Kosasa family who generously provided the Y with the land on 9th Avenue seventy years ago to start the Kaimuki YMCA. Who would have thought that what was literally a small shack in the 1930's would evolve into an institution that has changed so many lives in our community?

The 70th Anniversary felt very much like a family reunion with the lineage of our Kaimuki Y culture clearly represented that evening.

### Updates:

- ◇ January 4: Kaimuki Y Open House & Teen Program Carwash
- ◇ January 18: Youth In Government Opening Session
- ◇ January 20: Y's Men Metro District Club Meeting (Kaimuki Y)
- ◇ February 8: Annual Support Campaign Kickoff, Dole Cannery Ballrooms

Mahalo,

*Tony*



CURRENT AND FORMER KAIMUKI YMCA EXECS (left to right): Anthony Yee (current); SAMUEL LUNA; PAUL KUROMOTO; SHARON ISHIDA, and NOA HUSSEY t 70th Anniversary Party.



### CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

By Sharon Ishida, CSD

*"The spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
Because He has anointed Me to  
preach the gospel to the poor,  
He has sent Me to heal the broken-  
hearted,  
To preach deliverance to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are op-  
pressed,  
To preach the acceptable year of the  
Lord."*

**-Luke 4:18, 19**

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**VERNON YOSHIDA** *(continued from Page 2)*

I met my wife, Rumi, while in California for the NCAA Men's Volleyball Championships at UCLA. I stayed with my parents in Orange County and one night my sister brought home a friend from her hula halau and her 11 and 8 year old daughters. Rumi and I continued to communicate via phone calls and emails. She moved to Hawaii and we were married in April of 2000. Rumi was born in Japan, to a Japanese mother and a Thai/Chinese father. Her mother worked for Japan Airlines, so Rumi was raised by her maternal grandmother in Japan, until she began grade school in Thailand at the International School of Bangkok (former Secretary of the Treasury, Tim Geithner, and current US Representative from Illinois, Tammy Duckworth, are ISB alums). Rumi attended college in England, Miami, FL, and got her bachelor's and master's degree from Hawaii Pacific University, where she has worked in international admissions for about 10 years. She is fluent in Thai and English, and speaks a little Japanese. We have 2 daughters, Naomi, who graduated from the University of Hawaii, and Tami, who graduated from Colorado State University, and 2 "babies" - Thumper, a white rabbit who appeared outside our living room door one night in Manoa (she must have been just a couple months old), and Ralph, a terrier-chihuahua mix Tami adopted during her senior year at CSU.

My favorite pasttimes include golfing, which I both love and hate, volleyball, which I still play once or twice a week, reading, and traveling, which I hope to do more of once I have more time and more money! I am learning to create websites so that I can contribute to a business a couple of friends and I are working on getting started (Hawaii Data Group).



*Photo of family: Younger daughter, TAMI; VERNON; wife RUMI; and older daughter, NAOMI*

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**2012-2013 CLUB OFFICERS**

- PRESIDENT:** TIFFANY KIYABU
- VICE-PRESIDENT:** JAY NISHIMURA
- TREASURER:** BRAD ISHIDA
- SECRETARY:** KEAHI KAAWA
- LIMA HANA BULLETIN EDITOR:** SHARON ISHIDA

**KAIMUKI Y'S MEN CLUB ROSTER**  
**2012-2013**

Lisa Joy Andres, Leina'ala Hilea. Noa Hussey, "Kolohe" Imamura, Cassidy Inamasu, Brad Ishida, Sharon Ishida, Keahi Kaawa, Tiffany Kiyabu, Bob Martin, Masayo Nakagawa, Jay Nishimura, Reuben Naholowaa, Phyllis Seto, Ray Seto, Brian Shimabukuro, Robert Stivers-Apiki, Tony Yee, Hiroko Yoshida, Vernon Yoshida

**HONORARY MEMBER**  
Paul Kuromoto

**KAIMUKI Y'S SLINGS**  
Joy & Marisa Andres, Kaine and Daichi Martin, Maile and Taylor Yee



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