President Connie Kraus welcomed members & guests to the 2,825th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we look toward the future, keep our hearts in the present, and reach within to Embrace Humanity!

Jeff Sarver provided our inspiration, inducted August 9, 2010, sponsored by Ernie Anderson.

Leading the pledge of allegiance was Jeff Workman inducted August 29, 2011, sponsored by Donna McLaughlin.

George Topic led a heat felt God Bless America. He was inducted Feb. 6, 1967, sponsored by Wally Backus.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Lori Williams recognized Current District 5000 leadership: Jim Varner, PDG, Steve Dyer, District Alumni Co-Chair; Bruce Fink, HRYF Board Member; Harvey Gray, District Newsletter. Rotarians within District 5000: Alan Lloyd (Windward Oahu), Rotarian Guests Outside District 5000: Laura Dietz, Newport Beach Sunrise R. C. California.

Guests of RCPH members: Ed Mihlbauer, grandson of John Mihlbauer. Tahiti Rey, daughter of
Augie Rey Fernandez. 
Joray Akaman (Doug Taylor).

PP Bruce Fink introduced Military guests, Machinist Mate First Class Curtis Popp. Curtis works at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and is married with 3 sons and another on the way.

Acknowledgements

“I Can” donators: President Connie thanked Bruce Fink, Connie & Gene Kraus, Donna & John McLaughlin, and John Mihlbauer for their donations of food to help feed the hungry.

Alice Clark donated a number of Children’s books for the Clubs Literacy Program.

Celebrations

Member Induction: Bill Bow, Oct 13, 1997 sponsor Jim Dolim.

Member Birthday: Yasuko Kawakami, Oct. 20.

Member Wedding Anniversary: Gene & Connie Kraus, 3 Oct; Bruce & Laura Fink, Oct 12.

Spouse Birthday: Ron Kaanaana, Oct 8.

Happy Bucks

Ken Brown $30 to the Foundation for USC football team win. Bee Clark $6 to the Club for the Packers winning six games. Alice Clark $6 to the Club to match Bee’s donation. Steve Dyer $20 to the Foundation, happy to be back from two weeks duty in Australia and a trip to Catholic mecca, Notre Dame, he’s not been to a meeting since August. Augie Fernandez $20 to the HRYF, happy daughter Tahiti is here. Alan Lloyd $20 to the Club, for a personal record - 4,000 people attended his lectures on the cruise ship. Shirley Robinson $15 to the HRYF for blessings. Doug Taylor $20 to the Foundation, his Oregon Ducks football team won their game, “quack quack”. Jim Varner $5 to the club for Nancy who is from St. Louis - the St. Louis Cardinals are going to the World Series. Guest Joray Akaman $20 to the Foundation, she’s happy to be here. Guest Curtis Popp $10 to the Foundation, the Bears football team is riding their ship & steering a course to a championship. Visiting Rotarian, Laura Dietz $20 to the Club, happy to be in Hawaii working with the Wounded Warriors at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corp Base.

Announcements

PP Jeff Deer: three schools have been scheduled to receive dictionaries: Salt Lake E. S., Makalapa E. S., and Moanalua E. S. - volunteers are needed Oct 25 and Oct 27.

PP Bill Bow and Ken Brown gave the dates for the Sister Club visit to Hiroshima, April 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and asked members to make their reservations early. Ken Brown offered a variety of flight arrangements to choose from to go to Hiroshima and quoted airfares as of today.

President Connie asked everyone to plan to attend the Wednesday, Nov. 9th, RCPH meeting, changed from Monday, Nov. 7th to accommodate our guest speaker, Charles Lake, who will be in Hawaii attending the APEC Conference. Mr. Lake graduated from St. Louis High School and the University of Hawaii. Bring a guest!

Rotary District 5000 Seminars: Saturday, Oct. 22 at Momilani E. S., Foundation 0830-1130; Membership
1300-1600. A $5.00 fee for snacks will be charged.

Kim wants everyone to note that RYLA camp is Nov. 4, 5, 6. Volunteers are needed.

