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SANDRA WAGNER-WRIGHT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

November 6, 2013

Meeting Number 17: 2013-2014

PRESIDING: CEDRIC MITSUI

LED PLEDGE: TOM WITTHANS

INSPIRATION: TOM WITTHANS

**"WE CANNOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE SAME
THINKING WE USED WHEN WE CREATED THEM."**

- ALBERT EINSTEIN

4-WAY TEST: SANDRA WAGNER-WRIGHT

SPEAKERS: SANDRA WAGNER-WRIGHT, FOUNDATION
CO-CHAIR
JAMES TYRIN

GUESTS: MICAH RAMOS, ROTARACT CLUB OF EAST
HAWAII PRESIDENT
IRIS UUSITALO, GUEST OF PAULA UUSITALO

PHOTOS: CEDRIC MITSUI

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: NONE

BIRTHDAYS: ALAN OKINAKA- 11/3

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES: ALLEN NOVAK- 11/1- SPONSOR
PETE MULLER

ALAN OKINAKA- 11/1- SPONSOR BARRY TANIGUCHI
TREVOR RODRIGUES- 11/1- SPONSOR LES TANIMOTO
KEN GOODENOW- 11/2- SPONSOR PETE MULLER

MAHALO

TOM WITTHANS FOR \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO HILO BAY
CAFE.

WON BY JULIE HUGO

WORDS OF WISDOM

**"OUR DEBT TO THE HEROIC MEN AND VALIANT WOMEN
IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY CAN NEVER BE
REPAID. THEY HAVE EARNED OUR UNDYING GRATITUDE."**



November is Rotary Foundation Month!

Six Areas of Focus:

- ✓ Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- ✓ Disease prevention and treatment
- ✓ Water and sanitation
- ✓ Maternal and child health
- ✓ Basic education and literacy
- ✓ Economic community development

Disease Prevention: PolioPlus

- ✓ 1985- RI launches PolioPlus Campaign
- ✓ 2008- Gates Foundation Partnership
 - ✓ Rotary raised \$228 million over 5 yrs.
 - ✓ Gates Foundation matched Funds
- ✓ 2013- New Gates Foundation Partnership
 - ✓ Gates Foundation to match every dollar raised by Rotary 2:1 up to \$35 mil/annually over 5 years
- ✓ Virus endemic in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria
- ✓ As of June 2013- 69 cases reported globally
- ✓ Resurgence in Somalia, Kenya, Syria

Water & Sanitation

Partnership: Rotary Clubs of Guatemala and Illinois Project

- ✓ 6 schools used Rotary Grant funding for Ceramic water filters, toilets, septic tanks, hand washing stations.
- ✓ "We started with water, because everything starts with water."

Rotary Foundation Grants: Sustainable Grant Projects

Planning

- ✓ Community needs and strengths
- ✓ Involve community partners

Implementation

- ✓ **Materials and technology**
 - ✓ Involve community in selection
 - ✓ Providing training
- ✓ **Funding**
 - ✓ Local funding source for long-term operation
 - ✓ Compensate project participants
- ✓ **Knowledge**
 - ✓ Training so project can sustain itself
 - ✓ Collaboration with local agencies
- ✓ **Motivation**
 - ✓ Incentives for ongoing local support
 - ✓ Community ownership of project

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations on a great District Seminar. Thanks to Sharon, Miyuki, Roy, Karolyn, Barbara, Bettye, and Pat for attending!

Hopefully Sol had a great time in Waipio Valley this past weekend.

November is Foundation Month. Great time for everyone to donate to the Rotary International Foundation. Please check **SHARE** to make sure half of the money will come back to the district.

November 14– **Board Meeting** at Coqui's Hideaway, 7 am

Conversational Partners– November 21, 12:30 pm at HCC.

UH Hilo International Students Thanksgiving Lunch– November 28 at YWCA with Y's Men's Club.

RCHB Christmas Party– December 15, 2013

Hospice Light Up A Life– December 24, 2013 at 10 am– 8 pm, meet inside the Macy's Women's section.

