



# Rotary Club of Kahala Sunrise

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### Rotary Leaders attend World Economic Forum Events

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**R**I President **Kalyan Banerjee** and General Secretary **John Hewko** represented Rotary at World Economic Forum events in Jordan and India, underscoring Rotary’s commitment to economic and community development, one of the areas of focus.

The World Economic Forum, founded in 1971, brings together world leaders in business, politics, and academia to discuss global issues, including the economy, health, and the environment.

**Banerjee** attended a World Economic Forum meeting at the Dead Sea in Jordan, 21-23 October, that focused on human development, job creation, and water issues in the Arab world. He says his participation – the first time Rotary International has been represented at a World Economic Forum event – “helped me represent Rotary to the various kings, queens, prime ministers, and dignitaries from all over the world.

“I hope the World Economic Forum will be receptive to strengthening its ties to Rotary,” he says. “These are very important meetings which we should continue to strive to participate in.”

At **Banerjee’s** request, **Hewko** joined government and business leaders from the United States and India in a panel discussion at the India Economic Summit in Mumbai, 12-14 November. He spoke on Rotary’s role in addressing skill development through educational initiatives.

“We have been tackling this problem on many levels,” **Hewko** said. “Just building schools and making them accessible isn’t enough. In order to benefit from them, children need a healthy, stable, economically secure home environment. This means looking at water, sanitation, and health.” §



*General Secretary John Hewko (right) talks with moderator Kevin Kelly during a panel discussion at the World Economic Forum event in Mumbai, India. Photo courtesy of the World Economic Forum*

November 30, 2011

**Our Next Meeting: December 7, 2011**

**Rob Chang**

“Motheread Hawaii: Family Empowerment and Literacy for At-Risk Communities and in the Prisons”

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Upcoming Club Inspiration/Activities*

#### **Rai Saint Chu**

Dec 14: **Dr. Heather Diamond**  
“Refurnishing ‘Iolani Palace”

Dec 21: **Annual Meeting**  
**PPD David Benson**  
“How to Participate in the 2013 Rotary Global Peace Forum”

**Dec 28: NO MEETING**

**Jan 01: HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Jan 04: TBA**

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**Bangkok**  
 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
 THAILAND  
 CONVENTION 6-9 MAY 2012

### Flood Receding in Bangkok

According to a November article in the Bangkok Post, the recent flooding in the Thai capital, site of the 2012 RI Convention in May, is receding, although floodwaters remain high in some areas near the Chao Phraya River.

The article quotes Anond Snidvongs, executive director of the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency, as saying that the worst of the crisis is over. Although the district of Thon Buri is expected to experience some flooding over the next month, neither the Impact Exhibition & Convention Center nor hotels in which RI has blocks of rooms are located in the affected area.

Rotary International and Rotarians in Bangkok will continue to monitor conditions there. Any changes in plans for the convention and related events will be communicated via email to all registrants, and be posted on the RI website and social media sites.

### Our last meeting ...

President **Pat Duarte** opened the meeting this morning greeting fellow RoCKS and guests. Our visitors and guests were **Walton Shim**, husband of **Vicky**; **Kevin Stinson**; owner of Mobile Medical Solutions, guest of **Stephen Morgan**; **Dean Matsumoto**, guest of **Alan Ma**; our returning Rotarian guests **Randy** and **Jeanne Woods** from the Rotary Club of Snow Mass Colorado; **Dick Arth** from the Rotary Club of Westlock, Alberta, Canada. Our speaker was **Philip Simmons**, Resident Conductor of the Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands.



*Pat Duarte, Vicki and Walton Shim, and Clarence Darnell*

**Alan Ma** was today's Rotary volunteer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and inspired us with a message on Christmas. Today's Happy Dollar was collected by **Joseph Rothstein**, thank you all for your generosity! **Clarence Darnell**, our 50/50 Gamemaster, asked speaker **Phil Simmons** to draw the winning ticket. **Teresa Law** was our winner, and she donated the winning to the Rotary Foundation!



*Alan Ma*

**Kevin Unemori** announced a "Gift Wrapping" service project at Barnes and Noble at Kahala Mall to benefit *Child and Family Services*. **Stephen Morgan** thanked everyone who participated in the Salvation Army luncheon on Thanksgiving Day. **Debi Halcro** announced to sign up for our Christmas Party at **Rich and Rai's** Home in Kahala on December 4 from 6 - 9 p.m. **Bonnie Castonguay** and **Dianne Bosworth** reminded everyone to bring an unwrapped *Toys for Tots* at our Annual Christmas Party for kids ages 0-16 years old; and also bring the Angel Tree gifts by December 14.



*Debi Halcro and Dianne Bosworth busily making plans for the Christmas party; Kevin Unemori and Gloria King making plan for service project*

**Brandon Corse** announced that he is trying to organize the two RYLA recipients to attend our meeting to tell us about their experience at RYLA camp. President-elect, **Carl Smigielski**, announced revised ballots was mailed out. If you have not receive them please contact him or Secretary **Dianne Bosworth** for your ballot. Please return the ballot in the prepaid envelop or in person at our December 21, 2011 Annual Meeting.

