



# TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

December 12, 2003

## CLAYTONS NOTES:

**Rotary Market Report:** Berlyn Hinazumi is back and the Dow breaks the 10,000 mark for the first time on over a year and a half! Seriously, Berlyn speculated that the rising market may be due in part to Alan Greenspan's report that he will keep interest rates low. Let's hope the upward trend continues!

**Christmas Party:** Our annual Christmas party is tonight. I'll send you digital images from the party a little later.

**Rotary Minute:** Scott O'Brien spoke briefly of one of the Rotary Foundation's projects, the Open World Program. This program is based in Washington D. C., and introduces young political leaders from Russia to American life, including American politics. There are currently five (5) participants from Russia in the program.

**Four Way Test:** Sue Ann Lee revives the four way test after a long absence from our weekly club meetings! She first got the new guys (persons who have been members for less than three years) to recite the four way test – It was a closed book exam. She then got the old guys (everyone else) to recite the four way test. From our perspective, the new guys did just as good a job as did the old guys.

**Toys for Tots:** President Tony reported that 18 December 2003 will be our collection date for this service project. He asked that we bring an unwrapped gift of \$10 value on this date.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** The sign-up sheet is out for signature. Glenn Tsumura asked that the club membership also assist in manning the Pali Long's site with our Interactors. Ala Moana Rotarians currently signed up to assist our Interactors are: Ralph Mau & Candice Naito (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM); Stanton Haugen & Clayton Wong (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM); Craig Yoshikawa & Ed Fong (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM); David Arita & Richard Kagehiro (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM). We have 18 Interactors signed up for this services project, and we are still rather thin on Rotarians for each time slot. So sign-up and come out for this service project!

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ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

**DECEMBER**

**18th**

**Kim Taylor Reece  
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**May you and  
your families  
have a Merry  
Christmas.**

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**Richard Kagehiro helps President Tony to welcome a visiting Rotarian from Japan**



**Scott O'Brien and Tony Wong get an early start on Christmas**



**Tony, SueAnn and Candice - SueAnn gave the Four-Way Test**

Clayton's Notes (continued from page one)

Elect Milton Miyakawa reported that the Leon Dollars fundraiser is currently up to \$314, and Leon will be running the Honolulu Marathon this Sunday morning. Leon predicted that he should reach the finish line around 9:00 AM. So get you last minute wagers in a cheer Leon on!



**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Frank Teske, President of the Honolulu Star Bulletin and Midweek Magazine spoke to us about his papers and the state of the newspaper industry in Hawaii. Frank also happens to be a former Rotarian.

Frank stated that almost three years ago, Honolulu nearly lost the Honolulu Star Bulletin. This fortunately did not happen due to the investment of a few concerned persons. Frank views the Star Bulletin as an independent “underdog” in the local newspaper business, but he and his staff have done the following to

survive in this market: 1) never be intimidated by larger competition, 2) found a niche market, and 3) believed in and invested in their staff members. Frank said he likes a good fight and does not mind being an underdog. Frank continued that their corporate culture was unreal. They all have a strong work ethic, they work with passion, and they work as a unit with a singular vision. He added that all his people are accountable, and if something goes wrong, they just fix it.

Frank said that the editorials are still one of their core features. They also publish both a morning and evening edition of the paper providing the most up to date information for the readership. Also, because of healthy competition in Honolulu advertising rates are about a half of what they were three years ago, and this cost



President Tony in conference with Candice Naito

## **THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL !**

Just in time for Christmas, the Ala Moana Rotary Club (and West Honolulu) have sent funds to our International Service partner, the Rotary Club of Newmarket, New Zealand. They will forward money from our 3 clubs on to Fiji.

Originally we were going to each pay for a home and try for matching funds from RI. Only trouble is that matching funds come with some stiff requirements (land ownership being one of them) that takes much time and effort. Our money is not being matched but that means it is FREE of requirements and it will go right to work where it is needed, right away.

Our man on the ground in Fiji, Peter Drysdale, is a committed fighter for what the people most need: a toilet/shower/kitchen block. The rainy season has started and the people living in the Rotahomes can't use an open fire in the homes and it is hard to cook outside due to the downpours. We agreed that our funds could be used to meet this pressing need. Peter is an Australian who is making this subdivision a reality, he sends this message to us, *"I'm so thrilled. What is it about this project, things always, always fall into place. Thank you all again for this beautiful gift for these families. We are turning this subdivision into a real model for development. Merry Merry Christmas to you all!!!"*

He also promises to send very complete feed back - photo documentation and family profiles.

The toilet/shower/kitchen block will replace pit toilets and ramshackle kitchens that are now being used. Ala Moana Rotarians, this is being done with your donations, feel good about it. We hope to do more international projects with the Newmarket Club in the future. Your money is at work in the world. Thank you!

**Kristine Blancq (International Service committee)**