District Conference– May 2-4, 2014 at Turtle Bay Resort

RI Convention– June 1-4, 2014 in Sydney, Australia

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY OTHERS

Jaime Ortiz Nava– Rotary Club of Hilo Bay's Christmas Party will be held on **December 15 from 10-2 pm at Volcano Art Center Nialani's Great Room. \$25 per person and children are free!** My daughter is excited to go this year and has a list for Santa. I told her that I would be talking to Santa today. Please bring your children or grandchildren to this year's event so they can spend time with Santa also. A sign-up sheet will be going around for the next few meetings. Please also indicate whether you will be bringing children and their ages. **Also, watch It's a Wonderful Life by James Stewart. There will be a quiz, which will allow you to enter a raffle!**

Micah Ramos– We are asking the Rotary Clubs for help with Operation Christmas Child. If you could bring toiletries and toys for different ages, that would be greatly appreciated. President Cedric will be bringing them to our General Membership Meeting. We will be packing the items on Sunday, November 17 at Room K-126.



Rotarians and Guests



Paula Uusitalo introducing her daughter, Iris.



Micah Ramos, President of the Rotaract Club of East Hawaii.

Upcoming Speakers

November 13– Guest Speaker, TBA

November 20– Short Club Assembly

November 27– DARK, No meeting

December 4– Guest Speaker

December 11– DARK, No meeting

December 18– Club Assembly/Mini Vocational Classification Talks

December 25– DARK, No meeting

January 1, 2014– DARK, No meeting



\$5- Kris Speegle- Happy for the trip to Waipi'o Valley this past weekend with Sol, Cedric, and wife, Paula. Got to pick taro and coffee.



\$5- Dave Hurd- Happy for successful District Seminar, this past weekend.

Birthday



Happy Birthday, Sir Alan, from all the members of the Rotary Club of Hilo Bay!

Conversational Partners

**Hawaii Community
College**

**November 21, 2013 at
12:30 pm**

Meet by the flag pole

**Please sign up at the General
Membership Meeting**

District Conference

May 2-4, 2013



Turtle Bay Resort

**See District 5000 website
to register**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS– SAVE THE DATE!

November 14, 2013– Board Meeting, Coqui's Hideaway at 7 am

November 21, 2013– Conversational Partners– Hawaii Community College at 12:30 pm

November 21, 2013– East Hawaii President/President Elect Meeting, 12-1 at BIVC

November 21, 2013– Vocational Pau Hana Social at YWCA

November 28, 2013– UH Hilo's International Thanksgiving Lunch sponsored by the Y's Men Club.

Upcoming Events:

December 12, 2013– Board Meeting, Coqui's Hideaway at 7 am

December 12, 2013– East Hawaii President/President Elect Meeting, 12-1 pm at BIVC

December 15– Hospice Light Up A Life, 10 am-8 pm inside Macy's Women's section

Other Clubs:

November 12, 2013– Rotaract Club of East Hawaii General Membership Meeting, 5-6 pm at K-126

November 13, 2013– Pau Hana Social at Palms by the Bay at 5 pm

November 17, 2013– Rotaract Club of East Hawaii Operation Christmas Child Box Packing, 2-4 pm at K-126

November 18, 2013– Rotaract Club of East Hawaii Operation Christmas Child Box Packing, 2-4 pm at CC 206

December 2, 2013– Hospice Light Up a Life

December 3, 2013– Rotaract Club of East Hawaii Last General Membership Social, 5-6 pm

December 11, 2013– Pau Hana Social at Palms by the Bay at 5 pm

President's Message

November is Rotary Foundation Month. Our foundation supports Polio Plus, global and district grants, humanitarian programs, educational programs, and other programs.

During the first part of this Rotary year, we concentrated on raising funds for Polio Plus. Congratulations, we accomplished our goal of \$400+.

Just when we thought all was well with the battle against polio, there was an outbreak of polio among children in Syria. UN officials said that they will begin a campaign to immunize 2.4 million children in Syria against polio and other diseases and they will intensify immunization efforts in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Turkey.

Now the real work begins, donating to the Annual Fund. As of October 20, we have donated \$700 of our \$5010 goal. Please donate before the end of the year, so you can get your tax write off for 2013. If we attain EREY status, Every Rotarian, Every Year, or 100% member contribution, I will be happy to donate an additional \$500 to the Foundation.

Please support HRYF, Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation, this year also. Your donations will help provide much needed scholarships to future graduating seniors!

We are lucky to be able to celebrate Thanksgiving during November! This year, our club will partner with the Y's Men to provide a Thanksgiving lunch to UH Hilo's International Students. Several members will also be opening their home to share Thanksgiving with UH Hilo students. If you would like to share your Thanksgiving with an International Student, please let me know, so I can have James Mellon match you with one of UH Hilo's International students with you.

