



# TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

April 8, 2004

## MEMBERSHIP MINUTE "WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?" GWENETTE HIGA

By Sam Shenkus



I was born and raised on Oahu and graduated from Saint Francis High School in 1972. As a graduate of an all-girls private school, I had enjoyed my education but was really ready for a change of pace. Luckily for me, I received a scholarship to attend the University of San Francisco and quickly packed my bags. I loved the adventure of being away from Hawaii for the first time and had lots of fun. I was the Homecoming Princess for my freshman class and I became a big fan of the nationally ranked University of San Francisco basketball team. My high school boyfriend decided to transfer back home to the University of Hawaii from his college in Washington and I then transferred from San Francisco to UH as a sophomore. As a 19 year old sophomore, I got married and became a full time working wife to support my husband's college education. My first son was born in 1978, I became a full time Mom and started to work part-time at the legislature. I worked for several legislators in the House, as well as in the minority attorney's office, and my second son was born in 1982. I then decided to return to the University of Hawaii at Manoa as a "Student Mom" and on many days my sons were at school with me. In 1983 I graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Communication, just in time for our family's move to California when my husband was promoted. I had a dream job at Apple Computer, but returned home to the islands as a single Mom with my two sons in 1987. My Dad had been with State Farm Insurance for many years and told me about a pending opportunity to assume the book of business of a long-time agent in their Ward area. However, the selection process was a very rigorous two year procedure, so I returned to the legislature while I interviewed with State Farm. It was very complicated since I was the First single parent, the First single woman and the First relative of an existing State Farm agent to be appointed to the position of a State Farm agent in 1989. The insurance industry changes rapidly and I have achieved an additional Bachelors certification in insurance and I'm currently working on my Masters Degree in Financial Services from the American College. Marty Zais was my dentist and a very active member of the Ala Moana club. As a newly appointed State Farm agent, he invited me to lunch and I was immediately struck by the wonderful atmosphere. Since I worked in a small office, I found the fellowship and the friendliness of the members a welcome break in my business day. Rotarians to me are very special and dedicated people. Rotary attracts unique individuals that are always dedicated to their community and very sincere in their generosity. Over the years, our club has seen people come and go, but every Rotarian has been unique and I am very proud to be a member of the Rotary Club of Ala Moana.

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

# April PROGRAMS

15th

**Pamela Ford  
Value of  
Pharmaceuticals**

22nd

**Professional  
Administrator's  
Day**

29th

**Club Assembly**

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Courson  
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**Sam Shenkus reminds you  
We need Door Prize Donations  
for Professional Administrator's  
Day. Come and support this great  
annual event.**

## President Tony's Last Club Assembly

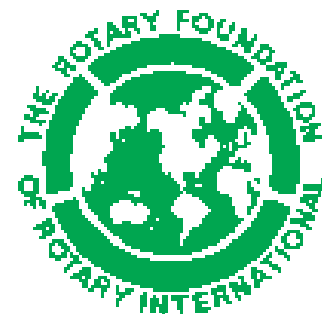
**On April 29, 2004, President Tony Wong will hold his last Club Assembly at the Uraku Tower Social Room, from 6:00 PM. Dinner will be catered by Tri Nguyen, so you know that it will be GOOD FOOD! Cost is \$21.**

**Come and participate in the Club's last full business meeting of President Tony Wong's year. Two main topics will be: a report from Past President Roger Lerud's Long Range Plan Committee, and Club Secretary Steve Arita's report on what we should do regarding consistently absent members. All members should voice their opinions and ideas on these subjects, as well as any other club operation. Please make it a point to attend.**

**This evening meeting will take the place of the regular noon meeting on April 29th; so don't show up at the Ala Moana Hotel at noon time. A sign up sheet will be filed out for the next two meetings, April 8th and April 15th. Please sign up as we need a head count for the dinner.**

### **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?





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ROTARYDISTRICT CONFERENCE  
May 7th - 9th, 2004 Hyatt Regency Resort Lahaina  
LEND A HAND



Meal Plan

Meal ID	Cost per Person	Number of Persons	Total Coast
<b>Red</b> Thursday Evening Early Bird Reception (Not included in Package Price)	\$35	-----	-----
<b>Blue</b> Friday Lunch	\$35	-----	-----
<b>Blue</b> Friday Dinner Keynote Cliff Dochterman	\$55	-----	-----
<b>Green</b> Saturday Breakfast	\$25	-----	-----
<b>Green</b> Saturday Lunch	\$35	-----	-----
<b>Green</b> Saturday Dinner Keynot Rick King	\$55	-----	-----
<b>Yellow</b> Sunday Continental Breakfast	\$20	-----	-----
Complete Meal Package (6 meals)	\$185	-----	-----
<u>Does not include Thursday Reception</u>			
Sunday Mother's Day Buffet	TBD		

Vegetarian Meals Please Check -----

Total Please Remit -----

**No Refunds After April 30, 2004**

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or, mail this application with check or Money Order (Payable to District 5000 Conference to:  
Rotary DisCon C/o Gary Siracusa  
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**YOU'RE INVITED!!!!!!  
TO OUR ANNUAL ROTARY DISTRICT CON-  
FERENCE**

**WHERE: THE HYATT REGENCY RESORT, LAHAINA MAUI**

**WHEN: MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

**WHY: FELLOWSHIP, INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS (INCLUDING PAST RI PRESI-  
DENTS CLIFF DOCHTERMAN AND RICK KING), MORE MEANINGFUL MEMBERSHIP,  
GREAT FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, WONDERFUL RESORT FOR  
R&R, FUN!!!!!!**

**Dear Rotarian,**

**Did you know that most Rotarians have never attended a district conference? So why is this important? Our annual gathering is one of the most enjoyable experiences of our year together – new experiences, friendships, an opportunity to share and learn about matters important to you as a member of our Rotary Family. Don't miss out on a truly special gathering; Lend A Hand and put Life into Rotary this year YOUR LIFE! See you on Maui! DG Gary**