



TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

January 10, 2004

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE "WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?"

VALRI MURATA

I'm a Maui girl who came to the University of Hawaii after graduating from Baldwin High School. I graduated from UH with a Bachelor of Education and a major in Elementary Education. Unfortunately, there were no available teaching jobs waiting for me after graduation, so I joined American Savings Bank as a teller. After two years at the bank, my husband was transferred to the Big Island in 1975 and as a new mom, I happily took a break from work. In 1977 we moved to Maui and then returned to Oahu in 1979. In 1983 I finally became a teacher, discovered that I really didn't like being a teacher but loved education and stayed at the DOE until 1987 when I decided to take another career path. I attended one of Milton Miyakawa's seminars in 1988 and the "rest is history". What does this all have to do with Rotary? President Tony Wong had sponsored Milton's Rotary membership and Milton soon started his own sales campaign for my joining Rotary by innocently asking me to occasionally come along to hear the interesting speakers. Luckily for me, I really enjoyed the people, the speakers and diversity of our club. Our members come from different backgrounds, we all have very different personalities and yet we work together in a positive way for a common goal that benefits other people. When I coordinated the 4-Way Test Essay contest it was very challenging, but in the end everything came together for a heartwarming result. That's what Rotary means to me, a challenging opportunity to work together while gaining the personal rewards of helping our community.



by Sam Shenkus

Guest Speaker: Mr. Joseph Rees, U. S. Ambassador to East Timor, spoke at our meeting. Mr. Rees started his presentation by telling us how he met fellow Rotarian, Stanley Togikawa in American Samoa a few ars ago while working on closing down "sweat shops" there – Mr. Rees fondly refers to Stan as "Saint Stanley".



Mr. Rees said that the people of East Timor are decent people who deserve and need our help. The area was a colony of Portugal for about 400 years. Then in 1975, neighboring Indonesia invaded the area. In 1998, the people of East Timor overwhelmingly voted for independence in a referendum vote (80%), and physical backlash of violence from persons unhappy with the outcome of the vote. Since 1999, an international peace-keeping presence maintains peace and security in this region.

East Timor has a population of around 800,000 people, and their primary resources are coffee and petroleum. The land area of East Timor is about the size of the State of New Jersey. The area has little to no schools and hospitals, has a very high infant mortality rate (over 1%), and a very low level of literacy. However, the people strongly believe that the purpose of their government is to establish and maintain a free society. Mr. Rees added that the people of East Timor have the enthusiasm and will to succeed, and they just need a little of assistance.

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

JANUARY PROGRAMS

15th

**Bill Thompson
from PGA Tour**

22nd

**No Speaker
Club Assembly**

29th

**Ron Nagasawa
Mid Week Magazine**

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CHICKEN SALE REMINDEER

Saturday, January 24, 2004

**Central Middle School at
Queen Emma and Vineyard**

Sign up for either the first shift from 7:30 - 10:30 AM

Or

the second shift from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

We need at least 15 people per shift

**Also, members have two more weeks to SELL,
SELL, SELL their tickets (if you haven't done so
already). Please turn in your sales money by Janu-
ary 22 to Mary Ann Berry.**

**The proceeds from your ticket sales help
YOU, as they can be applied to your Rotary
Foundation contribution for this year.**

BIG BAND BASH ON MARCH 5, 2004

**Our Club is undertaking its most ambitious fundraiser
in quite some time on Friday, March 5, at the Ala Moana Hotel.
The \$50 per person cost includes an evening of dancing to a 14
piece orchestra, a sumptuous buffet dinner and dancing exhibi-
tions by some of the island's best ballroom dancers.**

**We are asking each member to come up with a silent auc-
tion item that will bring in at least \$20. Be creative. Do you have
a professional service you can offer? Can you get a couple of free
meals from a restaurant you frequent? Do you know a company
with a service or item that is appealing to people? Item donation
forms will be given to all members in the next couple of weeks.**

**We will also be distributing four tickets to each member
to sell. We are not asking you to dip into your own pocket to pay
for these, although we hope most of you will attend. Everyone
knows at least two couples who like to dance and would welcome
the opportunity to attend a great event like this.**

**We expect that this event will be so successful that it will
lead the way to an Annual Ala Moana Rotary Big Band Bash.
This event has the potential be a MAJOR fundraiser and a sig-
nature event for our Club. We need everyone's support.**

Clayton's Notes: All notes and photographs by Clayton Wong

1. **Rotary Market Report:** Berlyn Hinazumi that the Dow continues to rise! She said that part of this trend is due to some good reports and forecasts for Proctor & Gamble and Nokia. Hope the trend continues!
2. **Prayer & Inspiration:** Dave Berry, and other Ala Moana Rotarians, shared some kind words on experiences we had with Ed Ulery. The membership generally agreed that it will take assistance from every member to fill in for the functions Ed did for the club for many, many years. Earl Fushikoshi also shared some highlights for Ed's memorial services this past Tuesday morning – Earl said that in addition to a large contingent of Ala Moana Rotarians, District Governor Gary Siracusa and Joanna Sullivan were also in attendance.
3. **Announcements:** President Tony announced the following:
 - a. **Club Dues:** Dues are due, so make our club treasurer “happy” and remit payment.
 - b. **Club Assembly:** We will have a club assembly on 22 January 2004, Ala Moana Hotel, 12:00 Noon.
 - c. **Sheridan Park:** Our next clean-up installment is scheduled for 22 January 2004, 9:30 AM. We need at least 5 – 7 people so sign-up and turn out!
 - d. **Dinner with R.I. President:** If anyone is passing near or through San Jose on 13 February 2004, see President Tony – There may be an opportunity to have dinner with the R. I. President.
 - e. **R. I. Annual Financial Report:** President Tony has a copy, so if anyone is interested in seeing it, see him.
 - f. **Chicken Sale:** The sale is scheduled for 24 January 2004, at Central Intermediate School. We need way more sign-ups, especially for the second shift. Also, sell those chicken tickets!

Big Band Bash: The bash is scheduled for 05 March 2004 at the Ala Moana Hotel. Our room can easily hold 400 people, so help the club get people to this major event!



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?

Big Band

B A S H



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Rotary Club of Ala Moana

Friday, March 5, 2004
Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Ballroom
5:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Swing to the beat of a 14-piece band • Enjoy a fine buffet dinner
Relax at a cash bar-opens at 5:30 pm • Dance the night away
Bid on Silent Auction items from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Enjoy exhibitions by award-winning ballroom dancers

Ticket Price: \$50

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scholarships for Hawaii's
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