



# Rotary Club of Kahala Sunrise

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER *Vol. 2, No. 10*

### RI President Banerjee's Message



**M**y dear brothers and sisters in Rotary, We have a color for the 2011-12 Rotary year, and that color is green. Why green? Because green is the color of spring, of new life, of bright leaves bursting forth from spreading branches. And there is no doubt that it is time to "green" Rotary – to lift our deepening pallor of gray and replace it with brighter shades of green.

Overall, in Rotary, only 11 percent of our members are under the age of 40, while 68 percent are over 50 and 39 percent are over 60. It's not too hard to see where this will lead us in 10, 20, and 30 years down the line, if we don't do something about it now. It is not enough to simply bring in new members. We need to bring in younger members, who will breathe new life and new vigor into our organization.

How can we be more attractive to younger members, who are so different in so many ways from the young professionals of a generation or two ago? We have to come to them where they are – and for most young people, where they are is on the Internet, on Facebook, on Twitter and e-mail, and on their smartphones. A club that doesn't have a presence on the Internet simply doesn't exist as far as they are concerned. A club's website is its public face – and it has to be a good one.

More than anything, I believe we need to bring back the idea of the family of Rotary. We need to look at all of Rotary as one family: Rotarians, their families, and also Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students and alumni, Foundation alumni, and so on. And we need to consider retention as an idea that applies not just to Rotarians, but to the entire family of Rotary.

Too often, we look outward to find new members, and we do not see our own young generation, waiting to be called upon. We must look to them to find the capable and enthusiastic new members who will be the club presidents, the district governors, and the RI senior leaders of tomorrow.

We owe it to our Rotary family – past, present, and future – to make sure that our generation of Rotarians is not the last. We must, in a very real sense, reach within – to embrace our Rotary family, so that we can better *embrace all of humanity.* §

Sept 07, 2011

**Our Next Meeting: Sept 14, 2011**

Vocational/Networking Day meeting  
@ **Wahoo Kahala – 5:30 pm**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Upcoming Club Inspiration/Activities*

#### **Brandon Corse**

Sept 21: **Brandon Corse & Lyla Berg**  
"Celebrating the Next Generation: Rotary & New Generations Service"

Sept 28: **Chuck Sted**  
"Changing Health Care in Hawaii"

Oct 05: **Doug Carlson**  
"What's Going On With Rail: An Up-to-Date Update"

Oct 12: **Eric Johnson**  
"Poetry Fever Star Poets and the Honolulu Theatre for Youth"

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## Getting to Know You

**Paul Weber** grew up in

Arizona - a true Desert Rat. He finished college at ASU and then sought "greener" pastures. At 25, Paul was married, had four kids, and had not been in snow or eaten much seafood (canned tuna would be the closest)!

As a civil engineer, he landed a position in Seattle in 1966. Rain, snow, seafood, and pneumonia for all of the family the first winter. Paul took his graduate studies at "U Dub", and by the mid-nineties the family sort of wore out on the rain and cold, and moved to Hawaii.

Paul is an outdoor person. His engineering specialty is soils and foundations, and often gets to work on the rough sites. His pastimes are reading and hiking, with a large dose of natural science thrown in. Then, for multiple personality effect, Paul also loves karaoke and recently competed in the state championships where he was at least twelve out of all the contestants. He published in technical journals and won the 1989 New York Editors award for best commentary, and holds 21 patents and offers technical support to the sustainable construction and infrastructure arena.

This year - 2011 - Paul is operating on **40:50:70** ratio.

