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## Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu

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Message from the Board

### ***Aloha and Happy New Year coming up!***

*We have had a great year in programs, thanks to all of you.*

*I want to especially thank Tina, who keeps me on top of the calendar,*

*Gaylene and her daughter Nicole for getting everything together and making sure the meeting goes smoothly,*

*Kevin Sakamoto who has the speaker schedules on the table every week, and*

*Tom Anusewicz for faithfully publishing the Mynah with the right information in it!*

*I also want to thank the parade of announcers who go up every week for keeping their announcements short, sweet and entertaining. This makes it possible for Tina to stay on track and every speaker gets plenty of time to share their message and answer our questions.*

*I have been a member of Metro Rotary for 16 years (I think) and it has always been a pleasure for me. The club has a very distinct brand identity, which is distinctly different from other clubs, and all the young blood that has come into the club over the past several years has kept us appearing energetic and light hearted. I really appreciate you all. Metro seems to be to be exactly the right size...small enough that people can feel at home and big enough that you can get lost in the crowd if you feel like it.*

*About twenty years ago, Bob Rees (a former columnist for the Advertiser, PBN and the Honolulu Weekly) wrote a white paper for the ad agency I was working for. It was about New York's 21, and it was called "The Restaurant as Social Club." It was written at the time theme restaurants like Hard Rock and Planet Hollywood were proliferating. The point was that "21" -- without any specific anything -- had understood what it means to create an environment where people felt like they were at home with friends.*

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*The Metro Club is like "21". Nothing feels artificial or forced. Because we meet every week, the principle of frequency of interaction keeps us connected with each other.*

*Because people are proud of the club, they invite people they like to join. People save seats because they are asked to, not because they sit with exactly the same people every week (although some times it ends up hat way).*

*I am proud to be part of Metro because I am proud of all of you. I am proud that our speakers always enjoy themselves, and often comment about what a funny bunch we are.*

*You all help to make our speakers feel welcomed and comfortable, and for that I am grateful.*

*Here's to a great year for all of us. Wouldn't it be nice if the whole world felt as comfortable as Metro does?*

*Thanks for your participation!*

*Gloria Garvey*  
Program Chair



## RIVER OF LIFE MISSION



*Bob Marchant, Executive Director of the River of Life Mission came by last Thursday to tell us a little about his part of Chinatown and the work he and his staff is doing in our community.*

*Located in the ninety-eight year old, historic-registry-listed Sumida Building on the corner of Pauahi and Maunakea Streets in the heart of Chinatown, Honolulu, the Mission has been an oasis for many who through error, disability, discrimination or circumstances, have been left in need. At the River of Life, however, there is no regard for position, gender, ethnicity, appearance or faith. Everyone is welcome and all services are free of charge.*

*Every day 300 to 400 people visit the River of life Mission seeking and finding a meal, a shower, a change of clothes, a prayer...a friend. They refer to them as guests of the River of Life Mission and since 1985, whatever their need, the Mission has been a friend to them.*

*Mahalo to Bob Marchant for his dedication and commitment to our community.*

# Metro Elections Thursday

*This coming Thursday is the Metro elections for Officers and Directors for 2007-2008.*

*An absentee ballot is posted on the following page. Please follow instructions as indicated.*

*As your President-Elect and Nominating Committee Chair, I would like to thank the nominating committee for their efforts over the last couple of months for allowing a excellent slate of candidates for the coming year.*

*Our By-Laws indicate that the nominating committee be made up of the incumbent President; President -elect; three or more club members who are past-Presidents of any Rotary club; and four club members.*

*The nominating committee was comprised of Tina Yap, Tom Anusewicz, Mark Merriam, Roz Cooper, Richard Emery, Eloise Wetherall, Ken Gilbert, Hank Leandro, Cori Weston, and Bill Thomas.*

