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The Hulali

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AL WONDER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Upcoming Events

- IHS Representative
- Feb 15: Wine Tasting
- Mar 14: Golf Tournament

Know someone who has a topic others would enjoy hearing about? If so, let Ed Baumgartner know about it.

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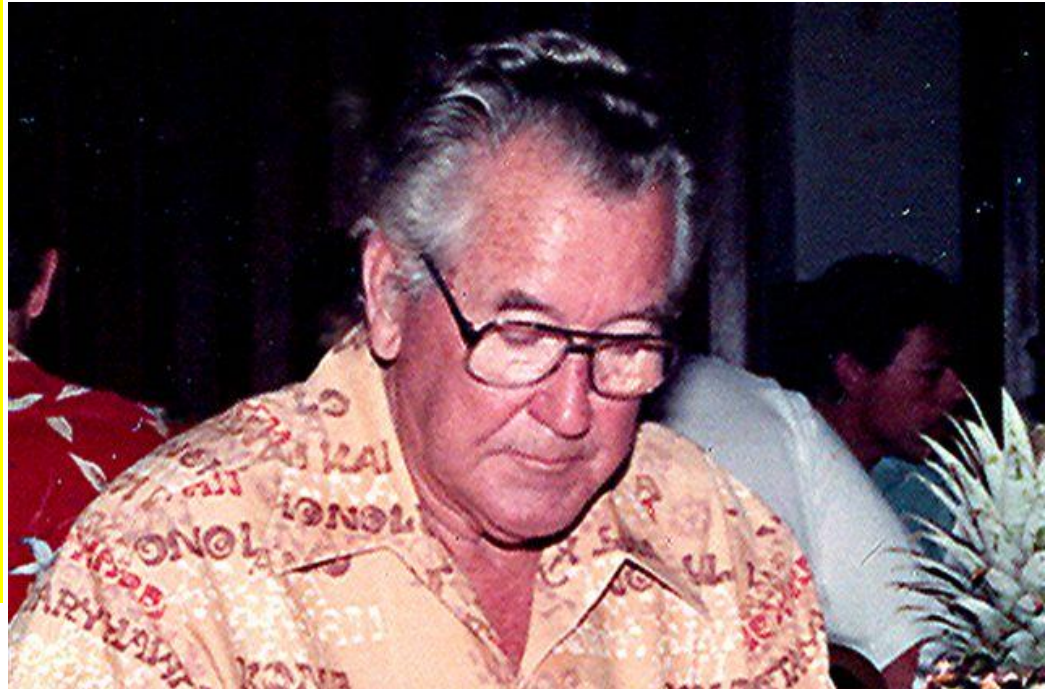
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Past President Al Wonder

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Traditions have always run deep in the hearts of Wahiawa-Waiialua Rotary Club members and family. Many years ago, Past President Al Wonder, a local Wahiawa jewelry storeowner, began a tradition of hosting an annual Christmas Party for a local charity. Today, we once again held the annual Al Wonder Christmas party at Dot's in Wahiawa and our guests were the staff and clients of the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC). The party began with the clients themselves singing an old favorite, "Twelve Days of Christ-

mas". It was a rousing rendition, complete with one of the clients doing the hula as the others sang. We were then entertained by the Ho'ala Middle School students playing an assortment of xylophone type musical instruments made in Germany. Under the direction of music teacher Michelle Asan, the group did a marvelous job playing various Christmas melodies for our entertainment.

The Rotarians then served the clients a scrumptious meal of chicken katsu and spaghetti with a full salad bar. Each client was urged to eat all they wanted, and some went back for seconds. The food was outstanding, and complete with a beautifully decorated cake.

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Greeters Geoff Horvath, Nancy Barry, Ken Uyeno, and Charlie Duncan standing by awaiting the ARC arrival



Ho'ala Intermediate School musicians entertained us



Cal Wakai and Geoff Horvath greet our guests



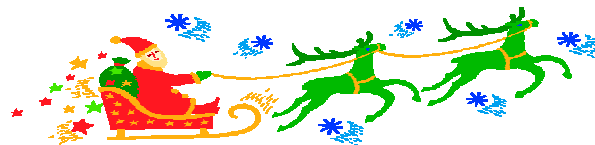
Rotarians served the ARC Clients a delicious meal



Bob Hayashi and Bryan Sakai sign in the Rotarians



Rotarians even found time to have fun while serving the ARC Clients



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Clients enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Dot's in Wahiawa



Rotarians having a great time!

No sooner had lunch ended, magic seemed to fill the air, and with a “Ho Ho Ho”, Santa Claus strolled into the room and walked around greeting everyone. He then took his place at the front, and with the help of a few elves, distributed a gift personally to each client in attendance. Many were overjoyed to receive their own gift, especially from Santa himself. It was then announced that a trampoline had been delivered to the ARC Center a couple of days ago, and would soon be set up for the clients enjoyment.

The final event of the party was the singing duo of Geoff and Rodger. Believe me, these guys missed their calling. From adlibs to raucous singing, they really turned it on to a cheering, laughing audience.

The party was a time of enjoyment, reflections, and

tradition. I’m not sure who enjoyed it more, the ARC clients, or the Rotarians themselves. Let’s just say it was all wonderful, and if you were not able to attend, you really missed one of the finest traditions our Rotary Club remembers each year. Merry Christmas!



Pastor Jack Smith greeted Santa with gusto!



Every guest received a personal gift from Santa



Linda Aron & Linda Sato made it all possible. Thanks ladies!!