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Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Celebrating 62 Years of Service!

IN THE WAKE MEETING REPORT Oct 29, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Rotary International
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President Sakuji Tanaka

District 5000

Governor Chester "Chet" Dal Santo
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Chartered June 14, 1950



Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor
www.pearlharborrotary.org

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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

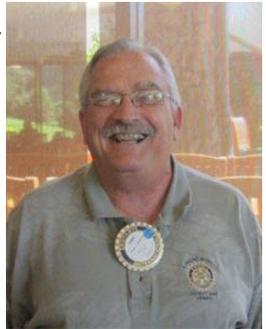
- Hiroshima Southeast, Japan
- Tokyo Osaki, Japan
- Avachinsky, Russia

Meeting Schedule

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

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Past President **Ernie Anderson** welcomed members and guests to the 2868th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we pursue *Peace Through Service*. Our inspiration for the day was given by **Pat Middleton**, a member since August 29, 2005 and sponsored by **Donna McLaughlin**. She shared her favorite quote from Coach **Paul "Bear" Bryant**:



Ernie Anderson

"This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is very important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever. Leaving something in its place I have traded for it. I want it to be a gain, not loss - good, not evil. Success, not failure in order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it."

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **John McLaughlin**, a member since May 14, 2001, and sponsored by **Kenny Lum**. **George Topic**, inducted February 6, 1967 and sponsored by **Wally Backus**, led us in singing "America, The Beautiful".



Pat Middleton

John McLaughlin

George Topic

RECOGNITION

Sergeant-at Arms **Stefanie Wilson** welcomed: District Leadership:

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Harvey Gray (District Newsletter) **Bruce Fink** (HRYF). Rotarian Guests within District 5000: **Alan Lloyd**, Calabash Member (Windward). Guest of Rotarians: **Laura Fink (Bruce Fink)**, **Phyllis Oliver** and **(Bruce Fink)**, **Sheri Kihewa (Cris Watarida)**.



Laura & Bruce Fink

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“I CAN” donators: **Ernie Anderson**, **Dudley Fullard-Leo**, **Connie** and **Gene Kraus**, **John** and **Donna McLaughlin**, **Pat Middleton**, **Shirley Robinson**, and **John Mihlbauer**.

HAPPY BUCKS

John Doty, \$20, to the Foundation. **Pat Middleton**, \$2, HRYF for the San Francisco Giants winning the World Series and \$100 for her granddaughter, who goes to Punahou, for being chosen by Microsoft Corp. to go to DigiGirlz High Tech Camp for teen age girls ages 13-17 in Redmond Washington. She was the only selectee from Hawaii and while at the camp she won the spirit of DigiGirlz award. **Shirley Robinson**, \$20, to HRYF, happy to be back from a tour with her church. **Bill Bow**, \$100, happy that their lovely daughter Sara has become engaged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Past President **Connie Kraus** thanked members who brought their checks for the Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner Auction on November 10 at the Outrigger Canoe Club at 5:30 pm and reminded everyone to bring in their donations as soon as



possible.

PROGRAM

Program Chair, **Jeff Deer** introduced Past President **Bruce Fink**, who shared his Excellent Adventure to Ireland. **Bruce** has been a member of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor since May, 1998 and was club President during our centennial year (2004-2005). He is an engineer at the Pacific Command at Camp Smith. **Bruce** and **Laura** have two children, **Andrew** and **Elizabeth**.

His guests today, **Ty** and his wife **Charlie**, were the inspiration for their trip as **Bruce** and **Laura** had not planned on taking a trip to Ireland at all. **Ty** and **Charlie** flew in to Dublin on the east side to attend the Navy-Notre Dame football game. **Bruce** and **Laura** flew into Shannon Airport on the west side and they met in Galway, a major city on the west side of Ireland.

They were welcomed by a good friend of **Phyllis Oliver** (Bruce and Laura's neighbor), Sister **Bridget Ann** with some homemade scones. Once **Bruce** and **Laura** linked up with **Ty** and **Charlie** they traveled down the west side of Ireland.

They visited Doolin Harbor where they had the chance to see “Dusty” the famous Doolin harbor



Doolin Ireland

dolphin. Surfers in the ocean at the Cliffs of Moher were something that **Bruce** did not expect to see. The area is considered the surf capital of Ireland.

Bruce had a chance to play golf at Lahinch Golf Club founded in 1892. The original links were laid out by Old Tom Morris. Alister MacKenzie, who co-designed Augusta National Golf Club, redesigned the Old Course and extended the links in 1927. While the guys played golf, **Laura** visited the Aran Islands. The islands are famous for its strong Irish culture, loyalty

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to the Irish language, and a wealth of Pre-Christian and Christian ancient sites including Dún Aengus, described as "the most magnificent barbaric monument in Europe".

