



January 23, 2012

THE CHANNEL MARKER

Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Celebrating 61 Years of Service!

IN THE WAKE MEETING REPORT Jan 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Connie Kraus welcomed members and guests to the 2,835th 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!



Bruce Fink

Providing our inspiration was **Bruce Fink**, inducted May 4, 1998 sponsored by **John Scudder**. **Bruce** works for the US Pacific Command.

Leading us in the pledge of allegiance was **Bill Bow**, inducted October 13, 1997 sponsored by **Jim Dolim**. **Bill** is the President of Bow Engineering.



Bill Bow

Our song leader was **Jeff Deer**, inducted August 1, 1981 sponsored by **Herb Robisch**. **Jeff** led us in singing God Bless America.



Jeff Deer

RECOGNITION

Sergeant-at-Arms **Lori Williams** welcomed Current District 5000 Leadership: **Steve Dyer**, District Alumni Co-Chair; **Bruce Fink**, HRYF Board Member; **Harvey Gray**, District Newsletter. Rotarian Guests within District 5000: **Alan Lloyd** (Windward Oahu); **Roy Tanji** (Ala Moana). Guests of RCPH members: **Jory Atamian** guest of **Doug Taylor**; **Diane Hunkele** guest of **Les Hunkele**.

Bruce Fink introduce our military guests: **LN1 Stacey**

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President Kalyan Banerjee
District 5000

Governor Laurie Yoshida
Asst. Dist Governor Mel Kumasaka

Chartered June 14, 1950



Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor

Club Officers

President..... Connie G. Kraus
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Interact Clubs Sponsored

- Aiea High School
- Farrington High School
- Moanalua High School
- Radford High School

Sister Clubs

- Hiroshima Southeast, Japan
- Tokyo Osaka, Japan
- Avachinsky, Russia

Meeting Schedule

Mondays, 12:00 Noon
Oahu Country Club
150 Country Club Road

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Stacey Langford **Helen Oclitaria**

Langford, USN and PO 1st Class Helen L. Oclitaria, USN.

CELEBRATIONS

Member Inductions: **Bee Clark** inducted Jan. 4, 2010 sponsored by **Raymond Noh**. Spouse Birthdays: **Nancy Varner** Jan. 4th and **So Young Myers** Jan 17th.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“I Can” donators: **Bruce Fink, Willa Gardner, Connie and Gene Kraus, and Alan Lloyd.**

HAPPY BUCKS

Bruce Fink \$20 to the HRYF, volunteering at the Sony Open at Waialae Country Club. **Jeff Deer** \$20 to the Club, sad that his boys did not come home for Christmas, but proud of his son who graduated from college. **Carl Myers** \$20 to the Club, happy to be back after being gone for a year. **Willa Gardner** \$18 to the Club, happy the Holidays are over. **Ernie Anderson** \$30 to the Rotary Foundation for being married 30 years and a 3 week cruise to Australia and New Zealand. **Doug Taylor** \$20 HRYF because the “Ducks” prevailed. **Dudley Fullard-Leo** \$20 to the Rotary Foundation because he enjoyed his cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. **Connie Kraus** \$20 to the Rotary Foundation, because **Tim Teebow** is a good quarterback and Denver beat the Steelers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services for **Ken Brown** are tentatively plan for the first week in April at the Outrigger Canoe Club. His family has not yet set the date.

**The Rotary Club of
Pearl Harbor
Presents**

**Pearl
Harbor
Swirls**

A Premiere Wine Tasting



**Pacific Aviation Museum, Pearl Harbor
Ford Island, Hawaii**

March 3, 2012

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

John Doty announced that the Swirls committee met at Schooners restaurant to make plans for the fund raiser then toured the two hangers at the Pacific Air Museum for possible venues. **John** encouraged everyone to spread the word about our fund raiser; we'll have good food, entertainment, and great wines.

Bill Bow said several people have signed up to go to Japan, now he needs information on flight schedules, arrival times in Hiroshima, if you want to play golf, go shopping, and what sights you want to see. **Bill** noted there is a form on each table and asked those going to Japan to fill in information.

IN THE WAKE

There is no meeting next week due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Assembly is Sunday, Jan. 29th at 5:30 at the Waikiki Yacht Club; cost is \$35.00 for the buffet dinner. Your RSVP of yes or no and your payment by Jan. 23rd is appreciated.

PROGRAM

Program: **Jeff Deer** introduced the program, our own **Steve Dyer**, who we asked to stand in at the last minute for the scheduled speaker, **Judge Patrick Border**, who had a trial start unexpectedly.

Steve attended the University of Notre Dame, utilizing a four-year Army ROTC scholarship and graduated with double majors in Economics and Japanese. He graduated from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, and while there was awarded a two year Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, studying at International Christian University and Chuo University's graduate law department in Tokyo. Steve began his law career in the Army JAG Corps. His first assignment was in Seoul, defending soldiers in criminal cases. The Army next sent him to Hawaii, and he spent his last three year on active duty at Tripler Army Medical Center defending medical malpractice claims. Steve then entered private practice here in Hawaii where he has practiced as a civil trial lawyer, and is a partner in the law firm of Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura. **Steve** has continued his Army JAG career in the reserves. Steve is a past president of this club.

