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## Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Celebrating 62 Years of Service!

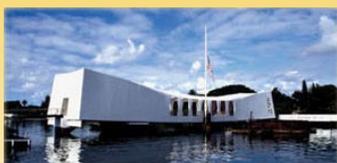
June 25, 2012

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President..... Douglas S. Taylor  
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### Interest 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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## IN THE WAKE

MEETING REPORT June 11, 2012

### CALL TO ORDER

**President Connie Kraus** welcomed members and guests to the 2852<sup>nd</sup> 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!

Providing our inspiration was PP **Donna McLaughlin** inducted May 14, 2001 sponsored by **Kenny Lum**. Donna's Father's Day inspiration included childhood memories of her father, Donald Fasone, Sr., his life-long work in the paving industry, and how driving on the roads he built gives her time to reflect on happy memories - like thrilling rides up the mountains of rock at the quarry, teaching her to drive on an abandoned airstrip, the red carnation lei he gave his daughters each year on Lei Day, and his love for his family. She concluded the inspiration quoting Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." She believed her father lived these words and felt each of the fathers present do. Addressing the fathers in the club, she said. "I feel your strength and courage, and I sense your children are comforted by your faith and love. I am honored to know all of you and I respect the love I have seen you give to your children." Donna offered a Father's Day Prayer written especially for the fathers of our club.



*Donna McLaughlin*

To all of you, I offer this prayer...

Our Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for the lives of the men and fathers in the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor Many have put their lives in harms way for all of us. All of them have demonstrated a great love for their children, wives, families & friends and for countless others around the world. Bless them

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with good health, enrich their lives with kindness, embrace them with your love, open their hearts to all things that are possible through you. We celebrate their lives today with love in honor of Father's Day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance was **Les Hunkele** inducted April 30, 2007 sponsored by **Ernie Anderson**.



*Les Hunkele*



*Tsurumi Hamasu*

Our song leader was **Tsurumi Hamasu** inducted April 4, 2012 sponsored by **Steve Dyer**. Tsurumi works for Sopogy and led us in singing, "This is My Country".

### RECOGNITION

Recognition: Acting Sergeant-at-Arms PDG **Jim Varner** welcomed the Current District Leadership: **Donna McLaughlin**, Interact Chair. **Harvey Gray**, District Newsletter. Guests of RCPH member: **Duane Nishii** guest of **Les Hunkele**. Duane is a contracting officer for the Army Corps of Engineers in Seoul, Korea and a former US Air Force officer, born overseas when his father was in the military. **Jim** went on a "fining spree" and fined a number of members \$2 for various and sundry reasons.

### MILITARY GUEST

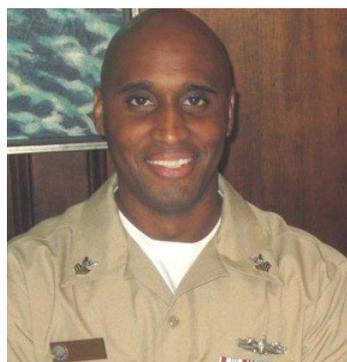
**Lenny Katsarsky** introduced our military guests: A1C **Hilaree Glenn** US Air Force and YN1 **Mark Corbin**, US Navy. A1C **Hilaree Glenn**,

23, is a medical technician at Hickam Family Health clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. After completing five semesters of college in her home state of South Carolina, she joined the Air Force. A1C Glenn currently assists her squadron as a physical training leader, helping members prepare for their fitness



*Hilaree Glenn*

tests. She enjoys the scenic hiking trails that Oahu has to offer. In the future, she hopes to retire from the Air Force and start her own business.



*Mark Corbin*

YN1, Surface Warfare, **Mark A. Corbin** was born in Washington, DC. The younger of two siblings, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1990, four months after

graduating from George C. Marshall, High School.

In June 2010 he departed Baghdad, Iraq and reported to Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division as the Administrative Leading Petty Officer Petty Officer

### CELEBRATIONS

**President Connie** recognized Member Birthdays:, June 11<sup>th</sup>, **Bill Bow**, **Stella Kimura**, and **Kim Moore**

Member Wedding Anniversary: June 17<sup>th</sup> **Lori** and **Jim Williams**, June 19<sup>th</sup> **Bill** and **Kathy**

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Bow, June 24<sup>th</sup> Jeff and Karen Deer.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I Can” donators: **Alice and Bee Clark, Bruce Fink, Dudley Fullard-Leo, Connie & Gene Kraus, John Mihlbauer, Jeff Sarver, Jim Varner, Stefanie Wilson.**

### HAPPY BUCKS

**Alice Clark** \$20 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of her father in law, who is 96 and living at Kahala Nui. **Tsurumi Hamasu** \$18 to the Rotary Foundation for my nephew visiting my parents for a month. **Les Hunkele** \$43 to the Rotary Foundation for 43 years after graduation, I have decided to retire allowing more time for Rotary. **Doug Taylor** \$20 to the Rotary Foundation for **Ernie Anderson** stepping up to the plate to be Club Service Director. **Jim Varner** \$20 to the Rotary Foundation because he and Nancy will be in Oregon for the next five months. **Dudley Fullard-Leo** \$103 to the Rotary Foundation, he matched the total amount of donations for today.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for the D5000 Awards and Installation Luncheon, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hale Koa Hotel.

