



Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waiialua

Hulali

Club Bulletin



Partnering with You to Feed Hawaii's Hungry



When asked, “How many of you have heard of Aloha Harvest before today?”, Nancy Barry was the only hand raised at today’s meeting.

Chris Chun, Executive Director of Aloha Harvest visited with us to let us know what it is they do.

Aloha Harvest is a non-profit organization that collects unused food and produce from hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, fast food outlets, caterers, and the like and distributes the food to over 85 social service agencies on O`ahu.

The River of Life; Institutes of Human Services, and domestic violence shelters are all beneficiaries of Aloha Harvest’s collection.

Donations can be planned in advance or on a moments notice. Just call 537-6945 and supply the necessary information as to contact, location, date and time and the food will be picked up by their refrigerated truck. The donated food is then distributed to the agencies, based on a pre-determined schedule, for their use.

In cases of late-night pickups, food is kept overnight in the refrigerated truck and distributed the next morning.

Aloha Harvest is currently funded by a local foundation with money bequeathed to the trust to “do good things in the community”. The trustees had heard of the City Harvest program started in New York City approximately twenty years ago.

In the spring of 1999 founder Helen ver Duin Palit was asked by the HAU`OLI MAU LOA FOUNDATION to conduct a feasibility study in Hawai`i for the island of O`ahu. The study included discussions with potential food companies that may want to donate, social service agencies feeding people in need, as well as the consensus of key members of the O`ahu community.

Aloha Harvest was started in November 1999. Over one million pounds of donated foods have been distributed to the 85 social service agencies.

Receiving agencies must be 501.c.3 certified and can contact Ms. Chun to get on the list. In some cases Aloha Harvest has heard of groups that needed assistance and approached them to see if they qualified for food donations.

The organization consists of Ms Chun, an Office Manager and three drivers. One full time and the other two for weekends.

Some of the establishments mentioned by Ms. Chun—in case you’d like to sup-



Chris Chun
Executive Director
Aloha Harvest

port them for being so community spirited—include Hilton Hawaiian Village; the Outrigger Hotel chain; the Sheraton chain; Safeway, Dunkin’ Donuts, KFC and Meadow Gold Dairies. I’m sure there are more. If you’d like to donate perishable food give them a call.

Pickups at private residences are only done if the food served had been prepared by a licensed caterer. Even though the “Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act” protects donors from civil or criminal liability, Aloha Harvest prefers to insure all safety and health guidelines are met in the food preparation.

During the next Combined Federal Campaign you can help Aloha Harvest with your monetary donation. Just fill in the section that gives you the option of giving to other agencies.

Next time someone asks you, “Have you heard of Aloha Harvest?”, you’ll be able to say, “Yes, I have.”



Visit www.alohaharvest.org for more information

Speakers

4/10
Dr. Pete Mark

Volcanoes

4/17
Strategic Planning Meeting will start at 10 AM

What’s in store for us in the short term Come early, stay late.

RI Pres: *Bhichai Rattakul*

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Club Pres: *Rodger McCloskey*

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In Our Club this week

PP Calvin Wakai was off on a trip to Washington, DC and **Mac McWhorter** was off to an eye appointment. Consequently, we didn't get an HRYF or RF status report. But that didn't deter president Rodger from telling us that both foundations were doing just fine.

PP Dr. Bill McKenzie jumped in before recognitions to tell us a joke. He paid \$5 for the honor.

He also cited **Ken Uyeno** for his wife, **Lani's** 4/4 birthday. Ken gave \$25 in honor of Lani and \$25 for showing up late at the golf tourney. He was so immersed in the news coming out of the Gulf that day that he showed up at Dot's for the meeting. That's when he remembered the change of venue.

PP Bob Leinau was also generous, a \$50 donation to the RF to honor Agnes, 4/6 birthday.