*The By-Laws also indicate a timeline for completion of elections that is past due ( second week in December) but feel that the time was important to ensure that we gave every consideration to the club and its candidates.*

*Mahalo.....Tom Anusewicz*

**ROTARY CLUB OF METROPOLITAN HONOLULU**  
**2006 Absentee Ballot**

**President Elect:**

(Vote for One)

- Reid Morrison

**Vice President:**

(Vote for Two)

- Gary Grimmer
- Bob Stott

**Secretary:**

(Vote for One)

- Julie Ford

**Treasurer:**

(Vote for One)

- Bob Ritchie

**Directors:**

(Vote for Four)

- Dennis Kim
- Tommi Nakamoto
- Jennifer Pang
- Kevin Sakamoto
- Bill White

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Absentee Ballots must be submitted to Gaylene Nako or Richard Emery not later than 7:00 a.m., Thursday, December 21, 2006. To avoid duplication, absentee ballots must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the voters printed name on the envelope's face or in person. The general election will be conducted December 21, 2006 at 7:15 a.m. and regular ballots issued at the meeting.



# Metro Bell Ringing



*John Seth's, first team of bell ringers start off Thursdays annual Metro Bell Ringing in grand holiday style.*

*Mahalo to all the Bell Ringers for their support .*

*Merry Christmas!*



DOING THE MOST GOOD



# Christmas Caroling - Oahu Care Facility



*The sounds of Christmas were definitely in the air this past Saturday when the Metro carolers brought its holiday cheer to the Oahu Care Facility once again. It's always a pleasure to join in on this festive and most rewarding event. Mahalo to all and to all a good night!*



Upcoming Speakers & Events

Dec. 21



**Fellowship**

Dec. 21



**Youth Outreach  
Holiday Party**

Dec. 28



*No meeting...till next year!*

*Have a safe and Happy New Year!*

Jan. 4

**To Be Announced**

Jan. 11



**Peter Carlisle**

*Program and speaker subject to change*

*Rotary International  
President: William B. Boyd*

*District 5000  
Governor: Jim Varner  
Governor Elect: George Fontaine  
Governor Nominee: Ayman El-Dakhkhni*

*Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu  
chartered August 25, 1986*

*Board of Directors 2006—2007*

*Officers:*

*President: Tina Yap  
President Elect: Tom Anusewicz  
Vice President: Lora Williams  
Vice President: Tanya McDowell-Wilson  
Secretary: Bill Thomas  
Treasurer: Christine Lanning  
Past President: Sandra Ohara*

*Directors:*

*Club Service: Kevin Sakamoto  
Community Service: Kathleen Merriam  
International Service: Alan Tang  
New Generations: Annette Lanham  
Vocational Service: Keith Patterson  
Rotary Foundation: Nalani Holliday  
Grants: Bob Stott  
Public Relations: Jennifer Bowers  
Membership: Cori Weston*

*Committee Chairs*

*Programs: Gloria Garvey  
Fellowship: Sharon Hayashi  
Sergeant at Arms: Andrew Lanning  
Executive Secretary: Gaylene Nako,  
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*District 5000 Website: [www.rotaryd5000.org](http://www.rotaryd5000.org)  
Rotary International website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
Metro Website: [www.metrorotary.org](http://www.metrorotary.org)*

*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 ?*



  
**LANIKAI**  
BATH and BODY  
*Made in Hawaii. Naturally.*

*Brook and Gloria have created an affinity program for their shop, Lanikai Bath and Body, with their favorite charities and groups.*

*For every purchased placed on their Internet store  
[www.lanikaibathandbody.com](http://www.lanikaibathandbody.com)*

*between now and Christmas, Gloria and Brook will donate 10% of the purchase to the Metro Foundation.*

*When you purchase online, please put in the code METRO when you are check out.*

*Lanikai Bath and Body products make great gifts and every purchase you make will help the Metro Foundation.*

*Mahalo*

*Happy Holidays* 

**Metro's Website**



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