We are dark on Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> because of our club’s Installation Party Saturday evening at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

### PROGRAM

#### Honoring our Fathers!

**Jim Varner** was cleaning out a bunch of boxes and ran across an old letter from the commander at Pearl Harbor to his Father. The letter contained a letter of commendation for his actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor and the recovery operations following the attack. **Jim’s** Dad was in the Seabees during WWII, and fought in the



*Jim Varner*

battle of Midway. He returned to Hawaii working with the construction crews at Pearl Harbor.

**Bruce Fink:** My father graduated from West Point in 1946, served 28 years in the US Army Corps of Engineers, and retired as a Brigadier General. What is somewhat amazing about that accomplishment is that his father passed away when he was 8 years old, so he grew up without an example of his father and still succeeded in life. Even as we moved from assignment to assignment he and my mother always put our family first. Three boys grew up following the example of our father by graduating from West Point and serving in the US Army Corps of Engineers. One of the greatest gifts that my father left was he and my mother wrote their life story and included stories and pictures of their lives together. It is a gift to us and our children to remember them. (I encouraged everyone to do something similar) Just as my father served as a wonderful example for me, I hope to serve as a good example for my children that will continue to pass on the legacy of my father.



*Bruce Fink*

**Dudley Fullard-Leo:** My father was born in 1864, he was 62 when I was born, my mother was 45. My father was born in Sacramento but grew up in Australia. At a young age, after his parents died, he went to Africa, prospecting for tin and rubies. Later he fought in both Boer

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Wars. He was in the Siege of Mafeking with the British as a scout. Later he went to Egypt and Fought in the War of the Mad Madie. He hiked over most of Africa. By profession, he was a Mason, and in 1908 helped to build Grand Central Station in New York. This is where he married my mother. In



*Dudley Fullard-Leo*

1911, he moved to Victoria BC where he built the Armory. In 1914 they were going to go back to Africa, loaded all their household goods on a ship that left New York and was the first ship the Germans sank in WWI. Instead of going to Africa, they said let's take a vacation and came to Hawaii and never left. Arrived here is 1915 and set up a Tile factory on Ward street. He worked on the old Oahu prison using prison labor, he came to work one morning and there was a prisoner sitting on the steps crying, he said he didn't make lock up last night and they won't let me in. On December 7<sup>th</sup> Dad went to the attic looking for his old elephant gun, a double barreled, sixty caliber rifle; while my brother and I were told to sharpen all the Cane knives.

During the late 1880's my father was the middle weight boxing champion of Australia. His championship fight lasted 75 rounds; under John Sullivan Rules.

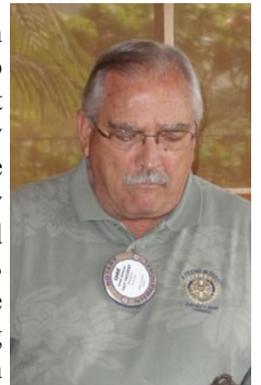
**Bee Clark:** My Dad came from a military family; his father was a career Army officer. Three of my Uncles also served. Dad went to Northwestern University, but there was no Army ROTC there, just



*Bee Clark*

Navy. He was sent to Hawaii, his mine sweeper was tied up at the foot of Hickam runway when the attack happened. His first thought was that the Army was putting on a good show that day and then a hanger blew up right in front of him and he looked more closely at the planes. His was one of only two ships that day that was fully manned when the Japanese attacked. He wanted to marry my mother, but had to get permission from this senior naval officer, in this case, Admiral Nimitz who was also a friend of my grandmother. Since the battle of Midway had yet to take place, the admiral told him to come back after a certain battle took place and he would give him permission. They were married shortly after Midway. And here I am!!

**Ernie Anderson:** My Dad was also Ernest Anderson, my grandfather Ernst Anderson was born in Sweden and came to America on a ship landing at Ellis Island. He met my grandmother on board the ship on the way over. My Dad was born in 1904, and was drafted into the US Army in 1943 at age 39. He went to Aberdeen Proving Grounds for his training in bomb disposal than to the Aleutian Islands after the



*Ernie Anderson*

Japanese invaded in 1943-44. He was the writer for the newsletter for the battalion. He got out of the Army in 1945, my brother was born in 1946, I was born in '49 and my younger brother was born in '52. We always had the oldest father on the block, but he was always there for sleigh riding, baseball, etc. I was very proud of my Dad. If you go to Punch Bowl and study the maps of the campaigns of World War II, the Aleutian Islands are there.

