

NICK ABBOTT
PRESIDENT

SPEAKER SCHEDULE
Nov.27, 2012

Dark

Dec. 4, 2012

Christine Sakuda

Hawaii Health Info Exchange

Dec. 11, 2912

Karen O'Neil

Getting your Affairs in Order

Dec. 18, 2012

Koichi Kinoshita

Sister Club Chairman

Rotary Club of Kyoto South

Dec. 25, 2012

Merry Christmas

Dark

Next board meeting at Nick Abbott's office Wednesday the 28th at 6 PM.

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Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

President Nick Abbott, Immediate Past Pres. Judy "J" Jakobovits, Secretary John Spangler,

Directors Henry deButts, Oran Spotts,

Janneth Black & William Martin

We began the meeting with Happy Dollars. Paul Piper announced that McDonalds has committed to be our lead sponsor for the next three years for the Ducky Dash in February and also committed for as long as we hold the race. Judy and Chet returned from their mainland trip which included a visit to Squaw Valley where they were greeted by 3 feet of snow. The Hahaione PTSA Fair gave our Rotary Club high fives for our assistance in the fair. Henry mentioned the Computer Club at Kaiser High School and their assistance in repairing computers he donated for use with the Girls Court. Henry also shared the last three Twinkies on earth along with Cup Cakes and Dingdongs. The Twinkies were auctioned for \$5.00 with proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation has set a per capita goal of \$125 per member for this year. Dec. 1st is a half day Foundation Seminar at Star of the Sea at 8AM.



Our speaker, Head Coach of the University of Hawaii Baseball Team, Mike Trapasso. He first qualified that he and the coaches in general are not involved with the Drama of the current University goings on. The baseball season begins on February 15th at the UH stadium. Coach Trap prides his team in playing the top non conference teams in

the nation. He says it is something to see 19 and 20 year olds faced with adversity for the first time in their lives. Many of the new recruits were all stars in their high schools and then in college struggle in athletics because the talent is so much better than in high school. He tells them this in now "Big Boy" baseball and for them to suck it up. He is proud of the fact that 17 of 30 players last year were on the deans list which in sports is a big deal. Coach Trap feels the team will compete very well in the Big West in their first year. They had a one week signing period of High School Seniors for 2014. UH has signed 5 players from the ESPN top 150 players in the nation which has never happened before. The UH baseball team leads the nation for the past five years in attendance and is 13th in the nation overall.

Baseball is the stepchild in sports. Football gets 85 scholarships and baseball only 11.7 scholarships.

On Colton Wong, coach Trap feels he will be a driving force in the big leagues. Coach Trap has just signed Colton's brother and feels he is ahead of Colton at this stage of his development.



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## **Coming Events**

Board of Directors meeting Wednesday Nov. 28th at 6pm at Nick Abbott's office

Still collecting Toys for Tots at Nick Abbott's office or East Oahu Realty Office.

Dec. 1st at Star of the Sea, Future Vision Rotary Training Saturday 8am. \$10 fee paid by the club if RSVP'd in advance.

December 8th is the Rotary Gift Giving Project for the Homeless in Waianae.

Dec.14th Friday Christmas Party location to be determined.

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Coach Mike Trappasso & Pres. Nick



Henry's visit to the Rotary Club of Windward Oahu Sunrise



Last of the Hostess Ding Dongs & Cup Cakes



Hawaii Kai Christmas Parade

Nobel Prize Laureate **Aung San Suu Kyi** will be the keynote speaker at the Ri Peace Forum in Honolulu in January 2013! Please see the press release below.

This is a great reason to come to the Peace Forum at the beautiful Hawai'i Convention Center from January 25-27, 2013. You can register on the Peace Forum website at <a href="https://www.peaceforumhawaii.org">www.peaceforumhawaii.org</a>. or <a href="https://www.rotaryd5000.org">www.rotaryd5000.org</a>.