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Meeting Schedule

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

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IN THE WAKE

MEETING REPORT Oct 1, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President **Doug Taylor** welcomed members and guests to the 2865th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we pursue *Peace Through Service*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President **Doug Taylor**. He was inducted on February 13, 1984 and sponsored by **George Topic**.



George Topic

Jeff Deer, inducted on August 8 1981 and sponsored by **Herb Robish**, gave the inspiration for the day, "Dig beneath your feet and there you will find a spring, the place where you are now is crucial. Never try to avoid that which you must do".



Jeff Deer

George Topic, who was inducted on February 2, 1967 and sponsored by Wally Backus, led us in singing "America the Beautiful".

RECOGNITION

Sergeant-at Arms **Stefanie Wilson** welcomed District 5000 Leadership: **Harvey Gray**, District Newsletter, **Donna McLaughlin**, InterAct Chair, **Bruce Fink**, HRYF Director. Rotarian Guests Within District 5000: **Alan Lloyd** Windward (Calabash Member). Guests of Rotarians: **Wayne Nishiie** and **Chad Wong** (PE Les Hunkele).

CELEBRATIONS

Member Induction: **Bill Bow**, inducted on October 10, 1997 sponsored by **Jim Dolim**

Wedding Anniversaries: **Eugene** and **Connie Kraus**, October 3, **Bruce** and **Laura Fink**, October 12

Spouse Birthday: **Ron Kaanaana** (Ellie), October 8

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

"I CAN" donators: **Alice** and **Bee Clark**, **Dudley Leo-Fullard**, **Donna** and **John McLaughlin**.

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Les Hunkele, recently made up at the Rotary Club of West Point-Highland Falls, N.Y. He presented President **Doug** with their banner.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **Doug** reminded everyone to bring in their items early for the Rotary Foundation Auction to be held on November 10th. There will be no RCPH meeting on October 8 in observance of Discoverer's Day.

HAPPY BUCKS

Les Hunkele, \$27 to the Rotary Foundation, in honor of the 27 Medal of Honor winners from the battle of Iwo Jima and in particular "**Woody**" **Williams**, USMC, the sole remaining member of the group. **Les** was a seatmate on a flight from Los Angeles. **Woody** is a member of the Rotary Club of Milton, West Virginia. **Bill Bow**, \$100 to the Rotary



Woody & Les

Foundation, his wife **Kathy** was honored as an Outstanding Alumni at the Sacred Hearts Academy Gala Event. **Doug Taylor**, \$50 to the Club, happy that the Oregon Ducks maintained their 2nd place position in the National College Football Poll. **Jeff Deer**, \$100 to the Club, happy about recent Hawaii 5-0 filming at **Jeff & Karen's** House. "To those who remember the February 2011 party at the Deer's home during our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Hiroshima visit, this might be a fun story as it will remind us of the fond memories created that night.

Karen answered the door to their home earlier this

month and was greeted by a location scout for the *Hawaii 5-0* television show. The producers liked our front walkway and asked if they



Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima Rotarians party at the Deer's home

could use our home for both an exterior and interior scene for an upcoming *Hawaii 5-0* episode scheduled to be aired on November 19.

On Wednesday, September 26, their quiet neighborhood was turned into a circus like atmosphere as the production company set-up and filmed two scenes, one outside the front of the home, and then



later that evening another scene inside the living room. The indoor scene was filmed after dark so there were large

lights set-up outside to create the illusion of daylight during the interior filming.

Actors included Alex O'Loughlin (Steve McGarrett), Scott Caan (Dano) and guest star Vanessa Marcil, who was a regular on the TV show *Las Vegas*.

It was chaotic, interesting, educational and fun!

