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Membership Minute

"WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?"

by Sam Shenkus

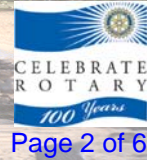


Richard Kagehiro

When I was born in Osaka, my Dad was an Engineer for the Army at Camp Otsu in Japan. My father was born on Kauai, but he traveled a lot as a civil service worker. He was transferred to Osaka in 1952, met my Mom, got married and I was born in 1955. In 1957 we came back to Hawaii, but Dad was transferred to Yokohama in 1960. I attended the DOE military elementary and middle schools until we moved to Korea in 1969. I started high school as a freshman at the Seoul American High School, played on the basketball and baseball teams and was the lead guitarist in a "Chicago style" 18 piece band "Big Dick's Rubber Band". I was Dick and leader of the band, so I very sadly returned to the islands when Dad retired in 1972. I attended Kaimuki High School as a senior and graduated in 1973. I attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and majored in Travel Industry Management. During college I worked at Duty Free in Waikiki for two years then joined Hawaiian Airlines when I had the opportunity to be a customer

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service representative for the Japanese visitors at the airport. Since my TIM studies also included transportation, I joined the Hawaiian Airlines sales department after graduating in 1977 with a BBA in Travel Industry Management and still have some great memories of FAM tours with fellow sales team member Brickwood Galateria. In 1985 I joined the new Mid-Pacific Airlines Company and was based in Japan as the Regional Sales Manager. I overlooked the Japan market, as well as Korea and Taiwan. Mid-Pacific went out of business in 1989 and I returned to Honolulu to start my own business, Japanese Sales & Marketing Services, with an emphasis on the Japanese visitor market. In the early 90's, I met Joycelyn Lerud and became one of her accounting clients. Then I met Roger thru another business associate and after we got to know each other, Roger invited me to his Rotary lunch in 1993. I remember that I appreciated the upbeat atmosphere of the meeting and the positive energy of the group. I was in the midst of a divorce, found the fellowship to be a welcome break in my work day and the Rotary club was something new to explore. In 1999, I changed careers and joined Dream Cruises as the Japanese Service Manager, and also served as the club president. My goal was to bring fun and laughter to our meetings and to create a community service relationship with a neighborhood school. After all these years, it is very rewarding that we still provide fundraising support for the programs of Lunalilo Elementary School on Fern Street with our chicken sale. In 2004, I joined Tour Shop, a subsidiary of Polynesian Hospitality, as the Operations and Customer Service Manager to take another new career path. Over the years, I have come to appreciate the international aspects of Rotary as I travel, the fellowship of

Rotarians at our weekly meetings and the integrity of The Four Way Test as an anchor in my life.



The Four-Way Test

Of the things we Think, Say and Do

Is it the **Truth**?

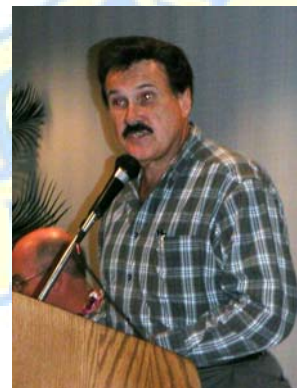
Is it **Fair** to all concerned?

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

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

Weekly Meeting Highlights

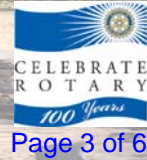
Marathon Man V: Leon Wolfley did this week's rendition of the pledge, introduction, and prayer/inspiration. And Leon is a REAL Marathon Man – Recall he raced in last year's Honolulu Marathon! Seriously, Leon resurrected his piece on "attitude", a most inspirational piece!



Marathon Man V: Leon Wolfley – The real deal.

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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 4th 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 two 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!



Another cool dolphin picture.

Mary Ann announced that only 8 or 9 people have signed up, and we need at least 25 to make the event happen. If we do not meet this threshold, and scaled back event will be contemplated.

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.



Sam Shenkus (left): The person to see for your Aloha Week Ribbons (right)!

District 5000 Interact Leadership Conference: This year's conference will be held on 11 September 2004 at Ala Moana Beach Park. Those remaining on the sign-up list are as follows:

Clayton Wong
Mary Ann Berry
Garrett Takata

Dave Berry
Tony Wong
Ethan Tomokiyo

Members signed-up for the service project at Magic Island but not staying for lunch are:

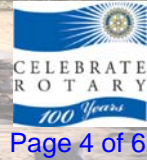
Victor Corpuz
Scott O'Brien

Craig Yoshikawa
Kevin McCrary

Interestingly, District 5000 Rotary will be participating in the Aloha Week Parade on that very day, ironically starting from Ala Moana Beach Park! If you are interested in participating, contact President Milton for

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more details on the parade. If parking at the beach park becomes not possible, it was suggested that volunteers park at Ala Moana Center and walk to the park. See you there!



