



Alleluiah

... a child is born. And with
His coming was born a spirit of
love and joy which has lived for
generations in our hearts —

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Merry Christmas from the General Manager



"And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of Heaven and Earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary.

'And lo, he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men even through faith on his name.'—Mosiah 3:8-9

Christmas is a joyous time full of tradition and culture, music and memories, fun and festive foods. It is a time to be shared with family and friends.

Here at the Polynesian Cultural Center we have the opportunity of sharing our different traditions as we represent Jesus Christ, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Through the love that each of us portrays for our cultural heritage and the teachings of the Savior in our lives, we give to those around us an opportunity to receive the greatest gift ever given to man, the gift of salvation and exaltation through faith in Him whose birth we celebrate.

At this time of gift giving, I am grateful to all of you who have given so much through your work here, in service and sacrifice to make our purpose and effort successful.

At a time when some men would commercialize and even attempt to outlaw the expression of Him whose coming Christmas commemorates, let us here at the Polynesian Cultural Center, not forget what God has given, but go forward into the future with faith and gratitude.

May the blessings of this sacred season fill your hearts with joy.

Merry Christmas
Ralph G. Rodgers, Jr.

Christmas Fun...

Scrambled Christmas Words

1. ollycedtausire (2 words)
2. hieomtceasrtrs (2 words)
3. rhpoudl
4. tmesetiol
5. usaltcanas (2 words)
6. kntsacilus (2 words)
7. ehehetblm
8. coregso
9. wsslenafok
10. dliesegih
11. atwrhe
12. lensblijelg (2 words)
13. nmreag
14. gepwirpparpna (2 words)
15. ipaosnit
16. ydhyspoplaiha (2 words)
17. semstryermahri (2 words)
18. hwnteeemirs (3 words)
19. isgctoksn

ANSWERS:

1. Yuletide carols
2. Christmas tree
3. Rudolph
4. Mistletoe
5. Santa Claus
6. Saint Nick
7. Bethlehem
8. Scrooge
9. Snowflake
10. Sleigh ride
11. Wreath
12. Jingle Bells
13. Manger
14. Wrapping paper
15. Poinsetta
16. Happy Holidays
17. Merry Christmas
18. Three Wise Men
19. Stocking



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Gifts

There is a famous saying in reference to the Trojan Horse: Beware of Greeks bearing gifts. In Polynesian history the following incident occurred because the "gift-bearing" was misread. It is in reference to Wallis' visit to Tahiti. (Henry: Ancient Tahiti pgs 13-14)

"The following day, as the ship was warping nearer shore, the natives considering that the newcomers were encroaching still more upon them, renewed their hostilities and sought the aid of their gods to drive them away. About three hundred war canoes with two thousand men surrounded the ship, and a man (probably a priest) who sat upon an awning over a canoe boarded the ship holding in his hand a red and yellow feather amulet, called an 'ura-tatae (executive-ura feathers). This amulet had been consecrated to the gods and was regarded as a potent means of bringing their aid to bear against the offenders, to whom he presented it. Supposing this to be an act of friendship, the British kindly received the man and accepted the charm. The man then suddenly left the ship and returned to the shore. There he threw down a coconut brand as a signal of success, and triumphant shouts rent the air while more war canoes pushed off to join the others; and to the surprise of the British they found themselves pelted with heavy stones, some weighing two pounds, adroitly hurled in slings, with the result that several of the ship's company, who fortunately were somewhat protected by awning and rigging, were badly hurt and bruised. The British were obliged to bring the great guns into action, and after being thus repulsed several times the natives, scarcely yet daunted, and filled with wonder at a people who had concentrated thunder and lightning at their command, dispersed and fled inland over the hills."

Choirs bring holiday spirit

Singing groups from around the island will be performing selections of Christmas music each afternoon from 4:15 to 5:00 in the missionary complex, according to the following schedule:

- Dec. 21--Maile Aloha Singers
- Dec. 22--Tongan Choir
- Dec. 24--Samoan Club Choir

Managers say, "Ask me!"

Twenty seven members of the Management Team have been assisting the Ask Me Booth attendants this week, and will continue to do so through December 26. Management Team members will be stationed at five booths, located near the main gate, across from the gift shop, near the weaver's hut, by the Maori village snack bar and by the bridge between Tahiti and Hawaii.

