President Doug Taylor welcomed members and guests to the 2865th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we pursue Peace Through Service.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Doug Taylor. He was inducted on February 13, 1984 and sponsored by George Topic.

Jeff Deer, inducted on August 8, 1981 and sponsored by Herb Robish, gave the inspiration for the day, “Dig beneath your feet and there you will find a spring, the place where you are now is crucial. Never try to avoid that which you must do”.

George Topic, who was inducted on February 2, 1967 and sponsored by Wally Backus, led us in singing “America the Beautiful”.

Sergeant-at-Arms Stefanie Wilson welcomed District 5000 Leadership: Harvey Gray, District Newsletter, Donna Mclaughlin, InterAct Chair, Bruce Fink, HRYF Director. Rotarian Guests Within District 5000: Alan Lloyd Windward (Calabash Member). Guests of Rotarians: Wayne Nishiie and Chad Wong (PE Les Hunkele).

Member Induction: Bill Bow, inducted on October 10, 1997 sponsored by Jim Dolim
Wedding Anniversaries: Eugene and Connie Kraus, October 3, Bruce and Laura Fink, October 12
Spouse Birthday: Ron Kaanaana (Ellie), October 8

“I CAN” donators: Alice and Bee Clark, Dudley Leo-Fullard, Donna and John Mclaughlin.
Les Hunkele, recently made up at the Rotary Club of West Point-Highland Falls, N.Y. He presented President Doug with their banner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Doug reminded everyone to bring in their items early for the Rotary Foundation Auction to be held on November 10th. There will be no RCPH meeting on October 8 in observance of Discoverer’s Day.

**HAPPY BUCKS**

Les Hunkele, $27 to the Rotary Foundation, in honor of the 27 Medal of Honor winners from the battle of Iwo Jima and in particular "Woody" Williams, USMC, the sole remaining member of the group. Les was a seatmate on a flight from Los Angeles. Woody is a member of the Rotary Club of Milton, West Virginia. Bill Bow, $100 to the Rotary Foundation, his wife Kathy was honored as an Outstanding Alumni at the Sacred Hearts Academy Gala Event. Doug Taylor, $50 to the Club, happy that the Oregon Ducks maintained their 2nd place position in the National College Football Poll. Jeff Deer, $100 to the Club, happy about recent Hawaii 5-0 filming at Jeff & Karen’s House. “To those who remember the February 2011 party at the Deer’s home during our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Hiroshima visit, this might be a fun story as it will remind us of the fond memories created that night.

Karen answered the door to their home earlier this month and was greeted by a location scout for the *Hawaii 5-0* television show. The producers liked our front walkway and asked if they could use our home for both an exterior and interior scene for an upcoming *Hawaii 5-0* episode scheduled to be aired on November 19.

On Wednesday, September 26, their quiet neighborhood was turned into a circus like atmosphere as the production company set-up and filmed two scenes, one outside the front of the home, and then later that evening another scene inside the living room. The indoor scene was filmed after dark so there were large lights set-up outside to create the illusion of daylight during the interior filming.

Actors included Alex O’Loughlin (Steve McGarrett), Scott Caan (Dano) and guest star Vanessa Marcil, who was a regular on the TV show *Las Vegas*.

It was chaotic, interesting, educational and fun!

**PROGRAM**

Program Chair, Jeff Deer introduced Jeff Gere. Born on Halloween, Jeff Gere blends talents as painter, puppeteer, and mime into shows which have electrified Hawaii (and beyond) audiences of every age for twenty years. Jeff’s animated physical energy, wide range of voices, morphing elastic face and clear characterizations make his shows unforgettable events. Jeff becomes his stories! Jeff is the Drama Specialist for the City & County of Honolulu Parks Department. He’s directed the National Storytelling Network’s Talk Story Festival, Hawaii’s biggest storytelling
celebration each October since ’89. He’s produced/ 
hosted NSN’s Pacific Regional Talk Story Conference 
in Honolulu, since 2009 and Talk Story Camp each 
July. He received NSN’s Oracle Award (Western 
US,’07). Recent tours include Wisconsin, Arctic 
Canada, Georgia and Tennessee. He’s also performed 
in Hong Kong, Vancouver, Turkey, Guam & Samoa, 
Spain, and Thailand. He tours Hawaii annually and 
did a 3 week solo show, World Spooky Tales with 
Honolulu Theater for Youth. Jeff created and hosts 
Talk Story Radio, a weekly Pacific storytelling show, 
http://www.talkstoryradio.com, pod casts. His Story 
TV has aired monthly story shows on Access TV 
since ’90. Jeff has made ten CDs; three are ‘Haunted 
Hawaii”, true supernatural tales. Two received 
Outstanding Storytelling Recordings honors, 
Storytelling World, ’07 & ’09. He has two DVDs as 
well. Jeff’s repertoire is voluminous. His Arabian 
Nights Series with two musicians and a belly dancer 
ran 18 packed months in a Honolulu Chinatown Bar. 
He does shadow puppet shows. Jeff annually tells 
stories to thousands of Oahu’s Summer Fun Park kids. 
Commissions include Egyptian mythology “Yo 
Paraoh”, and being Van Gogh’s Ghost. His “Art Off 
the Wall” Series interpreted The Contemporary 
Museum exhibits for 3 years.

