

# ROTARY CLUB OF PAHOA SUNSET

## O KA HALAWAI

NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 21, 2010

JOIN US
TUESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD AKEBONO THEATER
PAHOA TOWN, HAWAII

### 12.21.10 MEETING NOTES: CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Pledge and Four-way Test led by Ann Pease

#### Inspiration/Words of Wisdom -

"We grow great by dreams. All men are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die; others nourish and protect them through bad days until they bring them to the sunshine and light – which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true." – Woodrow T. Wilson (contributed by Ann Pease).

#### **Guests:**

David, guest of Jane Gibson
Tanya Aynessazian, Volcano Art Center
Malia DeFay-Brown, wife to Lon
Patty Summers, guest of the Keffords
Santa Claus (aka Steve Sparks), guest of Alan
Lakritz

#### **Announcements:**

#### A GREAT BIG THANK YOU:

- Lon Brown and Ruth Larkin for participating in the <u>Intensive English</u> Program!
- Ruth, Pris, Ariel, Glen, Brady and Alan for participating in our <u>Dictionary Project</u>, distributing hundreds of dictionaries to five area schools!

**Happy Dollars:** The following people gave happy dollars as they went up to get their secret Santa gifts:

Alan Lakritz

Bobby Layman

Glen Calvert

Keith Kefford

Pris Eggleston

Ann Pease

Brady Metcalf

Jane Gibson

Lon Brown

Renee Wenkham

Tanya Aynessazian

We believe that giving is as wonderful, if not more so, as is getting!



## 12.21.10 SPEAKER: TANYA AYNESSAZIAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOLCANO ART CENTER

The Volcano Art Center (VAC) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, educational organization, founded in 1974. Its mission is to promote, develop, and perpetuate the artistic and cultural heritage of Hawai'i's people and environment through activities in the visual, literary, and performing arts. VAC seeks to share this mission with a broad range of individuals, groups, and communities who share common interests and goals.

VAC is centered at Kilauea, home to Pele, the fiery Hawaiian goddess of the volcano. This dynamic, powerful environment, where new land is being formed every day, has inspired the Hawaiian people and their crafts, songs, dances, and legends for centuries. Today, this area continues to draw artists, performers, writers, scientists, and educators.

Exhibits, demonstrations and events take place at VAC's gallery, featuring artwork by over 300 artists inspired by the awesome locale.

Pictured: Tanya, Christine, and Santa.

Housed in the historic 1877 Volcano House Hotel, adjacent to the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park visitor's center, the VAC Gallery is operated under a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service.

VAC programs include the award-winning *Na Mea Hawai'i Hula Kahiko* performance series at the *pa hula*, Hawaiian music and dance concerts, and Hawaiian classes and workshops, such as *hula* and Hawaiian language.

In addition, VAC presents a variety of special events and performances all year long; customized group programs focusing on Hawai'i's rich natural and cultural heritages; and classes and workshops in everything from fine arts and writing to music and dance.

The construction of VAC's new administrative offices at Niaulani was completed in spring of 2004. Teaching and performance spaces will expand the opportunities for developing new programs, including an Education Center in 2010, a glass and ceramic studio and visiting artist's residence, in years to come.







MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL from the Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset!

Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset Mission Statement: "In the spirit of Rotary's 4-Way Test, our mission is to serve the local and global community and our club members by implementing dynamic programs that address current and emerging needs. Our goal is to achieve meaningful results in an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, and aloha."