He has been in private practice for **40** years; in engineering practice for **50** years; and in life for **70** years! §



## Our last meeting ...

President **Pat Duarte** opened the meeting, greeting guest and fellow Rotarians. Our guest this week were speaker **Ted Peck** and his assistant **Kara Catlin** from Kū'oko'a, and **Summerset Lovett** from Bank of Hawaii. **Jan Rumi** was our volunteer for club inspiration/activities, and he invoked us for a moment of silence in memory of the 9-11-10 event. Jan also reminded us of "**Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present.**"



Ted Peck and Gloria King



Stephen Morgan and Debi Halcro

The Dictionary Project to the schools organized by **Stephen Morgan** continues this week with deliveries to the 3rd graders at Star of the Sea, St. Patrick, and Aliiolani Elementary School. The "First Book" program organized by **Gloria King** will start on September 14 at Jarrad Middle School at noon, and September 16 at Palolo Elementary School at 9:30 a.m.

**Jan Rumi** reported on the international service project: he will be visiting Morocco in November to set up the coordination, and the project will be in March/April 2012. **Brandon Corse** reminded everybody that next week the meeting will be held at *Wahoo Kalaha Mall at 5:30 p.m.* instead of Waialae Country Club at 7:30 in the morning. **Bob Buss** is organizing the *PetWalk* on Sunday, October 2, Magic Island at Ala Moana Park for the Hawaiian Humane Society. Afterwards, the party will feature food, fun and entertainment for pets and people. Games include a pet costume contest, pet float competition, great giveaways, and so much more! For more event info, contact **Captain Bob** for details. **Debi Halcro** will be organizing the Halloween Party. This year the party will be held at **Gloria** and **Roy King's** house on October 29. More details will be coming.



Brandon Corse



Pat Duarte and Clarence Darnell

**Kristi Nishimura** collected "Happy Dollars" in **Joseph Rothstein's** absence from all the happy people. **Clarence Darnell** was the 50/50 game-master, and the winning number belonged to **Pat Duarte**. who donated his winnings to the service project! *Way to go Pat!*

Our speaker this week was **Ted Peck**. He is the President of Kū'oko'a, and had led energy planning, shaping of the state's approach to renewable energy permitting and facilitation, the state hydrogen program, the greenhouse gas emission reduction task force, energy assurance planning, and other strategic initiatives and programs. See program on page 4. §



Ted Peck



## Scrapbook Story Board



Clarence Darnell, server Kevin, Debi Halcro, and Vicki Shim



Grecia Hill and Jan Rumi



Debi Halcro and Mike Lampman



Gloria King, Pat Duarte, and Clarence Darnell



Paul Weber, Pat Duarte, and Brandon Corse



Kristi Nishimura and Rob Loughridge



Kevin Chee, Alan Ma, Kristi Nishimura, (back: Rob Loughridge & Stephen Morgan)



Francine Wai, Charlie Fortner, Dianne Bosworth, and Lisa Halvorson

### Happy Dollars with Kristi Nishimura



Carl Smigielski (Vicki Shim, and Kevin Unemori in background)



Bob Buss

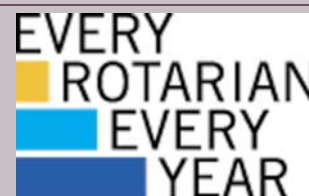


Alan Ma



(L-R: clockwise) Brandon Corse, Mike Lampman, Grecia Hill, Jan Rumi, and Paul Weber

## Foundation Thoughts



### Our mission

Doing Good in the World is more than a motto. It is our goal, our mission, and our reminder. It expresses in the clearest terms why we have a Foundation, and it challenges us to reach as far as we can to do the most good possible with everything we have. Our Foundation exists to support the good that we can do through Rotary. It expands our reach, increases our strength, and makes our service more powerful and more effective. Because of our Foundation we can, very simply, do more of our Rotary work.

— 2004-05 RI President  
Glenn E. Estess Sr.

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## What others are saying about Rotary

"Rotary's PolioPlus program is a shining example of the achievements made possible by cooperation between the United Nations and nongovernmental organizations."

– Kofi Annan, former UN secretary-general

"You who believe in and continue to strive to save the world's children from the ravages of polio are most definitely champions."

– Gro Harlem Brundtland, World Health Organization director general

"In 1988, the World Health Assembly agreed that it would commit to eradicating polio in time for the world to be certified polio-free by 2005. Since then, Rotary International, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been leading this massive undertaking."

