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## It's Back! Membership Moment "What Does Rotary Mean to Me?" By Sam Shenkus

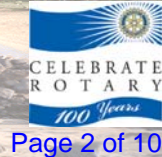


Fellow Rotarian Yoshinubi "Yoshi" Ogawa, one of our newest Paul Harris Fellow!

I was born and raised in Sapporo, located on Hokkaido Island, in Japan. When I was in 7th grade, my Mother started taking tea ceremony lessons and I watched her with great interest over the years. During my high school years at Kosei High School, my interest in Japanese art and ceramics had grown with the influence of my Mother's lessons. However, since art and ceramics were not academic priorities for passing the critical college entrance exams, I couldn't spend much time expanding my cultural knowledge. I graduated from Kosei High School in 1969 and entered Hokusei University in Sapporo to major in International Economics. As a college freshman, I didn't have the same academic pressures and finally found the free time to visit museums and develop a greater understanding of Japanese ceramics. During my sophomore year of college, my Mother

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graduated to the level of conducting a tea ceremony and she recommended that I expand my enjoyment of Japanese ceramics by studying the tea ceremony. In 1973, I graduated from Hokusei with a degree in International Economics. I then went to Kyoto to attend Doshishya University for a Masters Degree in Chinese International Economics. I also wanted to continue my High Tea studies and joined Dr. Sen's Urasenke School in Kyoto. In 1974, after only one year, I decided to end my international economics studies and devote my life to reaching the Mastership level of the tea. In 1975 Dr. Sen offered me the chance to manage the Tea House in Sydney, Australia. I said "No thank you", and was very luckily offered the position in Honolulu that also included being the instructor for the University of Hawaii non-credit tea classes. Over the years, one of my favorite memories are the University of Hawaii events in 1978 honoring Dr. Sen with a professorship to expand the high tea classes to full credit status. Dr. Sen has personally traveled to the University of Hawaii at Manoa every spring and fall to teach his classes and it has been my honor to personally assist Dr. Sen. Another major event also happened in 1978 when a friend of mine brought a very nice lady from Japan to my class. I guess she really liked my class since Mayumi became one of my students and we were married here in Hawaii in 1980. Dr. Sen had been very active in Rotary International for many years and he kept bugging me to join Rotary. I had always respected Rotary since my Father had been a Rotarian and I attended many Rotary make-up meetings with Dr. Sen when he was teaching on Oahu. By 1997 I finally had the time for weekly meetings, and when Gene Carson invited me to lunch, I was very happy to join him. I remember

feeling very comfortable at the Ala Moana Club and how so many of the members remembered my visits with Dr. Sen. Rotary to me is the fellowship of new Rotarian friends when I travel, or the welcome break in my busy days at our meetings. Our Rotary Club is a different world where everyone is friendly and I look forward to relaxing with my friends and helping others through the goodwill of Rotary.

### THE COMPANY WE KEEP – SOME FAMOUS ROTARIANS

**David Arita**, Golf Phenomenon and Retailer – RC of Ala Moana, HI

**Steve Arita**, New Father and Administrator - RC of Ala Moana, HI

**Frank Borman**, astronaut - RC of Houston Space Center, TX

**Sir Norman Brearley**, Australian aviation pioneer - RC of Perth

**Admiral Ricard Byrd**, Arctic explorer - RC of Winchester, VA

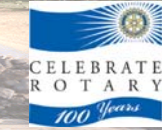
**Josep Ma Vayreda Canadell**, painter - RC of Gerona, Spain

### District 5000 President's Workshop

On 09 October 2004, at the Plaza Hotel, we had the opportunity to attend and participate in the District 5000 President's Meeting. Ala Moana Rotarians Milton Miyakawa, Dave

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Berry, and Clayton Wong attended. The morning was dedicated to district business. Ala Moana Rotary's Dave Berry and Clayton Wong had the opportunity to present reports on their respective district committees' activities.



President Milton's Jerry Lewis Telethon picture.

