Past President Connie Kraus welcomed members and guests to the 2856th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we pursue Peace Through Service.

Jeff Deer, a member since August 1, 1981, sponsored by Herb Robish, gave our inspiration by reading a portion of a letter from our scholarship recipient, Travis Lafront, “Thank you so much for your generous monetary contribution to my education. It means the world to me, and it will be the fuel that serves to motivate me to optimize my learning. It will not be wasted. You may be glad to note that at the closing of the school year, I graduated as the top male Valedictorian of my class, literally ranked 3/465, earning a cumulative GPA of approximately 4.2. Furthermore, I received the BOE special recognition diploma, as well as a variety of other awards, including Outstanding English Student of the Year and Student Athlete of the Year.

Upcoming, I will be leaving for Utah on August 10th for Late Summer Honors, which will provide orientation for me to endeavor graduating with Honors from BYU. I am thoroughly excited to begin this new chapter of my life. Again, I cannot fully express what your support means to me. Truly, I could not have gotten the award at the state level without the training session you provided and the reminders you outstretched. This scholarship and your support has enabled me. My dreams, my aspirations, and my future could not be possible without what you have given me. For that, I am very grateful. It is not just money - its life.”

John Mihlbauer, a member since October 27, 1982, sponsored by Pete Latham, led pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Deer led us in singing “My Country Tis of Thee”.

July 30, 2012

THE CHANNEL MARKER
Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor
Celebrating 62 Years of Service!

IN THE WAKE
MEETING REPORT July 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Deer
RECOGNITION

Sergeant-at Arms Stefanie Wilson welcomed distinguished guests: Rotary International District Governor Michio Ajito, District 2530 (Japan).

Rotary Guests Within District 5000: Alan Lloyd, Calabash Member (Windward), Faye Ross, Past President (East Honolulu), Bub Wo, (Honolulu) and Masa Edamura, (Honolulu Sunrise).


CELEBRATIONS


Spouse Birthday: Diane Hunkele, July 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connie announced that Patrick Matsumoto was recently promoted to Vice President, Central Pacific Bank.

Past President Connie presented Joann Ishida, Librarian of Aiea Elementary School and Kate O’Malley, Principal of Aiea Elementary School four large bags containing books signed by RCPH guest speakers for the school library

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“I CAN” donators: Alice and Bee Clark, Lester Hunkele, Donna and John McLaughlin, John Mhlbauer and Shirley Robinson.

HAPPY BUCKS

Bill Bow, $20 to the Foundation, his daughter, Sarah is recovering from a horse accident. Steve Dyer, $20 to the Foundation for his 21 years of being a Rotarian. Tsurumi Hamasu, $20 to the Foundation, she is going to the Olympics. Les Hunkele, $20 to the Foundation, in honor of Diane’s 20th Birthday. Faye Ross, $3 to the Club, happy to be a guest. Masa Edamura, $3 to the Club, happy to escort the District 2530 Governor.

PROGRAM

Program Chair, Jeff Deer introduced the first guest speaker of the day, Rick Kang who is a family liaison for Hui Ho’omalau. Rick, a resident of Kapolei, graduated from University of Hawaii with a degree in Hawaiian Studies, has adopted four girls, and has an 18-year-old daughter of his own. He is a registered substance abuse counselor in Kauai. Hui Ho’omalau recruits, trains, and assess prospective Resource Families for children in foster care. Their mission is to inspire and equip families and communities for
success and service, using timeless Native Hawaiian values and traditions.

Since 1997, the Partners in Development Foundation have been dedicated to drawing upon the ancient Hawaiian cultural traditions to meet the current challenges facing today’s Hawaiian population. Using vital traditional concepts such as the ahupua’a system of land and environmental stewardship, and ho’ona’auao, traditional mentorship in education, Partners in Development creates and implements programs to address the needs of at-risk groups within the Hawaiian community, such as preschool children, their caregivers, and economically depressed neighborhoods. Applying innovative yet time-tested approaches to assisting foster families and homeless communities, and teaching new informational technologies, Partners in Development seeks to create a climate of caring, knowledge and support that will reach far into the future of Hawaii. Hui Ho’omalu is a program of Partners In Development Foundation contracted by the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services to recruit, train and assess prospective Resource Families to complete general licensing requirements toward a Foster Home License.