**Joseph Rothstein** introduced our speaker **Phil Simmons**. **Phil** has guest conducted with various philharmonics, symphonies, orchestras in Russia.

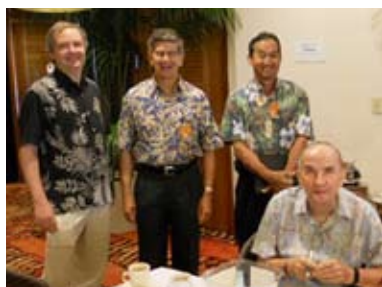


*Phil Simmons*

He was the Associate Conductor of the Orchestra of the Hermitage Theater and Principal Guest Conductor of the Sochi Symphony. As a guest of the US Embassy in Minsk he will conduct the opening of "West Side Story" with the State Musical Theater of Belarus next May. His topic was The Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands based in Kona, the Big Island. See more on page 4. §



## Scrapbook Story Board



*Phil Simmons, Pat Duarte, Kevin Unemori, and Clarence Darnell*



*Marj Boyd, Jeanne and Randy Woods, and Grecia Hill*



*Marshall Sato and Bonnie Castonguay*



*Stephen Morgan, Kevin Chee, and Kevin Stinson*



*Bill Green and T Francis*



*Debi Halcro, Joseph Rothstein, and Vicki Shim*



*Brandon Corse, Debi Halcro, Grecia Hill, and Rob Loughridge*



*Dick Arth, T Francis, Charlie Fortner, and Paul Weber*



*(L): Carl Smigielski, Phil Simmons, and Marj Boyd (back to camera)*

### Happy Dollars with Joseph Rothstein



*Rob Loughridge*



*Rai Saint Chu*



*Grecia Hill*



*Stephen Morgan*



*Alan Ma*



*Vicki and Walton Shim*



*Bill Green*



*T Francis*

## Our Next Speaker

**R**obert Chang, a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a degree in Hawaiian Studies, has been the Statewide Motherread/Fatheread® Coordinator for the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities for the past 11 years.



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Our students are diverse, each bringing unique strengths and challenges to our classes. Participants in our classes include parents and expectant parents, English language learners, aspiring citizens, Basic Skills students, those with developmental disabilities, families at risk for domestic violence, incarcerated women, and child-care teachers. <sup>5</sup>



## December Celebrations

### Birthdays

**Lisa Halvorson** Dec 12

**Susan Graham** Dec 13

**Teresa Law** Dec 15

**Marj Boyd** Dec 17

**Rich Turbin** Dec 25

### Club Anniversaries

**Joseph Rothstein**

**Vicki Shim**

December 3

### Wedding Anniversaries

**Cedric & Patricia Choi**

December 27



## Foundation Thoughts

Since 1905, Rotarians have been torchbearers, "lighting the way to a better life for many people in many countries. Like Olympic runners, we received a torch from those before us — a torch of service that brings light to the shadow areas of mankind: intolerance, ignorance, disease, and hunger... Let people know that Rotary cares and acts."

*1979-80 RI President  
James L. Bomar*



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## The Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands

The Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands (OHI) is committed to a vibrant and sustainable professional symphonic program serving all of Hawaii. Beginning in 2010 it has performed three orchestral concerts on the Big Island: at the Four Seasons Hualalai, Hilton Waikoloa, and Mauna Kea Beach Hotel. Guest artists were Grammy award winner Charles Brotman and Kohala, Japanese conductor Hiro Ueba, and Danny Akaka Jr.

Additionally OHI has presented a number of free community concerts on the Big Island, in Hilo, Waimea, and Hawi. OHI recently began an educational collaboration with Parker School that included a benefit concert by "Tropix" at the Fairmont Orchid, with proceeds going to the school's new music program.

OHI's vision is to bring Hawaii together in appreciation of the natural beauty of symphonic music. Its goal is to invite collaboration with the many diverse communities that comprise the Hawaiian Islands. The orchestra's program includes a respect for Island traditions, and strives to place native music within the broader context of both American classical and world music.

Hawaii's great tradition of orchestral music can be revived by inviting the support of a coalition of past participants and new supporters, with artistic leadership that fully engages the community. Resident conductor **Philip Simmons** and the Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands are ready to help articulate a clear and consistent message about the relevance of classical music in paradise, the need for educational outreach and inter-disciplinary programming, and the incredible possibility for economic development through tourism, enhancing Hawaii's reputation as an international cultural destination.

**Philip Simmons** has conducted in twenty countries, performing at Carnegie Hall, Chicago Symphony Center, the Musikverein, and the Great Hall of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory. Artistic Director of American Music Festivals, he is Music Director of the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra and Resident Conductor of the Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands. He served as Chair of the Wilmette (IL) Fine Arts Commission from 2006-2009 and is currently on the Advisory Board of Arts of Kona.

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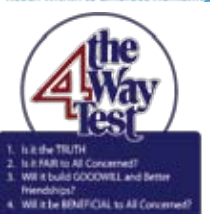
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