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THE CHANNEL MARKER

Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Celebrating 60 Years of Service!

IN THE WAKE MEETING REPORT Mar 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

President Ray Klingensmith

District 5000

Governor John Steelquist
Asst. Dist Governor Liz Kane

Chartered June 14, 1950



Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Club Officers

President..... Elouise P. Kaanaana
President-Elect..... Connie G. Kraus
Vice President..... John C. McLaughlin
Secretary..... Lori D. Williams
Treasurer..... Stella Kimura
Past President..... Ernest G. Anderson
Sergeant-at-Arms..... Stefanie Wilson

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Club Service..... Kimberly B. Moore
Service Projects..... Connie G. Kraus
International Service... William H.Q. Bow
New Generations..... Ernest S. Heard
Membership.. Donna Fasone McLaughlin
Public Relations..... Raymond Noh

Interact Clubs Sponsored

Aiea High School
Farrington High School
Moanalua High School
Radford High School

Sister Clubs

Hiroshima Southeast, Japan
Tokyo Osaki, Japan
Avachinsky, Russia

Meeting Schedule

Mondays, 12:00 Noon
Oahu Country Club
150 Country Club Road

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Harvey Gray

Aloha mai kako! President **Ellie Kaanaana** welcomed guests and members to our 2,800th meeting where we Bridge **the Gap to Bigger, Better, Bolder club in Building Communities Bridging Continents! This is Literacy Month**

Member **Judy Heller**, owner Access Aloha Travel, gave the following Inspiration “The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.” She invited **Peggy Harris** to whistle an inspirational tune. Sponsored by **Augie Rey Fernandez**, she has been a member since November 30, 2009.



Judy Heller

Peggy Harris

PDG Jim Varner, owner Hawaii Dale Carnegie Training, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sponsored by **Don Shaw**, he’s been a member since March 24, 1975.



Jim Varner

John Mihlbauer

led the singing of “God Bless America”. Sponsored by **Peter Latham**, he has been a member since October 27, 1982.

RECOGNITION

Sgt at Arms **Stefanie Wilson**, recognized District 5000 leadership: PDG

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Wanda Fukunaga

Jim Varner, Alumni Co-Chair
Stephen Dyer, District Trainer
Stephanie Wilson; Visiting Rotarians from within District 5000: Calabash member **Alan Lloyd** (Windward); Guests of Rotarians: Mark Matsumoto, American Savings Bank (**Jeff Deer**), former member PP **Wanda Fukumoto**, and **Peggy Harris** (**Judy Heller**).

CELEBRATIONS

President **Ellie** recognized birthdays: March 15, **Carl Oshiro**; March 19 **Harvey Gray & John Mihlbauer**; **Ernie Anderson**, away on Holiday in Europe, celebrates his birthday on March 21. Members and guests sang a rousing Happy Birthday!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

President **Ellie** thanked "I CAN" weekly food donors for their generosity!

HAPPY BUCKS

Bill Bow \$20 happy that the UH Rainbows won, **Judy Heller** \$20 happy that her friend **Peggy Harris** is back for Interact , **PE Connie Kraus** \$20 just back from a great PETS experience, **John Mihlbauer** \$83 Birthday thanks for TRF , **Stephen Dyer** \$50 thankful for **Junko's** safe return from Japan for TRF , **Kim Moore** \$20 thankful for a safe return from Misawa Japan and most appreciative of U. S. military support of Japan Tsunami revitalization effort, **Doug Taylor** \$20 happy for TRF.

President **Ellie Kaanaana** kicked off the collection of donations for the Japanese Tsunami Revitalization TRF. The following members donated: PP **Bill Bow**, PP **Ken Brown**, **Bee Clark**, **Debbie Deibler**, PP **John Doty**, **Stephen Dyer**, **Dudley Fullard-Leo**, **Doug Taylor**, PP **Wanda Fukunaga**, **Augie Fernandez**, Treasurer **Stella Kimura**, **John Mihlbauer**, **PE Connie & Gene Kraus**, **Alan Lloyd** (Windward), **Ted Meeker**, **Kim Moore**.

PROGRAM

Jeff Deer introduced our guest speaker, **Mary Steiner**

Chief Executive Director, The Outdoor Circle.

The Outdoor Circle (TOC) exists primarily to protect the special beauty of the Hawaiian Islands. While they do many things to enhance the beauty of our state, their first order of business is protecting Hawai'i from activities that detract from, damage or destroy our visual environment. Whether keeping Hawai'i billboard free, saving trees, pushing for proper land use, protecting view planes or the many other issues faced, The Outdoor Circle's actions always are guided by the simple but daunting challenge of "Keeping Hawai'i Clean, Green and Beautiful" for future generations. One of the primary reasons TOC was founded in 1912 was to engage in efforts to beautify Hawai'i. From the original plantings of Monkey pod trees at Aala Park and Bougainvillea along the banks of Nuuanu Stream and has spent decades promoting the beautification of the islands. Not only has TOC been directly engaged in a wide variety of planting projects, it also has a tradition of encouraging others to take steps to beautify their homes, businesses, roadways, neighborhoods and communities. While much of TOC's energy is spent protecting and preserving Hawaii's natural beauty, for nearly one-hundred years they have been dedicated to proactively working to enhance the magnificence of our islands as well.