PROGRAM

Program Chair, **Jeff Deer** introduced **Jeff Gere**. Born on Halloween, **Jeff Gere** blends talents as painter, puppeteer, and mime into shows which have electrified Hawaii (and beyond) audiences of every age for twenty years. **Jeff's** animated physical energy, wide range of voices, morphing elastic face and clear characterizations make his shows unforgettable events. **Jeff** becomes his stories! **Jeff** is the Drama Specialist for the City & County of Honolulu Parks Department. He's directed the National Storytelling Network's Talk Story Festival, Hawaii's biggest storytelling

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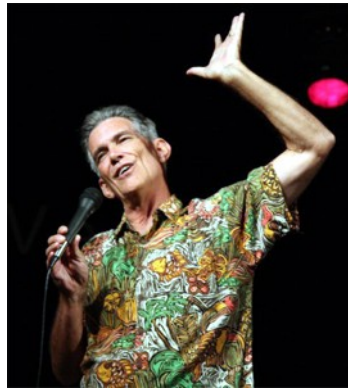
celebration each October since '89. He's produced/hosted NSN's Pacific Regional Talk Story Conference in Honolulu, since 2009 and Talk Story Camp each July. He received NSN's Oracle Award (Western US, '07). Recent tours include Wisconsin, Arctic Canada, Georgia and Tennessee. He's also performed in Hong Kong, Vancouver, Turkey, Guam & Samoa, Spain, and Thailand. He tours Hawaii annually and did a 3 week solo show, World Spooky Tales with Honolulu Theater for Youth. **Jeff** created and hosts Talk Story Radio, a weekly Pacific storytelling show, <http://www.talkstoryradio.com>, pod casts. His Story TV has aired monthly story shows on Access TV since '90. **Jeff** has made ten CDs; three are 'Haunted Hawaii', true supernatural tales. Two received Outstanding Storytelling Recordings honors, Storytelling World, '07 & '09. He has two DVDs as well. **Jeff's** repertoire is voluminous. His Arabian Nights Series with two musicians and a belly dancer ran 18 packed months in a Honolulu Chinatown Bar. He does shadow puppet shows. **Jeff** annually tells stories to thousands of Oahu's Summer Fun Park kids. Commissions include Egyptian mythology "Yo Parao'h", and being Van Gogh's Ghost. His "Art Off the Wall" Series interpreted The Contemporary Museum exhibits for 3 years.

In 1982, Gere came to Hawaii to study Asian Mask Theatre. He wanted to live in a foreign country and since he was into Asian Mask Theatre at that time, he decided to move to here and study at UH. A friend of his at that time informed him that there was a new sensei from Japan teaching a class, so **Jeff** registered for his class. At that time, **Jeff** had an old car that would not go over the Pali and he was also teaching part time that he would always end up being late attending his Japanese class. Since his teacher adheres to Japanese traditions, he would always ask **Jeff** to kneel and apologize for being late. This happened too many times and one day he finally got locked out of the class because earlier that day his wife had asked him to pick up a few things for dinner. With no money in his pocket and locked out of his class, he prayed for an idea so he could put gas on his car and buy the things his wife had asked. This led him to Manoa beer garden where all the kids hang out. He pulled the first table and said "Hi, 50 cents for a good story and 75 cents for a really good story. An hour later, he was driving home and had money to pay for gas and food

for dinner and a little buzz from all the tips he got. That was the beginning of **Jeff's** career as a story teller.

Jeff shared a story about his parents and his encounter with the legend of Pele. **Jeff** knew he was full blooded Hawaiian but he didn't know anything about any legends because he was forbidden to talk about it. His mother was always saying, "We are Christians now and we don't follow that old stuff". **Jeff** recalled playing with his sister outside and just happened to mentioned Pele's name and both parents came out and smacked him.

One day, **Jeff** and his family took a trip to Kilauea and went up to a remote area of the mountain. His mom remembered a lot of fond memories growing up in the



Jeff Gere, story teller

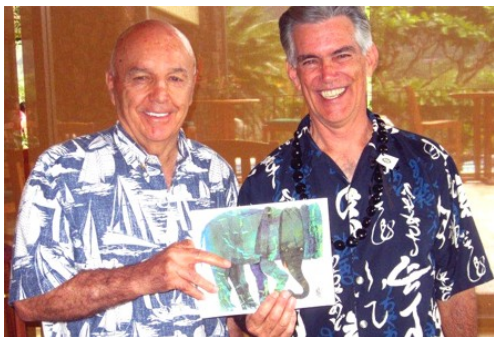
area and as she reminisced of the old days, she vividly mentioned about every detail of the place and how she enjoyed staring at the lookout with the trees and big geyser with the lava pouring out of the ground and in disbelief of how the place stayed the same all throughout the years. **Jeff** was enjoying his sister's company at that moment when all of a sudden his dad started shouting at **Jeff** saying, "Get in the car! Let's go, let's go!" **Jeff** was left wondering what was going on but got in the car as he was told. His dad revved up the car and sped away. **Jeff** asked his dad, "We're headed the wrong way, the lava is out there and we just got here. Where are we going dad?" His dad turned around and told **Jeff** to shut up and never to say a word until they get home. **Jeff** had never heard his dad talk that way before so kept his mouth shut all throughout the ride home. It took 3 long hours to reach home. Nights passed and **Jeff** waited for his dad to mention about the day they went up to the volcano but many nights gone by but nothing was mentioned. Twenty years later, his dad was dying of cancer. By that time, **Jeff** left Waimea and had gone to school to obtain a law degree and ran a law office. He also took hula lesson to learn about his language and culture. **Jeff** took care

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ON THE HORIZON Upcoming Meetings & Events

of his dad on his last days of his life. Sometimes his dad was lucid but sometimes he was gone. But those moments when he was with his dad, **Jeff** would inquire about the day they went to the volcano. Finally, his dad opened up about what happened that day. He said, "I remember your sister standing looking at the lava and she was looking at the edge of the cliff and grassy area". His dad went on to say that he was mindlessly looking at the river and the waterfall when half way down he was looking at a cave and saw something moving. Thinking and wondering if it was a bush moving around, but then he saw a face and a body of a lady and the lady was staring at him! She was floating and hovered in the air and said, "Hele Mai, Come, we live together as husband and wife in my Hale". She put her hand out and at the bottom of the volcano there was a ball of flame that had started to grow and then the bottom of the lake came up and got as big as a house. The lady placed her hand inside the flame and parted it like a curtain. She said, "You and me, husband and wife in my Hale". This was the reason why his dad started shouting at **Jeff** and jumped into the car and drove home.

The annual TALK STORY FESTIVAL is Hawaii's largest storytelling celebration which is hosted by **Jeff**. The vision was to bring Hawai'i's best tellers and tales to Hawai'i's people. With no precedent, no money, a part-time aide, and the Parks Department staff, some fifty volunteer storytellers filled eight hours of storytelling on five stages each hour. Media response was and continues to be tremendous. One thousand people attended that first event. Their unanimous response was simple: "Do It Again!" It is held each October in McCoy Pavilion's



Doug & Jeff Gere

McCoy Auditorium in Ala Moana Beach Park. The format, which has evolved over several years, now it

generally features 3 FREE nights with various themes Friday draws the largest audience as it is always 'Spookiest'.

Doug thanked **Jeff** for his presentation and asked him to sign a book, "*Do you want to be my friend?*", by **Eric Carle** that will be donated to Aiea Elementary School to promote literacy.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Bow led us in the 4-Way Test

October

Vocational Service Month

Oct 15 CDR Maria Morenchow, Afghanistan Experience & Pacific Partnership 2012

Oct 22: Stephanie Yamashita, Parents and Teachers Together

Oct 29: Bruce Fink and Raymond Noh's Irish Adventure

November

Rotary Foundation Month

Nov 5: Barbara Bancel, Hawaii International Hospitality Center

Nov 10: Rotary Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction, Outrigger Canoe Club, 5:00 pm

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