President Connie Kraus welcomed members and guests to the 2,848th 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 Shirley Robinson inducted July 2, 2007 sponsored by Augie Rey Fernandez.

Leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance was Willa Gardner inducted Aug.15, 2011 sponsored by Connie Kraus

Our song leader was Jeff Deer inducted Aug. 1, 1981 sponsored by Herb Robisch. Jeff led us in singing America the Beautiful.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Willa Gardner welcomed Past and Current District 5000 Leadership: Past District Governors Roz Cooper and Jim Varner; Steve Dyer (District Alumni Co-Chair), Bruce Fink (HRYF Board Member), Harvey Gray (District Newsletter). Guests of RCPH members: Betty Fullard-Leo, sister-in-law and guest of Dudley Fullard-Leo.

Bruce Fink introduced our military
IN THE WAKE

Chief Woten and MASA Eric Loberg

Betty & Dudley Fullard Leo AIC David Valenzuela

guests, AIC David Valenzuela, USAF, MASA Eric Loberg, USN and Chief Woten USN, and asked them to say a few words.

CELEBRATIONS

There were no celebrations today.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“I Can” donators: Ernie Anderson, Alice and Bee Clark, Jeff Deer, Bruce Fink, Connie and Gene Kraus, John Mihlbauer, Shirley Robinson, Jim Varner. Connie thanked them for donating to the FoodBank.

HAPPY BUCKS

Jeff Deer, $50 to the Rotary Foundation thanking Bill Bow, John Doty, & Connie for helping out while he was on the mainland. Also, he ordered a lei from Pat Middleton to present to his number two son at his college graduation. The lei was beautiful and everyone was impressed. Tsurumi Hamasu, $20 to the Rotary Foundation because her 88 year-old mother performed a traditional Japanese dance at the University of Hawaii with her sister, niece and family in the audience. Shirley Robinson, $20 to the HRYF because she was happy to be home after taking a cruise to Dubai, Cairo Egypt, the Red Sea and Mt. Sinai, and for her son who graduated from seminary.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pearl Harbor Swirls: we have 132 signed up to date, and 18 silent auction items and can use more. Please do not email your driver license and credit card information, there are too many cases of hackers getting into email accounts and stealing personal identities.

Bob Fujii has been made an Honorary member. He’s doing well, but cannot attend meetings.

PROGRAM

Steve Dyer introduced General Coral Wong Pietsch. General Pietsch was born in Waterloo, Iowa, to a Chinese immigrant father from Canton, China who came to the United States to start a Chinese restaurant and a Czech American mother. She currently serves as the Senior Civilian Attorney and Special Assistant in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate for the U.S.
Army Pacific. She is a retired Brigadier General, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps, where she was an active duty member of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps from 1974 to 1980. She was the first woman general in the 228-year history of the Army’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps and the first Asian-American woman to hold the rank of brigadier general in the Army, promoted to Brigadier General while a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. She holds a B.A. from the College of St. Teresa, an M.A. from Marquette University, and a J.D. from the Catholic University of America where she met her husband, an army officer who also became a lawyer. She was appointed to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission by Governor Linda Lingle and served as its Chair for seven years, with her term expiring while deployed. General Pietsch volunteered to serve for a year in Iraq as a DOD civilian during “The Surge” in 2007-2008 as the Deputy Rule of Law Coordinator for the Baghdad Provincial Reconstruction Team. She was nominated recently by President Obama to serve as a Justice on the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Commissioned into the Judge Advocate General Corps in 1974, and assigned to Eighth Army in Korea then to Fort Shafter, Hawaii, she completed her active duty requirement, transferring to the Army Reserves. After active duty, she settled down to reside in Hawaii with her husband and became a civilian attorney for U.S. Army Pacific. She deployed to Johnston Atoll, Japan, the Philippines, Washington D.C. and Iraq while a reservist. General Pietsch lived in the Green Zone, a 4.5 square mile in area that was the seat of government under Sadam Hussain. Before arriving in Bagdad, she spent a week in Kuwait taking first aid training in light of the threat of injury from IUD and mortar fire. Her mission was to ensure Iraq’s democratic Rule of Law, with people treated fairly under the law, to build back the confidence of the people. General Pietsch lived in something like a Matson container surrounded by sandbags. Mortar rounds landed in the Green Zone daily, multiple times a day. General Pietsch was assigned a gray Suburban, but the problem was everyone had a gray Suburban. She recognized her’s by the bullet hole next to the gas tank. The hospital was not far from General Pietsch’s office and every day helicopters, flying in pairs or more, would bring in casualties. Outside the Green Zone there were car bombs and truck bombs going off daily followed by a tremendous bellow of smoke rising up that could be seen for miles. The insurgents knew that when the first bomb exploded everyone rushed to the scene to help the wounded and clean up, and often a second bomb detonated in the same area. There were bunker shelters everywhere stocked with bottles of water because of the heat. When she arrived in Bagdad in May of 2007 it was 107 degrees. For the next 100 days the temperature steadily climbed, topping out at 148 degrees. Coral could not leave the Green Zone without wearing her “business suit,” weighing about 20-25 pounds, or a security detail including tanks with guns, 4 Humvees, and scout vehicles. She was only allowed to leave the Green Zone for a “mission” or business meeting, which took a week to prepare for and get cleared by security. She also had to go through a briefing and give personal information such as blood type, Social Security number, and religious affiliation. There was a medic at all times with the security detail. The court system was very dysfunctional because it was very dangerous for judges, 30 to 40 judges were assassinated during that year. To become an attorney in Iraq requires a four year education program and is based on Civil Law not Common Law. There are 35,000 lawyers in Bagdad, but only 12,000 are actually practicing law because of the security problems, too much corruption in the courts, and very little pay. There isn’t a day that goes by that Coral does not think about her experience in Iraq. President Connie thanked General Pietsch for her presentation and asked her to sign a children’s book, Spring by Moira Butterfield which will be donated to Aiea Elementary School in her honor.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Bow led us in the Four-Way-Test.
Past R.I. Presidents (Continued from May 7)

1977-78
W. Jack Davis
Rotary Club of Hamilton, Bermuda
RI Theme: Serve to Unite Mankind
“My friends in Rotary, we would do well to remember that much of the trouble in the world today is not so much the noise of the bad as it is the silence of the good."
1977 RI Convention

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1978-79
Clem Renouf
Rotary Club of Nambour, Queensland, Australia
RI Theme: Reach Out
“I am here because Rotary takes ordinary men and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they had ever dreamed possible.”
1977 RI Convention

1979-80
James L. Bomar Jr.
Rotary Club of Shelbyville, Tennessee, USA
RI Theme: Let Service Light the Way
“Service Above Self is another way of expressing the moral and spiritual commandment to love one another, truly turning our world neighborhood into a world brotherhood.”
The Rotarian, February 1980

1980-81
Rolf J. Klärich
Rotary Club of Helsinki-Helsingfors, Finland
RI Theme: Take Time to Serve
“The time we take to serve those who need us can be the turning point, not only in their lives but also in our own.”
1980 International Assembly

May
May 14: Dennis Chun, Actor who plays the role of “Duke” on Hawaii 5-0
May 19: Pearl Harbor Swirls, Pacific Aviation Museum, 6:00 P.M.
May 21: Club Assembly
May 28: DARK Memorial Day

THE 4-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
‘Oia ‘o i keia o‘i 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