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Membership Minute

"WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?"

by Sam Shenkus

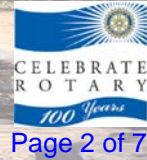


Bob Hayashi

I was born and raised in Toyama Prefecture in Japan. During my high school years at Takaoka High School, I became very interested in tennis and one of my favorite teachers was Mr. Shimbo. He was very patient, and as my athletic skills developed, I decided I wanted to follow in his footsteps and become a Physical Education Teacher. I graduated from Takaoka High School in 1965 and attended the Nippon College of Physical Education in Tokyo. I was an education major with a minor in physical education, as well as an active member of the Nippon College Tennis Team. We never won any tournaments, but we had lots of fun and I enjoyed playing on the team throughout my college years. I graduated from college in 1969 and Mr. Shimbo had arranged for a position in my home town. However, I decided to accept a government position in Tokyo at the Olympic Memorial Youth Center for the Ministry of Education. I met many people at this Youth Center, including UH-Hilo Associate Professor

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Herbert Hamai, who was visiting Japan on a study tour. Herbert was also the UH-Hilo Athletic Director, so with our mutual love of Physical Education, we became good friends. In 1971, I went to UH-Hilo to study English and then I planned to attend the University of Oregon for my Masters and Doctorate Degrees in Physiology. In 1973, I sadly had to return to Japan when I ran out of money and was prohibited from working under the restrictions of a foreign student visa. Luckily, I found a job as a sales representative for Hawaiian Pacific Resorts, a hotel chain that is now called Castle Resorts. For three years, I represented them and traveled between Tokyo and Hawaii. In 1975, I was offered the opportunity to transfer to the Honolulu Headquarters and the company sponsored my visa. In 1976, I was sponsored to obtain a permanent resident green card and I continued to meet many people as my career and travels grew. In 1979, I became the Director of International Sales for Tours, Inc., a company owned by Ray Miyashiro. In 1984, I went back to the hotel business as the Director of International Sales for Sheraton Hotels-Neighbor Islands. In 1986, I became the Director of Japanese Sales for the Princess Kaiulani Hotel in Waikiki. In 1988, I decided that I wanted to spend more time with my family and I started my own business, Gold Wood, Inc. Real Estate. In 1991, I expanded and bought Asia Travel Service, a full service "outbound" travel agency and I remain very busy as a Real Estate Broker and with Asia Travel. Over the years, Harry Kaneta and his wife Tomiko became my travel customers and joined our tours. One day, Harry invited me to lunch and I was hesitant since Rotary in Japan is very formal and known for very prestigious business leaders. Harry was persistent and I remember how surprised I was at my first

Rotary lunch. Everyone was so friendly sharing laughter and conversations, I felt comfortable and yet I still felt very honored to be asked to join Rotary in 2000. Since I travel so much, I especially enjoy the International aspects of Rotary. Just last week I was in a very small country town called Gujyo-Hachiman in Gifu Prefecture. I had enjoyed a simple soba noodle lunch and when I was paying the bill, I noticed the Rotary Wheel and 4-Way Test in Japanese on the wall. I thought to myself, "Wow, Rotary is everywhere", and it was wonderful meeting a fellow Rotarian and his wife in a small noodle shop in the countryside of Japan.

THE COMPANY WE KEEP – SOME FAMOUS ROTARIANS

Shaik-Esu Mohamed Al-Dahalif – Bahrain Ambassador to Saudi Arabia – RC Manama, Bahrain

Fonad Ammonun, Minister of National Economics, Lebanon - RC Beirut

Clinton Anderson, US Secretary of Agriculture and US Senator - RC of Albuquerque, NM

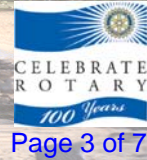
Neil Armstrong, first man to walk on the moon - RC of Wapakoneta, Ohio

Asgeir Aspeirsson, President of Iceland - RC of Reykjavik

Alexander Avdeev, Soviet Ambassador to Luxembourg - RC of Luxembourg-Vallces

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Weekly Meeting Highlights

Marathon Man VII: We were in for a special treat when Kevin McCrary did this week's rendition of the pledge, introduction, and prayer/inspiration. Kevin shared an inspirational piece about how irritating it would be if God had an answering system! Seriously, I've always admired Kevin's voice – He is naturally suited to public speaking and this sort of gig!



