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Message from the Board

"Life after the Presidency of Metropolitan Rotary"

It has been almost 9 months since I relinquished the podium to Tina Yap - time flies when you're a "has been". I thought I'd share my life after the Presidency (for those of you that might want to aspire to this position). My life seemed to revolve around Thursday to Thursday - it seemed to come around so fast. I feel blessed that my hard-working Board, along with Gaylene, made the job easier (and fun). However, being the leader of 125 strong, independent, individuals is quite a challenge. I could never predict what might arise as a controversy or noteworthy event. There was never a dull moment. In comparison, I can "sleep in" on Thursday mornings and slip into the meetings by 7:15AM with a cup of coffee to look forward to and the companionship of my tablemates. It's kind of neat to be part of the audience and enjoy the hour until 8:15AM. Returning my badge and catching the elevator is all that remains before returning to my office.

Of course I'll always be a part of the distinguished "Past Presidents' Council" and every so often I get asked for my input on a Metro decision. Being a Board member still gives me an opportunity to add my two cents worth to agenda items, too. I guess one of the neatest things about being a part of the audience is facing the head of the room and our banners and being able to reflect on our accomplishments for 2005 - 2006 represented by the awards we received at the District Conference. It always gives me such pride to have contributed to our accolades in a year when our own Roz Cooper was our District Governor. So, when you see me sitting at a meeting and smiling and laughing, be assured that I am enjoying every minute as your Past President. Thank you again for the privilege of serving you.

Mahalo nui loa,
Sandra Chara
Past President



SCOTTISH NIGHT



Where
Date
Time

MacBlack Castle: 3955 Roundtop Dr.—the highlands of Tantalus

Saturday, April 7, 2007

6:00PM—9:00PM

POTLUCK (bring on the haggis!)
RSVP TO TINA YAP: tinaeyap@hotmail.com



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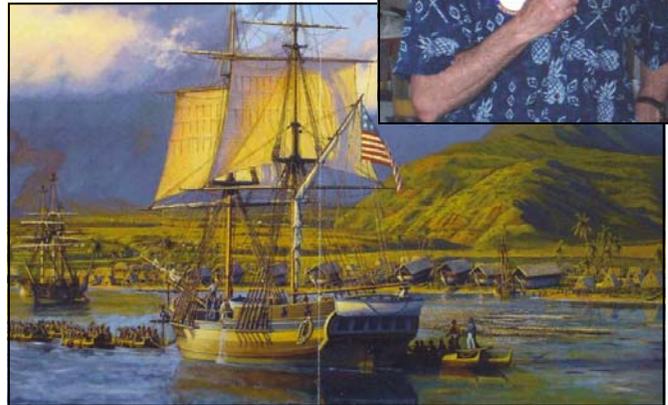
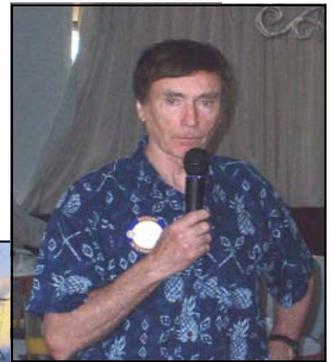
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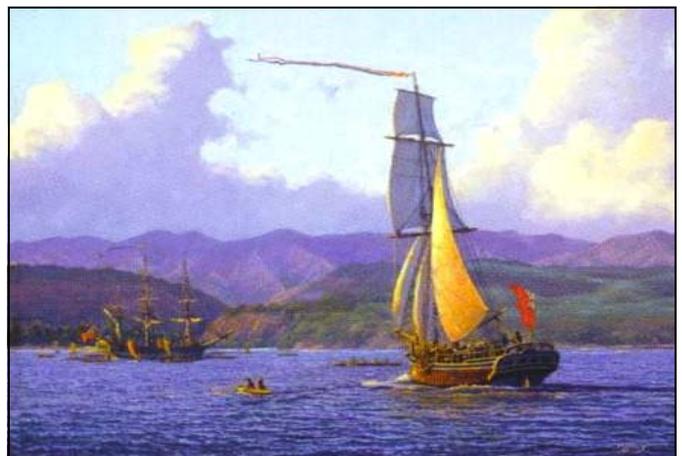
Raymond Massey

Artist
And
Historian



Raymond Massey arrived in Hawaii last week to continue his work with the Bishop Museum with his art and historical studies as well as his artist reception and show on Kauai. Massey's art chronicles the tumultuous period of transition in the islands... The kingdom of Hawaii flourished, but the influence of the outside world would forever alter the course of Hawaii's history.

