

Rotary



NEWSLETTER

Rotary Club East Honolulu



President

Anne Komatsu

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

May 11, 2015

Jim Murphy

Habitat for Humanity

May 18, 2015

Patty Silva

Manawalea Riding Center

May 25, 2015

DARK

District Conference

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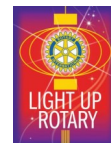
Director: Kathleen Shiramizu



Laura Steelquist

D5000 Governor

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Coming Events

May 16, 2015

Walk for Island Charities

May 22-24, 2015

D5000 District Conference—
Waikoloa Hawaii

CLEARING THE PATH FOR CLEAN ENERGY



Our guest last week was Jeff Mikulina, CEO of the Blue Planet Foundation, which was established for the purpose of clearing the path for clean energy in Hawaii. The goal of BPF is to eliminate the use of fossil fuels, starting in Hawaii. Blue Planet's work seeks

to inspire change in three ways: **ADVOCACY** - BPF is working to inspire Legislators and PUC's into passing Bill which will enable financing for solar efficiency installations for those who cannot afford the costs up front.

ACTION - Focusing on energy efficiency and grid modernization, smart meters and upgraded appliances which now consume less energy. This alone can save residents over \$1 million over the next 10 years.

AWARENESS - More than 90% of the energy Hawaii consumes for electricity and transportation comes from imported fossil fuel oil. Hawaii currently consumes over 69,000 barrels a day costing us over \$5 billion a year (more than twice as much as we spend on education). In turn, we are tapping into only 18% of the states capacity for renewable energy for electricity. This in a State which has the highest electric rates in the country - three times the national average! We have the power to change (pun intended). Hawaii's unlimited sources puts us in a unique position with the capability to be a world leader in renewable energies. We can lead the world by tapping into unlimited renewable energy sources available to us; sources such as wind, solar, geothermal and waves.



Here is a photo of Donna Prather with Dr. Kathleen Gero, President, at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Budapest City, a very warm and welcoming club. Donna is circling the globe on her vacation.

**** Members of East Honolulu Rotary Club have been invited to help celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Yao Rotary Club in Yao, Osaka, Japan on March 23, 2016. Please let the Board know if you are interested in coming. We will start planning together how we can contribute to their celebration.**

Aloha, Wonderful Oahu Rotarians!

The International Jazz 'n' Youth Exchange, in conjunction with Rotary International, will be coming to Honolulu, Hawaii on June 14th. Students from Germany, Texas, and

Hawaii will take part in a two-week event that will include jazz workshops and clinics, rehearsals, and concert performances. Jazz 'n' Youth exchanges promote cultural sharing, foster international friendships, and provide learning and performing opportunities through jazz music.

The students, ages 14 - 21, will be under the direction of prominent jazz musicians and educators from the US Mainland. Iolani School will host several rehearsals and workshops, and a culminating concert at Seto Hall on Saturday, June 27th.

We are looking for home-stay volunteers to house the visiting students and staff during the second week of the exchange from June 20th through June 27th (8 nights). The Germans are able to communicate and converse in English. In addition to nightly bedding, we are asking that every home-stay volunteer provide a daily basic breakfast and morning drop-off / late afternoon pick-up at 'Iolani School.

All students will be responsible for purchasing lunch and dinner during home stay, which we will provide time for them to do daily. The one exception will be on the free day (Sun 6/21) Hosts have the option of providing meals for that day, but the students will be told beforehand that they should be responsible to pay for their meals if they need to.

Please contact me if you are willing and interested to volunteer as a home-stay host, and if you would like to find out more about this special project. Your participation will be greatly appreciated! This is a program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Honolulu but you may

contact Curtis Abe of Iolani School directly if you'd be interested in helping in any way.

Information about Jazz n' Youth / Rotary Jazz can be found at:

<http://jazznyouth.org/?lang=en>

<http://www.rotaryjazz.com/about-rotaryjazz/>

Mahalo,

Curtis Abe

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Inspirational Moment

Pat Yee

WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS, IT DOESN'T LINGER



Lauren Okinishi and Jodi Uehara presented their current upcoming projects, Jody was promoting the 37th Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk on Saturday May 16th.

Lauren asked that we fill out a form with Creative Ideas for our club keying on the theme of "Rotary Means Service".

Jim Morris was presented with his 4th Paul Harris Fellowship Foundation award by President Anne Komatsu.



Rory Lee, Chairman of the Rotary Foundation, indicated that of 48 club members only 35 have so far participated in the Foundation giving, putting a great strain on our club meeting our goal.