



TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

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MEMBERSHIP MINUTE "WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?" RALPH MAU

by Sam Shenkus

I have always been interested in the travel industry and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Science degree in Travel Industry Management. It was 1975, and full of enthusiasm and knowledge, I happily hopped on a plane to San Francisco. My hotel management career started in San Francisco, then took me to Tucson, Los Angeles and then back to San Francisco. As time passed, my goal was to return to Hawaii and I finally came back in 1990 as the Resident Manager of the Holiday Inn at the Aripport. I enjoyed being back home, but I started thinking about a career change and in 1995, I began a new career in sales. The freedom of setting my own goals and doing my own thing has been very rewarding, especially with the friendly networking acceptance of my fellow Rotarians. Rotary to me is comraderie and knowledge, it's like a Dale Carnegie class with the amazing purpose of service to mankind. I have benefited tremendously from the knowledge and experiences I have shared with my Rotarian friends. Since I travel a lot for business and pleasure, I continue to meet great Rotarians everywhere and see how we are doing our best to serve so many in need. As a Rotarian,

my eyes have been opened to the unfortunate people in my community and throughout the world and how I can help make a difference to them. When I served as our club president, I felt honored by the tremendous amount of support my fellow Rotarians gave to me every week to serve our community. As Rotary International tackles the major global crisis of AIDS in Africa and seeks to eliminate Polio in the world, I remain inspired to keep doing my best to help mankind one person at a time, wherever they happen to be in the world.



The crowd at lunch. How many can you identify?



More eager eaters. Rich Courson advertising his profession, Berlyn Hinazumi and Ethel Ching helping.

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

5th

**Pat Bustamente
President & COO
Pacific LightNet**

12th

**Bob Sigall
How Well Do You
Know Ala Moana?**

19th

**Jack Legal & Dave Lowry
Ballroom Dancing**

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Fnds (Rotary & HRYF) Rich Courson
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Guest Speaker: Ron Nagasawa from the MidWeek Magazine addressed our club today. Ron is the publisher of MidWeek Magazine and is a Senior Vice-President of the Star Bulletin. He was born and raised in Wahiawa and is a 1976 graduate of Leleihua High School – What’s interesting about Ron’s background is that it is not a journalism background. Of note, the magazine’s primary readership are women in the 35 to 65 age group. A growing sector are men and women between ages 24 to 35.



Ron likes to be best known for a small column he’s written on page 2 of the MidWeek Magazine since around 1997. It’s a “slice of life” column about he and his family. His family is normally the heroines of the articles, and he normally is the center of the jokes – He added that its important to not take one’s self too seriously. Everything he writes is based on actual events he experienced. He has also found that many people can relate directly to his experiences.



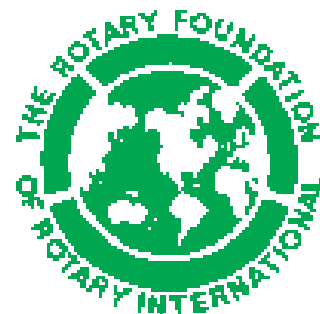
**Vocational Speaker,
Hubert Chang, our very own
“Jerry Seinfeld” of
dentistry.**



**Speaker Ron Nagasawa spins
a yarn for Bob Lundy and
Leon Wofley**

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?



Clayton Wong's notes & Photographs

Mixed day of trading. Of particular note, Pixar's stock dropped roughly a dollar per share on report that they will be leaving Disney.

Market Report: Berlyn Hinazumi reported the the Dow finished up 41 points on a **Rotary Minute:** Rich Courson told the membership a little of where our rotary dollars goes. Our funds, through Rotary International go to projects like Polio Plus, a very successful and meaningful project. There are only four countries remaining with polio epidemics. Once polio is conquered, Rich predicted that Rotary will tackle the specter of AIDS. He continued that in America, we do not really see the scourge of this disease, since we have the latest and greatest medical technology and care. But in the remainder of the world, this disease is running unchecked, especially on the African and Asian continents. So contribute to Rotary International (through Paul Harris Fellowship), and join the battles against these diseases.

Vocational Moment: Hubert Chang provided the membership with a very educational and entertaining vocational moment! As most of us know, Hubert is a dentist in general practice. He's been in this profession for about 15 years, and he feels that it really hasn't changed much over the years, except for the new materials and techniques – I guess drilling and filling is drilling and filling! Hubert also agrees that going to the dentist is not the most pleasurable thing to do, for he dislikes going to the dentist himself! But, he added, if you can't beat them, join them. He also touched upon the gratification he receives from the professional and technical part of his practice. So next time you go to the dentist, give the dentist a break - The dentist needs to see a dentist too!

Chicken Sale Fundraiser: The chicken sale this past Saturday was a huge success. It seemed the sentiment of most was the real value of this event was the fellowship. Hopefully we can continue this fundraiser for many years to come.

Sheridan Park: President Tony reported for Glenn Tsumura, since Glenn could not attend today's meeting. The second service installment at the park was a huge success! Our rotary crew finished the task in record time. Look out for the announcement for the third service installment at the park in the near future!

Big Band Bash (hereinafter, BBB): Work on the BBB fundraiser is going like gangbusters! Sam Shenkus is hitting the public relations routes and is trying to get Stanton on one of the morning shows on television. Stan said he's bringing around 20 people to the fundraiser, and Tony said he has around 10 so far. Milton has sent fliers to all his clients, and Berlyn hung the flyers all over Manoa. Tony also suggested to Hubert that he ask his patients to come before he starts drilling! Seriously, this is a radical departure for our club's fundraising, and your kokua is requested. President Tony asked each member to think of something they can help with on this fundraiser and turn out to help!



A visitor from Japan introduces himself to the membership



Another group of members at the luncheon