**John Mihlbauer:** I am the first person in my family to graduate from college, my father did

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*John Mihlbauer*

not go to high school, he went to night school for ten years to become a mechanical engineer. An important thing my father accomplished was winning WW1. He was born in 1898 and therefore drafted into the Army in 1918. He reported for duty on Armistice Day and thus won the war.

**Lenny Katsarsky:** My Dad was born in Bulgaria. He, his parents and two brothers immigrated to the US through Ellis Island with a group of other people from Bulgaria and settled in Battle Creek Michigan. When he was 14 years old, he was a light

heavy weight professional boxer. When he married my Mother, he had a 32" waist and weighed 220 pounds. My Dad also played the violin. When he left the house, he would go to Lansing Michigan to box and carried his boxing equipment in his violin case so his parents

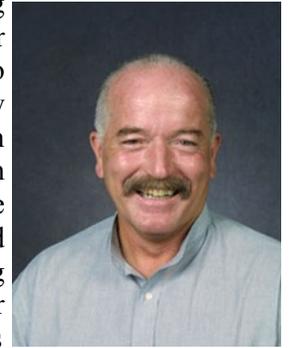


*Lenny Katsarsky*

would not know about his boxing. His boxing career ended at 17 years old when his father went to the fights and found his son in the ring. When he went to college, my Dad coached the college boxing team. When he went into the Army he was 19 years old, he had run the ROTC department in high school and he was given the rank of sergeant until he was old enough to be commissioned as an officer. When WWII broke out, my Dad was ready to go to the Philippines, but was diverted to Hawaii, fought for 3 years in the Pacific with the 25<sup>th</sup> Division. My Dad

retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel with 36 years of active military service. He was the best man I have ever known.

**John McLaughlin:** John McLaughlin: My father was a nuclear welding engineer for Westinghouse. He rose to the rank of "Fellow Engineer", the only man to do so without an engineering degree. He was self-taught and invented welding procedures for nuclear reactors. He was instrumental in



*John McLaughlin*

developing welding procedures for the construction of the reactors of nuclear powered vessels including the USS Nautilus and USS Enterprise. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by Westinghouse-Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory on March 26, 1962. He tried to show me what he did, which lasted about half an hour. He started as a fireman on a railroad in Pittsburgh, shoveling coal to keep the fire going. We moved around a lot, I went to 13 different grade schools. We lived in Virginia when he built the reactors for the USS Enterprise and in Connecticut where he built the reactors for the USS Nautilus. In retirement he golfed at least 5 times a week. I was very proud of my father, he passed away September 2001.

**Connie Kraus:** My father was born in Pierre, South Dakota, Sept 9, 1907 when it was still the Wild West, his parents were immigrants from Germany and



*Connie Kraus*

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arrived in So. Dak. in a covered wagon. He grew up farming and ranching, but the Lord struck him in the head and said you are doing the wrong work, so he went to Lutheran seminary in Springfield Illinois and became a minister. His first job was traveling around the Black Hills in a model T Ford, on dirt roads, delivering Bibles to churches. In the 1930s, he joined the CCC camps, Civilian Conservation Corps, as a chaplain and in 1940 entered the Army Air Corp as an officer. He was stationed at Wheeler Army Air Field as staff chaplain when Pearl Harbor was attacked and was later transferred to Europe with General Eisenhower's staff, serving in North Africa and Germany. Dad retired from Ellsworth AFB in 1961 as a Colonel with 20 years of service. He retired to his ranch in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

As a teenager, growing up on the ranch was an adventure. Dad had a horse named Chief, which stood 16 hands tall, Dad was 6'2" so the two of them were bigger than life and seemed to communicate, Dad would sing as he rode and Chief would whinny in time. We would saddle our horses and ride for a whole day going to a spring in the far acres of the ranch where we could see Nebraska. He always carried a Geiger counter on these long rides and we would prospect for uranium finding traces in rock but never enough to mine. When we were not digging for uranium, we fixed broken down fences.

I grew up an Air Force brat and a cowgirl having the best of both worlds. Dad left the ranch in the late 70's and returned to Hawaii, his first love. He died here in 1981 and is buried in Punchbowl. To this day, I can see him walking Waikiki Beach. I loved my Dad dearly.

President **Connie** thanked the members for their stories about their Fathers and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Donna McLaughlin** led us in the Four-Way-Test.

## ON THE HORIZON

Upcoming Meetings & Events

### DISTRICT 5000 INSTALLATION



*President Connie Kraus, Past District Governor Jim Varner, Gene Kraus, Past President Ernie Anderson & Incoming President Doug Taylor*

#### June

**Jun 25:** Connie Kraus, Year End Re-Cap and Ken DeHoff, Pacific Aviation Museum

#### July

**Jul 2:** 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