Steve acknowledged that he was asked to fill in to keep the program with a legal theme, but he could not think of an interesting law topic, so spoke instead about adoption, specifically, his own. Hawaii is known for the aloha spirit and not coincidentally, Hawaii is the number one state in the union for adoptions per capita. **Steve** was adopted as an infant by two loving parents and

benefitted from an upbringing as blessed as any child could hope for.

About 20 years ago, one of **Steve's** physicians suggested he track down his natural parents, if for no other reason than for his medical history. **Steve** had never had any urge to track down his biological parents, but always knew from his parents that he was adopted through Catholic Charities in Illinois, so he contacted them. Catholic Charities indeed had records on **Steve**, and they gave him non-identifying information about his parents, sort of a description. They also agreed to act as a go-between. It took several years, but eventually Catholic Charities brought back the employee who handled **Steve's** file, and she remembered him and actually knew his biological mother's family. She called **Steve's** maternal grandmother who was still listed in the phone book in St. Louis, but she was in her late 90s, had dementia and could barely talk. But the good news was that she had three daughters, one of them being **Steve's** biological aunt, who was there when she called, and immediately called **Steve**. She informed **Steve** that his biological mother had passed away in 1977, but that her other sister lived in Honolulu. **Steve** heard from that aunt within the hour, and she was in **Steve's** office soon thereafter, for what turned out to be a very joyful and emotional meeting. Turned out the aunt had lived in Honolulu for 40 years, and was married to a physician **Steve** had used as an expert in his medical malpractice cases. Even better, they had two daughters, **Steve's** biological cousins, that had graduated from Punahou and they had mutual friends in common. One of his cousins owns and runs an antique shop in the lobby of his office building and had been helping Steve shop for gifts for years. They welcomed **Steve** like family.

They explained to **Steve** how religious differences precluded his biological parents from marrying, and that each moved on and married

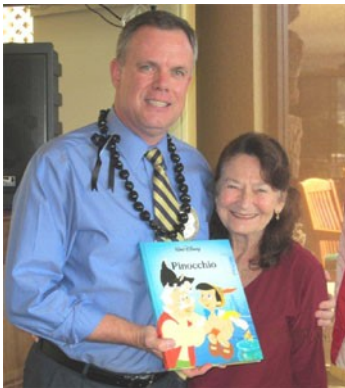
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someone else. **Steve** discovered he has five half-siblings. There has been an on-going, fascinating process of discovery i.e., **Steve's** maternal grandfather was also a graduate of Notre Dame and started the golf team there. Steve is a golfer. **Steve** has hearing loss in his left ear and so did his grandfather. In the last fifteen years, **Steve's** aunt and cousins often remark at how **Steve's** mannerisms imitate his grandfather's. **Steve's** biological mother was an artist. **Steve's** teachers growing up always commented that he had great talent for art which should be developed, but being into sports at the time, **Steve** had no interest. Therefore it was gratifying recently for **Steve** when several of his photographs were selected for showing at the most recent art exhibit at Pauahi Tower.

Steve met his biological father before he passed away a few months ago, and it turned out he adopted a boy and named him **Stephen**, and also has a daughter who lives on Maui. Not surprisingly, his father had started his career as a military officer, he was a Rotarian for 40 years, was past president of his Rotary Club, played golf, and like **Steve**, had a 15 handicap. His father showed him his family genealogy dating back to the 1200s. Not surprisingly, the vast majority of the men in the family had two occupations:

military officers
and/or lawyers.

Steve's paternal grandfather had been an officer in WWI. **Steve** was recruited for the Notre dame crew team, being told he had the perfect physique for it, and it turns out both his



Steve Dyer & Connie Kraus

father and grandfather were captains of the Yale crew team. During law school, **Steve** spent

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several summers as a canoe guide in Canada.

Steve closed by saying that if you know anyone who is pregnant and thinking of an abortion, have them consider adoption.

President **Connie** thanked **Steve** for his presentation and asked him to sign a children's book *Pinocchio* by **Walt Disney** which will be donated to Aiea Elementary School in his honor.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl Myers led us in the Four-Way-Test.

January

Jan 23: Paul Goto, HMSA, Health Plan Enrollment Fraud

Jan 29: Club Assembly, Waikiki Yacht Club, 5:30 P.M.

Jan 30: DARK (Assembly the night before)

February

World Understanding Month

Feb 6: Barbara Troegner, USO Hawaii

Feb 13: Musical Program with the Walkers

Feb 20: DARK (Presidents Day)

Feb 27: A. Lynn Tremblay, Pearl Harbor Subs

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?

'Oia 'i'o 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