The basic requirements to be a Resource Family are:

- The desire and ability to accept a foster child into your home based on the reunification plan made by the state:
  - Foster care is temporary and a resource home needs to be a safe and nurturing environment for the child in foster care while a permanent plan is made. Reunification with birth family is the goal for every child who enters foster care. If the child cannot go back, the next option is placement with relatives.
  - Space in your home for an additional child:
    - Generally, a child in foster care may not share a room with an adult, but may share a room with other children of the same gender.
    - Income must cover usual household expenses:
      - A household must be able to show that regular household expenses do not exceed monthly household income.
      - Pass both a criminal and a child abuse and neglect back ground check:

- Resource Caregiver(s) and adult household members must be able to show a recent/credible history of safe behavior.

Rick Kang introduced the second guest speaker of the day, Faye Ross. Faye shared her story of how she got involved as a Resource Caregiver. Faye recalls how harsh and crazy it was going through the process but now finds it rewarding and fulfilling to be a caregiver. A few years ago, three kids from her neighborhood came to her house asking for food and chips. They would show up at her house every so often in that year and she wondered where they lived and who was taking care of them. She was prompted to get involved when she saw one of the kids, a little girl about 5 years old with dark circles under her eyes and bruises on her body. She refrained from contacting CPS because she did not want them to be taken away. She phoned a few of her relatives and her aunt mentioned the Hui Ho’omalu program. To make a long story short, she is a strong advocate of the program and mentioned that even though she is uncomfortable with public speaking, she shares her story to educate the public about the program and how it touches people’s lives.

Past President Connie Kraus thanked both speakers and asked them to sign a book, 125 Fun Facts About Humpbacks by Paul H. Forestell and Gregory D. Kaufman, to be donated to Aiea Elementary School to promote literacy.

Faye Ross, Rick Kang & Connie

Donna McLaughlin led us in the 4-Way Test.
Past R.I. Presidents
(Continued from May 21)

1985-86
Edward F. Cadman
Rotary Club of Wenatchee,
Washington, USA
RI Theme: You Are the Key
“I like to stress the importance of each individual Rotarian. They’re the foundation blocks we build on.”
The Rotarian, July 1985

1986-87
M.A.T. Caparas
Rotary Club of Manila, Manila, Philippines
RI Theme: Rotary Brings Hope
“[Rotarians] find in Rotary a medium for the expression of their compassion for others, for building a better world, and a delightful way of fulfilling their own selves.”

1987 RI Convention

1987-88
Charles C. Keller
Rotary Club of California, Pennsylvania, USA
RI Theme: Rotarians — United in Service — Dedicated to Peace
“But the one effort we must never relax is our search for the path to peace. The alternative is unthinkable.”
The Rotarian, June 1988

1988-89
Royce Abbey
Rotary Club of Essendon, Victoria, Australia
RI Theme: Put Life into Rotary Your Life
“Our greatest strength is in bonding — bringing people together, sharing values, and overcoming divisive barriers. Goodwill and fellowship are the heart of Rotary.”

July
Jul 30: Micah Kane, Pacific Links Hawaii

August
Membership & Extension Month
Aug 6: Theo Stiller, Rotary’s Ignite Membership Program
Aug 13: Laura Beeman, UH Wahine Basketball Coach
Aug 20: SBX Radar Dome, (Pending)
Aug 27: Jen Chahanovich, CEO of Pali Momi Medical Center

THE 4-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do
1. Is it the TRUTH?
‘Ola ‘Io i keia o‘elelo
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Kupono ia ka kou
3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Kukulu lokomaika‘ia me pillaloha maika‘ia a‘e
4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
Pono ia ka kou