



TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

February 5, 2004

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?" KEVIN McCrARY



by Sam Shenkus

I was born in California, but my family moved to Oahu when I was four years old, so I consider Hawaii to be my real home. My Dad worked for the legendary Henry Kaiser and his projects included the opening of the Oahu Club and the Hawaii Kai Golf Course. I have many childhood memories of community projects from growing up in a family actively involved in service to our neighborhood and community, so I really enjoy serving my neighbors and my local community. After graduating from Iolani, I went to the University of Colorado in Boulder to major in skiing and graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree and a major in Finance. My dream was to come back home with a job and luckily I was hired by Bank of Hawaii and just recently celebrated 20 years with the bank. Over the years, I was very active with the Exchange Club and attended weekly Thursday lunch meetings at Oahu Country Club. However, when I moved to the BOH Ala Moana branch in 2001, I

thought it would be a good time to get to know my Ala Moana neighbors. Since Chris Worrall and I have been good friends for many years, Chris invited me to a Rotary lunch meeting and I really enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere. My ideas about Rotary were always positive, but after attending a couple of Rotary meetings, I was really excited about becoming a Rotarian. I've been a Rotarian for three years and I still feel the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of our meetings. Since I've been the treasurer, I can also say the "excitement" is gone, but I appreciate the fellowship and the sense of accomplishment in improving our neighborhood with my Rotarian friends. I enjoy the immediate hands-on benefits of our community service projects and in many ways I hope to inspire my own kids to give back as a Rotarian, just as my Dad was my role model in service to my childhood community.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CENTENIAL CONVENTION -CHICAGO, JUNE 19-22,2005

Rotary International is hoping for some idea of a head count for those wishing to attend the Centennial Convention in Chicago in 2005. The dates are June 19-22, 2005. Please ask your club members how many plan to attend and if you would kindly e-mail me a number in the next week or so, I would very much appreciate it. Thanks everyone.
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ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

12th

Bob Sigall
How Well Do You
Know Ala Moana?

19th

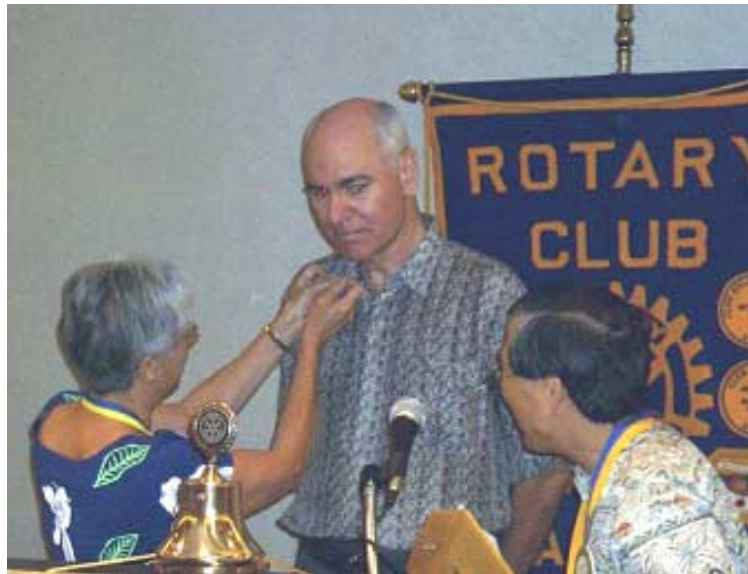
Jack Legal & Dave
Lowry
Ballroom Dancing

26th

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Rotaplast Mission

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New member Ron Plumb being pinned by his sponsor, Mary Ann Berry as a happy President Tony Wong looks on.

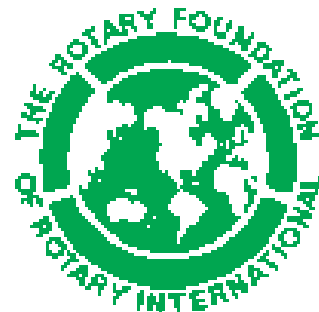
THE ASSAULT ON POLIO CONTINUES

We will finish polio before the year's end! Ministers of health from the six remaining polio endemic countries have pledged to relegate polio to the history books within the next 12 months. At the end of a high-level meeting at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, the ministers on January 15th unveiled a bold new plan to immunize 250 million children multiple times during a series of massive polio immunization campaigns in 2004.

According to a polio eradication initiative press release that announced the ministers' decision, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Egypt, India, Niger and Nigeria have beaten back the polio virus to only a few remaining reservoirs. This data and the introduction of aggressive new programs present an unprecedented opportunity to eradicate polio."

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 & Photos

1. **Market Report:** Berlyn Hinazumi reported the the Dow finished up 40 points at 10,495. The NASDAQ similarly was up finishing at 2,019. The bond market was slightly down on speculation that interest rates may be climbing in the near future, and the employment report is due out tomorrow.
2. **Rotary Minute:** Rich Courson continued in his piece from last week as to where our rotary dollars goes. The Polio Plus program is currently still our number one goal, and the 6 remaining countries with polio outbreaks have committed to finish immunizations within the next 12 months – This involves about 250 million people! Other projects on the horizon are battling hunger and AIDS in Africa, dental care in Uganda, and numerous education projects. We are targeting becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow in the near future – Stay tuned for developments! So contribute to Rotary International (through Paul Harris Fellowship), and join the effort for these worthy causes!.
3. **New Member Induction:** We inducted a new member today, Mr. Ron Plum. The digital images documenting this auspicious event are included hereinafter.
4. **Sheridan Park:** President Tony reported that are burglar alarm gift to the park is going to City Council for vote. Its surprising what it takes to donate funds or gifts to the City!
5. **Big Band Bash (hereinafter, BBB):** Dave Berry reported that we've hit the breakeven point for the BBB fundraiser! Funds after this point will go towards profit for the club. He added that if we hit our goal of 400 tickets sold, the club may make between \$18,000 and \$20,000. So sell those tickets and help out the effort!

6.



Guest Speaker: Pat Bustamante from Pacific Light Net addressed our club today. Pat is actually from New Mexico, but his family loves island life and relished the opportunity to move to the islands. He particularly enjoys the close-knit, family values prevalent in the islands. His been residing in Honolulu for about a year.

Ron's company provides telecommunication services, and is the third largest internet provider in the State. His company has fiber optic data lines between all the islands and to Japan and the continental United States. His company has invested about \$65 million in the islands, and they are locally-owned, locally-run company. Technologies that he is currently investigating for the islands are: high-tech animation, and data lines using existing electric line infrastructure.

Ron also said that competition is a good thing, and they are not afraid of it. Competition makes the entire industry better. Ron also feels that our community should help local firms grow – Doing this would keep our funds recycling within our community. As a local company, Ron feels they need to support the community that they derive their income from. His firm is providing computer and internet access for Hawaii students at various locations around the State.