

August 3, 2006

The Hukilali

A product of the Wahiawa-Waialua Rotary Club

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Future Speakers

- Aug 10: Ken Zitz, "First Tee Hawaii"
- Aug 17: Jill Driftmeyer, Home Health Care
- Aug 24: Jocelyn Chong, Rotary Exchange Student
- Aug 31: DG Jim Varner visits



2007 Officers & Directors

- **President:** Gerry Joering
- Pres Elect: Oran Spotts
- **Vice Pres:** Ed Baumgartner
- **Past President:** David Bramlett
- **Treasurer:** Bryan Sakai
- **Secretary:** Mary Antonio
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 - Jeff Alameida
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 - David Burtless
 - Bob Hayashi
 - Cammy Marshall
 - Chereen Pires
 - Linda Sato
 - Ken Uyeno

- **Newsletter Editor:** Mac McWhorter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Roger Wilf talked a bit about the upcoming Dictionary project and passed a sign-up sheet around seeking volunteers to go to the schools and deliver the dictionaries when they come in. If you didn't get a



chance to sign up today, be sure to sign up next week or let Roger know and give him your phone number. Let him know what schools you can visit. We will have another special session when the dictionaries come in to stick the labels in them and distribute to the key people delivering them.

- DG Jim Varner will visit our Club on July 31st. He will bring with him, a gift that we will raffle off, and in turn, present Jim a gift worth \$100.00 to take to another club to raffle. The money made will be used for a District 5000 project.
- In case you were wondering, that was Jo Walters' (widow of Bob Jackson) home that was shown on TV burning on the North Shore Wednesday. She is fine but many family treasures were lost. Please keep Jo in your prayers as she moves through this tragic event in her life..

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Goals for the new Rotary year were discussed and it was noted that our membership numbered 54 at the beginning of the Rotary year. This means that our annual giving goal is \$8,640.00, or \$720.00 a month. Mac announced that we surpassed that goal during July by giving a total of \$1,160.00. Special thanks were extended to those who have already given their share, and to Jeff Alameida

who made a generous donation today. Please remember, goals are made to encourage giving. We ask simply that you give what you can, when you can, and let the figures fall out in the end. The Rotary Foundation uses our money wisely, and is grateful for whatever you donate.

HRYF

Chairman Cal Wakai announced that July was a very good month for meeting goals of the HRYF, thanks in part to a generous donation by Linda Sato. He expressed his gratitude in behalf of HRYF.

HRYF ANNIVERSARY

Don't forget HRYF's 30th anniversary celebration. It will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel in the DeRussy Room on October 14, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$30.00. Make your reservations today by calling 735-1073, or sending a check payable to HRYF, 3536 Harding Avenue, Room 600, Honolulu, HI 96816. Deadline for reservations is August 20, 2006. Don't delay.



BIRTHDAYS

Amy Burtless celebrates her birthday this week and came to lunch today with husband, David. Happy birthday, Amy. We all hope that David does something special for you on your special day.



INDUCTIONS

It was just 29 years ago on August 4, 1977 that PP John Ross joined Rotary. From that time until now, John has always been there to lend a hand, pick up the baton, and lead the way. Congratulations John, and thank you for your years of service.

MILITARY REPORT

Ed Baumgartner reported that the Division at Schofield contin-



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ues to move out to Iraq, and the Striker Bde continues to arrive in the islands.

HIGH-5's

We had a visitor from Pinehurst NC today who is no stranger to anyone in the Club. His name is George Vickers, and he gave a bunch of High-5's.



- For being back with the bests bunch of guys and gals anywhere in Rotary.
- For his new club, the Pinehurst Rotary Club
- For PP David Bramlett and the great year he had last year
- For President Gerry Joering for stepping up and taking the Presidency a second time
- George pointed to his old Rotary badge and noted he is no longer a member of our club, but he volunteered to become a "calabash" member if we so desired.

David Bramlett had a High-5 for George Vickers "for being *George Vickers*"

TRIP REPORTS

- Ken Uyeno announced he and his wife took a trip to Kona and while enjoying dinner one night, happened to notice that the famous football player, Terry Bradshaw was sitting behind them. That made their night out.
- George Fujiwara took a trip to Minnesota and the land of 10,000 lakes and had a great time hiking, fishing, and camping with his three sons. Anytime you have to store your food and snacks ten feet off the ground at night to keep the bears from getting into them, you know you are on an adventure like no other. Glad you made it back safe and sound, George.



GUEST SPEAKER – TODAY

Michael Podolsky, from Toast Masters Ala Moana, provided a very interest-

ing talk about his hometown of Levittown, PA that is now 54 years old. Levittown was designed and created through the vision of Mr. William J. Levitt who specialized in creating planned communities. He set the standards for modern suburbia. In the early 1950's when Levittown was built, homes were sold for as little as \$8,990.00. The contractor reduced prices by building a home using mass production and economics of scale. Prices have increased dramatically like everywhere else, but the initial economical cost was made possible by the intricate planning and forethought put in to the project. Levittown is a community with deep traditions of family and close-knit neighborhoods where children are kept busy in a multitude of activities sponsored by the township. The city has won many awards, including the "Top planned community in America".



Our members, some who actually come from that part of the country, experienced a lot of nostalgia in listening to Michael's talk.

ACE OF HEARTS

Today was that one day in a hundred. Participants in the "Ace of Hearts Fundraiser" drew for that special card until someone actually drew it. There was much suspense as it was down to about 8 or 10 cards before the "Energenizer Bunny" made the lucky draw. Wow...talking about being energized; you should have been there to see the dancing and jumping around. The excitement was so great, and it took so long to have the lucky card drawn, my tape re-



corde's tape ran out, and I failed to note the amount the club's treasury was enriched. Congratulations Linda Sato. We were all happy for you to win it.

BOARD MEETING

The August Board meeting was called to order today immediately following the membership meeting. President Gerry led the Board of Directors through many discussions.

- George Vickers membership was upgraded to "Calabash" and a new badge will be ordered.
- Treasurer's report presented and approved.
- DG Jim Varner's visit and plans for that day were finalized
- The Ethiopia Water Project was discussed.
- A thank you note was received for our participation in Rotoplast last year
- Dictionary Project status was given. It is on track & Roger Wilf is the Chairman.
- Website: Our new website is about 85% completed. An E-mail will be sent soon announcing the address so everyone can access it
- The Weinburg Grant was discussed and two candidate projects emerged. One is the Haleiwa Gym is in dire need of work and money to refurbish the gym. This historical facility is heavily used by many organizations on the North Shore, from children to seniors. It would be a great project with lots of community benefit. Another project would be the Teen facilities at the Wahiawa District Park. This facility is used by teens as a gathering place to do teen related activities, use the computer on-line facility for research and school homework, and generally just mingle with other teens in a safe, friendly, supervised environment. Both projects have tremendous merit and both are deserving of the work detail we will furnish, and the \$10,000 cash to support their programs. President Gerry will poll Board members during the week to vote and select one project, or possibly both to split the assets.