We also received a ton of information about what's going on, from projects to fundraising ideas, and from the district conference to mediation skills. See President Milton for more information.

## Weekly Meeting Highlights

**Kids Voting Hawaii:** You still have a chance to sign up for this project! And we sure could use more help.



President Milton has the Kids Voting Banners, and we need volunteers to put them up and take them down on Election

Day. We also need help testing the computer equipment on 01 November 2004 (just to see that the computer set-up can access the Kids Voting Hawaii website). **We will need to man the polling station at McKinley High School Cafetorium on 02 November 2004 between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. All we need to do is wait there until a student comes to vote, then point him to the computer polling station. In the event the student does not have a token, we understand that extra tokens will be provided to us to furnish to the student. Easy enough!** A sign-up sheet has been distributed the past two weeks, and its not too late to **sign up!** So far we have the following volunteers:

### 7:00 – 8:00 AM

Hubert Chang, Richard Kagehiro

### 8:00 – 10:00 AM

Ben Akana, Dick Bento, Butch Bukes

### 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Stanley Togikawa, Berlyn Hinazumi, Syl Nakamura

### 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

Steve Voigt, Ralph Mau, Craig Yoshikawa

### 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Dave Berry, Mary Ann Berry, Candice Naito

### 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Kris Westmoreland, Sam Shenkus, Ron Plumb

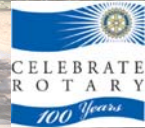
See Linda Cobles message at the end of the bulletin for additional information.



**Get out there and help!**

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## **More Kids Voting Hawaii Facts:**

Research has confirmed the impact of the KVUSA program on voting patterns and civic participation. As students learn about the political process and participate in real-life voting experiences, they gain the skills and confidence to be active citizens as adults.

The Kids Voting USA program encourages students to become more involved in the democratic process and especially to realize the importance of voting when they turn 18 years old.

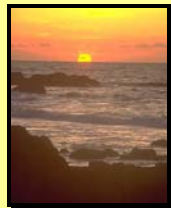
In communities with a KVUSA program, the voting rate for registered 18-year-olds is 14 percentage points higher than their non-participating peers, according to a study in Kansas.

## **Kaena Point Natural Area Reserve Service Project:**

We have a rare opportunity to join HBA Interact Club in a visit to Kaena Point for a day of service tentatively rescheduled for **20 November 2004**, weather permitting of course. We need to wait until HBA Interact Club resumes classes to find out if this date works. For now, read the "Tid-Bytes" and use your imagination!

## **More Service Project Tid-Bytes:**

*A few more words from someone else who's already been there...*



*We don't plan on being there then, so I thought I'd include a sunset picture at Kaena Point.*

Few of us realize the enormous impact we can have on an environment by simply being there, or by doing something as seemingly innocuous as walking on groundcover instead of a trail. Kaena Point may never fully recover as long as man is present, but by taking a few common sense precautions while we are there, we can help the comeback of flora and fauna alike.

Ground cover is totally indispensable for keeping the sand and soil intact, especially in a place as wide open and exposed to the elements as Kaena Point. In less than five years, more than six feet of sand disappeared from around the Kaena Point lighthouse due to ground cover destruction by jeep, motorbike, ATV and foot traffic. The closing off of Kaena to vehicular access is helping dunes and native plants recover. We can all help this effort by not walking through plants or over groundcover.

During November, the Laysan Albatross breed here, and sandy areas in the Reserve are potential nesting sites. Enormous numbers of native Hawaiian plants have become extinct over the last two centuries, but here sand dunes and talus slope ecosystems cradle many native Hawaiian plant species.

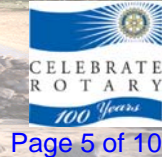
The reserve is also a refuge for the very rare Hawaiian monk seal, and green sea turtles crawl ashore to bury their eggs in the sand. Seabirds, including Red-footed and Brown Boobies, the Wedge-tailed Shearwater and Brown Noddy are common to the area. Humpback whales are seen breaching in the offshore waters during the winter breeding season.



