Immediate Past President Ernie Anderson welcomed members and guests to the 2,799th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where WE ALL FIND HAPPINESS IN HELPING OTHERS BY BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND BRIDGING CONTINENTS!

Providing our inspiration today was John Mihlbauer. John retired as a Coast Guard captain and has run his own ocean engineering company since then. He joined our club 10/27/82 and was sponsored by Pete Latham.

Leading us in the pledge of allegiance today Dudley Fullard-Leo. Dudley became a member of RCPH on 2/12/96 and was sponsored by John Mihlbauer. He is semi-retired but is still active in commercial construction.

Our song leader today was PP Bill Bow. Bill is the president and owner of Bow Engineering. He joined our club in 10/13/97 and was sponsored by Jim Dolim.

Sergeant-at-Arms Stefanie Wilson recognized the presence of District 5000 Leadership: PDG, Finance Chair and Leadership Academy Dean Jim Varner, ADG Elizabeth Kane, District Trainer Stefanie Wilson, and HRYF board member Bruce Fink. Guests visiting today were: Pat Anderson (Ernie Anderson) and Patrick Matsumoto (from American Savings Bank (Jeff Deer). With us again was our calabash member from.
the RC of Windward Oahu, Alan Lloyd. Our guest speaker today, Bob Sigall is a member of the RC of Honolulu.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks again to all who donated canned goods today to help feed the hungry and homeless. This on-going project helps replenish the depleted shelves of the Hawaii Food Bank.

CELEBRATIONS

PP Ernie recognized a couple of birthdays this week: Bruce Fink was born on March 1 and David Arashiro celebrates his birthday on March 12. Club anniversaries were celebrated by David Arashiro who joined our club March 10, 1997 and Stefanie Wilson became a PH Rotarian on March 8, 2010. Congratulations to all of you!

HAPPY BUCKS

Shirley Robinson was $20 happy (to TRF) for missing the Christ Church, N.Z. earthquake by 10 hours last month. Doug Taylor donated $20 to TRF in recognition of the late Bob Deibler’s birthday on March 1. Bruce Fink donated $20 to TRF in celebration of his birthday. Thank you all for your donations!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Brown gave an update on Carl Meyers who has taken a leave of absence. He will be going to Germany for a temporary assignment.

International Director Bill Bow thanked everyone for their help in making our sister club, the Rotary Club of Hiroshima Tonan’s visit, a success.

PP Ernie asked for volunteers to help work at the Rotary booth at Leeward Community College’s career and job fair on April 20. For more details please call Rotarian Dexter Yee at 487-3200 or e-mail him at dyee@aedesign.com.

IN THE WAKE

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PROGRAM

PP and Program Chair Jeff Deer introduced our guest speaker today. Bob Sigall is a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu and has spoken to us before. He is a life-long entrepreneur. He started his first business in intermediate school, over 30 years ago, filing IRS tax returns for his friends so they would get refunds. For 6 years in high school and college, he had his own window washing business. Bob has had several businesses since getting his Masters degree from the University of Hawaii in 1975.

He has been a business consultant since 1978 and has owned his own firm, Creative-1, since 1985. Over the years he has offered marketing and management consultation to over 700 Hawaii businesses. In 2003, he launched Management Magic, which provides a mentor to work one-on-one with mid-level managers and supervisors. He also writes a column on marketing for Hawaii Business Magazine. Bob teaches marketing at Hawaii Pacific University and this book evolved out of an assignment he gave his students to interview the president of any well-known Hawaii business. He's a director of Small Business Hawaii and was chairman of their Legislative Action Committee from 1992-2000. In 1997 he co-founded the Business Legislative Coalition. Bob has been married since 1986 to Lei Honda-Sigall, a parish nurse with St. Francis Healthcare System.

Bob’s presentation today involved more stories from his latest book, The Companies We Keep 3. “More amazing stories about Hawaii’s people, places and companies.”