The group checked out the pubs in Doolin, known for their live local music.

The next stop was Bunratty Castle. It is a large tower



house in County Clare. The first dwellings to occupy the site in the year 970 were part of a trading camp. Both the castle and Bunratty House are open to the public. Within the grounds of Bunratty Castle is Bunratty Folk Park where 19th century life is vividly recreated. Set on 26 acres, the impressive park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting. The castle has a well preserved set of Elk horns, about 12 feet across and estimated to be 10,000 years old.



Dingle Peninsuls

Bruce said they were told Ireland has 40 shades of green and there was a spot in the Dingle Peninsula where they were able to see these different shades.

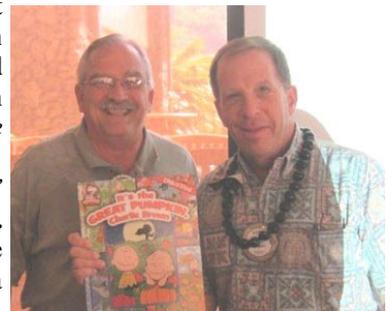
Because of the fantastic view of the area, what usually takes about four hours of sightseeing ended up taking them eight hours to enjoy.

Their route from Killarney took them up through Cahir Castle and the Rock of Cashel on their way to stay overnight in Kilkenny. The next day they went to Glendalough, Powerscourt and Dublin. While in Dublin they went up to Newgrange and stayed the last night north of Dublin in Malahide.

The Book of Kells at Trinity College in Dublin is an illuminated manuscript Gospel book in Latin, containing the four Gospels of the New Testament together with various texts and tables. It was created by Celtic monks about 800 A.D. It is also widely regarded as Ireland's finest national treasure.

Newgrange, a prehistoric monument is on **Bruce's** "engineer bucket list." It is best known for the illumination of its passage and chamber by the winter solstice sun. Above the entrance to the passage at Newgrange there is an opening called a roof-box. This baffling opening held a great surprise for those who unearthed it. Its purpose is to allow sunlight to penetrate the chamber on the shortest days of the year, on December 21, the winter solstice. The accuracy of Newgrange as a time-telling device is remarkable when one considers that it was built 500 years before the Great Pyramids and more than 1,000 years before Stonehenge.

Past President **Ernie Anderson** thanked **Bruce** and asked him to sign a book, "*It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*" by **Charles M. Schultz**, to be donated to Aiea Elementary School to promote literacy.



Ernie & Bruce

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Bow led us in the 4-Way Test.

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Dear fellow Rotarians,

There are many ways to describe our Rotary Foundation. But I think of our Foundation literally – as the foundation for all of Rotary.

We do not often think about the ground beneath our feet. We do not often think about the walls that are holding up our house. We take them for granted. We think about them only when they are not there.

Not long ago in Japan, the ground fell out from under our feet. On Friday, 11 March 2011, a magnitude 9 earthquake shook Japan to its very core. More than 15,000 people died, nearly 6,000 were injured, and another 4,000 are still missing. The total losses of the disaster are estimated at over US \$300 billion.

In a matter of hours, half a million people in one of the world's wealthiest and most developed countries lost everything. They went from living in comfort and security to facing an uncertain future in school gymnasiums, tents, and ruined buildings.

In Japan, we are used to earthquakes. We thought we were ready for anything. But no one ever expected anything like this.

What happened on that day changed Japan, and everyone who lives there. It has made us realize how fragile our lives are. And it has made me realize how little separates me from the people I help through Rotary.

It is easy to look at the people we help through our Foundation as somehow different from ourselves. They live far away. We do not know their language or their culture. We do not know what it is like to have no running water, no sanitation, no health care, no education. We look at pictures, and we read stories in the news about poverty, wars, and disasters. We see, from so far away, the people who are living through such terrible times. But it is hard to put ourselves in their place.



Today, I tell you that there is nothing at all separating us from the people we help. We are all the same. Only the circumstances surrounding us are different.

Through our Foundation, we have the power to live the words of our Foundation's motto: Doing Good in the World. Through it, we can do so much more good than we could ever do alone. And it matters so much – to people just like us.

Sakuji Tanaka
President, R.I.

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
- Nov 12:** **Dark**, Veterans Day
- Nov 19:** Robbie Adams, Ambassadorial Scholar
- Nov 26:** James Sunday, Pearl Harbor Elementary School

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