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THE CHANNEL MARKER

Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Celebrating 60 Years of Service!

IN THE WAKE

MEETING REPORT June 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Aloha mai kako! President **Ellie Kaanaana** welcomed guests and members to our 2,810th meeting where we **Bridge the Gap** to enhance the vitality and viability of our club through Rotary International's Strategic Plan and Vision "We will be the service organization of choice with dynamic, action-oriented clubs whose contributions improve lives in communities worldwide."

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Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

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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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Kim Moore



Doug Taylor



Lenny Katsarsky

District 5000 RYLA Oahu Coordinator, Club Service Director **Kim Moore**, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Youth Specialist inducted Oct 20, 2009 sponsored by PP **Ernie Anderson** blessed the occasion with a Prayer and Inspiration.

President Elect **Doug Taylor**, Owner and operator of The Ice Palace led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sponsored by **George Topic**, he's been a member since February 13, 1984.

Former club director, West Point Alumnus, Retired Lt. Col. **Lenny Katsarsky**, Long Term Care Insurance Agent, inducted Oct 31, 2005 sponsored by **Augie Fernandez** led us in Song.

RECOGNITION

Sergeant-at-arms Stefanie Wilson introduced D5000 Leadership: **Liz Kane**, ADG Central Oahu, **Steve Dyer**, District Alumni Co-Committee Chair, **Stefanie Wilson**, District Trainer, **Donna McLaughlin**, Interact Chair, **Kim Moore**, RYLA Oahu Coordinator. Rotarians within D5000: Calabash member **Alan Lloyd**, (Windward), **James Higa**, (West Pearl Harbor), **Bub Wo**, (Honolulu); Rotarians from outside D5000: **Roger McLain**, (Westlake, Austin TX) former RCPH member. Guests of Rotari-

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Liz Kane Les & Rod Andress

ans: **Ka'ani Blackwell**, Retired UH Manoa Education Professor (**Ellie Kaanaana**), **Brandon Davis**, GOOT Scholarship recipient, UH Manoa, **Kay Okamura**, “**Kumu Alohilani**”, Farrington High School Hawaiian Academy & Interact Advisor. Military Guests: Master Sgt **Tracy P. Washington**, USAF, 1st Class Petty Officer **Kagen M.**



Bub Wo

Heubner, USN. **Michelle Thomas**, Joint POW-MIA Assistant Public Affairs Officer, **Rita Barrientos**, Interact President-Elect 2012-13, **Rod Andress** (**Les Hunkele**), **Jeff Workman** HQPACAF (**Donna McLaughlin**), **Pat Anderson** (**Ernie**), **Dolores McLain** (**Roger**) and **Inge R. Higa** (**James**).



Inge & James Higa Roger & Dolores McLain

CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays: **Bill Bow**, **Stella Kimura** and **Kim Moore** on June 11 and **George Topic**'s lovely wife **Jean** on June 9. Induction Anniversaries: President **Ellie Kaanaana** on June 4 and Secretary **Lori Williams** on June 8. Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries: **John & Betty Mihlbauer** on June 3, **George & Jean Topic** on June 9 and **Bernard & Shirley Robinson** on June 10.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mahalo nui loa! to all who have brought canned goods for the Hawaii FoodBank to FEED THE HUNGRY.

Donors: **PP Ernie Anderson**, **PP Jeff Deer**, **Dudley Fullard-Leo**, & **John Mihlbauer**.

HAPPY BUCKS

PP Ernie Anderson \$50 to TRF, **PP Bill Bow** \$100 for TRF, he was on TV news - he just finished Waialua Cane Haul Bridge, **PP Steve Dyer** \$2, **Stefanie Wilson** \$80 to TRF, just finished successful completion of UH, Windward Oahu Spring Semester & looking forward to visit with parents in Florida.

MILITARY GUESTS

Lenny Katsarsky introduced military guests, **Kagen M. Huebner**, Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class (Surface Warfare /Air Warfare). He is the Leading Petty Officer, Code 920 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility. He was born in Tonasket, Washington. In early 2000 he enlisted in the United States Navy. He is married to Amanda Huebner.



Kagen Huebner

Master Sergeant **Tracy P. Washington** is the Superintendent, 15th Medical Operations Squadron, 15th Medical Group Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. He was born in Albany, Georgia. He is married to MSgt Jeannie Washington and they have two children, Malik (15) and Andres (10).



Tracy Washington

AWARDS



Kay & Ellie

President **Ellie** presented Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor 2010-2011 Vocation Award to Farrington High School Interact Advisor and Hawaiian Academy Teacher **Kay Okamura**, better known as **Kumu Alohilani**. This award recognized her efforts in helping her students develop plans and achieve goals.

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82% of students in the academy are continuing their formal education. The club donated \$250 to the Farrington High School Hawaiian Academy.