**Also needs your help – Spread the word!**

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**Quad-athlete IX-B:** Immediate past-president Tony Wong was again our star athlete this week!



*Quad-athlete IX-B: Tony Wong.*

Actually, past-president Tony thought he'd get more practice in this week. Will he be back again next week? Will he become a pledge and introduction expert/specialist, for life? Stay tuned as the drama unfolds!

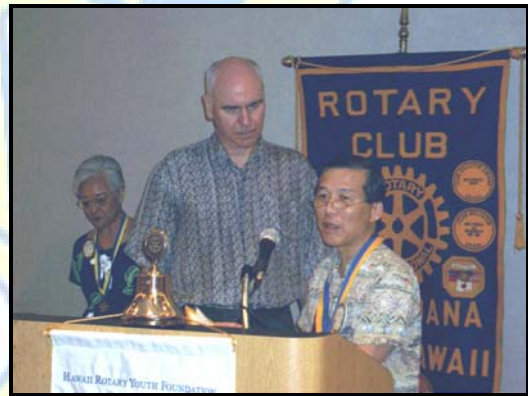
**Centennial Project:** President Milton reported that our cast bronze sign has finally arrived! All we need to do is find a suitable date and time to go up to Pahole for a day of service and hang the thing on the wall!



*Steve Seiler from Pahole letting some of us know what's native and what's not.*

In President Milton's own words, "It looks (not tastes) GREAT!" More to follow in future editions of the bulletin.

**Guest Speaker(s):** Admiral Ronald Zlatoper is currently in Afghanistan, so he was not able to speak at our meeting today. Hopefully he can join us for a future meeting. Our regular scheduled program was preempted, **but here they are to save the day!**



*Ron being inducted on 05 February 2004.*

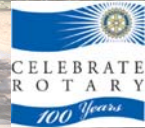
Instead, we had an opportunity to meet and hear from a couple of our newest members, Garrett Takata and Ron Plumb.



*Garrett being inducted on 13 May 2004.*

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- Garrett informed us that he is with the commercial leasing department with CPB and has been in the field for many years.
- Ron told of us his experience with Capitol Records and his encounters with John Lennon and how he ended up as CFO at Campbell



Garrett and Ron in action at the meeting.

Thanks guys for filling in. You're the best!



## 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?



Support Youth Services and  
New Generations –  
Investments in Our Future.

## The Rise and Fall (and Rise) of Polio

*It takes more than a village to keep a  
virus in business*

**74 Million** Number of African children that the World Health Organization hopes to vaccinate this October and November in an attempt to eradicate the polio virus before 2005.

**11** Number of months, beginning in August 2003, that the Nigerian government halted polio immunizations, amid rumors that the vaccine was spiked with the AIDS virus.

**1,148** Polio cases contracted worldwide during that time period.

**616** Number of those cases that were in Nigeria.

**161** Number of cases reported in Nigeria during the 11 months preceeding August 2003.

**10** Number of polio-infected countries surrounding Nigeria that were free of the virus prior to the outbreak.

**\$3 Billion** Total amount spent attemption to eradicate polio since 1988.

**\$100 Million** Amount spent attempting to contain the Nigerian outbreak.

**90** Percent of the global polio burden accounted for by Africa.

**Sources:** World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

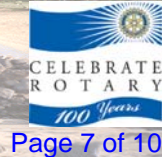
**Footnote:** Article compliments of immediate past-president Tony Wong.



When Immediate Past-President Tony speaks people listen!

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## Still Another Kids Voting Hawaii Message from PDG Linda Coble

**NOTE:** *Stuff pertaining to us and our volunteers are high-lighted.*

Aloha All,  
Just a brief update of the items discussed at the October 11th Board meeting, with Sterling, Irene, Jackie, and me.

