



Gazebo Project Completion



It started with a plan back in late 2013. Once the building permit was obtained and a crew of club members was assembled, the gazebo began in May with the building of forms and pouring of cement.

After numerous visits to work on the gazebo, it will left to professionals to complete the project. Phil Chun shared the photo of the completed gazebo. ■

December Membership Meeting

A short membership meeting will be held at the Kalihi YMCA on December 4, 2015 at 6 p.m. in conjunction with the rehearsal and potluck.

Discussion will be on updates from the Metro District Meeting, Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting, upcoming events and the ASC Casino Night.

If you are unable to attend the caroling, please join us for the meeting and potluck. You do not need to attend the rehearsal to attend the caroling. See Page 3 for more information.

Happenings

November

FOCUS: Brotherhood Fund

- 8 **Hawaii Region Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting**
Ilima Hotel, 10:00 a.m.

December

FOCUS: Christian Emphasis

- 4 **Membership Meeting and Caroling Practice**
Kalihi YMCA, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 **Christmas Caroling and Holiday Luncheon**
Starts at Avalon Care Center, 9:30 a.m.

January

FOCUS: YMCA Service

- 8 **Membership Meeting**
Kalihi YMCA, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 **Metro District Meeting**
Kaimuki YMCA, 6:30 p.m.

Christian Emphasis

BE THANKFUL
in all circumstances
1 Thessalonians 5:18



Kalihi YMCA News

By Tony Pfaltzgraff

Staff and Board members at the Kalihi Y have begun to gear up for the 2015 Annual Support Campaign (ASC). Tom Kusatsu will again be the Board chair of ASC, and Evelyn Barut will lead on the staff side. The campaign goal has been set at \$95,000 which is close to what was pledged in 2014. Work is currently underway to craft a compelling “case statement” that will help donors understand the important work done at the Branch for almost 70 years.

Speaking of important work, new funding from the City is helping the Branch to expand after school programs for teens in Kalihi-Palama and out into West Oahu including Waipahu. Now called Ho`opiko, the new program seeks to provide safe and motivating after school programs for teens who are neither high achievers, nor those who are dealing with serious behavioral problems. In other words, Ho`opiko targets teens who tend to spend their after school hours in unstructured activities with their peers. This can lead teens to engaging in risky behaviors aimed at impressing their friends. The Ho`opiko program helps teens learn new skills and connect in more effective ways with their communities. Our goal is always to help teens develop into productive and positive adults who understand the value of sharing what they have learned, and to giving back to those with greater needs. ■

Laugh a Little, Live Longer Thanksgiving Fails



Has this happened to you? You see something creative online and to you, it looks simple enough for you to recreate. Somehow it doesn't go quite the way you expected.

This has happened to quite a few people out there. Top photo is what it should look like. The bottom is what someone created. Here are a few examples:



Christmas Caroling

Join us for our annual Christmas Caroling event! We are encouraging you to bring your children or grandchildren, as well as other family members and friends. The more the merrier! Come for the caroling, join us for our Christmas Luncheon, or be part of both events.

Christmas Caroling will be held on Sunday, December 7, we will meet at 9:30 am in the Avalon Care Center parking lot, caroling will begin at 10:00 am, then on to the Liliha Health Care.

Caroling Schedule:

9:30 am	Meet Avalon Care Center at 930 Kam IV Rd in Kalihi
10:00 am	Caroling begins
11:15 am	Liliha Health Care Center at 1814 Liliha St.
12:30pm	Christmas Luncheon

Attire should be festive: Santa hats, elf ears, holiday shirt, etc. The more red and green, the better! Or wear your Y's Men shirt.

Bring five garland leis to pass out to the seniors attending the caroling event.

Bev Wong has arranged a special holiday luncheon at Wah Kung Restaurant that will be held after the caroling. RSVP Bev Wong bevwongje@hawaiiantel.net. Price is \$25 per person.

Menu:

1. Scallop Soup
 2. Peking Duck
 3. Deep Fried Taro with Shrimp & Salt & Pepper Pork Chop Combo
 4. Lobster Tail w/Black Bean sauce
 5. Shrimp w/glazed walnuts in a Taro Basket
 6. Beef with Asparagus
 7. Steamed Fish Filet w/ginger & green onion
- Plus Rice & Tea

A rehearsal and potluck dinner will be held on Thursday, December 4 at the Kalihi YMCA Multipurpose Room (2nd Floor) at 6:00 p.m. RSVP Ethel Takamatsu with your potluck dish: takamatsue@hawaii.rr.com. There will also be a short membership meeting held prior to the rehearsal.



Help share the holiday cheer.
Hope you can join us!

Kalihi Y Service Club 2014/2015

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No Membership Meeting in November.

A short membership meeting will be held on December 4 prior to rehearsal.

Y'S Men International News

Mr. Isaac Palathinkal issued his first newsletter as the International President. His newsletter, IP e-Comminuqué, is available on the Y's Men International website: <http://ysmen.org/index.php?id=360>.

US Area News

The Regional Director have votes based on the number of clubs in the Region. Only clubs in good standing can be counted in a vote. In the Hawaii Region, there are nine votes. There are a total of 92 clubs in the U.S. Area.

Hawaii Region News

Regional Director Bobby Stivers-Apiki was unable to make it to the Mid-Year Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, November 8. He spoke very briefly on the phone about continuing with the mission of Y's Men.

Metro District News

Save the date! It has been confirmed that the Endowment Dinner will be held at the Japanese Cultural Center on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 6 p.m. (We will be recognizing Charlee Marlott as our Golden Book Nominees.)

6 Interesting Thanksgiving Facts

Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks and celebrating with friends and loved ones. This Thanksgiving, here are a few items you can add into your conversation during your Thanksgiving meal.

1. President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday. The person who pushed to have it a national holiday is the author of the nursery rhyme, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and magazine editor named Sara Josepha Hale.
2. Ben Franklin wanted to have the turkey as the national bird. He felt that the turkey was a "much more respectable bird". Opposed to the eagle which had a "bad moral character".
3. According to Roto-Rooter, the nation's largest plumbing service, Black Friday is the busiest day of the year for them.
4. Only male turkeys gobble. Female turkeys cackle.
5. In the 1950s, Swanson overestimated the number of turkeys being sold. With so many unsold turkeys, they came up with the idea to cut up the turkey and repackage it with some trimmings on the side...creating TV dinners.
6. You stuffed yourself, and now you're feeling sleepy, very sleepy. But it isn't the tryptophan in the turkey. In fact, chickens have more tryptophan. You're groggy because you overate. Don't blame the bird!

