



# Rotary Club of Kahala Sunrise

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Top Five Rotary Stories of 2011

The Rotarian – by Arnold R. Grahl, December 2011

From the tsunami in Japan to the launch of strategic partnerships that will help Rotary expand its reach, 2011 was an eventful year for Rotary International and Rotarians.

#### 1. Tsunami strikes Japan

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide mobilized to bring aid to victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March. In response, The Rotary Foundation established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which has raised almost US\$6 million for long-term recovery projects. Rotarians have already completed 10 projects with \$400,000 from the recovery fund.

#### 2. RI theme

RI President Kalyan Banerjee unveiled the 2011-12 RI theme, Reach Within to Embrace Humanity, during the International Assembly in January. He urged the Rotary leaders-in-training to harness their inner strength to achieve success in Rotary.

#### 3. The fight against polio

India has been making great strides toward polio eradication in 2011, with only one case of the virus reported from January through early December.

Rotarians also worked to get out the message about polio eradication for World Polio Day on 28 October in Perth. After the meeting, the governments of Australia, Canada, and Nigeria, along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announced a combined pledge of more than US\$100 million to support polio eradication efforts.

#### 4. 2011 RI Convention

More than 16,000 Rotarians from around the world converged on New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, in May for the 2011 RI Convention.

#### 5. Strategic partnerships

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees approved four strategic partnerships in 2011 under the Future Vision Plan. These partnerships will help Rotary broaden its impact in the areas of focus by offering service opportunities for Rotarians through packaged global grants. §

January 2011 Edition

Our Next Meeting: February 15, 2012

“Living with Polio:  
A Survivor’s Story”

Jane Marcum

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Club Inspiration/Activities

**Bill Green**

Feb 22: “**Hero’s Breakfast**”

Feb 29: **David Rolf**

“Cars in Paradise: Laws of Interest and Community Service by Dealerships”

Mar 07 : **Nanette Napoleon**

“Hawaii’s Sons of the Civil War”

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## Inspiration of the Month

### A New Year's Poem

Another year has passed,  
And a new year is about  
to begin,

Everything you put your  
mind to,  
Will be accomplished and  
you will win.

Just look forward in your  
life,

And set your goals for  
the year,

Then have a glass of  
champagne,

And bring in alot of  
cheer.

So don't look back at the  
past,

Believe this year will be  
the best,

All of your dreams are  
there for you,

Because you are so very  
blessed.

**Happy New Year!**

*Debbie Bongiovanni*

## Our meetings in January ...

January was a busy month and a wonderful beginning for the new year 2012. We had 3 distinguish speakers and a "Vocational Meeting", with many out-of-town visitors and outstanding guests. At our January 4th meeting, President **Pat Duarte** inspired us with "**A New Year's Poem**" by *Debbie Bongiovanni*.

Our speaker on **January 4th** was **Robert Perkinson** from the University of Hawaii. His topic was "A National Archives Presidential Library in Hawaii: What are the Chances?" **Robert** talked about the history of presidential libraries and museums, and provided us with some of the insight of the University of Hawaii, the state and local government, and a broad coalition of non-profit organizations and community leaders, of how they are preparing an ambitious bid to locate the Barack Obama presidential center in Honolulu.



*Robert Perkinson*



*Kevin Unemori*

**Kevin Unemori** reported on behalf of the Community Service Committee. So far for the year 2011-12, we have completed the School Supply Drive, the Dictionary Project, the Books for Schools Project, delivery of bed sheets to IHS, Aloha Army care package, FoodBank food drive, Salvation Army luncheon, gift wrapping for Children Family Services, Toys for Tots, and the Angel Tree Giving project. More projects are set for the first half of 2012.

Our Happy Dollars collection by **Joseph Rothstein** and the 50/50 game by **Clarence Darnell** went well with **Bob Buss** as the winner of the week!

On **January 11th**, our Vocational Meeting organized by **Brandon Corse** at Wahoo Fish Taco in Kahala Mall went well. This was the second such event and our Rotarians enjoyed themselves at the casual after work hour atmosphere!



