

# Rotary



## NEWSLETTER

### Rotary Club East Honolulu



#### President

**Anne Komatsu**

#### SPEAKER SCHEDULE

**January 19, 2015**

**MLK Holiday (Dark)**

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**January 26, 2015**

Amanda Chou

Branch Director YMCA

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**February 2, 2015**

Bill Nakamatsu

Disabled Persons

Parking Program

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**February 9, 2015**

Harold Green

Financial Aid for

College Students

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#### Officers & Directors

**President: Anne Komatsu**

Secretary: Lori Ann Hamano Nishimura - Treasurer: Jim Morris

Community Service: Lauren Okinishi - Membership: Jamie Apuna

International: Miki May - At Large: Bob Yee - Club Service: Lucky Cara

Sergeant At Arms: Tony Cara - Foundation: Rory Lee - Youth Services

Director: Kathleen Shiramizu



Matt Johnson of Oahu Fresh Food Hub was the speaker last Monday as East Honolulu Rotarians met at Tsukiji's Fish Market in Ala Moana Shopping Center.

Johnson, whose background includes work with the U.S.D.A, has created an organization

that, among other things, helps local farmers apply for grants and gets their produce to markets. "Sustaining local agriculture is hard," says Johnson. "Land is expensive, farming infrastructure is outdated, supplies like seeds and pesticides must be shipped from the mainland, and often similar products from elsewhere are cheaper for consumers. In addition, there are divisive issues such as GMO vs. organic farming within the 'ag' community.

Given these challenges, why bother? Johnson's response is that Hawaii offers a year-round growing season and good soil quality. There is an increasing demand for and investor interest in locally grown products. And, finally, there is a burgeoning 'ag' tourism industry.

For \$20, Oahu Fresh Food Hub will deliver produce from local farms to Honolulu locations weekly. With 100 current subscribers, their goal is 300.

[www.oahufresh.com](http://www.oahufresh.com)

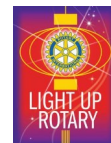
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#### Laura Steelquist

**D5000 Governor**

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#### Coming Events

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**January 24, 2015**

Reservations Due

D5000 Rotary

Foundation Dinner

January 31 @ Oahu

Country Club

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**January 28, 2015**

Membership Meeting for  
prospective new members

Waialae CC

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**January 29, 2015**

Ronald McDonald House  
service project. Light  
cleaning 3-5 pm. Dinner  
with guests.

### **"MEMBERSHIP MATTERS"**

Share your passion for Rotary, invite potential new members to our East Honolulu "Membership Matters" event. Enjoy pupus and fellowship. Hear District Governor Nominee Clint Schroeder President of Hagadone Printing and fellow East Honolulu Rotarians speak about their passion for Rotary.

**Don't miss this event and don't miss your opportunity to be the change in someone's life.**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 5:30 to 7:30 pm Waialae Country Club

\$20 RCEH members, \$15 guests Pupus and no host bar

Please RSVP to Jamie Apuna at 222-6393

or jamiea@marcusrealty.com

no later than January 18

With your guest name (s) occupation and company name

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### **District 5000 Rotary Foundation Dinner**

**deadline** for reservations is January 24, 2015.

**OAHU COUNTRY CLUB**

150 Country Club Road, Honolulu

**JANUARY 31, 2015 5:30 PM—9:30 PM \$60.00 p/p**

The Fellowship will be Amazing, the Program Spectacular and the Food Delicious!!!!

"Get out your boots and 10 gallon hats and giddy on up to the party!"

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John Strandberg announced our next major fundraiser to be held on March 28th at the Hawaiian Prince Hotel. It will be called "Rotary Rocks for Scholarships". There will be Valet parking with men on motorcycles greeting attendees. Microsoft will be presenting Guitar Hero, we will have a dance band, a dance floor with many silent auction items of great value. Food provided by the Hotel and the entire night for \$99.00 per person before February 15, 2015, after that it will be \$125.00, only 320 people will be admitted. There will also be tables especially decorated for corporate sponsorships. Needed are major donations for the Silent Auction items such as airline tickets, Hotel weekends, etc. If you know of anyone in these or other businesses please contact them for a donation. They will write it off on their annual taxes. Contact Oran Spotts for a donation letter that they will require.

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### **Inspirational Moment - Lucky Cara**

**"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it, is like wrapping a present and not giving it."**

**William Arthur Ward**

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Elsie Choy our former club member who spoke at last week's meeting has a request. She is involved with 2 orphanages in Thailand. They have received DVD players and she would like to know if any of our club members would like to help by contributing any used Disney or Disney type 2 DVDs for her to take back to Thailand. Only type 2 DVD's work in Thailand. If you have any to donate please bring them to the next meeting.

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**January 29** is Ronald McDonald House School light Cleanup day across from Punahou School. We will be serving Spaghetti dinner from 3-5 PM. Wear a creative apron (no trash bags with cut out holes). Prizes for the most creative will be awarded.

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Our meeting was held at Tsukiji's Fish Market in Ala Moana Center with a good turnout.

As seen the food was excellent!



Sushi Anyone?