Villagers Celebrate

There will be a Christmas party for all Village Operations employees on December 21 from 8 to 11.30 P.M. in the Moari Village. Talent contest and refreshments.

Cook's helper praised



Kapeneta Pula

Kapeneta Pula of the Gateway Restaurant has been recommended for the "Extra Mile Award" by supervisor Simi Niumatalolo and fellow worker Malafu Tiatia.

Kapeneta, who is currently employed as a cook's helper, has worked with the restaurant for about a year. According to his fellow workers, he has always been a great helper to make their job easier. His attitude towards his job is very pleasant, he assumes responsibilities without being asked to do so and never complains.

According to Supervisor, Simi, Kapeneta is very dependable has a good attitude and works well with people. "And, says Simi, he is always smiling."

Awards dinner scheduled

There will be a 1984 'Come Alive' Awards banquet for all those employees who have won 'Extra Mile' and General Manager's Awards during 1984. The banquet will be held January 18 in the Gateway Restaurant at noon. Certificates will be given to all award winners of which three will be selected as the 1984 'Come Alive' winners, with one main winner and two runners up. The main winner will have his/her name engraved on a perpetual 'Come Alive' plaque with the winners of previous years.

Past winners include Winton Ria for 1982 and John Nauahi, Sr. for 1983.

Turkeys and Candy

As the Christmas season is here, the General Manager and his wife would like to invite you to their home on December 21 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. to pick up your Christmas gifts.

UPDATE vacation

Due to the holiday schedules, there will not be an UPDATE on Friday, December 28 or Friday, January 4. The UPDATE will resume its normal publication schedule on Friday, January 11.

Editor Loni Manning will be turning the UPDATE over to Bryan Bowles at that time. Loni is leaving today to return to graduate school at BYU-Provo.

All future information for the Update should be directed to Bryan Bowles at ext. 3021.

Millioneth visitor

Haili Pokipala, Vice President of Sales and Marketing has announced the celebration of our millioneth visitor for 1984, to be held on December 24, Christmas Eve.

A couple will be selected from Center guests to represent the symbolic millionth visitor. A ceremony will be held at the front entrance to honor the visitors who will be awarded a complimentary day at the Center. The ceremony will be attended by General Manager Ralph Rodgers and other PCC officers.

No more Dr. Gluck

As of January 1, 1985, Dr. Daniel S. Gluck will no longer be participating on the Plan B with Deseret Mutual Benefit Association (DMBA).

Christmas Survey Question:

What Christmas present have you given that gave you the most joy?



Dixie Scott--Security--"Our family picks untagged gifts from under the tree and trades and shares."



Stacey Ferris--Shop Polynesia--"My service as a missionary, because I received my call at Christmas."



Inoke Vi--Carpenter Shop--"Everything I give for Christmas makes me happy."



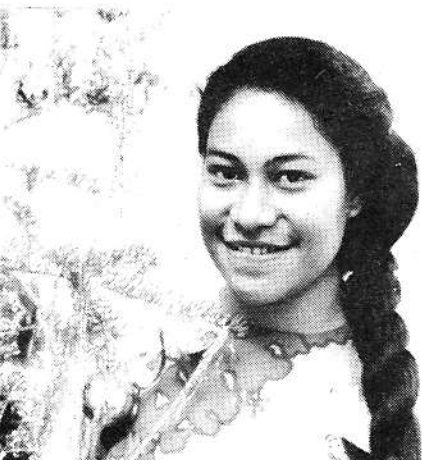
Mili Wallace--Trams--"The fruits I gave to my pixie at work because they were nourishing and because I gave them secretly."



Tony Longo--Food Service--"The raft I am going to purchase for my mother, because I know how much she loves to spend time in the swimming pool."



Pirjo Seipijarvi--Guest Services--"My best friend was leaving and I gave her an adorable stuffed animal that just said everything by the look on its face."



Jillian Hekau--First Aid--"I helped my grandmother in New Zealand by visiting her in the hospital and helping her to get dressed and ready to go with me to Auntie's house for Christmas."



Preston Cameron--Finance--"Last year we couldn't find the doll our daughter wanted, so she wasn't expecting it. At the last minute we found it and it was such a joy to see her surprise and excitement."



Josie Kahiapo--Village Operations--"I gave my son in Texas money to have Christmas for his family, because he had not received his paychecks since October. It made me feel good because I pictured him having a good Christmas."