

# Rotary Club of Ala Moana



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02 September 2004

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## Membership Minute

"WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?"

by Sam Shenkus



David Arita

I was born in Honolulu, attended Waiialua Elementary, Middle and High School. In my junior year of high school, I transferred from Waiialua High School to St. Louis. I was the new kid in the class, commuting three hours a day round trip to get to school and back home, had to wear a tie everyday and suddenly there were "No Girls." I learned fast how to adjust and fit in at St. Louis, graduated in 1965 and went on to the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I had enjoyed my math and physics classes in high school and thought I would be a great engineer. I thrived at UH in all my math, science and engineering classes, but in my junior year, I joined the Army Reserves and went to basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I then went on to Fort Belvoir in Virginia for my advanced training, eventually returned to Honolulu to complete my University of Hawaii studies and graduated with a BS Degree in General Engineering in 1971. In 1970, I had been accepted into the one year National Guard Officers Training School, so I completed the Officers Training in 1972. I

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then started my engineering career with Hawaiian Dredging in February, 1972 and when I realized I didn't like being an engineer, I ended my engineering career ten months later in November, 1972. As a college student, I worked part-time at WigWam Furniture and sold carpeting with Stan Koki. When I left Hawaiian Dredging, I went back to WigWam and Stan to consider my options. I found that I enjoyed the carpet business and in 1974, Stan and I opened our own business, The Carpet Shop in Consumer City on Dillingham. In 1976 we decided to expand with a second store and opened our American Carpet Company location on Young Street. In 1978, we were offered an opportunity to open a store inside the BJ Furniture Showroom on Beretania and with time, the Wo family offered other business expansion opportunities. In 1981, we opened our flagship American Carpet Company on Sand Island Access Road and our expansion continued over the years into Kaneohe and Waiialae Avenue. In 1988, we joined the national retail organization Carpet One, in 1992 we consolidated operations back into our Sand Island Access Road location and in 1994 we changed our name to American Carpet One. Over the years, my career in carpeting involved lots of traveling and meeting people. A good friend of mine from Salinas, California always shared his Rotary experiences with me during national meetings and conferences. Ralph Mau was an old family friend and when he invited me to lunch in 1997, I was happy to join him, see what Rotary was all about and determine for myself if Ralph's Rotary matched the stories I had heard over the years. At that first lunch, I found myself among people who care about others while happily giving back to their community. I enjoy the fellowship, find our meetings to be a great break from hectic work days and

since I'm usually very busy, appreciate the programs educating me about current events. Rotary is a great organization of friends sharing common interests in giving back and I look forward to many years of being a Rotarian.

## The Four-Way Test

*Of the things we Think, Say and Do*

Is it the **Truth**?

Is it **Fair** to all concerned?

Will it build **Goodwill** and **Better Friendships**?

Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

## Weekly Meeting Highlights

**Marathon Man IV:** This week's "Marathon Man" is actually a "Tri-athlete". Scott O'Brien started the meeting with the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and finally the Introduction of guests.



*Marathon Man IV: Scott O'Brien.*

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## Swim with the Dolphins in the Pool:

Come to the Club's first social event of this Rotary year on Saturday, September 18, 5:00PM at Uraku Tower on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor pool area. If you don't want to swim, you can enjoy two Jacuzzis (one is hot like a Japanese hot-spring) or the steam room. All this before enjoying a delicious dinner catered by Club member Tri Nguyen. A sign up sheet is available at the entry table at every meeting. You have three more meetings to sign up. The cost for the event is as follows:

- Adults: \$24.00
- Children 8 – 12: \$12.00
- Kids Under 8: Free!



*These are real dolphins, but the ones in the pool are pretty cool too.*

**Aloha Week:** Ala Moana Rotary's own, Sam Shenkus is again very active with the Aloha Week festivities. The mission of this fundraiser is to 1) pay for the costs of the venues, entertainment, and the like, and 2) to promote Hawaiian culture. Aloha Week on Oahu will be from 10 through 19 September 2004. If you are interested in purchasing an Aloha Festivals 2004 ribbon, please see Sam. The theme for the ribbon is "No Na Kamali'i" – "For the Children".



*Sam Shenkus with an Aloha Week Ribbon, Program, and \$5.*

## 2004-2005 District 5000 Community

**Service:** Past President Kristine Blancq announced that this fiscal year's pamphlet outlining annual community service goals has been distributed to each club by District 5000 Community Service Committee (Kristine is a member of the District 5000 committee). The information pamphlet will be presented to our Community Service Committee Chairperson, Victor Corpuz, for follow-up and implementation.

**Upcoming Board Meetings:** President Milton announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on 07 September 2004. He also announced that District Governor Claude Thompson will be attending our October board meeting, so we have our work cut out for us in September in preparation.

## District 5000 Interact Leadership

**Conference:** This year's conference will be held on 11 September 2004 at Ala Moana Beach Park. Additional details are on the

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flyer at the end of the bulletin. Persons who previously signed up for this event are as follows:

Clayton Wong	Dave Berry
Dick Bento	Mary Ann Berry
Tony Wong	Victor Corpuz
Chris Worrall	Craig Yoshikawa
Garrett Takata	Kevin McCrary
Stanley Togikawa	Ethan Tomokiyo

We are collecting a list of volunteer Rotarians and participant Interactors, since the submission deadline is 06 September 2004. Please see Victor Corpuz if you would like to be added to or removed from the above volunteer list.

Interestingly, District 5000 Rotary will be participating in the Aloha Week Parade on that very day, ironically starting from Ala Moana Beach Park! Contact President Milton for more details on the parade.



*Rotary Advisor's group discussion at the 2003 Leadership Conference at Moanalua High School. PDG Linda Coble facilitating.*

**Kids Voting Hawaii 2004:** We have been attending training sessions for this year's rendition of Kids Voting Hawaii. It seems a little easier this year in that we only need to man one polling station on Election Day this

year (02 November 2004) – McKinley High School. However, we have a great deal of downloads from the website to make, printing, and distribution of tokens for the students to use to access their electronic ballots (We are in charge of the tokens this year). Those previously volunteering to assist with this effort were as follows:

Clayton Wong	Dave Berry
Dick Bento	Ethel Ching
Mary Ann Berry	Sam Shenkus
Stephen Arita	Tony Wong
Victor Corpuz	Butch Bukes
Chris Worrall	Craig Yoshikawa
Ethan Tomokiyo	Garrett Takata
Kevin McCrary	Kris Blancq
Richard Kagehiro	Ron Plumb
Scott O'Brien	Stanley Togikawa
Steve Voigt	Syl Nakamura

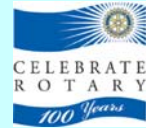


*Stanton Haugen at a previous Kids Voting Hawaii function.*

We are currently in the process of identifying the tasks requiring manpower, and we will let you know what needs to be done shortly. Stay tuned - More to follow.

**HBA Interact Club Fundraising Project:** Fellow member and New Generations Committee member, David Arita, reminded us about HBA Interact's annual fundraiser

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when he brought in a HUGE, HEAVY box of empty ink cartridges to today's meeting! Seriously, save those empty ink cartridges - HBA Interact will again be collecting these for their Heifer International Project. Last year, with a little assistance from our club, they purchased a cow for a needy family in a Third World Country.



*The sign from last year's HBA Interact Club's empty ink cartridge collection drive.*

**Guest Speaker:** Hal Jones, from Global Hope Network, spoke to our club today. He wanted to make us aware of the activities he and his organization have been involved with.



*Hal Jones from Global Hope Network, with Past President Kristine Blancq.*

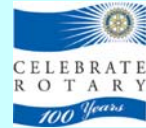
Global Hope Network has been in existence for about 4 years, and was formed just after the 11 September incident. They are currently involved in about 35 troubled countries, like Afghanistan, Iraq, Kenya, and other African countries. They are a non-governmental agency (NGO), better known as a charity. They provide general aid to needy people, but have been recently focusing on education.

Hal said they try to help people help themselves. He gave an example where they brought in sewing machines to Afghanistan where women could sew clothing. The women made about \$2/day as a result, double the average income for the country!

Hal added that they funded the first co-educational school in Afghanistan. In Iraq, with the help of the military and other NGO's, about 1,600 schools have been repaired to date. As mentioned earlier, the focus has been on education. It takes about \$20/year per student to purchase school books and supplies, and they are helping with providing these items.

Hal also shared his first hand observations of what's going on in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said most of the violence is in the Sunni Triangle, and the remaining areas are generally peaceful. The kidnappings are mostly money-making ventures, and groups trade hostages like commodities. But ultimately, the average Moslem family wants the same things as any other family - to raise their families in peace. Out of around 50 Moslem countries world-wide, there are perhaps only two democratic countries - Turkey and Indonesia.

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Global Hope Network is also working in AIDS-ravaged areas in Africa. He said there are some towns with only children as a result of the epidemic. The local warlords also recruit these children as warriors in their organizations. Global Hope Network is attempting to break this trend.

Hal also shared a sad statistic with the club: Since 1945, there have been 250 wars, and 150 million people have perished as a direct result. There are also around 30 million certified refugees world-wide. The good news is that many of the 5 million Moslem refugees (about 15 percent of the total) are returning to their homelands.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

07 Sept. 2004	Board Meeting
09 Sept. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Robbie Alm – HECO)
11 Sept. 2004	District 5000 Interact Leadership Conference
14 Sept. 2004	HBA Interact Meeting #3 (12:10 PM)
16 Sept. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Maile Kanemaru – Weed & Seed Program, & HBA Interact Officers/Advisors visit)
18 Sept. 2004	Pool Party (Uraku Tower, 5:00 PM)
23 Sept. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Duke Bainum)
30 Sept. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Mufi Hanneman – tentative)
02 Oct. 2004	Rotary International President-Elect Dinner
07 Oct. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Peter Carlisle – Constitutional Amendments)
14 Oct. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Adm. Ronald Zlatoper)
21 Oct. 2004	Allen Chung (Best Places to Work)
04 Nov. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (George Berish)
18 Nov. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Herb Orr)
09 Dec. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Steve Seiler – DLNR Forestry Div.)
22-23 Jan. 2004	RYLA Camp - Oahu

**Note:** September is Rotary New Generations month.

CELEBRATE ROTARY WITH RI PRESIDENT-ELECT

# Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

## President's Dinner – October 2, 2004

*Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, RI President 2005-2006*

Past, present and future officers of Rotary International will gather in Waikiki in early October for the annual Zone 23-24 Zone Institute. All Hawaii Rotarians are cordially invited to join them for The President's Dinner on Saturday, October 2, 2004 to honor RI President-Elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of Sweden. Be among the first in the world to meet the 2005-2006 President as he shares his vision of Rotary in our second century of service.

**Saturday, October 2, 2004**

**Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki**

**No-Host Reception: 5: 30 p.m.**

**Dinner and Program: 6:30 p.m.**

**\$49 per person**



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*Mail or hand-deliver this completed form with payment to your Club Secretary, who will issue your numbered ticket(s). Make checks payable "Waikiki Institute 2004." Club Secretaries will mail collected forms and checks to Registrar Terri Clark: 1227 Parkside Drive, McKinleyville, CA 95519, each week until the September 10th deadline. Policy on refunds: Dinner tickets refundable until September 27, 2004.*