Let's support our amazing Rotary Foundation this month, and reach our Annual Fund Goal and EREY!

Sol's Second Trip to Waipi'o Valley



Sol's group of Waipi'o pioneers driving down to the valley at 8:30 am on Sunday.



The tranquil Waipi'o River leaving the valley to enter the Pacific Ocean.



One of the many rivers that flow through the valley, used to water the taro fields.



The dry Hi'ilawe waterfall at the top of Waipi'o Valley.



Kris and Paula looking at one of the many coconut trees planted to keep the soil from eroding away during floods.



Sol with one of her many new friends, Honey Girl, that she met that day.



Kris sampling some of the best taro chips made in the world, by Moana's family.



Sol and Paula sampling the refreshing coconut juice after Kris shucked and cracked his coconut.



Moana guiding everyone in to her secret coffee grove deep in Waipi'o Valley.



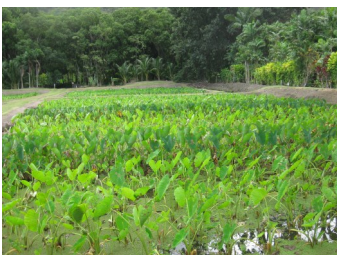
Sol picking her first Waipi'o Valley coffee beans.



Moana teaching Sol how to pick the best warabi in one of the streams.



Special taro leaves used to make Moana's amazing laulau, which everyone sampled during lunch.



One of Moana's many lo'i, located on 3 different parcels of land, which she harvests for poi and taro chips.



Sol holding her first taro plant harvested for Moana.



One of many groups of wild horses on the valley floor, but this one has a donkey and colt in the group!



Mahalo to Moana and her husband, Larry for an amazing trip to Waipi'o Valley to harvest taro, pick coffee beans, and warabi for Sol, Paula and Kris Speegle.

District Assembly



District 5000 Membership Chair Marco Schlessler asking the East Hawaii Rotarians what caused their positive membership growth last year.



Karolyn listening intently to Marco's presentation on the Ignite program.



Rich Zegar passing on information about The Rotary Foundation.



Karolyn talking to members of the Rotary Club of Pahoa Sunset, Jane Gibbons and PP Alan Lokritz.



AG Dave Hurd serving his famous guacamole to the participants of the District Assembly.



East Hawaii Rotarians enjoying fellowship and the great Subway sandwiches, chips, and guacamole for lunch.



Sharon Scheele and Miyuki Lee enjoying the break between the Membership and Foundation portion of the morning meeting.



Dave Berry speaking to the Presidents, President Elects, and Foundation Chairs during the Qualification seminar in the afternoon.



Bettye Williams and Pat Gorman listening to Dave's Qualification seminar.



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Monitoring/Evaluation

- ✓ Clear, measurable outcomes
- ✓ Baseline data
- ✓ Demonstrate change over 3+ years

Types of Grants

- ✓ Humanitarian
- ✓ Scholarships
- ✓ Vocational Training

Within the 6 Areas of Focus

District Grants

- ✓ Small, short-term activities
- ✓ Local or Global Communities
- ✓ Selection by the District

Examples from 2013-2014

- ✓ Purchase and deliver backpacks and school supplies
- ✓ Acquire and deliver computers and tablets to elementary schools

Global Grants

- ✓ Large International Projects
- ✓ Sustainable, measurable outcomes
- ✓ Address one or more focus areas

Examples from July 2011-June 2013

- ✓ Micro-loan banks in Columbia and India
- ✓ Hospital equipment in Mexico and Romania
- ✓ Dialysis machines in India and Thailand
- ✓ Clean water projects in Egypt, Sri Lanka, and Philippines
- ✓ School upgrade projects in South Africa, Japan, and Nepal

Packaged Grants:

- ✓ Designed by Rotary and Strategic Partners
- ✓ Framework already in place

Examples:

- ✓ Scholarships for Water and Sanitation Professionals
- ✓ Training health educators in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda
- ✓ Assistance to Mercy Ship activities in West Africa

HILO BAY GRANTS EXPERT: BETTYE WILLIAMS

Donation Opportunities: EREY

- ✓ Point of club distinction
- ✓ For donations to the Annual Fund

- ✓ If RC of Hilo Bay achieves a minimum of \$100 per person of all dues paying members and each member contributes any amount, **RC of Hilo Bay will be an EREY club!**