President **Ellie Ka'ani Blackwell, Brandon Davis & Ellie** congratulated

Grow Our Own Teacher (GOOT) Scholarship recipient **Brandon Davis**. He shared his exciting experience teaching students in the use of high technology. Brandon reported that he has been hired to teach at Kapolei Middle School. He expressed great appreciation for the scholarship that will assist him to attain his Masters Degree in Education at UH Manoa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Topic reminded members to mark their calendars and bring folks to the upcoming Harmony of the Pacific at McKinley High School. He's still collecting member \$100 donations for ten tickets at \$10 each.

June 25, 9:00 a.m. District 5000 2010-11 Awards & Installation Celebration, Ala Moana Hotel Hibiscus Ballroom. Program 1000-1230 Lunch Buffet 1230 Cost \$45

July 4, 3:00 p.m. Celebration at Debbie Deibler's home, BYOB - Mark your calendars.



Pearl Harbor Swirls Countdown
110 Days Remaining
Please solicit Silent Auction items

PROGRAM

PP **Steve Dyer** introduced our guest speaker, **MG Stephen D. Tom**, Commander Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. Major General Tom was commissioned a 2nd Lt through the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps Program in 1971 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He continued his civilian education by entering Boston University School of Law, and gradu-

ated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1974. Since completing the U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer Basic Course in 1975, Major General Tom has served in a number of commands. He was promoted to Major General in July 2003 and then served as U.S. Army Pacific Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs. Prior to coming to JPAC, he served as the Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command. In addition to the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Major General Tom is a graduate of the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, the Adjutant General Officer's Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, the Civil Affairs Officer's Advanced Course, and the Army War College. His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service, Legion of Merit and various other unit and service medals. In his civilian capacity, Major General Tom was a private practice attorney and a partner in a law firm. He was recalled to active duty in January 2006.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, located on the island of Oahu in Hawaii, was activated on October 1, 2003. Created from the merger of the 30 year old U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, and the 11-year-old Joint Task Force - Full Accounting, JPAC is commanded by a flag officer. The mission of JPAC is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts. The highest priority of the organization is the return of any living Americans that remain prisoners of war.

The command is made up of approximately 400 hand-picked Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Department of the Navy civilians and contractors. The laboratory portion of JPAC, referred to as the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL), is one of the largest and most scientifically diverse laboratories in the world, and is the only accredited Skeletal Identification Laboratory (ASCLD-LAB) in the United States.

Three permanent overseas detachments assist with command & control and in-country support during investigation and recovery operations; Detachment One located in Bangkok, Thailand; Detachment Two in Hanoi, Vietnam; and Detachment Three in Vientiane, Laos. A fourth detachment, Detachment Four is located in Hawaii and is responsible for recovery team personnel when they are not deployed.

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The core of JPAC's day-to-day operations involves investigating leads, recovering, and identifying Americans who were killed in action but were never brought home. This process involves close coordination with other U.S. agencies involved in the POW/MIA issue, including the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, U.S. Pacific Command, Department of State, the Joint Staff, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, and the U.S. Air Force's Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory.

In order to ensure mission success and the return of all unaccounted-for Americans, JPAC routinely engages in technical negotiations and talks with representatives of foreign governments to promote and maintain positive in-country conditions wherever JPAC teams deploy.

On average, the CIL identifies an MIA about every four days. Since 2003, JPAC has identified more than 560 Americans, and more than 1,800 since the accounting effort began in the 1970's.

Eighteen authorized recovery teams travel throughout the world to recover missing Americans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War. Recovery missions can last from 30 to 60 days, depending on the location, terrain and nature of the recovery. Reaching a site can be a challenge in itself. Team members routinely walk through jungles, traverse difficult terrain in 4x4 vehicles, rappel cliff-sides, wade through swamps, and climb mountains. Transportation methods may include horseback, all terrain vehicles, boat, train or helicopter.

While JPAC's CIL identifies about seven Americans a month on average, the recovery and identification process may take years to complete. In addition to the factors previously mentioned, each separate line of evidence must be examined at the CIL (bones, teeth, and material evidence) and correlated with all historical evidence.

Once identification has been completed, cases are forwarded to the appropriate service mortuary affairs office, whose members personally notify next



Ellie & Gen. Tom

ON THE HORIZON Upcoming Meetings & Events

-of-kin family members.

President **Ellie** thanked MG **Steve Tom** for his interesting and informative presentation and asked him to sign the children's book *Footprints on the Mom*, by author **Mark Haddon**. It will be donated to Aiea Elementary School in his name.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Hunkele let us in the 4-Way Test.

June

June 13: C 17 Tour, Joint Base Hawaii, Hickam, 9:00 AM *** Lunch, Hickam O'Club 11:30

June 20: Wayne Vierra, UH Athletics Department, Koa Anuenue

June 26: Installation of Officers Party, the Outrigger Canoe Club, 5:30 PM

June 27: Andy Collins, NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries

July

July 4: DARK, Fourth of July

July 4: Celebration, 3:00 PM, Debbie Deibler's

July 11: TBA

July 18: Aileen Perriera, Health and Wellness

July 25: TBA

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?

'Oia 'i'o 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 pilialoha maika'i a'e

4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Pono ia ka kou