### Technology

\*\*The Kids Voting Website is streaming video of the KVH PSA (found on the home page) produced by Waianae High School, and the DOE overview video (which can be found on the teachers' page) is also streamed. Please go to [www.kidsvotinghawaii.org](http://www.kidsvotinghawaii.org) and experience the website, so you know what's there and how to describe it! You can enter your precinct and district number without an id number during practice period, and call up your November 2nd ballot. AWESOME! After October 18th, you will need a kid with an id number :)

\*\*Tests are being run on the ballot. Things are looking well, so far. Great job, Jeff ! And mahalo Jill, for assisting Bob. Sterling, as always, mahalo for being there.

\*\*Sterling and Jeff will provide a daily report of number of students voting by school. Receiving these reports will be a select core group, which will follow-up

with areas that are showing little, if any participation.

\*\*Bob Lew will be getting a final summary of additional ballot issues, but so far 2 will be on ballot.

\*\*On November 2nd, any child who goes to a public high school to vote with out a student voter registration card will be given an "election day school" id number to enter, which will access a ballot. Each Rotary Club will receive a list of those id numbers prior to Nov. 2nd that they can use for the kids who come without their cards.

\*\*Sterling and Jeff are waiting for Elections Office to decide if Ralph Nader will be on Hawaii's ballot. When they know, we will know, and post accordingly.

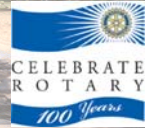
### Rotary Club participation:

\*\*Jill and I will work with Rotary clubs that are behind in delivering voter registration cards to schools. We do have 4 or 5 trouble areas, and we will work on bringing those complexes up to speed prior to October 18th. Mahalo to Jill for coming to the rescue a few times already! She downloaded entire complexes to meet the schools' expectations.

\*\*November 2nd polling sites at public high schools will be staffed by Rotarians. Rotarians are being asked to work with their complexes to make this happen. A 'how to' will be e-mailed to each Rotary Club, in advance of Nov. 2nd.

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**\*\*At the last Rotary Presidents' Meeting, all club presidents received a banner to place on the most visible outdoor fence in their complex, and VOTE HERE signs from KVUSA, to post on Election Day at high schools.**

**\*\*We will ask Office of Elections to identify schools that do not have adults voting there on Election Day. Those schools will take special care...opening on a day off will be a challenge we must meet.**

**\*\*Molokai and Lanai are covered, thanks to Lions clubs and Bonnie West. Voter registration cards have been downloaded and delivered, and they are already planning for November 2nd !**

**\*\*Rotarians are being asked to call their school contacts frequently, to see how they are doing, and what they need. Jill and I will work on those who are behind schedule. Schools are depending upon our delivery of student voter registration cards.**

**\*\*I need to know if there are special activities at schools, so I can inform the media.**

## **AT&T Hotline Phone Training**

**\*\*Wednesday, October 13th, 9:00 a.m., AT&T employees who have volunteered to staff the hotline number for KVH from October 18-November 2 will be trained by Sterling Yee. I will be there to offer overview. AT&T will be the link between public and school questions and our KVH organization, and I appreciate the**

**volunteer spirit of AT&T volunteers. Mahalo Jackie !!! More on this after the training.**

**\*\*Kids Voting Hotline numbers will be activated October 18th-November 2nd....808-592-vote (Oahu) and 866-778-vote (neighbor islands).**

## **Independent and Catholic Schools**

**\*\*We are working with contacts to deliver flyers and offer information when requested, concerning passwords and curriculum. So far, so good.**

## **November 2nd polling information**

**\*\*Rotary Clubs assigned to complexes are being asked to staff public high schools statewide on election day. I will be sending instructions to them as we get nearer to the date.**

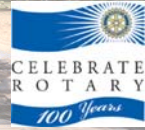
**\*\*Election Day School id-numbers will be supplied to November 2nd polling place workers, to give to kids who arrive without their registration cards.**

**\*\*Office of Elections is getting updated information on contacts from Rotary, who will be staffing the first shifts at these polling sites.**

