



TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

January 19, 2004

Guest Speaker: Mr. Bill Thompson, from the PGA (Professional Golfers Association) Tour, spoke at our meeting. Mr. Thompson said the PGA Tour has been in existence since the 1940's. the modern tour has been in existence since around 1967 when they had three employees. The tour currently employs 1,000 people in Florida today.

The PGA governs the professional tour, although each player on the tour is an independent contractor. The PGA used to assess each player an entrance fee, but today, this is no longer done. There are currently 46 events per year with an average purse of \$4,000,000, however the primary motivation of players to enter a particular tournament are not necessarily monetary. Mr. Thompson said that "money" being a reason to enter is about fifth or sixth on the list of reasons to enter a particular tournament. Interestingly, the PGA Tour has donated over

\$90,000,000 to date.

Each of the 46 tournament venues are members of the PGA TTA (Tour Tournament Association). The TTA establishes tournament protocols such as but not limited to, child care provisions, organization of volunteer workers, etc. For example, the local Sony Open utilizes about 1,300 volunteers for their tournament. Each tournament has the top 52 available players, and the tournament sponsor can designate 8 players of their choice. The PGA Tour has gained popularity in recent years. Mr. Thompson speculated that this is due to the fact that the sport is a good, clean sport played by pretty nice, down-to-earth guys.



Left: Past District Governor, Roy King awarding Dave and Mary Ann Berry with Rotary International Major Donor awards.

They have each pledged \$10,000 in their individual wills to Rotary International



ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

**JANUARY
PROGRAMS**

22nd

**No Speaker
Club Assembly**

29th

**Ron Nagasawa
Mid Week Magazine**

FEBRUARY

5th

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Attendance Wally Young
Fund Raising Dave Berry
Fnds (Rotary & HRYF) Rich Courson
Indoctrination Dick Bento
Club Historian Ethel Ching**

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.**

*The Board of Directors
of the Rotary Club of Ala Moana*

*has approved the
proposed membership of:*

*Ronald Plumb
Financial Estate Management*

Sponsors - Dave and Mary Ann Berry

*If no written objections are received within 7
days, the forenamed proposed member will be
elected into the member ship of the Rotary Club
of Ala Moana*

Clayton reports:

1. Rotary Market Report: Berlyn Hinazumi's voice died out, so President Tony filled in for her. The Dow continues to rise, and it closed at 10,553 today! This rise was in part due to positive reports on companies such as Lucent Technologies and AT&T.
2. Vocational Moment: George Ing shared a little about what he and his company, Ing International, do. In general George prepares his clients to do business in Asia. He prepares his clients from both a cultural and business perspective. Business and social etiquette is vastly different in Asia than it is in the States. Some of his clients are the Sheraton and Hilton Hotel chains.
3. Rotary International Major Donors: Past District Governor presented both Dave and Mary Ann Berry with a crystal award in commemoration of becoming major benefactors. Specifically, Dave and Mary Ann have pledged \$10,000 each in their individual wills to Rotary International. The size of their donation has qualified under the programs "Level 1" designation.
4. District 5000 Lapel Pins: The pins are in and are on sale for \$2.00 US! See Mary Ann Berry for details.
5. Exchange Student: Gilinda Rogers brought a friend of hers to the club, Vickie, who happens to be an exchange student from Russia. Vickie was one of 50 students out of 25,000 applicants accepted into this program. She came to the U. S. when she was 15, and was placed as a senior in high school in the Virginia area. Vickie was later accepted into William and Mary College, and is currently a senior there. She also would like to attend Law School at Georgetown upon graduating with her bachelors degree.

She said she was very impressed with the level of public service performed in the U. S. Also, there are so many opportunities and choices available to us that are not available in her home country.

6. 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 17 January 2004, 9:30 AM. We need at least 5 – 7 people so sign-up and turn out!
 - d. 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!**

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE
“WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?”
Milton Miyakawa



I was born on Oahu, but as an official “Army Brat”, we moved every three years and I experienced lots of change while I was growing up all over the world. When I was in the 7th Grade, my Dad was transferred to France and the world of music opened before my eyes and ears while I was a student attending French intermediate school. Three years later we all moved to Georgia, “Viva la difference”, and I graduated from high school in Augusta. However, the romance of music was so powerful, my choice of college was the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. After one year, I decided that my future as a classical musician was very limited based on the extremely competitive reality of worldwide orchestra opportunities. I returned to Augusta, worked two jobs during college and perfected how to function for “72 hours at a time” and finally graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Philosophy. After graduation, my wife and I returned home to Hawaii in 1972 thanks to Dad’s free airline tickets and his pending retirement from Fort Gordon, Georgia. Since Philosophy jobs were scarce, my part-time job at Sears Ala Moana evolved into a 15 year management career with Sears. While at Sears, I knew long time Ala Moana Rotarians Larry Seeger and George Saunter, however by 1987 I was ready for a career change. I became a financial advisor for American Express and in my first year I was ranked the # 6 first year financial planner in the nation. Empowered and still young, I proceeded to start my own financial planning practice in 1988 and the process of adapting to the lifestyle trends of the 21st Century has kept me really busy. I had been so busy, that I always thought I’d get involved in community service someday, when I had more time. Then one day Tony Wong walked into my office and asked, “Do you want to come to lunch?”, and “the rest is history”. Rotary to me is people meeting opportunity. The great people who are members of our club, our neighbors and community that we serve and the dynamic young people we inspire as the future leaders of Hawaii and our country. The opportunity to make a difference for so many people in so many ways is both rewarding and challenging, and I’m always ready for a challenge with the support of my fellow Rotarians.

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?

