President Doug Taylor welcomed members and guests to the 2875th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we pursue Peace Through Service.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John McLaughlin who was inducted on May 14, 2001 and sponsored by Kenny Lum.

President-Elect Les Hunkele gave the inspiration “Being happy doesn’t mean that everything is perfect it does mean that you looked beyond imperfection”. Les became a member of our club on February 28, 2011 and was sponsored by Ernie Anderson.

International Service Chair and Past President, Bill Bow led us in singing “I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy”. Bill became a member of our club on October 13, 1997 and was sponsored by Jim Dolim.

Acting Sergeant-at Arms Ernie Anderson welcomed District Leadership: Jim Varner (Past District Governor), Harvey Gray (District Newsletter), Bruce Fink (HRYF Board) and Guest Speaker: Randy Aina

“T CAN” donators: Alice and Bee Clark, Les Hunkele, John Mihlbauer and Jim Varner
Bill Bow explained the events that will take place during the Hiroshima Sister Club visit scheduled for February 8 through February 12. A sign-up sheet was distributed and members were asked to sign up to hosts one or more of the Japanese visitors and to sign up to attend one or more of the events. He also announced that the student exchange with Hiroshima had been postponed until next year.

Les Hunkele reminded members to complete the survey being distributed to determine why people join Rotary in order to explore ways to improve our club.

Ernie Anderson announced the General Assembly will be held at 5:30 pm on January 14 at the Waikiki Yacht Club.

Les Hunkele, $20 to the Foundation for the first points garnered by the Oregon Ducks during their last football game. Bruce Fink, $20 to HRYF for everyone who brought a copy of the newspaper with his photo during the memorial for Senator Daniel Inouye. Jim Varner, $100 and Connie & Eugene Kraus, $50 to the Foundation in honor of the late Take Ogawa. Bill Bow, $20 to the Foundation for a successful New Year and an awesome vacation recently with his wife. Doug Taylor, $100 to the Club happy that the Ducks won the Tostitos Bowl.

The Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation (HCCF) is the only organization in Hawaii whose exclusive focus is on children with cancer and their families. The Foundation is dedicated to the children who are battling cancer, to those who have survived, and to those who survive in our hearts. All of HCCF's funds remain in Hawaii, and 95 cents of every dollar goes directly to their program.

HCCF provides a wide range of services and programs to families, including financial assistance, support groups, social events, education and advocacy. All HCCF services and programs are entirely free to their families. One program, the Kokua Baskets program, provides baskets to newly diagnosed children and their families, these “survival kits” contain everything from gift cards to stuffed animals and blankets to help them have a better hospital stay. The basket is accompanied by a book that tells parents about their child’s type of cancer and treatment in easy-to-understand language. The Financial Assistance program is the most widely used program, which helps families pay expenses not covered by insurance, including housing, utilities, and transportation. HCCF also has a Book Reimbursement program that provides childhood cancer survivors who are attending college or a vocational training program with funds for the purchase of books, supplies, or equipment. The Frank Seleny College Scholarship is awarded...
once a year to help defray tuition costs for young adult survivors of childhood cancer. HCCF also has an Annual Workshops each year where HCCF brings nationally recognized speakers to Hawaii to discuss issues about childhood cancer and survivorship with our families.

President Doug thanked Randy Aina asked him to sign a book, *Goldie and the Three Geckos*, by Debra Ryll, to be donated to Aiea Elementary School to promote literacy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bee Clark led us in the 4-Way Test.

**CLUB ASSEMBLY**

The Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor held a Club Assembly at the Waikiki Yacht Club in the evening on January 14. Following a social hour and an outstanding buffet dinner President Doug called the Assembly to order and reviewed the clubs accomplishments over the past half year. He also discussed efforts needed to complete upcoming club project for the remainder of the club year.
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Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am a Japanese businessman, and I wear a suit almost every day. The Rotary pin is always on my lapel. It is there because I am proud to be a Rotarian. Anywhere I go, people will see the pin and know who I am. Other Rotarians will see it and know that I am a friend, and people who are not Rotarians will see it as well. I want to be sure that all of them also understand the meaning of this pin.

This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian – and that as Rotarians, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about Rotary. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer them. What is Rotary? What does Rotary do? These are questions that each of us should always be prepared to answer.

We cannot go to prospective members and ask them to join Rotary only because we want more members. We have to show them that Rotary is a wonderful organization, and that they will be happier because they belong to a Rotary club.

When we ask people to join Rotary, we are doing this to help them as well. I think all of us are grateful to the person who asked us to join. I know that my life is much happier, and has been much more productive, because of Rotary. It is clear to me that the day I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life – a path of greater connection, greater satisfaction, and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace.

This is a feeling that I want to share with others. And I know that one way to do that is through bringing in new members. But we must also do it by raising awareness of Rotary and Rotary’s work, by focusing on our public image and wearing our Rotary pins every day.

Sakuji Tanaka
President Rotary International