Marathon Man VII: Kevin McCrary, our own member who could be a super "radio personality".

Kids Voting Hawaii: This project is proceeding rapidly! Our own Scott O'Brien will be taking care of the token printing (about 6,200 of them!). We will eventually need volunteers to deliver tokens to the McKinley complex schools. If you would like to volunteer to deliver tokens to individual schools and act as our club's contact person to one or more of the schools, please see a New Generations Committee member, or

President Milton. The schools we are responsible for are as follows:

- Central Middle School
- Kaahumanu Elementary School
- Kaiulani Elementary School
- Kauluwela Elementary School
- Lanakila Elementary School
- Likelike Elementary School
- McKinley High School
- Royal Elementary School
- Washignton Middle School



Scott O'Brien is scheduled to be completed with the printing by 24 September 2004. We will also need to man the election station at McKinley High School on 02 November 2004. President Milton is scheduled to receive the Kids Voting Banners on 09 October 2004. Accommodations for this are still being planned. More details to follow!

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we Think, Say and Do

Is it the **Truth**?

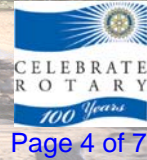
Is it **Fair** to all concerned?

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

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

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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.

DG Claude's email message to District Interact Representative Melissa Benz (09/18/04):

Aloha Melissa,
Thanks for taking the time to introduce me around on Saturday (at the Leadership Conference). I have had some inquiries regarding whether Interactors have to pay if they go to the dinner. I have encouraged all Rotary clubs to sponsor at least two Interact or Rotaract members to the dinner. **I am going to address this once again with all my club presidents, asking if anyone is interested in sponsoring an Interact or Rotaract student to the dinner. If you know of any Interact student who is interested and cannot afford a ticket please start a list with their name and contact information. I will attempt to find sponsors to purchase tickets for those students.**

Also remember that parents are also invited to attend the dinner and learn more about Rotary. The tickets sell for \$49.00. Do you think students will ask their parents to come to the dinner?

Thanks for your input and support.

Footnote: HBA Interact Club Co-Presidents Elizabeth Simonson and Melissa Benz will be attending this event. Per a special request from District Governor Claude Thompson, he is looking for members to sponsor Interact Club members and their

families to attend this event (See DG Claude's email message hereinbefore). So far, Dave and Mary Ann Berry have sponsored two, and President Milton has sponsored two more. If you would like to sponsor, please contact President Milton.



HBA Interact Co-Presidents Melissa Benz (L) and Elizabeth Simonson (R).

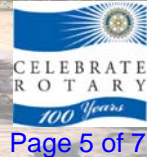
HBA Interact Club Fundraising Project: Save those empty ink cartridges! HBA Interact is again collecting these for their Heifer International Project. Based on their experience from last year, they've set up an elaborate collection system including a drop-off location at their Administration Building. The project involves raising funds to purchase farm animals for needy families in a Third World Countries.



The empty ink cartridge drop-off point at HBA's Upper School Campus Administration Building. Roger Lerud's latest deposit is at left!

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Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve

Service Project: We have a rare opportunity to visit Kaena Point for a day of service tentatively rescheduled for 06 November 2004, weather permitting of course. The service day will mostly be educational – We will see the burrows that the endangered shearwater and albatross make (instead of nests). The service-portion of the day will primarily involve collecting debris from the beach (cargo netting, beer cans and bottles, and the like).

Service Project Tid-Byte:



*Kaena Point Trail
(trail highlighted).*

Trail Description Connecting the interrupted Farrington Highway (Rte 930) between Waianae and Mokuleia, this is a flat, dry, four-wheel drive trail to Oahu's westernmost point and natural area reserve (NARS). It's easy for any family member to handle. The trail's terrain may be boring, but there are interesting tidbits along the way. These include a cave, squirting rock, fishing points, rock arches, "golfball"-radars, and more. Native vegetation sprawls about the sand at the Kaena Point area. It's hot and bright, but probably the easiest trek you'll find on Oahu. Don't forget the views of the Waianae Coast!

