



# July 16, 2012

## THE CHANNEL MARKER

### Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Celebrating 62 Years of Service!

#### IN THE WAKE MEETING REPORT July 9, 2012

#### CALL TO ORDER

President **Douglas Taylor** welcomed the members and guests to the 2854<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary club of Pearl Harbor where we pursue *Peace Through Service*.

Providing our inspiration and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance was President **Doug Taylor**, a member since February 13, 1984 sponsored by **George Topic**



*President Doug*

Leading us in sing *God Bless America* was **George Topic**, a member since February 6, 1967 sponsored by **Wally Bacus**.

#### RECOGNITION

Sergeant-at-Arms **Stefanie Wilson** welcomed current District Leadership: **Bruce Fink**, HRYF Board Member and **Harvey Gray**, District Newsletter. Rotarian Guests Within District 5000: Calabash Member **Alan Lloyd** (Windward). Rotarian Guests Outside District 5000: **Roger McClain**, (Austin/Westlake, Texas). Guests of

Rotarians: **Delores McClain** (**Roger McClain**). Guest Speaker: Commander **Curtis Leshawn**, Commanding Officer of the Naval Special Warfare Unit, Pearl Harbor.



*Roger & Delores McClain*

#### CELEBRATIONS

Wedding Anniversaries: **Kenny and Flo Lum**, July 18  
 Spouses Birthdays: **Pat Anderson**, July 11<sup>th</sup>, **Merilyn Gray**, July 18<sup>th</sup>,

#### Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

President ..... Sakuji Tanaka  
 District 5000

Governor ..... Chester "Chet" Dal Santo  
 Asst. Dist Governor ...Yvette Nishimoto  
 Chartered June 14, 1950



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#### Club Officers

President..... Douglas S. Taylor  
 President-Elect..... Lester M. Hunkele III  
 Vice President..... Kimberly B. Moore  
 Secretary..... Tsurumi Hamasu  
 Treasurer..... Stella Kimura  
 Past President..... Connie G. Kraus  
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Stefanie Wilson

#### Directors

Club Service..... Ernest G. Anderson  
 Service Projects..... Shirley Robinson  
 International Service... William H.Q. Bow  
 New Generations..... Willa Gardner  
 Membership..... Raymond Noh  
 Public Relations..... Elle Kaanaana

#### 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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and **Betty Mihlbauer**, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“I Can” donators: **Alice and Bee Clark, Bruce Fink, Dudley Fullard-Leo, Connie and Eugene Kraus, Donna and John McLaughlin, John and Betty Mihlbauer, Shirley Robinson, and Alan Lloyd**

### HAPPY BUCKS

**George Topic**, \$20 to the Club, bidding adieu to **Connie** and welcoming **Doug Taylor** to the world of Rotary as President. **Raymond Noh**, \$11 to the Club, honoring **Doug Taylor** for the new Rotary year of 365 days of continued great leadership. **Dudley Fullard-Leo**, \$20 to the Club and making a plug for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration conducted by the Presbyterian Church near the Pali. **Doug Taylor**, \$20 honoring the duck call.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Commemorative photo in front of the dedication banner*

**Bill Bow** announced the completion and acceptance of the Hawaii Joint International Project between Pearl Harbor, Pearl ridge Rotary Clubs and two Thailand Clubs from Rotary Districts 3340 & 3350. The participating Clubs donated a Hemodialysis Machine to Manta Charoen Hospital. The machine is making a difference to improve the quality of life of



*The hemodialysis ward in the hospital*

the Thai people.

President **Doug** presented **Harvey Gray** a book, *The Evergreen Story*, in recognition of his hard work in editing and printing the Channel Marker and his passion for aviation.

### PROGRAM

Program Chair, **Jeff Deer** introduced the speaker of the day, Commander **Curtis Leyshon**, Commanding Officer of the Naval Special Warfare Unit at Pearl Harbor. **Curtis** was originally from Youngstown, Ohio and has been in Hawaii for 17 years. He majored in submarine warfare at Naval Academy where he graduated in 1991. His wife **Cathy** grew up in Hawaii, and they have 2 daughters. He coaches soccer for his daughters as a hobby and likes to surf.

CDR **Leyshon's** presentation centered on the uniqueness of the SEAL Submarine community in Hawaii. There are more submarine squadrons in Hawaii than any other Submarine Base in the world. This is due to our strategic location in the Pacific, an area of major importance in recent times. Over the past 7 years, we have centralized under sea capacity, which means that today every SEAL team has a specialty.