**PROGRAM**

PP Jeff Deer introduced guest speaker Vanita Rae Smith, who was born February 1, 1944 in Lebanon, Missouri, eight days before her father left for the Pacific and World War II, (F Troop, 8th Cav, 1st Cavalry Division). He was not to come home! Both sides of her family homesteaded in Lebanon in the 1830s and all four of her great grandfathers served as Union Soldiers in the Civil War. Both parents were born in log houses and claimed to be one-quarter American Indian. Mother's side is descendent of Daniel Boone and Vanita Rae could enroll as a Daughter of the American Revolution. With 12 years in Lebanon schools, she graduated in 1962. When the Russians launched Sputnik in Oct 1957, President Eisenhower created a way to grow mathematicians and scientists. Vanita Rae scored in the 99 percentile and spent the next four years in an advanced math and science program. She loved softball and was the star catcher on the Lebanon Women's Team from the age of 11 to 16. Always active in school and church activities, she was in Band, Drama Club, Pep Club, Class Vice President, editor of the yearbook and in 1962 was chosen Miss Magnet (queen of the yearbook and the prom). During her junior and senior year, she was the Sports reporter for the local newspaper and as a result, received the only athletic letter (in all sports) given to a girl in the history of the school. At church, Vanita Rae was in the choir, a Sunday school Teacher and President of the Central District Youth Group. She bused dishes, was a typist for a realtor and spent two summers at Bennett Springs cleaning cabins.

Vanita spent 41 years entertaining the troops because this was her passion. Since her retirement, her newest passion is “Keep the Spirit of ’45 Alive”. Edith Shane, the nurse of the iconic “Victory Kiss at Times Square” said we need to create something that is going to commemorate the greatest generation. In August 2010, Congress unanimously approved August 14th as the day to commemorate the greatest generation. Of the 16 million men who served in WWII, a 3rd of them had less than an 8th grade education, but they passed on three things to future generations: 1. Take responsibility for your life, 2. Be frugal, 3. Be humble, love loyalty and work hard, embrace challenge and don’t make life so complicated.

**KEEP THE SPIRIT OF ’45 ALIVE!** is a non-profit, non-partisan initiative to preserve the legacy of the men and women of the Greatest Generation so that their example of courage, self-sacrifice, “can-do” attitude and commitment to community can help inspire a renewal of national unity in America at a time when our country once again must come together to meet historic challenges.

The goal of the **KEEP THE SPIRIT OF ’45 ALIVE!** initiative is to establish an annual day of remembrance and national renewal to remind America of the values and accomplishments of the generation who endured the hard times of the Great Depression, fought to defeat the greatest tyranny in history, and went on to rebuild their shattered world in an unprecedented effort to help assure a better future for both friend and former foe alike.

The inaugural event for **KEEP THE SPIRIT OF ’45 ALIVE** here in Hawaii was August 13, 2011 at the Waikiki Shell, which featured Lee Greenwood and local entertainers, honoring WWII Veterans. The statue of the “Victory Kiss in Time Square” was brought in from the mainland for the concert and now is on display at the USS Missouri.

Vanita’s goal is to raise $100,000 to help bring “Green Path and Rainbow”, a cantata from Kunming, China, to Hawaii in 2012. The cantata is about China’s heroes, America’s Flying Tigers and General Chennault.

Vanita ended her talk by saying “Only once in world history there was a joyful global experience. The day was August 14, 1945, WWII ended and celebrations erupted around the planet”.

President Connie thanked Vanita for her presentation and asked her to sign “The Gecko Who Lost His Tail” by Bruce Hale. It will be donated...
to Aiea Elementary School in her honor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Stefanie Wilson led us in the Four-Way-Test

**DICTIONARY PROJECT**

On Friday, October 21 Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor Rotarians Bill Bow, Jeff Deer, Debbie & Mimi Deibler, Connie Kraus, Pat Middleton, Doug Taylor and Stephanie Wilson distributed dictionaries to Salt Lake Elementary School third grade students.

**THE 4-WAY TEST**

Of the things we think, say or do
1. Is it the TRUTH?
   ‘Oia i keia o’lelo
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
   Kupono ia ka kou
3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
   Kukulu lokomaika’i a me pilialoha maika’i a’e
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
   Pono ia ka kou

October
Vocational Month

Oct 24: Connie Sizemore, Family Programs Hawaii
Oct 31: Donna Ching and Simon Tetlow, Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium

November
Rotary Foundation Month

Nov 7: Dark
Nov 9: Charles Lake, Chairman of AFLAC Japan
Nov 14: Evan Fujimoto, Making Homes Friendly, and Safe for All Ages
Nov 21: Perry Springman, World Vision
Nov 27: Rotary Foundation Dinner, 5:30pm Outrigger Canoe Club
Nov 28: Steve Dyer and Ted Meeker, Useful Legal Information