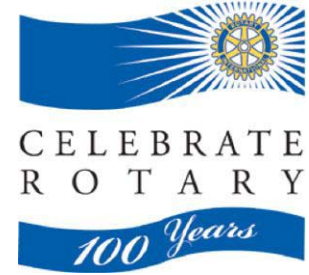




TIKI WA'HA ROTARY CLUB OF ALA MOANA



August 12, 2004

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE "WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?"

Stephen Arita

By Sam Shenkus



I was born in Honolulu, grew up in Hawaii Kai, attended Kamiloiki Elementary School and then Kaiser High School. I enjoyed playing the outfield position for the Kaiser High School baseball team and trumpet for the marching and concert band. After graduating in 1982, I attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and majored in business. During my freshman year, I started a part-time job at the Queen's Emergency Room. My college weekends were filled with graveyard shifts and lots of crazy stories. However, my Queen's ER job also gave me skills with computers, dealing with multiple tasks and handling very high stress situations that enhanced my understanding of "real world" dynamics within the business of health care. I graduated in 1987 with a BBA Degree in Marketing and was offered a great opportunity to become the pre-admissions administrator in the business office of Queen's Hospital. In 1990, another opportunity came my way and I began my seven-year career at Hawaiian Electric. I held three positions at Hawaiian Electric, yet none of them had any connection with my admissions administration background at Queen's. My family church was the Hawaii Kai Baptist Church and Pastor Nakamura's wife, Dayna Nakamura, had been a Hawaii Baptist Academy elementary school teacher for many years. My Mom had also been the HBA School Nurse for many years, so I was really excited when Dayna casually mentioned an HBA opening in their business office after Sunday services. I applied for the position, was accepted in 1997 and after two years of service, was promoted to the position of Human Resources Director for HBA. Fortunately for me, my boss was a very active Rotarian and Dick Bento really encouraged me towards the extension of service to others through his personal commitment to Rotary. I remember the first lunch meeting Dick brought me to and not really knowing what to expect. The Sully Sullivan banner created an inner expectation that the group would be older and established, so I was relieved and relaxed to find a very friendly gathering of people excited at the prospect of winning Earl's fresh bread at the end of lunch. Rotary to me is all about the new friendships I have made and the supportive mentors who have taken me under their wings to share their wisdom and life lessons. I'll never forget the day that Tomo asked me, as a very new member, what committee I was serving on. When I told him I didn't have one, Tomo immediately said; "Great, you're on mine!" As part of Tomo's team, I learned a lot about club service and the following year, I became the new chair of club service thanks to Tomo's contagious enthusiasm and energy. I look forward to our weekly meetings, I am proud of how we work together to make a difference and comfortable with the blending of our service above self ideals with my personal religious ministry. Rotarians have a common spirit of service and high ethics. I'll never forget my hospital visits with Ed Ulery when I suddenly assumed the responsibilities of club secretary. He would always ask about how the club was doing, how important it was for me to serve the club as best I could serve in his place and for me to know that Rotary was always in with him in spirit. Rotary is a tremendous opportunity I truly cherish to learn, grow and serve with friends.

ALA MOANA HOTEL

- LUNCH -

THURSDAY NOON

AUGUST
PROGRAMS

19th

John Garibaldi
Hawaii Superferry

26th

Ronald McDonald House
Speaker to be named

SEPTEMBER
PROGRAMS

2nd

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Indoctrination – Dick Bento
Historian – Ethel Ching

Weekly Meeting Highlights

Clayton Wong's **notes**



Ala Moana Rotarians studying the printed matter prior to the assembly.

Decision on Weekly Lunch Venue: We had a special club assembly on 12 August 2004 at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. We were situated in the facilities Board Room, the room that was proposed to be an alternative to our regular Ala Moana Hotel venue. Proposals from both the Ala Moana Hotel and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii were available for inspection by the membership, and discussion of the positive and negative attributes of both venues were discussed during the assembly.

Ala Moana Rotary Pool Party: There will be a pool party at Dave and Mary Ann Berry's condominium on 18 August 2004. The sign-up sheet is out, so sign-up and let's go swimming! Or perhaps, cocktails next to the pool may be more to some of our liking.

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?





Ala Moana Rotarians arriving at the club assembly at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

After the discussions, a vote on whether to move from Ala Moana Hotel was taken. By a vote of 27 to 9, the club elected to stay at the Ala Moana Hotel. Leon Wolfley pledged \$250 and Dave Berry pledged another \$100 for a gift for the Ala Moana Hotel staff to go towards making amends to damaged relations we may have with the hotel staff.

New Weekly Meeting Billing System: President Milton distributed a payment system for weekly lunch meetings. The cost for payment at the door will be increased to a round

Pahole Endangered Native Hawaiian Plant Nursery: This service project will be on 28 August 2004. Members who have signed up for this event are as follows:

**Jody Kadokawa
Stanton Haugen
Scott O'Brien
Kevin McCrary
Craig Yoshikawa
Victor Corpuz
Sam Shenkus
Dave Berry**

**Ethel Ching (2)
Stanley Togikawa
Kris Blancq
Garrett Takata
Chris Worall
Tony Wong
Mary Ann Berry
Clayton Wong**

Please notify Valri Murata as soon as possible and prior to Tuesday, 17 August 2004, if anyone listed above cannot make the service project or if anyone not currently on the list would like to be added on. The sign-up list will be used to arrange transportation (between Honolulu and Waialua, and from Waialua to Pahole). There will be a cost associated with transportation from Honolulu to Waialua.

There will be a variety of service opportunities, depending on how adventurous the individual volunteer is. The Hawaii Baptist Academy Interact Club is also participating in this service project. Unfortunately, our Centennial Project Plaque will not be ready in time for this service project and will need to be placed on the facility at a later date.



Another shot from our last service project from Pahole. HBA Interact Co-President Elizabeth Simonson, Faculty Advisor Cathy Bankston, and Immediate Past President Tony Wong.
Poker Night: Dave and Mary Ann Berry hosted Chris Worall, Jod

Poker Night: Dave and Mary Ann Berry hosted Chris Worall, Jody Kadokawa, Richard Kagehiro, Steve Voight, Ralph Mau, and Clayton Wong for a decadent evening of gambling, refreshment and spirits, and fellowship. It was difficult to tell at evening's end if Steve made out, since he had plenty of losses earlier in the evening. But Jody definitely came out on top! He was winning all night!



The Ala Moana Rotary poker gang.

Seriously, it was a fun evening, but was most difficult waking up this morning! Stay tuned for another round of Ala Moana Rotary High Stakes Poker!