



TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA

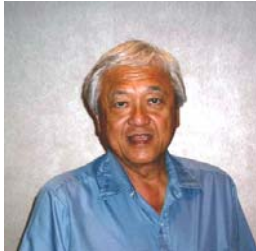


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MEMBERSHIP MINUTE "WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?" EDFONG

By Sam Shenkus



I was born and raised in Honolulu, graduated from McKinley High School and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa. My initial idea was to study engineering, but I found that the world of business was much more interesting. During my freshman year, I also worked part-time at the UH Bookstore on campus and then I started a second part-time job as the book-keeper for Ka'leo, the UH student newspaper. The more I studied, the greater my focus grew on the elements of a successful career. I also noticed that an Accounting Degree was a very common educational thread woven into the achievements of most successful business people. In my junior year, I had a terrific opportunity to work part-time for the Bank of Hawaii in their check clearing proof department. I really enjoyed this job, despite the 5:00pm-9:00pm Monday thru Friday work schedule, and was promoted to supervisor in my senior year. I graduated with a Bachelor of Accounting degree in 1962 and worked for local CPA firms to get experience. In 1965, I passed the national CPA examination, became a certified CPA and joined the firm of Leong & Leong. In 1966, I became a partner at the firm and in 1967 I married my schoolteacher fiancée. In 1979 I returned to UH Manoa to earn my Masters of Business Administration. In 1980 my CPA firm became Leong & Fong and in 1981 I graduated with an MBA.

However, from my days at McKinley to today, I have always been involved in community service and was very active in the Jaycees until I became a "Jaycee Rooster" at 36 years of age. My children's godfather, CK Huang, was a member of the Rotary Club of Waikiki and sold me on the greatness of Rotary. However, this was in 1975 and I didn't live or work in the Waikiki district. Leong & Leong was located on Ward Ave., but on the "wrong side" of Ward to meet the district criteria for the Ala Moana Club. Clarence Tam was my hard working sponsor and he obtained a district exemption and I became a grateful member of the Ala Moana Club in 1975. As a Rotarian, opportunities to serve my community and learn about the needs of my neighbors have greatly expanded my life. Working with the young people in Interact has helped me to stay connected with the energy of youth and be a better grandfather. As a Rotarian, I can live each day with my personal conviction that "Service to humanity is the best work of life".



Glenn Tsumura "pinning" our newest member, Garret Takatga

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

MAY PROGRAMS

20th

**Pete Crines
Wellness Programs
for Seniors.**

27th

**Anton Krucky
Manager
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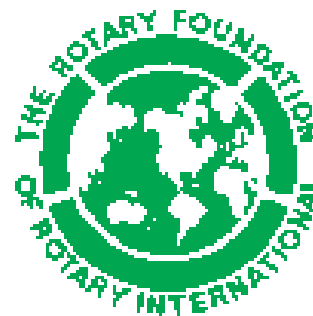
On 13 May 2004, the Interact Club of Hawaii Baptist Academy joined our club for our weekly lunch meeting. Sixteen (16) of their members (current officers and seniors) along with their two (2) faculty advisors, Ms. Cathy Bankston and Ms. Amy Fessenden attended. They told us about some of the high points of their year. Community Service – wise, they discussed the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, Pauoa Stream Clean-up, Pahole Rare Plant Nursery, and visiting residents at a local nursing home. They also told us about their experience at RYLA and the Annual Interact Convention. Finally, awards they received at the Interact Convention were presented to them. Both of the faculty advisors were also presented with a year-end gift from our club.



L-R: Glenn Tsumura, and Faculty Advisors, Cathy Bankston and Amy Fessenden

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?





Co-Presidents Marc Nakamura and Melissa Benz. Marc was a HRYF scholarship recipient this year, and Melissa will be returning next year as Co-President of the HBA Interact Club.



Footnote: The Interact Club of Hawaii Baptist Academy is scheduled to have a member recruiting luncheon meeting on 18 May 2004 , 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, at Ms. Bankston’s classroom, and we’re invited. This will be the last Interact meeting of the 2003-2004 year, so plan on attending!

We also inducted a new member during the lunch meeting! Garrett Takata was inducted by President Tony, and his sponsor, Glenn Tsumura, “pinned” him. Please make it a point to personally welcome Garrett to our club during the next few weeks.



Additional photographs of our Interact guests

