

July 13, 2006



The Hulali

A product of the Wahiawa-Waialua Rotary Club

Meeting Notes—July 13, 2006

Upcoming Events

- July 20: ADG Ross Rollarad talks about Polio Plus
- Aug 31: DG Jim Varner visits
- Oct 14: HRYF—30 years old celebration at Hale Koa
- Dec 14: Christmas Party at Dot's



2007 Officers & Directors

- **President:** Gerry Joering
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- **Vice Pres:** Ed Baumgartner
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 - Ken Uyeno

- **Newsletter Editor:** Mac McWhorter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P**resident Gerry made the following announcements:
- The club will soon be doing work on our Club badges, so if your badge needs updating or replacing, see Pres Gerry or PP Mary right away.
 - A special meeting with DG Jim Varner and our Officers and Directors will take place at 10:00 a.m., just prior to our regular meeting on August 31st. at Dot's.

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

- Guest speakers that we can look forward to include:
- Jul 20th: ADG Ross Rollarad, Polio eradication
- Jul 27th: Paul Ulchima, Tardus Financial
- Aug 3rd: Michael Podolsky, Toast Masters International
- Aug. 10th: Ken Zitz, "First Tee of Hawaii"
- Aug 17th: Jill Driftmeyer, Home Health Care
- Aug 24th: Jocelyn Chong, Rotary Exchange Student
- July 31st: Jim Varner, District Governor

ROTARY FOUNDATION

- Today, another of our members stepped up to the plate and became a Paul Harris Fellow. Roger Wilf made a sizeable donation that carried



Roger Wilf, New PHF

him over the lifetime plateau of \$1,000. This was quite an achievement, but pales in contrast as to how much good that thousand dollars will do for humanity. In behalf of the Rotary Foundation, thank you for your very generous contribution. We will have an official presentation when the materials arrive from Rotary International.

HRYF

- HRYF Chairperson Calvin Wakai spoke about the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation and the good work it is doing.
- Since 1977, when HRYF was founded, there have been 47 Wahiawa-Waialua Rotary Club recipients of interest money from the Foundation. All totaled, more than \$143,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Hawaii's youth. Every penny of HRYF interest money is returned in scholarships.



Calvin Wakai

- As of June 30, 2006, donations and investment returns have increased the Foundations net capital to a little over five million dollars. Each year, because of this increase, more students are awarded scholarships.

BIRTHDAYS

A few birthdays were recognized this week. We hope each of you had great and fun-filled day. Don't forget to tell us about it next

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week. Happy Birthday to George Fujiwara, Jane Lawton, and Lori Tucker

MILITARY REPORT

- In absence of active military members, Ret Gen David Bramlett reminded us of the upcoming deployment of the 25th ID and other elements. Between now and the middle of Sep, the Division will begin duty in the Northern part of Iraq. Our best wishes for a safe and early return are extended to all our troops that are deployed.

TRIP REPORTS

- There was only one trip report today, but it sounded like it was a lot of fun.



Oran Spotts

- Oran Spotts took a 4-day trip to Portland and visited the wine country. He seemed impressed with the wineries he visited. Let's hope this visit results with enhanced marketing techniques in our annual wine-tasting event next year.

HIGH- 5's

- There were a few raised eyebrows on some of these High-5's.
- Dave Bramlett innocently offered a High-5 for our Dental Technician, Elizabeth French who happened to be celebrating a birthday today.
- Peter Cannon offered a High-5 for PP David knowing that Elizabeth's birthday was today. Someone, and I think it was Judy Bramlett, David's wife, quickly spoke up and said "I'd like to know how he knew that too."
- In my Rotary indoctrination years ago, I was told "Past Presidents know everything, so don't mess with them". I suspect this was just another one of those times where my trainer had it right.



Dr. Nora Harmsen & Elizabeth French

GUEST SPEAKERS - JULY 13th

We were honored and privileged to welcome back Dr. Nora Harmsen and her assistant Elizabeth French from a humanitarian mission of good will from the Marshall Islands. They spent two weeks of their vacation time traveling around the MI administering to the dental needs of predominantly children. The Rotary Clubs of Wahiawa-Waiialua, Kapolei, and Waianae sponsored their trip. Much help was provided by Continental Airlines by flying them and their excess baggage round trip to the



Humanitarian Partners

David Bramlett, Pat Kowal, Kathy Louie, Captain Glenn Kowall, Dr Nora Harmsen, and Elizabeth French

Marshall Islands to perform their mission. Others in attendance today were retired Continental Airlines Captain, Glenn Kowal and his wife Pat. Also present was Kathy Louie, who provided the interface between our Club and Continental Airlines and was very instrumental in making this all work.

We are indebted to these individuals, and the children of the Marshall Islands have these folks to thank for making this all possible. One only needs to see the beautiful smiles on the faces of the Marshalese children after having their teeth fixed to appreciate the help Continental Airlines did in this humanitarian project.

Dr. Nora and Elizabeth narrated a very professionally done slide show that Elizabeth originated herself. It was set to music and displayed many before and after pictures of children with big smiles on their faces. I was amazed as the children at how Dr Nora was able to reconstruct front teeth that had either rotted or broken in half. The difference this makes on a child's face gives you "chicken-skin".

Other points of interest Dr. Nora and Elizabeth talked about were:

- 3.8 inches of rain fell the first day they were there. That's good for the water catchments, but not good for a dental team's mobility.
- They were greeted with flower leis. Flowers are in short supply on these islands.
- People stood in line for hours to receive treatment.
- Rolling blackouts
- Portable generator was loaned which "saved the day" on a remote island.
- Both extended special thanks to Continental Airlines for making it all possible.
- Special thanks were given to Cal Wakai and family who enabled her to obtain things on her "wish-list".
- They returned "Uku free"!!

Thank you Dr. Nora and Elizabeth. Our Rotary Clubs were honored to have you represent us in such a great humanitarian project. You are legends in your own time.



July 13, 2006 Meeting Pictures



President Gerry presents Captain Glen Kowal from Continental Airlines a Rotary coffee cup



President Gerry presents Kathy Louie from Continental Airlines with a Rotary coffee cup



President Gerry gives Dr. Nora Harmsen a Rotary coffee cup



Dr. Nora and Elizabeth had gifts expressing their gratitude for the outstanding support they received from Continental Airlines



President Gerry gives Elizabeth French a Rotary coffee cup



Dr Nora and Liz had gifts for David & Judy Bramlett, as well as Mary Antonio for starting the project last year