



TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



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MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

“WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?”

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By Sam Shenkus



I was born in San Mateo, but since we moved to Oahu when I was four years old for my Dad's job at Bank of Hawaii, I consider Hawaii to be my real home. I am also a sixth generation descendant of E. O. Hall, a missionary escort and operator for Hawaii's first printing press that arrived aboard the Thadeus, the seventh ship of missionaries. After graduating from Punahou in 1978, I went to Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. Since this is the closest college to the phenomenal Crested Butte ski resort, I majored in skiing and liberal arts. I wanted to be an artist, but I realized that I would have to understand business to run a successful art gallery and manage the financial elements of my artistic career. I really liked the business classes I took and was determined to never be the “starving artist”, so I changed my future and graduated in

1982 as a business major with a BBA. I loved to ski “extremely” and spent lots of time speeding down the slopes with my college roommate. Since he wanted to be a “Top Gun”, we both enlisted in the Inactive Navy Reserves as sophmores and started Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida in July 1982. After four months of training, we passed with flying colors and went on to Navy Flight School, a very intense experience for the “best of the best”. In 1985, I was a Navy Jet Pilot, but the major airlines and the military all had excess pilots, so I came home to the islands to work for Bank of Hawaii and transitioned into the Navy Reserve. In 1988, I went out on my own as an entrepreneur in the insurance and financial planning industry. The freedom to strategically plan my clients financial futures opened up many opportunities and when my step-father Peter Artzt brought me to his Rotary lunch, I felt welcomed and joined in 1989 with Peter and John Derby as my co-sponsors. During my 2000-2001 presidential year, I worked with DG Linda Coble and benefited from her enthusiasm to help us all “enjoy Rotary”. I was also blessed with Ed Ulery's support and his unconditional belief in what Rotarians could accomplish together. Rotary to me is the fellowship that we all share every week and Ed Ulery is my personal role model for the best that Rotary can give to us all. As Rotarians, we are fantastic people pulling together to create synergy and solutions for whatever challenges we face. When I was on active duty at Camp Smith, I kept my Ala Moana thursday lunch meeting reminder on my computer. I always hoped to attend and in spite of my military challenges, I was connected to my fellow Rotarians every Thursday when my Rotary reminder would pop up at 11:00am on my computer screen. I'm so glad to be “really back” with my fellow Rotarians for lunch and fellowship.

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

26th

**Claude Thompson
Rotaplast Mission**

MARCH PROGRAMS

4th

**Skip Polson
Heifer Int'l Project**

11th

To be announced

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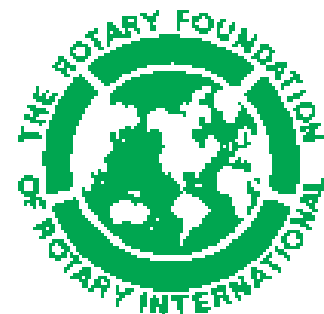
Milton Miyakawa, Valri Murat, DG Elect Claude Thompson



Past President Dick Bento and DG Nominee Roz Cooper

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 review of the meeting:

1. **Big Band Bash (hereinafter, BBB):** Dave Berry announced that we are in the final two weeks prior to our fundraiser, and we need to make the final push to make this event a success. The forms for the silent auction items (along with the forms previously distributed) should be faxed to Mary Ann Berry no later than 27 February 2004, and the actual auction items should be brought to the next weekly Thursday meeting. We also need to sell more tickets, so sell those tickets and help out the effort!
2. **Paul Harris Fellowship:** Bob Hayashi has reached Paul Harris Fellowship status! PDG Dick Mosko presented Bob his Paul Harris pin and medallion. Please congratulate Bob when you next have a chance!
3. **International Service:** Immediate Past President Kris brought some beautiful photographs of the project we participated with in Fiji. Digital images of the photographs and a short article by Past President Kristine Blancq are included hereinafter.
4. **McKinley High School Vocational Speakers:** Ed Fong was scheduled to be today's vocational speaker at McKinley High School. His presentation was postponed due to the impending storm and has been rescheduled for 11 March 2004, at 2:30 PM. The Rotary Club of Ala Moana is furnishing McKinley High School with vocational speakers with the hopes that these efforts may one day lead to the reactivation of an Interact Club there. Please contact any member of the Vocational Service Committee (Candice Naito – Chair) or the New Generations Committee if you would like to be a vocational speaker or if you would like to help with this effort.

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Guest Speaker: District Governor Elect Claude Thompson and District Governor Nominee Roz Cooper were in the house! Actually, Claude visited our club to tell us a bit about his recent visit to Seibu, Republic of the Philippines on a Rotaplast mission. Claude was a member of a team of doctors and volunteers from all over the United States to perform operations on children with cleft lips and/or palates. In all, they had 3 operating rooms which did 5 to 6 procedures per day, for a total of 92 plastic surgery procedures and 87 dental procedures. The team worked 12 to 14 hour days, but the work was meaningful and well worth the effort.

The most serious post-operative complication they encountered was fevers, but Tylenol was the prevalent pain reliever that was administered. There is an upcoming Rotaplast mission to the Philippines, and Claude urged the membership to seriously consider participating. Airfare was roughly \$947 per person, and lodging and food was provided by the residents.