



THE CHANNEL MARKER

Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Celebrating 61 Years of Service!

May 21, 2012

IN THE WAKE

MEETING REPORT May 14, 2012

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

President Kalyan Banerjee
District 5000

Governor Laurie Yoshida
Asst. Dist Governor Mel Kumasaka

Chartered June 14, 1950



Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Club Officers

President..... Connie G. Kraus
President-Elect..... Douglas S. Taylor
Vice President..... Lester M. Hunkele III
Secretary..... Debbie Deibler
Treasurer..... Stella Kimura
Past President..... Elouise P. Kaanaana
Sergeant-at-Arms..... Lori Williams

Directors

Club Service..... Jeffery J. Sarver
Service Projects..... Shirley Robinson
International Service... William H.Q. Bow
New Generations..... Kimberly B. Moore
Membership..... Ernest G. Anderson
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

Channel Marker Published by
Harvey Gray

CALL TO ORDER

“President **Connie Kraus** welcomed members and guests to the 2849 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we look toward the future, keep our hearts in the present, and Reach within to Embrace Humanity!



Bruce Fink

Connie Kraus

Tsurumi Hamasu

Providing our inspiration was **Bruce Fink** inducted May 4, 1998 sponsored by **John Scudder**. **Bruce** works at PACOM and led us in prayer.

Leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance was **President Connie Kraus** inducted March 29, 2004 sponsored by **Bob Deibler**.

Our song leader was **Tsurumi Hamasu** inducted April 9, 2012 sponsored by **Steve Dyer**. **Tsurumi** works for Sopogy and led us in singing America the Beautiful.

BANNER EXCHANGE

President Connie and President Elect **Hide Teno** of the Rotary Club of Tokyo Ginza-New exchanged banners. PE **Hide** told the members that his club was established 25 years ago and will have a big ceremony on October 19th. The club has 70 members and the Board just recently decided to have women as members, that was a “big big” decision to make.



IN THE WAKE

We would like to invite you to our Rotary meetings held every Friday in the Ginza at the Tobo Ginza Marriott Courtyard Hotel. Please come to see us when you have time in Tokyo.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD

President **Connie** presented **Steve Dyer** with his Paul Harris fourth level pin and thanked **Steve** for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation and our Club.

RECOGNITION

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, and Past District Governor, **Jim Varner** welcomed the Current District Leadership: **Steve Dyer** (District Alumni Committee Co-Chair), **Bruce Fink** (HRYF Board Member), and **Harvey Gray** (District Newsletter). Rotarian Guests Within District 5000: **Nancy Varner** (Kahala Sunrise). Guests of RCPH members: **Pat Anderson**,



Hide Teno, PE of the Rotary Club of Tokyo Ginza – New, his wife **Mie Teno**, her 92 year old mother **Mineko Ogawa** and her sister **Harue Kagitomi** from Brazil, all guests of **Ernie Anderson**. **Laura Mellow** and **Dennis Chun** guests of **Steve Dyer**.

Historical note: Mineko was born in Dallas Texas and in 1920 and her father, a Rotarian, helped to start the first Rotary Club in Japan.

CELEBRATIONS

President **Connie** recognized Member Inductions: **Donna** and **John McLaughlin** inducted May 14, 2001 sponsored by **Kenny Lum**. Member Birthday: **Lori Williams** May 16th.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“I Can” donators: **Ernie Anderson**, **Alice** and **Bee**

Clark, **Bruce Fink**, **Les Hunkele**, **Connie** and **Gene Kraus**, **John Mihlbauer**, **Shirley Robinson**, **Jim Varner**. **Connie** thanked them for donating to the FoodBank.

HAPPY BUCKS

Ernie Anderson \$20 to the Rotary Foundation because he is happy to have his guest visiting from Japan. **Alice Clark** \$15 to the Rotary Foundation. **Jeff Deer** \$20 to the Rotary Foundation, he is happy that **Les** is back and that **Doug** is holding the bowl. **Steve Dyer** \$20 to the Rotary Foundation because he is happy to have his cousin **Laura Mellow** and her boyfriend, **Dennis Chun**, with us to day. **Les Hunkele** \$25 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of his successful trip to Australia, he attended the ANZAC Day celebrations and the USS Coral Sea. Spent a week diving on the Great Barrier Reef, almost stepped on a sea snake and saw a whale shark. **Nancy Varner** \$5 to the Rotary Foundation and wished us well for our Swirls fundraiser, she cannot attend because her club is also having a fundraiser that night. **Hide Tano** \$20 to the Club, he is happy to be here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Doty said that Pearl Harbor Swirls is this Saturday; we will have a record attendance. **Merilyn** sent out a duty list, but he needs 8 pourers so that no one is stuck pouring all evening. We will have two wine tables, one for domestic and another for foreign wines. Domestic wines are from Washington, Oregon, and California. Foreign wines are from Argentina, France, Italy, Australia, Chili, and Spain. **John** needs all the pours to be there early to help setup; there will be “cheat sheets” to help with the information about the wines, where it is available. **Harvey Gary** said we have 153 signed up with a few more who said they are coming. If you do not have a military ID card, you need to give us the driver’s license number for the drive and the passenger as well as car make and model and license plate number. This information is needed as soon as possible.

Connie informed the members that we will be voting for three men as candidates for membership on the 2012-13 nominating committee for President of RI in 2014-15 from Zone 26. An email with the bios of the three men will be sent to all members asking for their vote. We need to rank the men 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.