In 1982, Gere came to Hawaii to study Asian Mask 
Theatre. He wanted to live in a foreign country and 
since he was into Asian Mask Theatre at that time, he 
decided to move to here and study at UH. A friend of 
his at that time informed him that there was a new 
seisn from Japan teaching a class, so Jeff registered 
for his class. At that time, Jeff had an old car that 
would not go over the Pali and he was also teaching 
part time that he would always end up being late 
attending his Japanese class. Since his teacher adheres 
to Japanese traditions, he would always ask Jeff to 
kneel and apologize for being late. This happened too 
times and one day he finally got locked out of 
the class because earlier that day his wife had asked 
him to pick up a few things for dinner. With no money 
in his pocket and locked out of his class, he prayed for 
an idea so he could put gas on his car and buy the 
things his wife had asked. This led him to Manoa beer 
garden where all the kids hang out. He pulled the first 
table and said “Hi, 50 cents for a good story and 75 
cents for a really good story. An hour later, he was 
driving home and had money to pay for gas and food 
for dinner and a little buzz from all the tips he got. 
That was the beginning of Jeff’s career as a story 
teller.

Jeff shared a story about his parents and his encounter 
with the legend of Pele. Jeff knew he was full 
blooded Hawaiian but he didn’t know anything about 
any legends because he was forbidden to talk about it. 
His mother was always saying, “We are Christians 
now and we don’t follow that old stuff”. Jeff recalled 
playing with his sister outside and just happened to 
mentioned Pele’s name and both parents came out and 
smacked him.

One day, Jeff and his family took a trip to Kilauea and 
went up to a remote area of the mountain. His mom 
remembered a lot of fond memories growing up in the 
area and as she 

Jeff Gere, story teller
of his dad on his last days of his life. Sometimes his dad was lucid but sometimes he was gone. But those moments when he was with his dad, Jeff would inquire about the day they went to the volcano. Finally, his dad opened up about what happened that day. He said, “I remember your sister standing looking at the lava and she was looking at the edge of the cliff and grassy area”. His dad went on to say that he was mindlessly looking at the river and the waterfall when half way down he was looking at a cave and saw something moving. Thinking and wondering if it was a bush moving around, but then he saw a face and a body of a lady and the lady was staring at him! She was floating and hovered in the air and said, “Hele Mai, Come, we live together as husband and wife in my Hale”. She put her hand out and at the bottom of the volcano there was a ball of flame that had started to grow and then the bottom of the lake came up and got as big as a house. The lady placed her hand inside the flame and parted it like a curtain. She said, “You and me, husband and wife in my Hale”. This was the reason why his dad started shouting at Jeff and jumped into the car and drove home.

The annual TALK STORY FESTIVAL is Hawaii’s largest storytelling celebration which is hosted by Jeff. The vision was to bring Hawai‘i’s best tellers and tales to Hawai‘i’s people. With no precedent, no money, a part-time aide, and the Parks Department staff, some fifty volunteer storytellers filled eight hours of storytelling on five stages each hour. Media response was and continues to be tremendous. One thousand people attended that first event. Their unanimous response was simple: "Do It Again!" It is held each October in McCoy Pavilion’s generally features 3 FREE nights with various themes Friday draws the largest audience as it is always ‘Spookiest’.

Doug thanked Jeff for his presentation and asked him to sign a book, "Do you want to be my friend?", by Eric Carle that will be donated to Aiea Elementary School to promote literacy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Bow led us in the 4-Way Test

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**October**

**Vocational Service Month**

Oct 15 CDR Maria Moreenchow, Afghanistan Experience & Pacific Partnership 2012

Oct 22: Stephanie Yamashita, Parents and Teachers Together

Oct 29: Bruce Fink and Raymond Noh’s Irish Adventure

**November**

**Rotary Foundation Month**

Nov 5: Barbara Bancel, Hawaii International Hospitality Center

Nov 10: Rotary Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction, Outrigger Canoe Club, 5:00 pm

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**THE 4-WAY TEST**

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH? ‘Oia ‘Io 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 pili aloha maika’i a’e
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Pono ia ka kou

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*Doug & Jeff Gere*

McCoy Auditorium in Ala Moana Beach Park. The format, which has evolved over several years, now it