President Cedric's Challenge

If every member of RC of Hilo Bay makes a donation to RI Foundation by **December 31, 2013**, President Cedric will donate an additional **\$500.00!**

Annual Fund Share

50% of District 5000 Annual Fund Share donations go to Annual Fund-SHARE

District Designated Fund

50% of District 5000 Annual Fund Share donations return to the District Designated Fund

Support a Specific Focus or Project

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| ✓ PolioPlus Fund | ✓ Saving Mothers & Children |
| ✓ Promoting Peace | ✓ Supporting Education |
| ✓ Fighting Disease | ✓ Growing Local Economies |
| ✓ Providing Clean Water | |

Donation Recognitions

- ✓ **Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member:** Give \$100 or more to Annual Fund.
- ✓ **Benefactor:** Include Endowment Fund in your Estate Planning OR Donate \$1000 or more to the Endowment Fund.
- ✓ **Paul Harris Fellow:** Give \$1000 or more to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus or an approved Foundation Grant. Multiple Paul Harris Fellow with each additional gift of \$1000. You can give \$1000 in someone else's name and that person becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.
- ✓ **Paul Harris Society Member:** Give \$1000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation Grant.

How to Donate

- ✓ **Check:** Write a check to **The Rotary Foundation** or give the check to Pat Gorman.
- ✓ **Credit Card:** See Fred Yamashiro or Kyle Kawano
- ✓ **Online:** Visit <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>

When to Donate

ANYTIME! Now is good :) To receive your 2013 donation verification by December 31, donate in November.

Information on Foundation

A HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



To a young set of parents in Afghanistan, it was a life-saving immunization for their five-month-old son. To a woman with seven children in Malaysia, it was a loan to start a sewing business that enabled her to feed her children. To North Koreans, it was an ambulance that equipped a hospital to be able to take care of them. To thousands of college students in almost every country on earth, it was the chance to study abroad, with all expenses paid, and learn their educational specialty up close and personal.

Ask anyone who has been touched by The Rotary Foundation what it is and every answer will be different. Ask anyone who has been touched by The Rotary Foundation just how important it is, and every answer will be identical.

The Rotary Foundation was born as an endowment fund in 1917, the brainchild of RI President Arch C. Klumph. It was reborn 12 years later in the form we know today, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. However, it wouldn't be until after the passing of Paul P. Harris in 1947 that TRF would reach the financial health and world importance that it enjoys today.

Technically speaking, it is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Its expenses are born solely by the interest earned on its contributions over a three year period.

As an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world," its initial contribution was US \$26.50 in 1918. When it became The Rotary Foundation in 1928, it had a value of US \$5,739.07. In the most recent year that we have complete figures, the Foundation had more than US \$73 million contributed in 2000-01. But, that's not what The Rotary Foundation is all about. Its event-filled 85 years has been a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity, and the citizens of the earth benefiting from that service.

The Humanitarian Programs of the foundation help fuel international Rotary projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world.

A major Humanitarian Program is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide by Rotary's 100th birthday in 2005. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Even its former participants in the Foundation's programs can continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW?



"Recently, I joined in a discussion about the importance of the dignity in the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow.

That is why The Rotary Foundation has the beautiful medallion on a blue and gold ribbon, in order that it can actually be presented around the neck of the individual, along with the certificate and lapel pin to show that it is an event of special significance.

When someone commented that the presentation itself "gives a PHF its true value as a recognition of exceptional service," I felt that a little more explaining should be made. Certainly, to recognize a

person as a Paul Harris Fellow should always be an honor to the individual, because it demonstrates significant support for the wonderful work of The Rotary Foundation.. But, just as a Paul Harris Fellow can be a "recognition of exceptional service," it can also be many other things, as well.

To describe a PHF only in terms of "exceptional service" is far too limiting for the entire Rotary world, and totally disregards the historical background of the expression of appreciation for a very generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation. If we did not think much broader in describing a Paul Harris Fellow, and realize it is primarily a magnificent way to raise money for The Foundation, I assure you that The Rotary Foundation would not be one of the great humanitarian and educational foundations of the world. What is the historical fact?