We may also be transporting steel stakes to make personnel barriers around some of the nesting areas. We will be participating in this service project with the HBA Interact Club, as we normally do with many of our

service projects. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the reception table shortly, and please see Victor Corpuz for more details.

Super Good News! I promised the person I'm about to recognize that I would not divulge the particulars of his kind act, but I was sufficiently touched that I felt compelled to write this. I, on the behalf of the New Generations Committee, would like to express our extreme gratitude to Bob Lundy. All I can say is that his act of kindness was very significant and will make many of Ala Moana Rotary's New Generations programs a reality. Mahalo Bob!

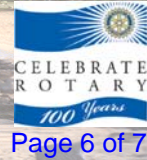


Bob Lundy, a quiet Rotarian, but making meaningful contributions and a big difference!

And We have Two More! More super good news! Ethan Tomokiyo and Berlyn Hinazumi joined the ranks of the Paul Harris Fellowship during our lunch meeting today! Please personally congratulate both of them when you have an opportunity!

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Ala Moana Rotary's two newest Paul Harris Fellows: Berlyn Hinazumi and Ethan Tomokiyo.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Duke Bainum, candidate for Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, spoke to our club today about his candidacy for Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu.



Ethel Ching with Mayoral Candidate Dr. Duke Bainum.

Duke prefaced his presentation by telling us a little about his background. He actually grew up poor in Arkansas. His father was a plumber and his mother was a chicken farmer. He lived in Arkansas' version of "Ohana Housing". It was then that he

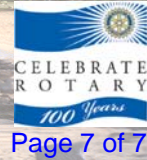
learned the value of hard work. Later, his family entered the motel business, and much later they went into rural banking.

Duke said his vision for the city and his plan for the first 100 days in office is on his website. He said Honolulu's major strength is our people – honest people with a very strong work ethic. He wants to make Honolulu one of the great cities in the world by the year 2020, and the people are the cornerstone of his plan. Some of the improvements he would like to make are as follows:

- **Transportation:** Duke feels we need a light rail system, like many of the great cities on the mainland (Vancouver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, for example).
- **Business Environment:** Duke feels we need to keep businesses already in Hawaii as well attract new industries to the islands (Biotechnology for one). He also proposes that we team with private clearinghouses like Enterprise Honolulu to assist in this effort.
- **Quality of Life:** Duke believes that good architecture, planning and development are essentials. The arts and the symphony are also key components. Duke also feels our flora and fauna are treasures that need to be protected.
- **Trust in Government:** Duke said we need to take the politics out of government. Consultants and vendors should be selected based on their qualifications and track history.

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- **Government Efficiency:** Duke feels that morale needs to be improved within city government and good management is important. Communications between civil servants and between departments also could be improved. An example he gave was the length of time it takes to get a building permit – The way it is now is very much not business-friendly.
- **Infrastructure:** Our infrastructure is old and deteriorating, and we need to reinvest. This includes our parks and roads as well. Duke feels cooperation with the State government is essential in correcting this problem.



Another shot of our guest speaker and Mayoral Candidate Dr. Duke Bainum.

In closing, Duke said that he was not going to run for Governor in two years. He just wants to bring honesty and trust back into government, and run the City as if it were a business.



UPCOMING EVENTS

30 Sept. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Mufi Hanneman – tentative)
02 Oct. 2004	Rotary International President-Elect Dinner
05 Oct. 2004	Board Meeting (12:00 Noon) – DG Claude Thompson visit
07 Oct. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Peter Carlisle – Constitutional Amendments)
09 Oct. 2004	District Centennial President's Workshop
14 Oct. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Adm. Ronald Zlatoper)
21 Oct. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Allen Chung - Best Places to Work)
02 Nov. 2004	Kids Voting Hawaii – Election Day
04 Nov. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (George Berish)
06 Nov. 2004	Kaena Point Service Project (tentative)
18 Nov. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Herb Orr)
04 Dec. 2004	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
09 Dec. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Steve Seiler – DLNR Forestry Div.)
11 Dec. 2004	Christmas Party (Nuuanu Onsen Tea House)
22 Jan. 2005	Chicken Sale
22-23 Jan. 2005	RYLA Camp - Oahu
01 Apr. 2005	Hiroshima Sister Club 10 th Anniversary
28 Apr. 2005	Administrative Professional's Day Lunch