



# TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

December 18, 2003

Clayton Wong's Notes

**Rotary Market Report:** Berlyn Hinazumi was in the room, and the Dow is up about 130 points!

**Christmas Party:** The membership generally discussed the Christmas Party last Thursday, and how super it was. Much thanks is due Bridgette Adams, Tri Nguyen, and Sam Shenkus, who flagged down Rotarians off of Kalaniana'ole Highway. Sam had a sad dollar on account of that she did not get picked up off the highway during the Christmas Party!

**Significant Happy Dollars:** Dave Berry contributed \$100 to R. I. on behalf of Ed Ulery, who is in the hospital. President Tony informed the membership that Ed Ulery sends the club and its members his very best regards. Even while he's in the hospital, Ed is still working on Rotary business. President Tony also asked the membership if they could house Ed's two daughters from out of town until 01 January 2004.

**Rotohomes:** President Tony reported that our Fiji project is under way.

**Ambassadorial Scholarship:** President Tony reported that Gwenette Higa is forming a committee for the next batch of ambassadorial scholars. More to follow.

**Toys for Tots:** Toys were collected and distributed under the Christmas tree. Thanks to all who contributed to this fine cause.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Its this Saturday, so show up!

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ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

## DECEMBER

18th

**Kim Taylor Reece  
Hawaii Photographer**

**May you and  
your families  
have a Merry  
Christmas.**

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Photograph No. 01: The club Christmas tree where the Toys for Tots were collected. Wally Young in foreground, and George Saunter in the background.



George Saunter, Immediate Past President Kris, and President Tony.



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Kim lives and works near Sacred Falls. His home/gallery is open to the public Thursdays through Saturdays, with the help of an assistant from BYUH. He has also just established a website, after three tries. Kim said he had a heart attack about a year ago, and this helped him to refocus his life. He now does more shows abroad, like in Japan and Switzerland, to promote Hawaii. His overall mission is to share Hawaii to the World.

Kim said he has been at photographing hula dancers so long that he now is photographing the daughters of the dancers he initially photographed. He feels that the dancers today are more comfortable with their art, since hula kahiko is better known today. Kim speculated that at most one in 100 pictures is suitable material for him to use, and once in three to four years, he comes across truly inspiring material. He also said he does not have the dancer pose, rather, he photographs them in action. It took him three years to get the rhythm of the dance for photographic purposes. During the early years, he got a lot of pictures of the backs of dancers heads!

Kim is also color blind, but he views this as a blessing in his art. He is not distracted by bright colors and the like. He also prefers to work in black and white, since this media is more timeless in his opinion.

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**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?

**MEMBERSHIP MINUTE  
WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?"  
TRI NGUYEN**



**I was born and raised in Bangkok, Thailand and came to the islands as a student in 1970. I attended the University of Hawaii, graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a major in architecture. I practiced architecture for seven years and several of my clients just happened to be restaurants. As my experience in designing restaurants grew, my clients requested design assistance in all the other creative elements of their interiors. Finally, the food bug bit me! In 1983 I opened my first restaurant, Little Cafe Siam on 12th and Waialae and in 1986, I opened Cafe Siam in the Makai Market Food Court. It was very exciting to open the very first Thai food restaurant, offering high quality, in a fast food court in Hawaii. As Cafe Siam grew in business, I opened a second Makai**

**Market restaurant and today, Senor Pepe's offers fresh Mexican foods. I then opened Columbia Inn and currently operate these three restaurants. I thought I'd be too busy for Rotary, but I've always believed the success factor of any business is the people. Rotary has helped me to give back to my community with many new friends in the spirit of fellowship. My son is studying medieval history and we were talking about the Code of Chivalry. The Code is To be Fair- To Be Honest- To be Generous- To Give to the Poor and I was so struck with the similarity to our Rotary 4-Way Test. It felt really good to be able to talk with my young son about our Rotarian efforts and how the Code of Chivalry is not just part of the history of the 1500's. I am very proud of being a Rotarian and I deeply appreciate the synergy of ideas, fellowship and striving together towards our common goal to share and give.**

**Every week Clayton Wong manages to squeeze time out of a busy schedule to take notes of the meeting and take pictures. He then sends his material to the editor of the Tiki Wa'Ha in such complete form that there is little work left to put the bulletin in proper form.**



**Another outstanding addition to the bulletin is the Membership Minute, created by Sam Shenkus. Sam does the interviewing and Clayton takes the photos. It is a pleasure to be able to work with Sam and Clayton.**