A few years ago, when I was a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, I went back and read all of the minutes of the Trustees during the year 1956-57. In the year 1956, the total contributions to The Rotary Foundation were a little less than \$500,000 US dollars (\$493,722 to be exact). The Trustees began to think about how they could raise more money for the Foundation. What would be a good way to encourage Rotarians to give "big money"?

The Trustees finally came up with the idea of trying to get some Rotarians to give \$1000 in one major gift, by giving them a special form of public recognition. So, it was suggested that we call them "Paul Harris Fellows."

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There were three conditions: the contribution must be at least \$1000; it must be from one individual; and it must be given within a single year. A very attractive pin and medallion were designed as a means to identify this type of generous donor. As you recognize, in 1957, a monetary gift of \$1000 was a very substantial amount of money. So, there weren't too many gifts, and thus, very few Paul Harris Fellows. As time went by, it was decided that The Foundation could collect more money if the gift could be collected and given over several years, and after there was a total accumulation of \$1000, the Trustees would designate the person as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Later, it was suggested, that if a club did not have just one person who could give a \$1000 in a personal contribution, maybe several persons could go together and make the \$1000 gift. Then the question was raised, "Who will be the person who is named the Paul Harris Fellow?" Gradually, the answer was for the donors or the Rotary club to pick one person who had long service, or some distinguishing characteristics, and name him or her as the PHF. Thus, in some clubs, the concept developed that a Paul Harris Fellow was just an award for exceptional service. The result was, that in those clubs a Paul Harris Fellow took on a totally different meaning (a reward for exceptional service) from its original purpose -- to encourage individual Rotarians to give larger contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Ironically, in those clubs which chose to limit the Paul Harris Fellow recognition to a form of an "award for exceptional service," many Rotarians were discouraged from making large personal gifts to The Rotary Foundation since it might be interpreted as giving merely seeking or buying an "award." So, the per capita giving in those areas of the world is much lower than those areas where the concept of a Paul Harris Fellow is the original expression of appreciation by The Rotary Foundation Trustees for an individual, or in whose name, a gift of \$1000 is given to conduct the work of The Foundation. Has the Paul Harris Fellow recognition by the Trustees been successful as a fund raising scheme? Absolutely! As I mentioned above, in 1956, less than \$500,000 was raised annually by The Foundation.

Today, nearly \$70,000,000 is raised per year -- and about 80% of those funds come from individuals being named Paul Harris Fellows, or are naming other persons Paul Harris Fellows. The last time I checked, there were about 700,000 Paul Harris Fellows, and multi-Fellows in the world. They are the backbone of the annual support to The Rotary Foundation, and those donations are the only reason that enables Rotarians to carry on a world-wide program of educational and humanitarian programs.

So, what is a Paul Harris Fellow? Think for a moment of this statement: "A Paul Harris Fellow means whatever you want it to mean." Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution as a way to honor a person for exceptional service? Certainly.

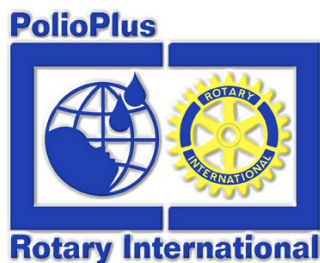
Should The Rotary Foundation accept a gift of \$1000 as an expression of happiness for 20 years of marriage, or a new grandchild, or success in one's vocation or family life? Of course.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution in memory of a friend, relative or associate who has been an important asset to your life? Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept \$1000 if you really believe in the tremendous value of the humanitarian work of TRF in developing parts of the world and thereby express appreciation for your gift by naming you a Paul Harris Fellow or multi-PHF? Absolutely.

So, I suggest that a Paul Harris Fellow can mean whatever you wish it to mean. The Rotary Foundation benefits from your contribution and demonstrates this appreciation through the mechanism of a Paul Harris Fellow. That is the way I see it."

ROTARY'S INVOLVEMENT IN POLIO ERADICATION



Rotary's Polio Plus program has been described as the finest humanitarian project by a non-governmental organization the world has ever known. Rotary has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for our efforts. It is Rotary's project of the highest interest for over 20 years.

Many Rotarians have no idea of how Rotary ever became involved in eradicating polio in the world. So, let me recall the story.

In the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, virtually every person knew someone in their family or circle of friends who had polio. In the early 1950s, there were annually over 55,000 cases of polio in the United States. Worldwide there were perhaps 500,000 cases of polio. Of that number 50,000 children a year would die from polio and thousands more would be crippled, paralyzed or suffer lifelong disabilities.