**\*\*Office of Elections will be asked which public high schools will not be official adult polling places. These KVH locations will take special care and planning.**

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**\*\*Molokai's voting place Nov.2nd will be Kaunakakai Elementary, because it is more centrally located. Lions handling.**

**\*\* We are always looking for special ways schools are celebrating KVH, and all ideas should be forwarded to me in advance, so I can alert stations.**

### **Election Night Results:**

**\*\* Jackie Ingamels has offered AT&T as election day headquarters. As soon as final adult polling place has closed, the results will be announced by KVH and students at the area outside AT&T at Restaurant Row. TV and Radio stations will be advised. We cannot have big show...just an announcement of KVH results....then we will post on our website and send to media and KVUSA.**

**This should give you an idea of how far we all have come and what lies ahead. Mahalo to all, for your continued dedication to KIDS VOTING HAWAII. In Rotary, we call that SERVICE ABOVE SELF .....and you are the best examples of that I know!**

**\*\* You are invited to join us at AT&T at 6:15 pm November 2nd....hope to see you there.....board and Rotary Club Chairs especially !!!!**

**Mahalo,  
Linda**

**PS...your comments and questions are encouraged. We learn from each other !**

### **Public Relations:**

**\*\* Television stations have been given the 30 second spots produced by Waianae High Seariders Productions (now streaming on KVH website homepage)...and they have printed materials.**



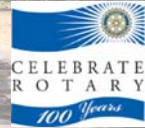
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**\*\* Radio stations are next. I will be visiting them and offering pre-written 'liner notes', which can be read by jocks in breaks.**

**\*\*Neighbor Island papers and radio stations will be contacted. I will supply Rotary clubs with 'talking points' if they are asked for interviews.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

19 Oct. 2004	HBA Interact Club Meeting #3 (12:10 PM)
21 Oct. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Allen Chung - Best Places to Work)
02 Nov. 2004	Kids Voting Hawaii - Election Day  Board Meeting (12:00 Noon)
04 Nov. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (George Berish)
13 Nov. 2004	Maui Interact Leadership Conference
18 Nov. 2004	Weekly Lunch Meeting (Herb Orr)
20 Nov. 2004	Kaena Point Service Project (tentative)
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)
15 Jan. 2005	District President's Workshop
22 Jan. 2005	Chicken Sale
22-23 Jan. 2005	RYLA Camp - Oahu
01 Apr. 2005	Hiroshima Sister Club 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
09 Apr. 2005	Big Band Bash
28 Apr. 2005	Administrative Professional's Day Lunch
27-29 May 2005	District 5000 Conference (Turtle Bay)
07 Oct. 2006	HRYF 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 2004-2005 R. I. CALENDAR

<b>Oct. 2004:</b>	<b>Vocational Service Month</b>
<b>Nov. 2004:</b> 01-07: 15:	<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b> <i>World Interact Week.</i> <i>Presidential Celebration on Community Concerns.</i>
<b>Dec. 2004:</b> 11:	<b>Family Month</b> <i>Presidential Celebration on Literacy.</i>
<b>Jan. 2005:</b> 08:	<b>Rotary Awareness Month</b> <i>Presidential Celebration on Youth Programs.</i>
<b>Feb. 2005:</b> 18-25: 23:	<b>World Understanding Month</b> <i>International Assembly.</i> <i>Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</i>
<b>Mar. 2005:</b> 07-13: 19:	<i>World Rotaract Week</i> <i>Presidential Celebration on Health Concerns.</i>
<b>April 2005:</b> 09: 30:	<b>Centennial Volunteers Month</b> <i>Presidential Celebration on Literacy.</i> <i>Presidential Celebration on Vocational Ethics.</i>
<b>May 2005:</b> 07:	<i>Presidential Celebration of Every Rotarian, Every Year/Future of Rotary.</i>
<b>June 2005:</b> 17-18: 18-22:	<b>Rotary Fellowships Month</b> <i>International Institute.</i> <i>R. I. Centennial Convention.</i>