– Mia Farrow, UNICEF goodwill ambassador

"Thank you, Rotary, for recognizing that a world without polio is possible. You have been the catalyst for the world to accept and carry out the challenge of eradicating polio from the earth."

– Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

## Kū'oko'a – Freedom from Fossil Fuel

**The Kū'oko'a Plan frees Hawaii from its dependence on fossil fuels, creates a sustainable green economy and establishes a globally recognized cleantech industry.**

Hawai'i is the most fossil fuel-dependent state in the country importing nearly 53 million barrels of oil annually. Hawai'i exports billions of dollars annually to purchase oil to produce electricity. Almost all of this oil is imported from foreign sources, making the state's economic vitality vulnerable to the price of oil.

In 2008, Hawai'i's economy was devastated when the price of oil rose to nearly \$150 per barrel. Lloyd's of London predicts the price of oil will potentially be over \$200 a barrel by 2013. Already in April 2011, the price of oil crossed \$108 per barrel again.

While the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative aims to leave Hawai'i 60% dependent on fossil fuel for electricity 20 years from now, Hawai'i needs a more aggressive approach to utilizing its robust renewable resources to ensure energy security.

### Freedom from Fossil Fuel

The Kū'oko'a Plan frees Hawai'i's economy from fossil fuel within 10 years, relying on indigenous, renewable energy sources like geothermal, wind, solar, hydro, and ocean thermal conversion, while enabling air and ground transportation to move more quickly from fossil fuel.

The plan also embraces an innovative power distribution network, establishing a reliable statewide power grid system.

There is enough geothermal energy available on the islands of Hawai'i and Maui to provide firm power to the entire state in conjunction with a portfolio of other renewable technologies.

### Creating Economic Stability

The Kū'oko'a Plan will decrease and stabilize the cost of electricity statewide by using geothermal energy as its core baseload. The Kū'oko'a Plan will grow the economy by generating and exporting energy while retaining the billions of dollars to buy fossil fuel. In doing so, the Kū'oko'a Plan creates jobs, generates new revenue and adds significantly to the state's tax base while enabling other renewable energy projects to join the grid.

### Creating Cleantech Industry

The Kū'oko'a Plan will create a cleantech sector in Hawai'i which will provide sustainable 21st century jobs with living wages. Additionally, the Kū'oko'a Plan supports STEM education and research which will in turn, stimulate the creation of new businesses in the renewable and clean energy sectors.

Inspired and informed by the cultural and community values of Hawai'i and its people, the Kū'oko'a Plan will free the Hawaiian economy from its dependence on fossil fuel and position the state as a global leader in cleantech and renewable energy. <sup>5</sup>



## Dictionary Delivery Project – September 1st - 9th



*Rob Loughridge with the 3rd Graders at  
Star of the Sea Elementary School*



*3rd Graders at Aliiolani Elementary School*

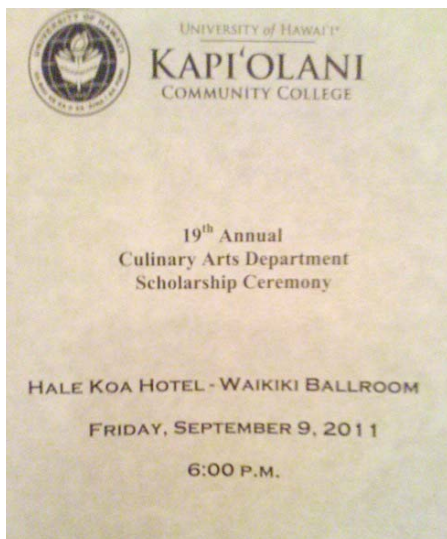
## Scholarship Ceremony September 9th



*Stephen Morgan with the  
recipient of Culinary Arts  
Department Scholarship  
on Sept 9th's ceremony*



*Bonnie Castonguay with the 3rd Graders at St. Patrick's Elementary School*



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