*Bob Buss, Maeona Mendelson, and Jan Rumi*

On **January 18th**, **Jan Rumi**, **Bob Buss**, and **Maeona Mendelson** reported on the "Morocco Rotary Literacy International Project". They reported on their trip to Morocco in November 2011 with pictures of their meetings with the Morocco Rotarians and some of their sight-seeing photos, and **Bob** and **Jan** even donned the native Moroccan clothing.

Guests included fellow Rotarians **Lyla Berg** and **Randy Woods** from Snowmass, Colorado. Membership director **Kevin Chee** announced the membership drive this year. Rotarians will be divided into 4 groups: **Japan**, **Philippines**, **Morocco**,

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*Debi Halcro and Kevin Chee*

## February Celebrations

Wedding  
Anniversaries

**Debi & DJ Halcro**  
February 07

**Emiko & Bryan Yamashita**  
February 25

**Danny & Jacqueline**  
**Kaleikini**  
February 28



## Our meetings in January ...

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and **Thailand**. Challenges between the teams are of course: BRING IN NEW MEMBERS! INVITE POTENTIAL MEMBERS TO OUR BREAKFAST MEETINGS, SPECIAL FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS. Details of the drive and prizes for the winning teams will be announced once they are finalized.



Lyla Berg drew the winning ticket

**Nancy Varner** returned with a new version of the 50/50 game. Now with the draw from our guest, the winner will be asked to draw the "Joker" from the stack of cards. If no "Joker" is drawn, the winning would go into the pot for the following week. So please purchase your 50/50 tickets and watch as the "POT" thickens!



But Pat Duarte did not draw the "Joker" card



Paul Goto

Our speaker on **January 25th** was **Paul Goto**. His topic was "Health Care Fraud in Hawaii and Nationally". **Paul** is an attorney and the Director of the Benefits Integrity Department with Hawaii Medical Service Association. Our guests included returning visitors **Bob MacKenzie** and **Albert Miller** from the Westlock Rotary Club of Alberta, Canada; **Ernie**, PDG from California, our potential new member **Angela Tokuda**, and **Kevin Chee's** guest **David Kurihara**.

## January Scrapbook Story Board

**January 4th**



Pat Duarte, Diane Chang, and Robert Perkinson



Marj Boyd, Gloria King, and Clarence Darnell



Brandon Corse, Kevin Chee, Jan Rumi, and Bonnie Castonguay



Mike Lampman, Debi Halcro, T. Francis, Rob Loughridge, and Joseph Rothstein

## Membership Drive Teams

### Japan

- Dianne Bosworth
- Bonnie castonguay
- Kevin Chee
- Debi Halcro
- Joseph Rothstein
- T Francis
- Diane Chang
- Rob Loughridge

### PHILIPPINES

- Bob Buss
- Susan Graham
- Bill Green
- Gloria King
- Teresa Law
- Kristi Nishimura
- Marj Boyd
- Rich Turbin
- Vicki Shim
- Dolores Bendiones

### MOROCCO

- Brandon Corse
- Alan Ma
- Stephen Morgan
- Jan Rumi
- Carl Smigielski
- Emiko Yamashita
- Rai Saint Chu
- John Norden
- Mike Lampman

### THAILAND

- Charlie Fortner
- Lisa Halvorson
- Marshall Sato
- Nancy Varner
- Francine Wai
- Kevin Unemori
- Pat Duarte
- Cindy Oda-Kanno



# January Scrapbook Story Board *(continue from Page 3)*

## January 4th



Bonnie Castonguay, Kevin Chee, Bill Green, and Debi Halcro



Kristin Nishimura and Alan Ma



Marj Boyd, Joseph Rothstein, and Clarence Darnell putting in Happy Dollars



Diane Chang giving Happy Dollar to Joseph Rothstein



Clarence Darnell asking Robert Perkinson to pull the winning 50/50 ticket



Bob Buss was our happy 50/50 winner!

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## January 18th



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1. Lyla Berg and Carl Smigielski
2. Vicki Shim and Charlie Fortner
3. Randy Woods, Debi Halcro, and Gloria King
4. Charlie Fortner, Bill Green, Randy Woods, Nancy Varner, and Francine Wai
5. Dianne Bosworth, Alan Ma, Kristin Nishimura, Joseph Rothstein, and Rob Loughridge
6. Nancy Varner, Teresa Law, and Francine Wai (Lisa Halvorson in the back)
7. Bob Buss and Jan Rumi



# January Scrapbook Story Board *(continue from Page 4)*

## January 21st – Chinese New Year Joint Celebration with Ala Moana Rotary Club and Waikiki Rotary Club at the Maple Carden Restaurant



\* \* \*

## January 25th



Clarence Darnell and Cindy Oda-Kanno



Gloria King, Ernie, Vicki Shim, Bill Green, and Bob MacKezie



David Kurihara, Angela Tokuda, and Vicki Shim



Bob MacKenzie and Pat Duarte



Bonnie Castonguay and Kevin Chee



Kevin Unemori



Rai Saint Chu, Charlie Fortner, and Carl Smigielski



Charlie Fortner, Nancy Varner, Bill Green, and T Francis



Emiko Yamashita and Stephen Morgan



## Inspiration of the Week

### NONIDEALISM

The frustration of seeking perfection is illustrated by a story of the holy fool Mullah **Nasrudin**. One day in the marketplace he encountered an old friend who was about to get married. This friend asked the Mullah whether he ever considered marriage. Nasrudin replied that years ago he wanted to marry and had set to find the perfect woman. First he traveled to Damascus, where he found a perfectly gracious and beautiful woman but discovered she was lacking a spiritual side. Then his travel took him farther to Esfahan, where he met a woman who was deeply spiritual yet comfortable in the world and beautiful as well, but unfortunately they did not communicate well together. "Finally in Cairo I found her," he said, "she was the ideal woman, spiritual, gracious, and beautiful, at ease in the world, perfect in every way." "Well," asked the friend, "did you then marry her?" "No," answered the Mullah wryly, "unfortunately, she was looking for the perfect man." ***Mature spirituality is not based on seeking perfection, on achieving some imaginary sense of purity. It is based on the capacity to let go and to love, to open the heart to all that is.***

*J. Oswald Sanders*

## Our meetings in February ...

Our February 1st meeting started with President **Pat Duarte** welcoming guests and visitors. Our guests included returning visitors **Bob MacKenzie** and **Albert Miller** from the Westlock Rotary Club of Alberta, Canada; **Darlene Canto**, another local Rotarian and **Linda Adamson**, both from Kahala Nui.



*Bill Green with our guests Darlene Canto and Linda Adamson*

**Bob Buss** inspired us with a paragraph from the book ***Spiritual Maturity*** by **J. Oswald Sanders** about taking up the spiritual path (see this page).

**Debi Halcro** updated the membership drive challenge. Team challenge includes "most guests invited", "most new members recruited". Prizes will be announced once **Kevin Chee** finalizes the deals with sponsors.

**Gloria King** reminded everyone that our club will be hosting *International Fellowship* with our sister club Osaka-Otemae on February 15th. After our Japanese Rotarians attending the regular meeting in the morning, **Kevin Chee** will sponsor golfing at Waialae Country Club; then in the evening from 6-9, **Gloria** will host the get-together party sponsored by our club at her house. Please sign up early so **Gloria** could have a head-count for the caterers.

Everybody was happy to contribute to **Joseph Rothstein's** "Happy Dollar Hat", and the 50/50 game winner was **Bill Green**, who drew the "Joker" and won the pot!



*Art Ushijima*

Our speaker was **Art Ushijima**, who is the CEO of Queen's Hospital. **Art** gave us the abbreviated background of Queen's Hospital; the impact of the bankruptcy and closure of the 2 St. Francis Medical Centers — increase of ambulance and emergency room services; the pending organ transplant program for QMC; and the impact of the future medical system with the population of "Baby Boomers".

February 8th meeting started with President **Pat Duarte** welcoming guests and visitors. Our guests included Rotarians **Bob MacKenzie** and **Albert Miller** from the Westlock Rotary Club of Alberta, Canada; and **Sara Watanabe**, vice president of the UH Manoa Rotaract Club.

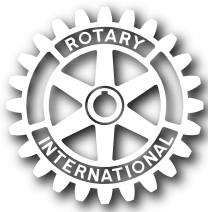


*Sara Watanabe*

**Sara Watanabe** spoke about the "Relay for Life" event on April 14-15 at UH Manoa Campus they are supporting, which raises money for the American Cancer Society. She invited the club to participate and support their efforts (see detail on page 8.)

Since this was the Club Assembly Day, our officers and directors reported on the progress of the various committees: **Bob Buss**, our Club Administrator

reported on programs of speakers and special events, If anyone has  
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## Our meeting on February 8 ... *(continue from page 6)*

interest in specific subjects or speakers, please let Bob know.

**Kevin Unemori**, the Community Service Director reported on upcoming club projects such as Keiki Vision, Beach Cleanup, ARC, and IHS painting. Please sign up when dates become available.

Since **Brandon Corse**, our Vocational and New Generation Director was not available, **Nancy Varner** reported that Scholarship interviews was set on February 11th.

**Vicki Shim**, our Foundation Director asked everyone to continue working toward EREY. **Bill Green** was presented with *Paul Harris Fellow* award with his contribution to the Foundation.

President **Pat Duarte** reported on President's meeting, reminding on club awards that committee chairs not include the club's name on the award submittals. June 16 Awards banquet

- New board – plan ahead; quite a few changes coming down. President-elect nominee should get involved as soon as possible. District Assembly – April 21st. Encourage as many people to go especially those in leadership positions.
- There will be no district conference until May 17, 2013, to be combined with 2013 awards banquet.

**Kevin Chee**, Membership Director reported that the prizes for the membership drive challenge is being worked on, and the challenge will be extended to March 31st.

President-Elect **Carl Smigielski** announced our fund-raising event Monte Carlo Night will be set for May. Sub-committee to be headed by **Debi Halcro** and **Dianne Bosworth**. Detail will be forthcoming. §

## Rotary Announcement

Alcohol policy needs to be included in our bylaws in order to be covered by RI liability insurance policy. Policy was adopted by the club.

District policy is:

### ARTICLE XII – POLICY ON ALCOHOL AT ROTARY FUNCTIONS

The District has developed the following Policy regarding alcohol at all District functions:

1. The District will follow all applicable State Laws.
2. All persons consuming alcohol will have their identification checked in accordance with State Law
3. Any attendee deemed intoxicated will not be served any further alcoholic beverages and appropriate transportation will be arranged. §

## February Scrapbook Story Board

### February 1st



*Brandon Corse, Emiko Yamashita, Carl Smigielski, and Stephen Morgan*



*Cindy Oda-Kanno, Charlie Fortner, Nancy Varner, and Kevin Unemori*



*Gloria King, Teresa Law, and Vicki Shim*



*Rob Loughridge, T Francis, Dianne Bosworth, Debi Halcro, Bonnie Castonguay, and Joseph Rothstein*



*Albert Miller, Charlie Fortner, Emiko Yamashita, Bob MacKenzie, and Rob Lougridge*



*Stephen Morgan, Bonnie Castonguay, Kevin Unemori, Bob Buss, and Joseph Rothstein*



## Our New Paul Harris Fellow: Bill Green



## Relay For Life

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length. Relayers do not have to walk all night, but each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event.

Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story. At Relay, you can find healing, comfort, and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. You have a chance to meet people in the community who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime.

No matter why you take part in Relay, however, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, we aren't just fighting one type of cancer – we're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of our loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life. More info on [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) §

## February Scrapbook Story Board *(continue from page 7)*

### February 8th



Vicki Shim and Pat Duarte



Joseph Rothstein, Gloria King, and Nancy Varner



Kevin Chee, Dianne Bosworth, T Francis, Bill Green, and Debi Halcro



Sara Watanabe and Pat Duarte



Cindy Oda-Kanno, Vicki Shim, Albert Miller, Lisa Halvorson, and Bonnie Castonguay



Bob Buss, Joseph Rothstin, Kevin Unemori, Gloria King, and Stephen Morgan (back)



Teresa Law, Joseph Rothstein, and Carl Smigielski



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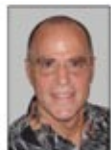
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