



# TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



Lend a Hand

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

GENE CARSON

By Sam Shenkus



My twin brother and I were born in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Our Dad died when we were just one year old and because Mom dedicated her life to raising us, she never remarried and devoted herself to our upbringing. Mom's dedication created a wonderful opportunity when my brother and I passed the entrance examinations to the Milton Hershey High School and were both accepted to this Hershey, Pennsylvania landmark school. Graduating in 1942, we both enlisted in the Army and I was soon in Miami for basic training, moved to several bases until I arrived at Grand Island, Nebraska in 1943 to become a Tailgunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. From there I was off to England, my first combat mission was September 26, 1943 and I completed 25 bombing missions before my first tour ended February 13, 1944. I returned home to the troubling news that my twin brother had been reported killed in action when he was shot down over Athens, Greece. I was determined to find my brother and creatively "finagled" a very rare second tour of duty, then left for Europe in August 1944. I was

again based near London and after my fifth mission over Berlin, the Army Air Corps Chaplain pulled me aside and told me very good news, my brother was alive and a prisoner of war at Stalag Luft IV in Germany. I kept flying and kept hoping for an opportunity to reunite with my brother after our victory over the enemy. During my second tour, I had also gotten to know Fred Astaire's sister Adele, a loyal volunteer at the Rainbow Corner Red Cross Club in London and told her of my imprisoned twin brother. One of the greatest days of my life was the VE night celebration ending the war in Europe when my brother, with the assistance of Adele Astaire, returned to London to personally share his freedom with me during the festivities. After the war, I stayed in the Army and went to Africa, and on to Officer's School in Fort Benning, Georgia. I graduated to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, went on to Jump School and then to the Korean War as a 1st Lieutenant. During my service in South Korea; I was promoted to Captain, became a linguist fluent in the Korean language, traveled extensively throughout Asia, attended night school college level courses and received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology in 1963. In 1964, I was promoted to the rank of Major and was stationed in Seoul. In 1965, I became a Lt. Colonel and was volunteered to go to Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam I assumed the position of Chief of Security for the Corps of Engineers in Portland and in 1969, I was transferred to Hawaii as Chief of Security for the Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean which included Japan, Korea, Philippines and Hawaii. I retired from the Army in 1972 and became the State of Hawaii Armed Security Manager for Burns. I traveled a lot, met a lot of people in their offices and noticed a Rotary 4-Way Test on someone's desk. I was really impressed, started looking around to learn more about Rotary and luckily found a Rotarian from the Ala Moana Club. I still remember my very first Ala Moana meeting; I looked around the room and saw several fellow Shriners like Ed Liu, Neil Sutherland, Ed Berlin, Bill Wong. This gave me a deep sense of kinship at that very special lunch. Since becoming a Rotarian in 1975, I still believe very strongly in the concept and integrity of the 4-Way Test. After almost 30 years I am still very proud to be a Rotarian and the 4-Way Test continues to keep me focused; it means more to me in my work and guides my day to day living.

Sam's Happy Dollar Plug... "Wingding, Memories of a Tailgunner" is now in a second printing and will be available for \$12.95 at all worldwide military exchanges. Sam's dollar will be happily given at our next meeting.

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

## JUNE PROGRAMS

24th

### Installation Dinner for Milton Miyakawa and officers

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**Prayer and Inspiration** was done by Dave Berry. His inspiration was rather inspirational! He prayed that we would continue to bring in new members into the club and we have an even better year than the one we just completed!

**Pledge and Introductions** was done by Richard Kagehiro. Of particular note, Past District Governor Hal Darcy was in the house hosting a potential member guest.

**Rotary Minute** was done, as it normally is done, by Rich Courson. A touching story from the latest edition of the Rotarian was featured. It's the one about how Rotary helped a WWII veteran overcome mental scars from the war.

2004-2005 Installation Banquet is scheduled for **24 June 2004 at 6:00 PM at the Hale Koa hotel**. Cost is \$32/person. Yes, today's meeting was President Tony's last!



#### TONY WONG CHOWS DOWN WITH MILTON MIYAKAWA

Thanks to Clayton Wong for his  
notes and photos.

#### 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?





**He's back! Earl has graciously been providing his home-made bread to a fortunate club member the past few weeks to supplement the raffle. We are all very fortunate to have a chance at Earl's bread each week!**

**KEEP THE DATE OPEN**

**Intallation Dinner**

**Thursday June 24th**

**Hale Koa Hotel**

**6:00 P.M.**

**No luncheon meeting that date.**

**More details are on the way.**

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**With Regrets: I intended to be at the Installation Dinner; However it is on Thursday and I have Liquor Commission hearings on that day. However, I expect to soon be able to rejoin you for the luncheon meetings. Thanks to you who have made it possible for me to contiuue to do the Tiki Wa'Ha. Gene Carson**

Guest Speaker, Levi E. Clain, from the Rotary Club of North Hawaii was our guest speaker. Levi is originally from Canada, where he participated in a project called "The Tale of the Mechanical Cow". Essentially, the mechanical cow converts soy beans into soy bean milk, a product high in protein, and very suitable for providing nutrition to children in poor parts of our world. A single mechanical cow cost about \$6,400 and can feed up to 500 children per day. The formula is as follows: 10 lb. of soy beans plus water yields 10 gallons of soy milk, per hour! The mechanical cow is easy to operate and maintain, uses no chemical additives, is durably constructed of stainless steel, and the resulting soy milk does not need refrigeration for up to 2 months! For more information please visit [www.prosoya.ca](http://www.prosoya.ca).



Roger Lerud with Guest Speaker, Levi E. Clain, from the Rotary Club of North Hawaii.

Levi also informed us about five soy milk projects his Canadian club worked on. The projects were in Ponta Para, Brazil; Chinchá, Peru; Quito, Ecuador; Allende, Mexico; and Gacapa, Guatemala. Mechanical cows were furnished to orphanages and institutions helping street people at each of these locations. Of particular note, each of these projects were funded at no cost to Levi's Rotary Club.



**Last night my wife demanded I take her out to someplace expensive;  
So, I took her to a gas station.**