

Joy to the World



"Thank you so much for coming", said a woman on her wheelchair, with tears flowing and hands holding Phil Chun's tightly. I enjoyed the singing so much." The Kalihi Y's Men's and Women's club members had many reasons to feel good about their annual project to share the Christmas spirit with patients at the Avalon Care Center and the Liliha Health Center. Although missing a number of "regulars," the annual Christmas Caroling was a great success, and the audiences at both the Avalon Care Center, and Liliha Health Center were very appreciative of the

robust singing of the Kalihi Y's Men's and Women's Club. The staff at the Avalon provided noise makers to all their patients, and made the caroling so much more entertaining and got all the patients involved (and exercising, too!). While the patients at Liliha Health Center were more subdued, they nevertheless were very appreciative, and their spokesperson gave a

Above: **Tom Kusatsu's daughter Allison Kusatsu, with sons Conner and Casey, help pass out gifts to Avalon residents.**
 Below: **Casey Kusatsu.**

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Laugh a Little, Live Longer

Off the Clock

by Rebecca Dudley—News-Tribune Editor/Publisher

My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing greasy old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So last week, when my friend called to tell me this story, my first response was, "Where did this guy live?"

Now reassured that I was never related to him by marriage, this really is too hilarious not to share.

The way my friend told it, this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into his living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it to make sure everything was still OK. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through

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CALENDAR

December

15 Ward Warehouse Gift Wrapping Project, 4–6 p.m.

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

January

1 HAPPY NEW YEAR

14 Club Meeting

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heart warming thank you speech. Club members and their families sang enthusiastically and felt very good about helping to spread Christmas Cheer.

Much thanks to Eddie and Liane Miwa, Phil and Mei-Chih Chun, Sally and Will Wong, with grandchildren, Christian Wong, who sang her solo for 12 Days of Christmas very well, Tyler and Elizabeth Kong; Bev and Dick Wong, Dan and Ethel Takamatsu, Sunny Young, Greg Lee, Tom Kusatsu, and his mother Mitsue, and daughter Allison and children Conner and Casey; Tony "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" Pfaltzgraff and wife Charlene Young. Phil Chun led the group in singing with the great help of guitarist, Jeff Lau.

Everyone went to the Kalihi YMCA afterwards for the annual Christmas luncheon and program and were joined by Phil's son, Randall, and mother Violet. A great meal of sushi, fish, chicken, fruits and vegetables, and desserts and Christmas games planned by Bev Wong.



Looking Christmassy were (left to right), Ethel Takamatsu, Charlene Young and Bev Wong.



Greg Lee seems to always enjoy singing.

Much thanks to Eddie Miwa, who again did a great job in planning and coordinating the project.



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the glass patio door with him still clinging to the handlebars.

His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911, and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room.

So far the story is humorous—in a “that is what you get for being a big enough lout to bring your motorcycle into the house” kind of way.

But here is where I really split a gut.

Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home and put him to bed. She cleaned up the mess in the living room, and dumped the bowl of gasoline in the toilet.

Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tossed the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because the wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door.

The wife heard the explosion and her husband's screams. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same two paramedics were dispatched to the scene. They loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. One of them asked the wife how the injury had occurred. When she told them, they began laughing so hard that they dropped the stretcher, and broke the guy's collarbone.

Talk about instant karma.

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We Wish you a Merry Christmas



Top: Y's Men & Women family members singing at the Liliha Health Center.
Below: Guitarist Jeff Lau looks over his music.



Mei-Chih Chun, Dick Wong and Tony Pfaltzgraff enjoy a light moment at the Avalon Health Center.


Happy Holidays



Smiling faces at the Christmas Party.
 Clockwise from top left: **Tony Pfaltzgraff, Greg Lee, and Will Wong; Eddie Miwa; Tyler Kong; Allison and Casey Kusatsu; Will; Tony; Sally and Christian; Dan Takamatsu; Randall Chun; Liane Miwa.**

