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Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu

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Message from the Board

Community Service...A Role for Each of Us!

I often pause and remember the District Conference on Kauai in May when we received the "Club of the Year" award. I think about all the people that make up that award and all the people that have been touched by our community service work. I am so grateful to have a role in community service and my main goal is to ensure as many Metro Rotarians can touch a project as possible. Why? Touching a project, is touching a life. In some instances, sometimes simply meeting someone like you changes someone's life. For example, a runaway youth can get inspired and feel a sense of hope with kind words from YOU. An elderly woman can have a better holiday season because she met YOU. A terminally ill child can remember a dinner with YOU. A women in a domestic violence situation may leave her situation because she knows it possible. She met YOU.

Community service is often about pouring cement and building shelves but the relationship connection is paired with all the work. Our "projects" are the people. The people remember YOU and I look forward to working with YOU.

Here are some of our upcoming events where we will be changing lives...

- *On Wednesday, September 27th we will be hosting a "Tea and Champagne" event benefiting the Hawaii Women's Fund with our sister Rotary Clubs. The event is \$25 and please RSVP to me or to Gaylene by Sept. 22nd.*
- *On October 21st "Make a Difference Day" will be at Youth Outreach (YO), we will be designing and installing 5 computer stations. Mahalo Ken, Alex, & Earthlink! We need to turn a junk room into a beautiful resource room for the runaway/homeless teens on Saturday.*



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- *Saturday, November 18th is “Rotary Gives Thanks Day” and we will be providing YO with 50 backpacks full of goodies. Early in the month we will shop and then on the 18th we will prepare the backpacks and wrap them up for the Holiday Party.*
- *December 16th is our annual Christmas caroling at Oahu Care Facility. Come spread holiday cheer to those that are unable to get out into the community. We will bring the holidays to them. We need singers, musicians, photographers, Santa, etc.*
- *On December 21st we will host a Holiday Party for YO and distribute the backpacks to the teens. They want great food, entertainment, the whole works...we need YOU!*

• *These events will get us through the end of the year; we will be planning on the first Thursdays after Rotary meetings (October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th).*

You can also email me at Kathleeninhawaii@yahoo.com.

Mahalo and Aloha.

Kathleen Merriam

METRO



Nicole Shimamoto shares more on the School Day's Membership Drive with Cheerleader Sandra Ohara preparing her next cheer!



Chuck Sted

Hawaii Pacific Health
Kap'olani • Pali Momi • Straub • Wilcox

Metro's Past President (1989) and certainly our present friend, Chuck Sted joined us this past Thursday to bring us up to date on the Crisis of Hawaii Hospitals. Chuck is currently the CEO of Hawaii Pacific Health and he certainly understands the path that we must take to ensure quality health care.

As Hawaii stands better than most states in regard to its hospital's quality performance. Hawaii is fortunate for a state our size to have a specialty children's hospital, a medical school and academic teaching programs but there is a price. Cumulative losses of Hawaii's hospitals over the last five years have gone from 8 million to a projected loss of 230 million dollars. Why are they losing money? Overall cost are 119% of mainland average, economies of scale add another 7%, island geography creates inefficiencies, lack of long-term care facilities, work force shortages, government reimburses far below cost and private payer premiums are lower than mainland.

Prescription for Change

What everyone need to understand

- *It's about quality and patient safety.*
- *Our hospitals are part of one Public/Private system.*
- *Economic development and sustainability go hand in hand with quality healthcare.*
- *The health of individuals and our community is dependent on the health of Hawaii's hospitals.*

Six steps to take now

1. *Maximize federal dollars.*
2. *Seek adequate state & private payer reimbursements.*
3. *Address ER and specialty physician crisis.*
4. *Expand long-term care capacity and access.*
5. *Implement electronic health system.*
6. *Focus on Philanthropy.*

An investment in good health benefits us all and could be the most important choice we will have to make.

Mahalo for your presentation on a topic that clearly effects each and everyone of us.



Happy Birthday

Metro's September Birthdays

*Teddi Anderson
Charles Black
Ken Goldstein
Alan Hayashi*

*Nalani Holliday
Joe Kiefer
Vikie Kim
Jaymark Komer
Lewis Musgrave*

*Phil Russell
Nichole Shimamoto
Bill Thomas
Robert Yee*

"Age is a high price to pay for maturity" Tom Stoppard

Hawaii Rotary Dictionary Project

Dictionary \Dic"tion*a*ry\, n.:
A book containing the words and a language, arranged
alphabetically, with explanations of their meanings:
a vocabulary; a wordbook.

Join the "Dictionary 100 Club"

What it is:

A recognition program for individual Hawaii Rotarians to provide
dictionaries to 100 third grade elementary students

How it works:

An individual Rotarian or business who contributes \$150.00 or more
(100% Tax Deductible) will become a member of the Dictionary 100
Club. In return, the Rotarian will receive their very own dictionary,
a plaque signed and presented by the District Governor and the
satisfaction of promoting literacy and knowledge to children in
Hawaii.

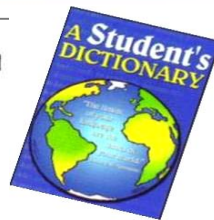
Donate to the Hawaii Rotary Dictionary Project...
it's for the future of our Keiki.

100% Tax Deductible contribution \$150.00

Cost: \$1.50 per Dictionary

All checks are to be made payable to Rotary District 5000 Foundation.

Please note in the memo section: "Dictionary Project"
Contact Annette Lanham to contribute or for more details.
netandtim@hotmail.com ~ 383-0977



Join the Metro's 100 Club

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Roz Cooper
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Caroline Bond-Davis
Richard Emery
Julie Ford
Ivan Ketterman
Dennis Kim
Vickie Kim
Jaymark Komer
Anette Lanham
Andrew & Christine Lanning
Peter Matsumoto
Chris Miller
Reid Morrison
John Myrdal
Kieth Patterson
Phil Russell
Kit Smith
Lora Williams
Tina Yap*

The list keeps growing!!

Upcoming Speakers & Events

Sept 21



Joe Davis
General Manager
Hawaii Convention Center

Sept 27

WOMEN'S
FUND OF HAWAII
TEA & CHAMPANGE PAU HANA

Sept 28



Linda Giles
Life Inspired



Medallion Week

Oct. 5



Major Charles Anthony
Hawaii National Guard

Oct. 12



Neil Israel
Film Making in Hawaii

Program and speaker subject to change

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The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say and do:

- 1. Is it the truth ?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned ?**
- 3. Will it build good will and better friendships ?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?**



**Without our help, too many women and girls
in Hawai'i will fail.**

*Please join us for an evening of fellowship for
Rotary Club members & friends:*

Tea & Champagne Pau Hana

A benefit for the Women's Fund of Hawai'i

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Program will begin at 5:30 pm

Home of Diane Raleigh
944 Kealaolu Avenue, Kahala

\$25 per person ** RSVP by September 22

WOMEN'S

FUND OF HAWAII

A grantmaking foundation dedicated exclusively to helping
women and girls throughout Hawai'i become safe,
financially secure and empowered.

For more information about the Women's Fund of Hawai'i:
Call 808-737-4999 or visit www.womensfundhawaii.org

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