



# TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

March 11, 2004

## MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

### “WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?”

JODY KADOKAWA

By Sam Shenkus



I was born and raised in Honolulu, graduated from Farrington High School and then attended the University of Hawaii with a major in business. While attending UH, I was working at Chucky Cheese Waimalu in Pearl City. After two years as a working student, I was promoted to training manager and within a few months, promoted again to assistant manager of the store. Since this was the very first Chucky Cheese in Hawaii, the pace was fast and I found that I enjoyed working in business a lot more than studying business. In 1983, I had a great opportunity to join McDonalds at Pearlridge, then went to McDonalds Mililani, then opened McDonalds Barbers Point, back to Pearlridge and then promoted to lead manager at one of the top performers in the company, Keeamouku McDonalds. With all that moving

around I decided I wanted to settle down, get married and my father-in law was the sales manager at Zellerbach, a major paper distributor. I joined Zellerbach in 1985 as a sales representative with an eye to a very exciting future in the paper industry. In 1994 I moved on to Ingram/ Xpedx and became one of the top sales representatives in Hawaii. In 1999 I was offered an opportunity that was a dream come true, the #1 employee for Spicers Paper Hawaii. I was able to combine all my years of experience and open Spicers major new distribution center in the islands. As the first employee I was responsible for everything; the real estate, hiring, distribution and freight negotiations with paper mills and sales development. Over the years, Scott O'Brien had been a close business associate, so I was glad to accept his invitation to join Scott for his Rotary lunch. I immediately liked the feeling of comraderie and fellowship in the Ala Moana Club. Rotary to me is a unique opportunity to give back to my community with people I respect and admire. Our Weinberg projects always give us the chance to roll up our sleeves and share our individual talents for the good of the community. I remember a Weinberg landscaping project at the School for the Deaf and Blind that gave me the chance to share my knowledge of piping to help our team. It's easy to get too caught up in your work and personal challenges, so Rotary and my fellow Rotarians help me to keep “Right Side Up” with my life.

ALA MOANA HOTEL

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## MARCH PROGRAMS

18th

**Norman Sakamoto**  
**State Senator**

25th

**Ed Kubo**  
**US Attorney General**

April  
1st

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**New Generations Clayton Wong**  
**Membership & PR Sam Shenkus**  
**Attendance Wally Young**  
**Fund Raising Dave Berry**  
**Fnds (Rotary & HRYF) Rich Courson**  
**Indoctrination Dick Bento**  
**Club Historian Ethel Ching**

## Thank You from President Tony

We kicked up our heels and kicked off the first Big Band Bash! The support from our club was overwhelming.

For the evening of the dance, the food was great, the band was first class, packing the dance floor with dancers, with some dancing every dance. Professional dancers were spectacular in the performances they did, winning wild applause after applause. The silent auction with 90 items went out like crazy, the excitement even attracted bidders from other conventions in the hotel to bid on our stuff!

Those who attended, I hope they enjoyed the evening and I believe they did.

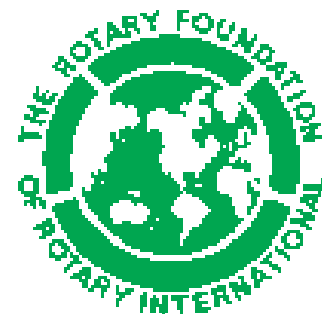
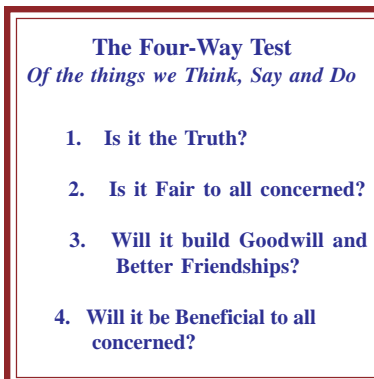
To those who gave money, prizes, time, and effort, I thank you humbly, and I appreciate your effort in making this a stronger Rotary Club, and a slightly better world.

You've done it. We netted over \$5,000, more than we've ever done in our history. I want to thank the overwhelming support and hard work of so many. In particular, I want to thank Dave Berry, Fundraising Chair who organized the event together with Mary Ann, the awesome Fundraising Committee consisting of Stanton Haugen, who went beyond the limit, donating talent, time, money, sound equipment, and the services of the Haugen clan; George Ing, our own dance professional who communicated with Ballroom Dance Association, and helped to spread the words. Sam Shenkus, publicity dynamo generated interest among the public, and our own David Arita was a big Corporate Sponsor. For all of you who bought tickets, talk to dance clubs, donated prizes, man the tables, thank you.