He started off by telling the history of Oahu Country Club. The first person to tee off when the golf course opened in 1907 was a woman, Annie Faxon-Bishop. Women could be a member without a husband member. The first women’s golf tournament was held there in 1934. It also had the first women’s locker room. OCC was an alternative 100 years ago to the long trek to Moanalua Golf Course which opened in 1898. OCC was closer to town. Actually, another club was Oahu’s second golf course. It opened in 1904 but was sold for development a year later. It was the Manoa Golf Course. It straddled Oahu Ave. and Manoa Road just ewa of what would become the College Hill area of
Lower Manoa. The University would not open until 1912. A trophy was made for a tournament that was to be held there but it closed in 1905. The organizers gave it to the Oahu Country Club when it opened. That’s why Oahu County Club has a Manoa Cup, but no Manoa Golf Course. The Manoa Cup recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Some other interesting tidbits from Bob’s book:

The Waialae Country Club was built by the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in 1927. The Ala Wai Golf Course began as the Territorial Fairgrounds Golf Course. In 1923, it was a single hole, a salmon can in the ground.

Elvis Presley was convinced to perform in Hawaii after receiving 23,000 Christmas cards in 1956 from island residents.

The Makiki Christian Church was modeled after the Kochi Castle in Japan, because the pastor grew up nearby and felt that “God is my fortress.”

Duke Kahanamoku ran a gas station for a bout a year after his participation in the Olympics.

Songstress Joni Mitchell sang about Honolulu in her “Big Yellow Taxi” song with “they paved paradise and put up a parking lot. With a pink hotel”, a reference to the Royal Hawaiian.

Bob even told the story of our own Raymond Noh’s company. Not only did Raymond’s family start a successful business selling local flavored mixes and sauces but may have had the first “hostess” bar in Honolulu. Edwin Noh owned a Korean restaurant called Arirang. It had a small bar where many of the off duty policeman would come in for a beer after work. One day, two gals approached Edwin and asked if they could work there without pay. They’d hang around the bar and keep the customers company. “We’ll charge them a $1 for a beer. You keep 60 cents and we’ll keep 40 cents.” Edwin said, “we’ll give it a shot.” He later sold the bar to one of his waitresses. She sold it and the new owner turned it into the famous strip bar many residents remember.

For more interesting stories, buy Bob’s book!

Ernie thanked Bob for his interesting and informative presentation. Bob signed the children’s book, The Human Body by Steve Parker. The book was donated by Stefanie Wilson and will be given to an elementary school on Bob’s name.

Shirley Robinson led us in the Four-Way-Test.

March is literacy month for Rotary. In our district, this is especially significant since we have emphasized literacy and won awards for the past few years. Many clubs do “keki vision” in schools where Rotarians conduct vision screening in grade schools. We are planning to start an adult literacy program this month. Thanks to all who help others to improve their lives through literacy.

Remember that March 7-13 is World Rotaract Week. Rotaract clubs and sponsor Rotary clubs now have a new way to recognize their achievements. Rotaractors can decide the best way for their club to celebrate the Rotaract program – completing, one, two, or an entire week’s work of activities. After the club has completed its commemorative events, the sponsor Rotary club or district Rotaract chair can download a certificate of recognition for presentation.
Rotary Scholar. An astonishing coincidence! I look forward to celebrating my 50 years of active involvement in Rotary with Rotarians from around the world! Rotarians are making the world a better place! So let's meet in New Orleans and celebrate what Rotarians do better than anyone else in the world:

Celebrate the Rotary year. The RI Convention is not only an opportunity to celebrate a successful Rotary year, it's a chance to learn strategies that will help you become more effective in your Rotary service.

Ray Klinginsmith
RI President, 2010-11

Rotary conventions are unique and special events, and I am pleased to invite Rotarians and their guests to attend the 2011 RI Convention in one of my favorite cities, New Orleans!

New Orleans is one of the most historic cities in the United States, yet it is also a modern metropolis with an outstanding convention center. New Orleans is back in full swing with more restaurants and bars than ever before, waiting to welcome you.

The world-famous French Quarter has a Mardi Gras atmosphere all year long...

Walk the streets and you will hear the hum - the beat - the rhythm - that is New Orleans. A city that has something for everyone.

New Orleans is truly a special place for me. It was the port where I boarded a Lykes Line freighter in 1961 to sail to South Africa as a Rotary Scholar to study at the University of Cape Town. When the ship sailed under the big bridge over the Mississippi River, I entered an exciting world of new continents, new cultures, and new countries. It was a trip that has lasted a lifetime!

Now the convention during my year as RI president will be held in the New Orleans convention center at the base of that big bridge under which I sailed as a Rotary Scholar.