Possible service project presentation from 2003 Leadership Conference at Moanalua High School – CPR Hula. Yes, that's Lisa Bilgrave in the middle.



Footnote: *Lisa is the person in-charge of RYLA Camp on Oahu this year (under Dave Berry's charge). This year's camp on Oahu will be on 22 & 23 January 2005.*

Rotary International President-Elect Dinner Reception: President Milton announced that he now has tickets for this event to be held on 02 October 2004. See Milton if you would like to purchase tickets (\$49) or if you would like more information.

Change in Ala Moana Rotary Board of Directors: President Milton announced that Mary Ann has been elected

to be Vice President on our board. Please congratulate Mary Ann when you have a chance!

Significant Happy Dollars: Good News! Our own, Kristine Blancq took the ultimate plunge! She remarried Bill Westmoreland. Please congratulate Kris when you have a chance!



Ala Moana Rotary's newest bride, Kristine.

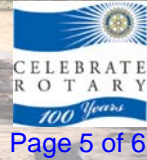
A Big Mahalo from Ala Moana Hotel's Staff: Gina, representing the hotel's staff, personally thanked the club for the generous gift we recently presented them. Gina said she and the staff were very happy that we decided to stay with the hotel, and that it just would not be the same without us there.



Gina, representing the Ala Moana Hotel Staff.

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HBA Interact Club Fundraising

Project: Save those empty ink cartridges! HBA Interact will again be collecting these for their Heifer International Project. The project involves raising funds to purchase farm animals for needy families in a Third World Countries.



Mr. Skip Polson from Heifer International Project. Recall that he spoke to us at one of our club meetings last year.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Robbie Alm from the Hawaiian Electric Company spoke to our club today about our energy future. Robbie actually started by discussing our energy "present". Historically, our power consumption has increased by about 2 percent per year, but this year it is about 5 percent up from last year. At this rate, we will breach our ability to provide power needs around 2009. Therefore, preemptive measures are necessary.



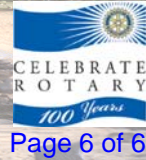
Dave Berry with guest speaker, Robbie Alm.

Robbie said that HECO is attacking the power shortage in four primary ways:

- Power Efficiency & Conservation: Conservation is essentially using less. Its similar to what the Board of Water Supply does appealing to the public to conserve. Power efficiency is using more efficient appliances. It also is using compact fluorescent bulbs and solar water heaters. Visit www.heco.com for additional business and residential power saving ideas.
- New Power Generation Technology: This involves burning new forms of fuel such as: hydrogen, ethanol and hybrid fuels, biomass. HECO is currently applying for air quality permits although the fuels that they intend to burn are not yet commercially available. They are doing this in an attempt to provide seamless power service to it's customers.
- Additional Power Plants: The primary focus is on "mini" power plants that take care of a campus or a community. These plants kick in during off peak hours (hours other than those between 5 –9 PM). The biggest challenge is to gain acceptability of how these plants look. The mini power plants also re-use heat to assist in the power generation process.
- Renewable Energy: The primary focus has been on wind farms and geothermal power. The problem with geothermal energy production is getting the power from the Big

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Island to the other items. Windmill technology has improved significantly. HECO is currently studying the possibility of establishing a wind farm behind Kahe Power Plant and is also trying to get back on the wind farm in Kahuku.

HECO is also experimenting with off-peak billing systems. That is, they would charge less for off peak hour use and more between the hours of 5 and 9 PM. Hopefully this will promote greater awareness of the power supply and promote the use of newer technologies such as but not limited to, ice cooling systems (system makes ice during off peak hours. The system then uses the ice to supplement the air-conditioning system during the day). Finally, Robbie asked for our help. He said that HECO needs community participation in the power conservation effort. If we know of any group that he can speak with regarding this matter, let him know.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 11 Sept. 2004 | District 5000 Interact Leadership Conference (7:30 AM, Ala Moana Beach Park – Magic Island) |
| 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) |
| 16 Oct. 2004 | Kaena Pt. or Mt. Kaala Service Project (tentative) |
| 21 Oct. 2004 | Weekly Lunch Meeting (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.