So that was the backdrop of our story. In 1978, Rotary had a committee, appointed by R.I. President Clem Renouf, to design a new direction for Rotary. It was called the Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee. This was a small committee to design a program for Rotary International to undertake projects far greater than any club or district could do. Rotary had never undertaken a corporate or worldwide project -- just club programs. I happened to be co-chairman of that 3-H Committee. We knew that if we didn't have an immediate success, the Rotary world would probably scrap the program the next year. So we looked for an "immediate success"

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project. We had about 16 projects proposed from around the world. One proposal was from the Philippines. Dr. Benny Santos wrote that if Rotary could provide the vaccine, they would mobilize all the Rotarians in the entire Philippines and immunize all the children. So, that was it. We approved the project; and if I recall correctly, some 6 million children were immunized against polio. It was a huge success. Pharmaceutical companies had other types of vaccine – for measles, tetanus, chicken pox and other vaccines which were donated for Rotarians to distribute in several areas of the world. Rotary proved that immunization was the kind of project Rotary volunteers could handle.

A couple years passed, and another Rotary committee was created in 1982 by R.I. President Stan McCaffrey called the New Horizons Committee. This group had the job of "looking into the future of Rotary to see what tasks or new directions Rotary could take on the future." I happened to be chairman of this committee. We considered hundreds of ideas – some big ones and some rather frivolous. Finally, I suggested that we ought to be thinking 20 or 30 years into the future. Why not do something big for Rotary's 100th anniversary coming up in 2005? A letter from Rotarian John Sever suggested that we might provide polio vaccine for all the children in the world. The committee thought that was a good idea, so it was one of the 35 suggestions to the R.I. Board of Directors. So, in 1982 the Board of Rotary International approved the idea of giving polio vaccine to all the children in the world. The project was called "Polio 2005."

Two or three years went by, and finally in 1985, Dr. Carlos Canseco, RI Pres. from Monterrey, Mexico said that if we were going to get the task done by 2005, we should get started. So, he called Dr. Albert Sabin to Evanston and we had a meeting of some of the world's most distinguished medical and public health leaders. Dr. Sabin said it would cost at least \$100 million dollars and we would have to immunize 500 million children. Wow what a job!

So, Rotary set a goal of \$ 120,000 to raise the funds, and the name of the project was changed to "Polio Plus." It was the first major fund raising campaign by Rotarians of the world for a single project. However, by 1987 we had surpassed the goal and actually raised \$240 million. So, Rotary leaders went to the World Health Organization and said we want to eradicate polio. It was not well accepted by all the WHO leaders who represented some of the most knowledgeable health authorities in the world. Rotary was "just a service club." Finally, when Rotary told them that we had over a million volunteers and \$247 million in our pocket, they said, "Come on in." So we became full partners of the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control.

At that time, in 1988, you could find polio in 125 nations of the world and it was estimated that there were 350,000 cases of polio in the world every year. But we took on the project – one country at a time. Our first big immunization day was in Mexico, where we immunized 13 million children. Then we went to Central America and South America. One nation after another became "polio free."

Rotary Clubs became "Polio Plus Partners" to raise funds for National Immunization Days. The Partners purchased ice boxes, colorful vests, caps, leaflets, street banners and many other items needed to mobilize whole nations to immunize their children.

Mary Elena and I were in India to participate in the national day of immunization. There were banners on the streets, parades, notices, distribution of thousands of radio and television announcements, plus hand bills and leaflets. In that one day over 125 million children received the two drops of polio vaccine. We have gone to some of the most poverty stricken areas of the Philippines, Ethiopia, Turkey and other nations to assist in National Immunization Days.

The project is an amazing and complicated one. Rotarians and health workers have to go to the most remote areas of the world by canoe, camels, elephants, horseback, motorbikes, and every other conceivable vehicle to reach all the world's children.

I remember sitting on a rock on the side of a dusty road in Argentina giving vaccine to children in a remote area. Dozens of volunteer Rotarians, youth exchange students, health workers, youth organizations and other would go door to door urging parents to bring their children to get the vaccine.