In addition to our effort, this project is fortunate to have received strong support of people from our community. Fellow Rotarians from West Honolulu, Waikiki, Honolulu club, and Metro, just to name a few, joined us for a fun night. Our honorary members all donated to the event. Mr. Ben Agbayani and the Hawaii Ballroom Dance Association helped to promote our program and helped to provide feedback, dance demonstrators and even DJ. Thank you.

I hope to see that our Big Band Bash continues to grow, to get even bigger and better in the years to come. The success of Big Band Bash means more humanitarian programs and scholarship applicants will be served in the future!

Tony



Clayton Wong's notes:

1. **Market Report:** There was none today, but believe me, the market was down. Yesterday, the market lost all the gains for 2004.
2. **Rotary Minute:** Rich Courson shared something he read in the recent Rotarian magazine. There was an article on endangered rain forest. Interestingly, one of the forests was on the island of Molokai. Rich particularly discussed the Ugandan rain forest and the mountain gorillas. There are only 650 mountain gorillas left in the world. He said it would be sad if this species went extinct within a century of its discovery. In closing, Rich asked members with excess Paul Harris points to loan to a member who needs points to reach the fellowship status. The members receiving assistance will in-turn assist another member needing assistance.
3. **President Elect Training:** President-elect, Milton Miyakawa is back, and we will hear more about his experiences at PETS in coming weeks.
4. **Big Band Bash:** President Tony announced that our new fundraiser made around \$5,000. Much thanks is due the fundraiser committee and all those who helped with the effort. We have a lot to look forward to next year! **Note:** I heard that many, if not all, the scores the band use were arranged by our own Ray Tanaka. I thought the band and their arrangements were wonderful!
5. **District Conference:** The conference will be on 7 – 9 May 2004. More information to follow.
6. **Hieber Project:** HBA Interact is at the \$350 point in their fundraising. They will need \$500 to purchase a cow. So please turn in those empty printer ink cartridges. HBA Interact will very much appreciate this.
7. **Pahole Service Project:** This service project is this Saturday. HBA Interact has graciously invited us to share their bus to the nursery. Our share of the bus cost will be \$6.00/person. The bus leaves HBA Upper School campus at 7:00 AM, so please do not be late. More to follow after the service project is completed.
8. **New Member:** She's official! Judy Nii, of Nii Nursery, is our newest member! She actually has been participating in our fundraising and service projects for a while now. President Tony, Judy's sponsor, Berlyn Hinazumi, and Judy's daughter Marilyn participated in the induction ceremony. Marilyn also happens to be a Rotaract member at Chaminade University. After the induction, Judy shared some very inspirational words with us. Some of the what Judy said, "... Rotary is not fitting in, its joining in..". Please make it a point to personally welcome Judy to our club!
9. **McKinley High School Vocational Speakers:** Ed Fong gave a vocational presentation at McKinley High School on 11 March 2004, at 2:30 PM. Ed talked about the wonderful world of accounting – its much more than adding and subtracting. Interestingly, accounting is in every facet of business. 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. (Ed is an alumnus of Mckinley.)



Clayton Wong's notes continued.

10. RotaHomes in Fiji: Attached are some beautiful pictures from Past-President Kris Blancq. The previously published pictures did not do this project justice. A pictures says a thousand words, and these pictures are no exception. Check it out!

11.



Guest Speaker: Linda Jiles, from Weight Watchers, addressed our club today. Although slim and fit today, Linda said she used to weight 250 pounds 13 years ago. You would not believe it looking at her today!

Linda said that one's health is the most important thing, for if one is not healthy they cannot help others. Essentially, Weight Watchers is a support group that assists its members to change their lifestyles to a healthier one. Weight Watchers firmly believes in "the power of the group", and has a support network for their members.

They do not believe in eliminating certain foods from one's diet, rather they believe in the "law of moderation", everything is good in moderation. They also believe in the law of "conservation of energy" – If one's inflow is less than one's outflow, the person will lose weight. They are also proponents of an active lifestyle. Scientific studies have shown that the trick to losing weight and keeping it off is 1) awareness of one's consumption, and 2) an active lifestyle.

Footnote: Our HBA Interact Club has been collecting empty printer ink cartridges to raise money for this project. As was previously requested, please collect your empty ink cartridges and give them to a New Generations committee member. The HBA Interactors would greatly appreciate this!



Fiji Rota home - Photo from Kris



**More Photos from Kris shown Fiji Rota Homes and a few residents.**

