



**TIKI WA'HA
ROTARY CLUB
OF
ALA MOANA**



Lend a Hand

July 8, 2004

Special Club Assembly

July 22, 2004

12:00 NOON

Japanese Culture Center

First Club Assembly for the 2004 Rotary Year

Mark your calendars July 22, 2004 our regular club meeting will be a very special luncheon at the Japanese Culture Center (across from Star Market Moilili)

Very special lower rates are being negotiated for this event.

We will discuss the usual planning things for events, fundraisers and socials. We will also discuss the potential of what the club can do for this very special Centennial Year

100 Years of Rotary!!!!

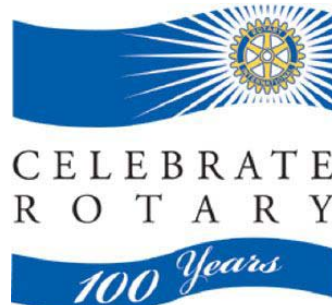
The Board will bring you up to date on our big fundraiser the Big Band Bash and even more import the current status of our lunch negotiations.

Remember this is your chance to vote so please be sure to participate.

More details about our special lunch will follow

See you there!

Milton
(Happy to be your Centennial President)



ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

JULY PROGRAMS

15th

Bob McDermott
Navy League

22nd

Club Assembly
12:00 Noon
Japanese Cultural Center

29th

John Harvey Hall
Salvation Army

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Fundraising – Dave Berry
Indoctrination – Dick Bento
Historian – Ethel Ching

Guest Speaker: David Gulick from the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Services was our guest speaker during our club meeting. David said that his department has gone through a bit of reorganization over the past couple of years. Specifically, they come under the Department of Homeland Security. Essentially, his department deals with giving individuals permission to live and work in the U. S.

Other entities that U. S. INS interfaces with are: Airport Operations and Customs (formerly, U. S. Customs); Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Sky Marshals); U. S. Coast Guard; U. S. Secret Service. David said the reorganization has fostered better communication and cooperation amongst the various related entities, however Hawaii being an island State, cooperation and communication was previously pretty good. The various groups meet monthly to share information and discuss terrorism.

Another challenge for David's department is the length of time it currently takes to naturalize citizens. The average time it takes is currently two years, primarily due to changes in the department and loss of personnel. The department has therefore gone through some streamlining to attempt to accelerate the process. For example, they now use electronic finger printing. They soon will be using electronic photography and signatures. Interestingly, they have used this technology before the FBI did!

In closing, David's department is a user fee agency. That is, they are self-sustaining monetarily, and their finding is not lapsed from year to year. If you're interested, you can visit his department at 595 Ala Moana Boulevard.

Future Guest Speakers: An informal vote of the membership to decide whether or not we should allow the two mayoral candidates to address our club during upcoming meetings was taken. The voting results appeared to be split fifty-fifty. More details to follow.

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?



News Flash

Hotel Raises Rates for Rotary Club

Rate Increase 20% to 30% with less service.

After 30 Years of lunches Ala Moana hotel under new direction insists on a signed contract with the Rotary Club of Ala Moana. Effective 7/22/04:

Lunches increase by 20%

Coffee only increase by 30%

Ala Moana Hotel will offer less selection of foods

Ala Moana Hotel will no longer furnish cashier

Ala Moana Hotel also reserves to right to cancel ANY of our meetings for other bookings

Rotary Club of Ala Moana must furnish head count to hotel and pay bill at end of lunch.

No more charge cards

Effective 7/22/04 we will no longer be able to accept charge cards. The cost of processing charge cards would be prohibitive for the club. We are looking at ways to be efficient with the collection of money. (Your suggestions are appreciated)

Your Board of Directors has been looking at other alternatives and will keep you posted.

Dave Berry has scheduled a meeting with the General Manager of the hotel to see if they are willing to make any amendments to the contract. They will meet next Thursday (7/15/04 at 1:30 PM)(After our lunch meeting). Any club members that would like to attend or feel they have any influence with the hotel are welcome to join.

Your patience, support and flexibility to change are greatly appreciated.

Milton

(Your lucky President for this year)