Even in China, Laos, Vietnam, Cuba, Myanmar and other areas where there is no Rotary, we worked freely to distribute the vaccine. An interesting experience occurred in China. There was reluctance by China officials to accept vaccine from the Western Nations. We said, use Chinese made vaccine. But there was no polio vaccine made in China. So, Rotary said, "We will build a pharmaceutical plant in China, and made a grant of \$18 million dollars to construct a factory in China. As soon as the project was under way, China said now we will take the vaccine from the West. Immediately, China said all the children of China will be immunized, and the first two days, 100 million Chinese youngsters received the polio vaccine.

The amazing thing is that the pharmaceutical plant has never produced one dose of polio vaccine, and the Chinese officials went ahead and immunized their children when they saw that Rotary International was serious about this mission.

We were not able to meet the target of a polio-free world by 2005, but we are close. Over 99% of the children of the world have

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received polio vaccine. You can find polio only in 4 nations, not the 125 countries when we started. We hope that we can soon stop the incidents in Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Last year there were only about a thousand cases in the world – compared to the 350,000 cases a year when Rotary undertook this humanitarian mission.

There are so many aspects to the polio story. I recall one day, when I was Chairman of The Rotary Foundation. We had a call from the World Health Organization, saying that they had arranged for a four day cease fire in the civil war in the Sudan so we could go in and immunize their children. But the WHO did not have any money to purchase the vaccine. I said, "How much does it take?" It was going to cost \$400,000. I said, "You can have it immediately from The Rotary Foundation." The Chairman can make a grant up to \$500,000 for an emergency humanitarian effort. The war stopped, health workers went in and immunized 3 or 4 million children – then the war started again. The World Health Organization said, "Of all the places in the world, there was no place we could turn – except Rotary, to make that project happen." Clearly, without the efforts of Rotary the achievements to eradicate polio would never have happened.

Perhaps some of you have participated in a National Immunization Day. It is an amazing experience. I remember when Mary Elena and I sloshed through the mud streets of a poverty stricken village in Ethiopia – one of the poorest nations of the world. The homes were nothing but shacks, dirt floors, which turned into mud with the occasional showers. Families cooked on wood fires outside their huts. This was the first polio immunization in this poor nation. In those few days, nearly 10 million children were given the drops of polio vaccine.

But of all the experiences of that day, I recall the ceremony to start the immunization. The President of Ethiopia was on hand. There were about a hundred little children lined up to receive the vaccine from their national president. And just at that time, on the other side of the room were about 35 small children, perhaps 5 to 10 years of age, all in wheelchairs, or leg braces, or crutches – they were all polio victims with bent backs and withered arms and twisted legs. They stood up the best they could and sang a song to the President. The song said: "It's too late for us – but don't let other children get polio. Do what you can to Kick Polio Out of Africa."

If you had been there to hear that song, "It's too late for us, but don't let other children get polio," you would know why Rotary has taken on this monumental task.

If we had only had the vaccine 2, 5, 10 years before in Ethiopia these children would be walking, running and playing as children want to do. There are over 2 billion children who have received Rotary's polio vaccine – and they are now living a life without the fear of paralysis and death from polio.

We are on the verge of eradicating this dreaded disease. Perhaps next year, or the year after. And the amazing thing is it has been made possible because Rotary Clubs, like yours, took a huge step some 20 years ago. Even today, funding is necessary. You may have heard that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed \$350 million dollars to our efforts in recent months because they believe that Rotary will achieve this dream.

That's the story of Rotary's involvement in our greatest humanitarian program – Polio Plus. And I thank every one of you who have been a part of this program for so many years.

The leaders of the world have clearly expressed that without Rotary International, this monumental achievement would never be accomplished. We will eradicate polio in the world – and it will happen only because Rotary made a commitment some 25 years ago. And the world has learned that Rotarians keep their promises.

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Vocational Moment



James Tyrin
Business Insurance



Bio:

- ✓ Profession: 5 years as an Insurance Agent with Business Insurance Services, Inc.
- ✓ Spouse: Misti Tyrin; Children: Luke (4 yrs) & Liam (11 mo. TODAY!); Animals: 1 dog named Belle & 1 cat named Rocky.
- ✓ Hobbies & Activities of Interest: Basketball, golf, coaching his son's soccer team, & working out at the gym or jogging.

- ✓ City of Residence: Hilo, for a total of 22 years.
- ✓ Key to Success: Never stop learning.

