President Ellie Kaanaana welcomed guests and members to the 2,792nd meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor, where we Bridge the Gap to Bigger, Better, Bolder community service and accomplishments Building Communities Bridging Continents.

Past Director Shirley Robinson, former board of education member & civic activity leader, shared a beautiful prayer and inspiration. A member since July 2, 2007 and sponsored by Augie Rey Fernandez.

PP John Doty, President of JMD Beverages, wine merchant par excellence, host of many club functions led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A member since Dec 16, 1985, and sponsored by Robert Clarke.

Past Director Augie Rey Fernandez, entertainer & life insurance agent led members in singing “Mele Kalikimaka”. Augie dedicated the song to Bob Deibler, who will be truly missed for his dedication and leadership in epitomizing Rotary. A member since Dec 20, 2004, and sponsored by Steve Dyer.

Acting Sgt-at-Arms Connie Kraus, recognized D5000 Leadership: Past District Governor, Leadership Academy Dean & Finance Chair Jim Varner, Alumni Co Chair Steve Dyer and Interact...
IN THE WAKE

Chair Donna McLaughlin.

Rotarian Guest within D5000: Connie recognized "Calabash" member Alan Lloyd (Windward).

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who have achieved their 20-year pin:
June Nishimura, Nay Kimura, Pat Middleton & Aaliah Condon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenny Katsarsky announced details for Tom Rienzi’s funeral service: Monday 27 December, 10:00 at Star of the Sea Church in Aina Haina.

On behalf of Mimi and Debbie Deibler, Ken Brown thanked members for their support and condolences and announced memorial services are pending for Bob Deibler. Members appreciated a moment of silence in remembrance of Bob Deibler and Tom Rienzi.

President Ellie recognized celebrations: Birthdays John Doty - 12/19 & Raymond Noh - 12/31; Inductions: Augie Rey Fernandez on December 20, 2004 (sponsored by Steve Dyer) and Ernie Anderson on December 12, 1991 (sponsored by Bob Desjardins).

HAPPY BUCKS

PP Ernie Anderson thankful for 19 years of his friendship with Bob Deibler challenged members to match his $100 donation to The Rotary Foundation In Memory of Bob Deibler; meeting the challenge were Jeff Deer, Steve Dyer, Dudley Fullard-Leo, Harvey Gray, Lenny Katsarsky, Eugene Kraus, Alan Lloyd, Donna McLaughlin, Shirley Robinson, George Topic, Jim Varner.

Ken Brown donated $100 and moved to establish the Bob Deibler Scholarship Fund, seconded by Jeff Deer and approved by members present. Joining Ken were following members: Bee Clark, John Doty, Sam Heard, Ellie Kaanaana, Carl Myers and Lori Williams. Maurice Carrera, member of the wait staff of Oahu Country Club, having served Bob Deibler weekly also donated $100. Donations of $20 were received from John McLaughlin, Patricia Middleton and Raymond Noh.

MILITARY VISITOR

Visiting Military guest TSgt Lewis Phillips has been in Hawaii about 4 years. He was originally from Florida and came to Hawaii from Germany where he served three years. During that tour he deployed to Pakistan, Iraq and Kantar. He said that he was honored to be our guest at one of our club meetings and expressed thankfulness for the invitation. He’s a member of the Air Force Executive Council which actively supports the community, participating in service projects similar to those conducted by our Club. His next tour will take him to Italy in March. President Ellie thanked TSgt Phillips for his service to our nation.
Patricia Middleton introduced guest Speaker David Klein, PhD, whose topic was “Chemical and Biological Threats in the U.S.” David has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas and currently resides in Austin Texas. David is employed by Texas Public Health Laboratory that is one of 12 state labs that are major player in The Laboratory Response Network (LRN). The LRN was established by the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in accordance with Presidential Decision Directive 39, which outlined national anti-terrorism policies and assigned specific missions to federal departments and agencies.

Through a collaborative effort involving LRN founding partners, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Association of Public Health Laboratories, the LRN became operational in August 1999. Its objective was to ensure an effective laboratory response to bioterrorism by helping to improve the nation’s public health laboratory infrastructure, which had limited ability to respond to bioterrorism.

Today, the LRN is charged with the task of maintaining an integrated network of state and local public health, federal, military, and international laboratories that can respond to bioterrorism, chemical terrorism and other public health emergencies. The LRN is a unique asset in the nation's growing preparedness for biological and chemical terrorism. The linking of state and local public health laboratories, veterinary, agriculture, military, and water- and food-testing laboratories is unprecedented.

In the years since its creation, the LRN has played an instrumental role in improving the public health infrastructure by helping to boost laboratory capacity. Laboratories are better equipped, their staff levels are increasing, and laboratories are employing advanced technologies.

Public health infrastructure refers to essential public health services, including the people who work in the field of public health, information and communication systems used to collect and disseminate accurate data, and public health organizations at the state and local levels.

The Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and its partners will maintain an integrated national and international network of laboratories that are fully equipped to respond quickly to acts of chemical or biological terrorism, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health threats and emergencies.

President Ellie thanked David Klein for his presentation and asked him to sign the, Best Christmas Ever by Bruce Hale, which will be donated to an elementary school in his honor to promote Literacy.

Secretary Lori Williams reminded members that it’s “Happy Dues” time. She will email invoices to members.

President Ellie reminded members that we’re dark next two Mondays, and the next meeting is January 10, 2011. She wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sam Heard led in the 4-Way Test.
On December 15th, Aiea Elementary students in grades 3-5, who participated in "Families & Children Read to Each Other" during the fall break, received a Christmas stocking from Donna & John McLaughlin. The stockings were gifts from Donna's ohana, Don Fasone & Billy Pulasaki. This reading program encourages families to read together during school breaks and has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor since 2006.

"For 23 years, the Rotarians have dedicated their time and efforts to eradicating polio. They have done so in the face of extraordinary challenges. They have overcome financial shortfalls, conflict, and lack of security. They have conquered cultural barriers and lack of political will. Rotarians have shown the world what can be achieved when civil society and the United Nations partner together.

When the last chapter on polio eradication is finally written, it will tell one of the most spectacular success stories in public health. It will describe one of the world's most remarkable partnerships. And it will highlight the Rotarians' personal service to humanity. I know Rotarians will go the distance. And I will be with you every step of the way."

June 2008
Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary General