



# TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

July 27, 2003



Dave Berry - Molly & Joe Hodge

**Joe Hodge:** Joe's background in diverse - He originally was a microbiologist, he then worked briefly for the federal reserve, then a natural history museum. During his employment at the museum, he first met Mr. Ken Berring, the founding benefactor of the wheel chair foundation.

Mr. Berring originally donated \$90,000 to get the program started. The first wheel chair distribution project was in Romania. Upon returning and reporting on their experiences in Romania they immediately raised about \$100,000 more. Joe then moved to California to his current position as program director for the foundation. Mr. Berring donated another \$15,000,000 to continue the foundation. Joe has distributed wheel chairs in about 50 countries over the past three years. Rotary has been involved with the foundation the past two years. Rotary gave between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 to the foundation last year. The foundation currently has a staff of seven persons, and Rotary can always be counted on "in the field". (Cont. see right top.)

### Joe Hodge & Wheelchairs (cont.)

Joe's most memorable experience was in the Dominican Republic. He worked with the Oakland A's farm club there, in particular, Miguel Tejada - shortstop. There was a 13 year old abandoned girl suffering from cerebral palsy - Niguel Tejada befriended the girl, and checks on her well being to this day. In summary, Joe has learned to view the world in a new way: He has a trained eye to see disabled persons in need, and goes to places few others are interested to visit. He seeks the "forgotten" people, and sees solutions to some of their problems.

by Clayton Wong

### WEINBERG FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Next project will be held on Saturday, October 25th. We will need to usual twenty-five members present. Mark your calendar and be prepared to suggest a project and a beneficiary at the Assembly on July 29th, 6:00 p.m. Uraku Condo., 1341 Kapiolani Blvd.

**ASSEMBLY  
TUESDAY  
JULY 29th 6:00 P.M  
1341 KAPIOLANI BLVD**



Tony Wong Roger Dunn

Roger is a graduate of Punahou School and Northwestern University. Immediately after graduation from Northwestern, he studied in Taiwan (2001-2003) as an ambassadorial scholar. District 3450 was his host. He showed us a slide presentation from his experiences in Taiwan. Highlights were: 1) approximately 3,000,000 people reside in Taipei; 2) there are many different modes of transportation there; 3) There is heavy air pollution in Taiwan (He fears that Hawaii, being also an island, may have similar problems as Taiwan does in the future); 4) The Rotary Club of Taipei is the first rotary club in Taiwan and is also English speaking - there are 73 rotary clubs in the district; 5) Roger participated with a local Rotoract club - One project he worked on was a beach clean-up. Roger has an industrial engineering degree, and is looking for employment locally.

by Clayton Wong

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

## JULY PROGRAMS

**24th**  
**Mr. John Hodges**  
**Director**  
**Wheelchair Program**

**31st**  
**No meeting**  
**because of the**  
**club Assembly**  
**on**  
**Tuesday, July 29th**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Uraku Tower Condo**  
**1341 Kapiolani Blvd**  
**Social Room 4th Floor**  
**Food by Tri Nguyen**  
**\$18.00**  
**Get your cash or check**  
**to Mary Ann Berry we**  
**need a head count.**

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**Fnds (Rotary & HRYF) Rich Courson**  
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Colonel Ralph A. Cossa

President, Pacific Forum - Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), served with the US Air Force from 1966 to 1993. He served as Special Assistant to the Commander-In-Chief, US Pacific Command, Deputy Director for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University - Institute for National Strategic Studies, and National Security Affairs Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

He also writes regular columns in a number of periodicals, including but not limited to: Japan Times, Korea Times, and the International Herald Tribune.

Colonel Cossa spoke of the recent Korea missile crisis. It was his opinion that the crisis may be an over-dramatization by the press. He said we have no confirmed knowledge that the North Korean's have nuclear weapons or missile technology to deliver these weapons on an intercontinental basis. The worst case scenario based on remote intelligence is that they have had the opportunity in the past to acquire enough fuel for two weapons. It is unknown if they've developed the technology to miniaturize the weapons small enough to mount upon a missile.

### The Four-Way Test

*Of the things we Think, Say and Do*

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



### Stay Focused

**You never know when some grand opportunity might land on your nose.**



Gene Carson

Ala Moana Rotary has elected Gene Carson as its third current Honorary Member. Gene's health limits his activities and he is unable to attend meetings and participate in club activities, causing him to resign as a regular member. However, the Club Board of Directors feels that Gene's many years of service and many contributions are more than worthy of continued recognition. Gene more than qualifies, as stated in the RI Manual of Procedures:

"Meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals."

Honorary membership is the highest distinction that a club may bestow and should be conferred only in exceptional cases." Congratulations to Gene.

(Note: Gene is willing to continue publishing the Tiki Wa'ha and disclaims any responsibility for this item)

by Ed Ulery