Mary Steiner

The Outdoor Circle educates our community about issues that help preserve and protect the beauty of Hawai'i. These efforts include working with children as well as adults, and often involve using radio, television and newspapers to help reach broader audiences. For decades the popular figure, Mr. Mynah, has educated Hawaii's youngest children about keeping Hawai'i clean. This giant bird focuses on recycling and reducing litter. Many of their branches also engage in education efforts within their community. The Kona branch, for example, works with Konaweana Intermediate School on efforts to beautify their campus. The Waimea branch (Island of Hawai'i) has built and maintains a nature park that functions as a real world laboratory for teaching keiki and others about Native Hawaiian plants and

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the Lani Kailua branch created a video starring Frank DeLima which employs Mr. Mynah and speaks to Hawaii's beauty.

The Outdoor Circle's focus is multi-faceted, including aerial and mobile ads, tree protection, underground wiring and land use. The source of this information and more is available on their website at http://www.outdoorcircle.org/protecting_hawaii/.

Steeped in tradition, one of our favorites is presenting a children's book for our guest speaker to autograph. We do this in support of our Literacy Program, all of the autographed books are presented in support of their Read to Me Program at Aiea Elementary School. **President Ellie** asked **Mary Steiner** to sign the book *Wordsworth the Poet* by **Frances H. Kakugawa**.



Mary Steiner & President Ellie

ADJOURNMENT

Bee Clark led us in the 4-Way Test.

ROTARY NEWS

FOUNDATION SETS UP DISASTER FUND FOR JAPAN

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 15 March 2011

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster



Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can donate online. Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund.

The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes.

A series of explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, 140 miles northeast of Tokyo, damaged reactors and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands. The Japanese government is working to contain the situation. Damage from the earthquake and tsunami is estimated at US\$170 billion.

RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, was in Lisbon, Portugal, on Rotary business during the disasters. He was able to reach his wife, Kyoko, on the phone to confirm her safety.

"She said it was the most horrifying experience she'd ever had," says Tanaka. "The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us."

Japanese RI directors Masaomi Kondo and Masahiro Kuroda, as well as staff at Rotary International's Japan office, are confirmed to be safe.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing efforts to bring urgently needed aid to victims.

"I've received many messages from Rotarians all over the world," says Noriko Futagami, the Public Image Resource Group coordinator for Zone 2. "I also have reports that Rotary clubs have begun to start planning projects for immediate help. Unfortunately, there are many Rotarians and families who haven't been able to be contacted. Rotarians in Japan worry for their safety."

Group Study Exchange team safe

Rotarian Robert Blackburn was leading a Group Study Exchange team in Japan when the earthquake struck.

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The five team members from Illinois, USA, were in a hotel in Tokyo, getting ready for a farewell dinner with their hosts.

"It was our last night in Japan. I felt the whole building shake," says Blackburn, a member of the Rotary Club of Westmont. "It was not just a mild tremor. My hotel room was shaking from side to side. It felt like forever. I have never been so scared in my life."

Blackburn says the earthquake lasted at least two minutes. He used a laundry cart outside his hotel room for protection. After the tremors stopped, he walked 18 floors down to the lobby, where the rest of the team congregated.

"The airport was temporarily closed, so I told everyone on our team that we might have to be here for a day or two longer," he says. "Thankfully, the airport reopened. Our hosts were incredible and were able to get us to the airport on time for our flight."

Tanaka says he is grateful for the warm support of Rotarians worldwide.

"The great thing about Rotarians is that we share everything, including each other's joy and sadness. They have the ability to put themselves in the position of others and act to help," says Tanaka. "Despite the unthinkable hardship we're experiencing now, the people of Japan will not give up on efforts to rebuild their communities."

ROTARIANS PROVIDE MEDICAL HELP FOR LA GONAVE, HAITI

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 2 March 2011

A team of Rotarians from New York, USA, and the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, brought much-needed medical treatment to villagers on the island of La Gonave in February, and also installed 18 solar panels to power the remote village's medical clinic and water pump.

The four-day mission, organized by George Solomon, past governor of District 7260 (New York), was funded in part by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. The team included Rotarian and volunteer solar engineers, plumbers, nurses, and a physician.

"Everybody is bringing their expertise to make this project a success. That's what Rotary is about...putting the

right people in the right places," said Solomon during the mission, which was his eighth visit to the impoverished region since 2007. "Accomplishing our goals here brings immediate and long-term aid to people who desperately need it."

After Haiti's January 2010 earthquake, La Gonave experienced an influx of people seeking refuge from the devastation in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. More than 30,000 refugees joined La Gonave's 100,000 residents, straining already limited resources.

ON THE HORIZON Upcoming Meetings & Events

March

Literacy Month

Mar 21: Doug Carlson, Rail Update

Mar 28: Jay McWilliams, HawaiiReporter, State of Hawaii Special Funds

April

Apr 4: PDG Roz Cooper

Apr 11: PDG Lisa Foster, Asian Orphanage

Apr 18: Jim Scott, Punahou School

Apr 25: Kim Moore, RYLA

Apr 30: "Rotarians At Work Day"

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?

'Oia 'Ō i keia o'lelo

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Kupono ia ka kou

3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Kukulu lokomaika'i a me pili'alo'ha maika'i a'e

4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Pono ia ka kou