President Doug Taylor welcomed members and guests to the 2884th meeting of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor where we pursue Peace Through Service.

President Doug Taylor led The Pledge of Allegiance. Doug has been a member since February 13, 1984 and was sponsored by George Topic.

Past President Bruce Fink, a member since May 4, 1998 and sponsored by John Scudder, gave us our inspiration for the day, “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

President-Elect 2013-2014 George Topic, a member since February 6, 1967 and sponsored by Wally Backus led us in singing “God Bless America”

Sergeant-at Arms Stefanie Wilson welcomed District leadership: Jim Varner Past District Governor and Club Strategic Planning Instructor, Harvey Gray, Editor District Newsletter and Bruce Fink, HRYF Board Member. Rotarian Guests Within District 5000: Alan Lloyd Windward (Calabash Member).

Member Birthday: Shirley Robinson April 2
“I CAN” donators: Alice and Bee Clark, Dudley Fullard-Leo, Connie and Eugene Kraus, Jim Varner, Alan Lloyd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are having a joint meeting with North Central Oahu clubs on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at Seven Palms Restaurant at the Navy-Marine Golf Course (formerly Sam Snead’s) and our guest speaker is Norm Chow. The meeting will be at noon. There will be no meeting on April 15 at Oahu Country Club.

Harmony On Ice at the Ice Palace will take place, Monday, June 10th, 9am to 11am

Pearl Harbor Swirl is Oct. 12, 2013.

HAPPY BUCKS

Jim Varner, $5 to the Club, happy that he recovered well after his surgery. Shirley Robinson, $20 to the Foundation in celebration of her birthday and many more birthdays to come.

PROGRAM

Program Chair, Jeff Deer introduced our speaker of the day, our very own Calabash member, Alan Lloyd. Alan talked about his recent expedition sailing around the Hawaiian Islands with his daughter Lori and son-in-law Bill Larry. Bill has sailed the Trans Pacific Yacht Club Race a number of times and is very active with Kaneohe Yacht Club. The Transpacific Yacht Race (Transpac) is an offshore yacht race starting off Point Fermin, San Pedro, near Los Angeles, and ending off Diamond Head Lighthouse in Honolulu, a distance of around 2,225 nautical miles (2,560 mi; 4,121 km). Started in 1906, it is one of yachting’s premier offshore races and attracts entrants from all over the world.

Their trip started in Kaneohe Bay and they worked their way to north side of Kauai and on to Nihiu. They sailed by Kilauea light house. Built in 1913 as a navigational aid for commercial shipping between Hawai’i and the Orient, Kilauea Point Lighthouse stands as a monument to Hawai’i’s colorful past. For 62 years, it has guided ships and boats safely along Kauai’s rugged north shore with its signature double-flash.

In 1927, the lighthouse played a key role in the first trans-Pacific flight from the West Coast to Honolulu by reorienting the two lost pilots of the Bird of Paradise. In 1976, the Coast Guard deactivated the lighthouse and replaced it with an automatic beacon. In 1979, the lighthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Dedicated volunteers keep the lighthouse functional and on rare and special occasions, the Kilauea Point Lighthouse lights the sky above Kauai’s north shore.

The crew made a stop at Hanalei Bay where they got out the rubber rafts and paddled the Hanalei stream. Hanalei Bay consists of nearly two miles of beach, surrounded by mountains. In the summer, the bay offers excellent mooring for sailboats, stand up paddle boarding and swimming.

Sailing on, the crew passed by Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands which is a U.S. Naval facility and airport located five nautical miles (9km) northwest of the central business district of Kekaha, Kauai. PMRF is the world’s largest instrumented, multi-dimensional testing and training missile range. US Military and subcontractors favor its relative isolation, ideal year-round tropical climate and encroachment-free

**Notes:**
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environment. It is the only range in the world where submarines, surface ships, aircraft and space vehicles can be tracked simultaneously. Fifteen years ago, Alan was appointed to write a letter to United States Senate to keep the facility and not close it down. Congress decided to keep the facility running.

Heading over to Niihau, they got a glimpse of Kaula Rock which is a small, crescent-shaped offshore islet. It is located 23 miles (37km) west-southwest of Kawaihoa Point on Niihau, and about 150 nautical miles (280km) west of Honolulu. The island is actually the very top of a volcanic tuff cone that rests on top of a larger, submerged shield volcano. At its highest point, the island reaches a height of 548 feet (167m). The ocean has carved large sea cliffs on the sides of the island.

Keith Robinson and his brother Bruce own the approximately 70-square-mile island of Niihau which has been in the private possession of their family since their great-great-grandmother Elizabeth McHutchinson Sinclair (1800–92) purchased it from King Kamehameha V for US$10,000 in gold. Robinson expressed concerns about his family's ability to continue to maintain their ownership of Niihau, due to pressure from the federal and state governments and environmental groups.

From Niihau, they sailed to South Point on the Big Island, then to Manele Bay, Lanai. Manele Bay has Lanai’s only public harbor. It is where you arrive when you take the ferry from Maui to Lanai. The ocean bottom is shallow and consists of a mixture of sand and gravel. Manele Bay is a marine preserve, established to protect and preserve the area’s marine resources and geological features.

Departed Lanai and sailed off to Lahaina, Maui and then to the windward coast of north Molokai and got a glimpse of Wailau Valley, on Molokai's north shore, and backed by the world's tallest sea cliffs and several tall waterfalls that cascade down from the cliffs. This is the largest valley on this stretch of coastline, which is known for its almost inaccessible terrain. Boats are the primary means of accessing the valley. A sandy beach lines the Wailau Valley coastline. This completed the tour around the Hawaiian Islands.

President Doug thanked Alan for his presentation and asked him to sign a children’s book, *The Brave Little Turtle*, by Gill McBarnet, which will be donated to Aiea Elementary School to promote literacy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ernie Anderson led us in the 4-Way Test.
April 2013

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary is an international organization, and when I travel for Rotary, I usually speak in English. But it has been a long time since my last English exam, and when I am working in Evanston, I always have a Japanese interpreter. It is important to understand every word of the meetings, and it is important as well that the staff understand what I am saying.

It was a new experience for me to speak Japanese to a group, and then hear my words spoken in English. Even now, I find it interesting. I hear new ways of expressing myself in English, and I also have a small glimpse of what it must be like not to speak Japanese.

But perhaps the most interesting moment came early on in my year as president-elect, when I was in a meeting with Rotary staff members. To be sure that we could communicate well, I had with me a Japanese interpreter. I spoke in Japanese, and she interpreted what I said into English. We had a pleasant and productive meeting.

After it was over, one member of the staff came up to me and asked, “There is one word I heard you use many times in Japanese. I would like to know what it means. What is the word ichiban?” I told her that ichiban in Japanese does not convey any philosophy or complicated thought. It simply means to be the best.

But it made me think. Of all the words I had used in Japanese, of all the words she had heard over and over, this was the word she had heard the most. I did not realize I had used it so often. But for me, that one word, ichiban, is essential to how I feel about my job as a Rotarian, and as president of RI.

For me, Rotary service means being ichiban. It means doing your best, and being the best you can be. It means working as hard as you can – not for yourself, but for others. It means achieving as much as you can, to make other people’s lives better.

In the dictionary, ichiban means “best.” But in Rotary, “best” means something different. It means bringing Service Above Self into all of your thinking. It means looking at your own effort, not in terms of what it costs you, but in terms of what it can give. In this way, we are inspired to do so much more. It is our job to see to it that our Rotary service is ichiban – so that we do the most we can to build Peace Through Service.

Sakuji Tanaka
President, R.I.