We want to thank our own, Richard Emery (a Massey fan with over 20 pieces displayed in his offices overlooking Honolulu Harbor) for bringing Raymond to our Metro meeting for an exciting visit to Hawaii of long ago. We also want to thank Raymond for his extraordinary gift of three prints to be auctioned at our annual fundraiser. Mahalo!



Vocational Service

Rotarians featured at National Adult Mental Health Conference!!

Employment for people with disabilities Initiative:

Several employers in the Rotary Club of Metro Honolulu have participated in the transitional employment program through the clubhouses. Clubhouses are psychosocial rehabilitation programs for people recovering from mental illnesses that are re-entering the work force. Transitional employment (TE) placements are part time in nature, generally 15 hours per week and heavily supported by job coaches at the clubhouse. The employment placements are 6-9 months in duration, thus allowing a number of individuals the opportunity to gain work experience. Research in employment indicates that when an individual completes three TE placements they will be more likely to succeed at their own job. Clubhouse participants are called "Members" not patients or clients, thus having ownership in their club.

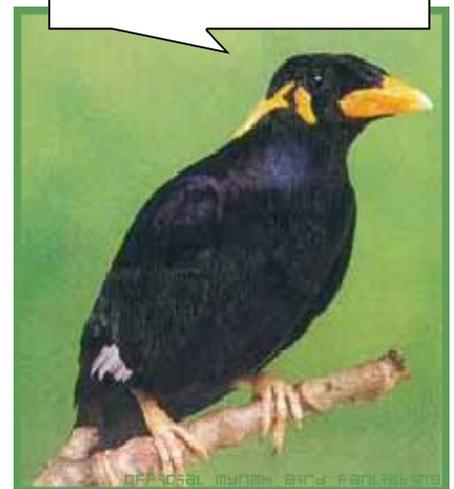
Our Community Services Chair is the statewide clubhouse coordinator and clubhouses are a partnership between non-profit agencies and state services. The following TE placements have been set up in this year with the Rotarians offering paid work opportunities and mentoring in their businesses:

- Mr. Reid Morrison: The International Design Company
- Mr. Hal Darcey: Darcey Builders
- Mr. Mark Merriam: Aloha Graphics
- Mr. Louis Darnell: ComTel

Partnerships have facilitated many opportunities through vocational service such as the former Rotary Governor, Ms. Rosalyn Cooper being interviewed for the statewide documentary. The main message is that people need to be given a chance. The documentary is made by national winning documentary maker, Dr. Thomas Vendetti. This has provided a venue and pathway for several Rotary Clubs to provide a welcoming platform for obtaining education regarding employing people with disabilities. Rotarians statewide are making dreams come true for people that have traditionally been thrown away by society. These are people that are almost always very poor and extremely needy. They are people that have been institutionalized and labeled, yet through vocational service we focus on the whole person. We have focused on the wellness; not the illness. For example, Metro Rotary Community Service Chair made up a meeting at the Wailuku Rotary club and brought the Wailuku clubhouse (Hale o Lanakila) Director as a guest. They, along with clubhouse members are invited to speak in May. May is Mental Health Month.

Kathleen Merriam

This Mynah says...Hawaii Calls is going to be a major event at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Buy tickets today!



Upcoming Speakers & Events

Mar. 29



Ted Liu

Director of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Mar. 31



RI Foundation Dinner

Hawaii Prince Hotel

Reception 5:30 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm

Apr. 5

Ku Kahakalau

education reform - charter schools

Apr. 7

Scottish Night

Apr. 12

Metro



Club Assembly

Three Year Strategic Plan

Apr. 27

The Big Event

Program and speaker subject to change

Rotary International
President: William B. Boyd

District 5000
Governor: Jim Varner
Governor Elect: George Fontaine
Governor Nominee: Ayman El-Dakhkhni

Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu
chartered August 25, 1986

Board of Directors 2006—2007

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The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the truth ?
2. Is it fair to all concerned ?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships ?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?



Hawaii Calls

Friday, April 27, 2007
Royal Hawaiian Hotel

A collage of four photographs showing performers on stage, a man speaking at a podium, a band playing, and a group of people at a table.

The Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu's Annual Fundraiser
Dinner and Silent Auction with Fabulous Entertainment!
Support this effort with auction items and ticket sales!
Get involved today!
Contact: Keith Patterson / Lora Williams / Tanya McDowell

A collage of three photographs showing people at a table, a woman at a podium, and a group of people standing together.

On Line Make-Up

www.rotaryclubone.org

Metro's Website

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A cartoon character of a bird wearing a hat and holding a laptop computer.