IN THE WAKE

PROGRAM

Steve Dyer introduced Dennis Chun aka “Sergeant Duke Lukela” on the current Hawaii Five-O series. Steve said that **Dennis** is a local boy, a graduate of Kamehameha H.S. as well as UH (Manoa). His acting credits include: the Brady Bunch” (1972); “Inferno in Paradise” (1974); 3 episodes of the original “Hawaii Five-O” (1974-75); “Magnum, P.I.” (1988); “Jake and the Fatman” (1989-90); and “Goodbye Paradise”; before his current “gig” started in 2011.

Dennis is the son of **Kam Fong Chun** who played “Chin Ho Kelly” on the original Hawaii Five-O and, among his other occupations, he was an HPD police officer in real life before turning to acting!

Dennis spoke about acting, and especially about the kind of man his father was. His father **Kam Fong**, was with the original Hawaii 50 for ten seasons, was a graduate of McKinley H.S. and was a welder at Pearl Harbor in his early years. On December 7, 1941 he saw smoke and airplanes in the sky, heard the radio announcement for civilian employees of the shipyard to report to work. With other workers, **Kam** reported to base only to be met by sentries with machine guns at the gate, and a site filled with chaos, burning ships and sunken ships. **Kam** and other workers were transported on a flatbed truck at high speed to avoid dive bombers.

The war was on. One civilian employee moved a crane close to the Pennsylvania to obstruct the path of Japanese planes trying to destroy it. Other civilians manned water hoses, while dodging bullets from the planes. There were rumors of poisoned water wells so no one could drink any water. Several days later bodies began to surface in the harbor. Civilian workers did their best to get the fleet up and running again – quickly. Notably, the estimate to repair the Yorktown was 2 to 3 months, but got underway in only THREE DAYS, due to the hard work and improvisation by civilian workers at the yard, like **Kam Fong**. Understandably the yard employees were quite saddened when they heard that the Yorktown was sunk at the Battle of Midway.

Kam joined HPD with the intent of being killed in the line of duty, following the death of his wife, son and daughter in 1944 when two American bombers, B24’s,

collided and hit the house. Later **Kam** was so distraught that he thought of putting a gun to his head, fortunately his mother talked him out of it. The next day he auditioned for “Hawaii Five-O” and that changed his life. A change of time slot helped Five-O to rocket to success.

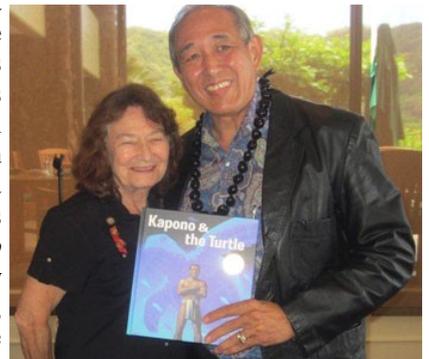
Dennis does not worry about filling his father’s shoes as an actor, but as a man. Dennis’s life, too, changed as he got involved with the new Five-O. Both of his parents died at about the same time, and his wife of 20 years wanted a divorce. Dennis reached deep within himself, went back to his old acting coach to see how good an actor he could be, and the rest is history.

Dennis thanked the Rotary Club for their work, for adhering to the 4 Way Test, and for allowing him to make a presentation that meant so much to him and his family. In answering questions, he mentioned that:

- an actor reads a script first for the story line, then for how his character fits.
- an actor has to “feel” the character and be sincere to be effective.
- there are as many as 19 million viewers of the current Hawaii 50 show.

He ended with the classic line “Book ‘em”:

P r e s i d e n t
C o n n i e
thanked Dennis
f o r h i s
p r e s e n t a t i o n
a n d a s k e d h i m
t o s i g n a
c h i l d r e n ’ s
b o o k , *Kapono
& the Turtle* by
Edie Bikle,
which will be
donated to Aiea
Elementary School in his honor.



ADJOURNMENT

Les Hunkele led us in the Four-Way-Test.

Past R.I. Presidents

(Continued from May 14)

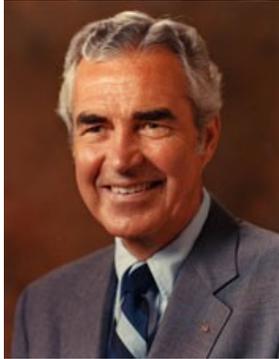
1981-82

Stanley E. McCaffrey
Rotary Club of Stockton,
California, USA

RI Theme: World
Understanding and Peace
through Rotary

“Rotarians are bound
together, in spite of national
differences, by our sense of
service, our desire to improve
the lot of those in need, by
our faith that we can, through
our efforts, make this a better world.”

The Rotarian , May 1982



1984-85

Carlos Canseco
Rotary Club of Monterrey,
Nuevo León, Mexico

RI Theme: Discover a New
World of Service

“Like ships carrying great
discoverers in the age of
exploration, Rotary clubs
are vehicles of change.”

1984 RI Convention



1982-83

Hiroji Mukasa
Rotary Club of Nakatsu,
Oita, Japan

RI Theme: Mankind Is One
— Build Bridges of
Friendship throughout the
World

“Working to find peace in the
world is a family problem. It
is not too big a problem to
deal with if we realize that

we are all from the same family.”

The Rotarian , August 1982

1983-84

William E. Skelton
Rotary Club of
Christiansburg-Blacksburg,
Virginia, USA

RI Theme: Share Rotary —
Serve People

“Rotary is in the vanguard of
those who care to act. As
long as we help to hold this
world together, and improve
it, Rotary is timely.”

1984 RI Convention



May

May 21: Club Assembly
May 28: DARK Memorial Day

June

Jun 4: Laura Beeman, UH Wahine Basketball
Coach
Jun 11: TBA
Jun 18: Alvin Wong, Happiest Man in America
Jun 23: Installation Dinner, Outrigger Canoe Club,
6:00 PM
Jun 25: DARK

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