Oran Spotts was recognized for his upcoming anniversary. He said he and Marilyn would be going out to dinner to celebrate. He then pledged \$5 for all the members in attendance who didn't have their PHF medallions on. Ten members 'fessed up so Oran wrote a check for \$50 to the Club.

Not taking the hint, or tending to ignore it, **President Rodger** was reminded by **PP Charlie Duncan** of his faux pas and "fined" all those not wearing their PHF medallion \$1.

Bryan Sakai gave a Hi \$10 for his five branches (Wahiawa, Schofield, Kahuku, Waialua and Mililani) being so successful that he was awarded with a trip to Whistler, Canada on a "Success Retreat".

Dr. Carver Wilcox gave a Hi \$5 for his sons. **Carver, Jr.** for being selected for the National Honors Society and, **Mitchell** for being accepted for admission by at least five higher priced institutes of higher learning. Carver said Mitchell is leaning toward Stanford.

Carver gave another \$5 to recognize Travis Lee the National Wrestling Champion for his weight class, and for a wrestling joke he told. It was so funny that **PP Milton Sagon** gave a Hi \$5 for it, too.

Prez Rodg gave a Hi \$10 to the Club for **PP Danny Sison** for his outstanding work, organization and execution of our recent scholarship fund raising golf tournament.

Sgt-at-Arms, not Sgt-of-Arms, **Bryan Gusman** reminded us of the upcoming

WGH benefit Pineapple 10K Run on Saturday, April 19th. Entries are still available. Volunteers to help during the run are also needed. See Bryan for more details

On the same date, April 19, the District Assembly will be held at KCC. Incoming Club Officers are strongly encouraged to attend. This is an excellent way to find out how you can get your job done easier and more efficiently.

The Mililani Sunrise Club will be having their fund raising golf tournament on May 15 at Leilehua Golf Course. \$125 per golfer. Get your application at the Badge Box desk.

PP Danny told us that, with one small expense left to pay, the golf tournament netted \$8,622.00 for our scholarship fund. He also stated that some new ideas are already in place for next year's tournament. Stay tuned.



Rodger McCloskey
President 2002-2003

Service Above Self

RI representative promotes grassroots efforts at the 3rd World Water Forum

Billed by organizers as the most important international water meeting ever, the 3rd World Water Forum opened in Kyoto, Japan, on March 16 to address life and death issues related to the most precious liquid on Planet Earth. Japanese cities Osaka and Shiga hosted some of the events at the seven-day conference.

Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Jiichiro Frank Nakajima represented RI President Bhichai Rattakul at the meeting, which featured discussions on a variety of issues ranging from helping the 2.7 billion people who will face water scarcity by 2025 and preventing the 5 million annual deaths from water-related diseases, to the growing dangers of accelerating conflicts over water and saving the world's lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

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Through attendance at panel discussions and informal networking, Nakajima highlighted Rotary's humanitarian programs and encouraged local level collaboration between other organizations and Rotary clubs in addressing the water needs of communities across the world.

The 18-22 March Water Expo in Osaka, attended by more than 100,000 visitors, offered RI an opportunity to showcase Rotary water projects through an exhibit. Participants who stopped by the RI booth went away with a wealth of information on how to work with Rotary at the local level. Information about Rotary in Japan and Rotary's efforts with water was also handed out at the expo press center.

Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid, Egyptian minister of water resources and irrigation and president of the World Water Council, explained the importance of the meeting thus: "Increasing scarcity, competition, and arguments over water in the first quarter of the 21st century will dramatically change the way we value and use water

He Profits Most Who Serves Best

and the way we mobilize and manage water resources."

The council, an international think tank, was formed in 1996 by governments, international organizations, scientists, and nongovernmental organizations to deal with the world water crisis. William Cosgrove, its vice-president, warns that conflicts over water control or access could worsen or dwarf long-standing political disputes unless the international community devised ways to ensure water security through more efficient use. Rotary's participation at the conference underscores its commitment to peace and sustainable development.



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How many are we going to see next Rotary Year?

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