Naval Special Warfare is comprised of SEAL teams, SEAL Delivery Vehicle Teams, and Special Boat Teams that deploy worldwide for a variety of operations. There are eight SEAL teams. Each team has six platoons and a headquarters element. SEAL platoons consist of 16 SEALs -- two officers, one chief, and 13 enlisted men. A platoon is generally the largest operational element assigned to a mission. The platoon may also be divided into two squads or four



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elements. Every member of a SEAL platoon is qualified in diving, parachuting, and demolition. The teams are split between the East Coast and West Coast of the United States. The odd-numbered teams fall under the command of Naval Special Warfare Group One and are based on the West Coast in Coronada, CA. The even-numbered teams are under the command of Naval Special Warfare Group Two and are based on the East Coast in Little Creek, VA.

There are other specialized teams of SEALs called SEAL Delivery Vehicle Teams (SDVT).

SDV teams operate in areas where it

is too far out for a SEAL to swim and carry gear. Using underwater SDV watercraft, these teams increase the areas in which SEALs can operate. SDV teams usually deploy from submarines, but can also deploy from shore-based stations or surface ships.

There are two SDV teams. SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE (SDVT-1) is based in Pearl Harbor, HA, and operates in the Pacific and Central geographic areas. SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team TWO (SDVT-2) is based at Little Creek, VA, and conducts operations throughout the Atlantic, Southern, and European areas.

There are also Naval Special Warfare Units based in locations around the world. These units have several responsibilities, including acting as training commands for SEALs and planning, coordinating and supporting the activities of SEAL platoons.

CDR Leyshon explained what they call a "sample situation" for a SEAL Team. The SEAL Team embarks on a submarine and the submarine covertly positions itself near the country or location of interest. The submarines' on-board sensors combined with outside intelligence sources can collect information in support of placing an infiltration team ashore. Using unique undersea vehicles that have "piggy backed" on the submarine, the SEAL Team would deploy and infiltrate an area, plant some additional intelligence



*SDV Team at Work*

collection devices, and transmit information back to the submarine which would allow the submarine to launch a Tomahawk missile strike.

What is unique about this collaboration of the Submarine and SEAL Team is that the entire operation is conducted clandestinely. This allows for both teams to go places that would be nearly impossible for conventional forces.

CDR Leyshon thanked the club for their participation and welcomed any question that the audience had prior to ending the presentation.

President Doug Taylor thanked CDR **Leyshon** and

asked him to autograph a children's book *The King of Quizzical Island*, by **Gordon Snell**

and **David McKee**, which will be donated to **Aiea Elementary School** in his honor.



*Cdr Leyshon & Doug*

## ADJOURNMENT

**George Topic** led us in the Four Way Test

## ROTARY NEWS

Meet R.I. President,  
Sakuji Tanaka.



Yashio, Saitama, Japan  
President, Rotary International,  
2012-13  
Trustee, The Rotary  
Foundation, 2006-10  
Director, Rotary International,  
2003-05  
District Governor, 1994-95

Sakuji Tanaka is the former chair of the Daika Company and former president of the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan. He also has been vice president of the Yashio City Chamber of Commerce.

Tanaka has received the RI Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, Major Donors, and members of the Arch C. Klumph Society. In addition, Tanaka has established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship.

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Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am part of the first generation to grow up in Japan after a terrible war. I think it is natural that my countrymen now place a great priority on peace. We saw where militarism brought our country, and we also saw the great economic growth that came when our nation made the choice to embrace peace.

This was the decision that allowed Japan to grow and thrive. It allowed generations of children to grow up in safety, to become educated, to improve their lives. It fundamentally changed the Japanese attitude toward other countries and cultures. It caused us to open our minds, to become more tolerant, to seek greater understanding.

And it allowed us to redirect our energies toward positive goals. In Japan, it is traditional to prioritize the needs of the society over the needs of the individual. This has always been part of our culture. In the weeks and months following the great earthquake and disaster of March 2011, this was what helped us to survive and rebuild.

This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way. When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs – when we focus on a shared goal that is for the good of all – this changes everything. It changes how we relate to the world. It changes our priorities. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace.

In the 2012-13 Rotary year, peace will be our focus and our goal, and I will ask all Rotarians to actively work for *Peace Through Service*.

A belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own. We empathize more deeply with the difficulties of other people; we become more generous with our time and resources, and more open to new ways of thinking. Instead of trying to change others, we recognize that everyone and everything has something to teach us.

Through service, we become more tolerant of our differences and more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to understand others better and to see the good in everyone. Through better understanding, we learn to respect others. With mutual respect, we live with others in peace.

And so I ask you all to put *Peace Through Service* at the forefront of your Rotary work this year, and to commit to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

Sakuji Tanaka

President, Rotary International

### July

**Jul 16:** Alvin Wong, Happiest Man in America

**Jul 23:** Rick Kang, Hui Ho'omalua, Foster Care

**Jul 30:** 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