President Connie Kraus welcomed members and guests to the #2845 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!

Providing our inspiration was Steve Dyer inducted July 29, 1991 sponsored by Don Devaney.

Leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance was Alan Lloyd, calabash member.

Our song leader was Les Hunkele inducted April 30, 2007 sponsored by Ernie Anderson, who led us in singing God Bless the USA (Proud to be an American)

Steve Dyer sponsored and inducted Tsurumi Hamasu as the 46th member of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor with the classification of Public Relations Specialist.

Steve presents Rotary pin to Tsurumi
President Connie presented PE Doug Taylor with his 6th Paul Harris pin and said that his contribution to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is allaying suffering, improving living conditions, and providing educational opportunities for young people somewhere in the world.

**RECOGNITION**


Rotarian Guests within District 5000: Alan Lloyd (Windward).

Guests of RCPH members:

- Florence & Kenny Lum, guest of Honorary Member Kenny Lum.

**CELEBRATIONS**

President Connie recognized:

- Member Birthday: Bee Clark, April 12
- Member Wedding Anniversary: John & Donna McLaughlin, April 21st.
- Spouse Birthday: Karen Deer, April 12; Dayna Matsumoto, April 17th

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

“I Can” donators: Ernie Anderson, Bee and Alice Clark, Willa Gardner, Connie and Gene Kraus, Jim Varner, Stefanie Wilson, Alan Lloyd. President Connie thanked them for donating to the FoodBank.

**HAPPY BUCKS**

Alice Clark $20 to the Rotary Foundation for her husband’s birthday. Steve Dyer $20 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of Tsurumi’s induction and for being back after five weeks of traveling. Willa Gardner $20 to the Rotary Foundation because the HRYF Scholarship Awards picked both of our nominees, it was a great experience. Tsurumi Hamasu $20 to the Rotary Foundation celebrating her first meeting as a member. Alan Lloyd $5 to the Club because he is disappearing for five weeks on a cruise to Sydney, New Caledonia, Fiji, Western Samoa, Hawaii, Vancouver, and Alaska. Kimberly Moore $20 to the Rotary Foundation, because two of the students that interviewed for scholarship with our club, earned scholarships with the HRYF. Doug Taylor $20 to the Rotary Foundation for his sixth Paul Harris and reflected on the day when he was inducted into the club, 27 years ago.

The Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor Presents

Pearl Harbor Swirls

A Premiere Wine Tasting

Pacific Aviation Museum, Pearl Harbor on Ford Island, Hawaii
May 19, 2012
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Harvey Gray asked how many members have found items for Swirls silent auction? He has no donation forms and is getting nervous. Harvey said the total number of paid tickets received is now over one hundred.

Bill Bow showed the members the commemorative banner we will be presenting to the Rotary Club in Hiroshima in honor of the 30th anniversary of the sister clubs relationship.

Ernie Anderson explained the joint project with Mililani Sunrise Club on Saturday morning, April 28th Rotary At Work Day and passed around sign-up sheets asking for volunteers.

President Connie reminded the members that there is no meeting next week.

Bill Bow introduced Dr. Carl Lum with the Aloha Medical Mission to Burma (Myanmar). Carl graduated from St. Louis High School, attended Northwestern University and the Univ. of Illinois Medical School. He took his surgical residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and then returned to Honolulu, specializing in general surgery.

He retired after practicing for 30 years at Queen's and St. Francis Hospitals, then volunteered for missions with the Aloha Medical Mission, traveling all over Asia, providing free surgical care to indigent patients for the past 20 years. Today's talk will be about his most recent trip last month to Burma.

Dr. Lum's affiliations with Rotary is through his older brother, Kenny, and when working on a mission to Zamboanga in the very south of the Philippines, in Mindanao, that was partially sponsored by the Rotary Club of Zamboanga.

Missions are collections of doctors, dentists and nurses, who pay their own way and bring their own supplies to provided needed medical care around the world. Palama Settlement, where Carl and Kenny Lum grew up, has the only free clinic in Hawaii.

The missions also respond to natural disasters. Dr. Lum was involved in two disaster responses -- the 2004 quake in Indonesia (a 9.2 quake that killed about 250,000 people) and the 2008 cyclone in Burma (that killed about 150,000). Burma was renamed as Myanmar by a military government in 1989.

Burma had experienced a cyclone of about a category IV. A ship was used as a temporary hospital. Dr. Lum had anticipated there would be sufficient medical supplies for surgery so did not bring his own sutures, and had to resort to stitches with sewing thread – that worked well! In one case he operated on a 38 year old woman with a huge breast tumor – the largest Dr. Lum had seen in 50 years of practice. At first he thought it was inoperable, but upon further investigation he determined that the cancer had not spread to the lymph nodes, and he successfully removed the tumor.

Dr. Lum met over 100 people in one day who were missing a hand. There is a company that donates practical prostheses for missing hands that Dr. Lum demonstrated and used in Burma.

He also related his experience in Sitagu Inle Lake, high up in a mountain valley. There is only one road, so transportation is by boat. Houses are on stilts, and farming is done on the lake surface, where underwater growth is dredged up and forms a "garden". He stayed at a floating hotel, as well. The hospital there has about 40 beds, but only 2 operating suites.

There is much care needed. At the end of the 2 week mission, the doctors have to end the work and leave some needing operations or other care until the next trip. His next mission already has 75 cases lined up. Dr. Lum also emphasized how the Burmese people were gentle, kind and appreciative of the medical care.

In the Philippines, Dr. Lum once worked 15 cases in one day – too many for a steady workload. The total workload was about 300 minor surgeries and 102 major surgeries.

The local hospital prescreens prospective patients, and the mission re-screens them to see if their surgery is doable.
President Connie thanked Dr. Lum for his presentation and asked him to sign a children’s book, *The Swamps of Sleethe poems from beyond the solar system* by Jack Prelutsky, that will be donated to Aiea Elementary School in his honor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Les Hunkele led us in the Four-Way-Test.

**ROaty HISTORY**

Past R.I. Presidents
(Continued from March 26)

1969-70
James F. Conway
Rotary Club of Rockville Centre, New York, USA
RI Theme: Review and Renew
“Rotary must be renewed constantly at the club level to avoid stagnation. Rotary must be renewed constantly at the international level to avoid retrogression. But Rotary at all levels depends on the individual Rotarian.”

The Rotarian, July 1969

1970-71
William E. Walk Jr.
Rotary Club of Ontario, California, USA
RI Theme: Bridge the Gaps
“The racial gap can be bridged through improving communication in both directions and fighting bigotry wherever it may exist.”

The Rotarian, July 1970

1971-72
Ernst G. Breitholtz
Rotary Club of Kalmar, Sweden
RI Theme: Goodwill Begins with You
“Rotary is a continuing experiment in international coexistence and cooperation, an experiment that has advanced very far and with positive results.”

1971 RI Convention

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**April Magazine Month**

Apr 23: Bill Bow, Hiroshima Trip Report
Apr 28: Rotary At Work Day, joint project w/Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise
Apr 30: TBA