Background:

- ✓ Attended St. Joseph School from K-12
- ✓ Earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration from UH Hilo in 2001
- ✓ Moved to the Phoenix area in 2001 & lived there for 8 years
- ✓ Married his wife, Misti in 2007
- ✓ 1st son born in May 2009; moved to Hilo that September
- ✓ 2nd son born in December 2012.

Involvement in the community & various clubs:

- ✓ Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce: member
- ✓ Hawaii Island Portuguese Chamber of Commerce: Past President, current Social Committee Chair
- ✓ Business Networking International (BNI)- Hilo Bay Chapter: Past President, current Membership Committee
- ✓ Hilo Toastmasters: Past VP of Membership
- ✓ Currently serving on St. Joseph's Church Parish Finance Committee

- ✓ Rotary Club of Hilo Bay- why Rotary? Because he loves volunteering!

Work:

- ✓ Agent at Business Insurance Services, which is the 2nd largest Independent Insurance Agency in the state with 4 offices. Achieved the IIABA Best Practices Award 7 years in a row; the only Agency in the state to receive the award.
- ✓ Most of you may be familiar with how insurance agencies work but in summary, they act like a broker where they would represent many different companies, allowing them to handle a wide range of risks. They handle both commercial and personal insurance.
- ✓ James holds 2 professional designations:
 - ✓ Certified Insurance Service Representative (CISR) designation in 2011
 - ✓ Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation in 2012

Why he chose his profession:

- ✓ He's found that most people don't initially plan to get insurance, but somehow find their way there.
- ✓ Initially, James was talked in to it by his best friend's mom. He'd been in sales for most of his working life & the idea of residuals appealed to him.

Parts of his job that are the most rewarding:

- ✓ Using his knowledge of insurance to help people understand their coverage needs
- ✓ Helping people protect what they've worked so hard for.
- ✓ Advising people in terms of different ways to manage their risk.
- ✓ Saving people money.



Rotary Club of Hilo Bay's Family Christmas Party



Sunday, December 15, 2013
Volcano Art Center
Niaulani's Great Room
10-2 pm

*** Tentative Price:**
\$25 per person
Children are free!



19-4074 Old Volcano Road

The Niaulani Great Room is located on the corner of Old Volcano Rd. & Kalanikoa Rd. in Volcano Village.



Things to Do, Places to Eat, in Sydney



Attractions— Places to Go

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| 1. Sydney Harbour | 14. Art Gallery of NSW |
| 2. Bondi to Coogee Beach Coastal Walk | 15. Watson's Bay |
| 3. Cremorne Point/Mosman Bay Walk | 16. The Rocks |
| 4. The Opera House to the Botanic Gardens Walk | 17. Manly Beach |
| 5. Sydney Harbour Bridge | 18. Cronulla Beach Walk |
| 6. Royal Botanic Gardens | 19. Darling Harbour |
| 7. Sydney Opera House | 20. Vivid Sydney |
| 8. Opera Australia | 21. Chinese Garden of Friendship |
| 9. Sydney Ferries | 22. Queen Victoria's Building (QVB) |
| 10. Manly Scenic Walkway | 23. Palm Beach |
| 11. Urban Jungle Adventure Park | 24. Balmoral |
| 12. Pylon Lookout at Sydney Harbour Bridge | 25. Sydney Jewish Museum |
| 13. Shelly Beach | 26. James Craig Tall Ship |
| | 27. Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace |
| | 28. Nielsen Park |
| | 29. Circular Quay |
| | 30. Australian National Maritime Museum |

Restaurants

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| 1. Oxford Social | 17. Buffalo Dining Club |
| 2. Gelato Messina | 18. Thai Poithong |
| 3. Est | 19. Sokyo |
| 4. Typical Spanish— Catering on Site | 20. Mamak |
| 5. Medusa Greek Taverna | 21. Café Sydney |
| 6. Lucio Pizzeria | 22. Shady Pines Saloon |
| 7. SMASH Sausage Kitchen | 23. The Boathouse on Blackwattle Bay |
| 8. China Doll | 24. Oscillate Wildly |
| 9. The Baxter Inn | 25. Hugos Manly |
| 10. The Sardine Room | 26. RivaReno Gelato Darlinghurst |
| 11. Workshop Espresso | 27. Cottage Point Inn |
| 12. Lal Qila Pakistani & Indian Restaurant | 28. Red Lantern on Riley |
| 13. Indian Palace Restaurant, Balmain | 29. The Fine Food Store |
| 14. Almond Bar | 30. Pendolino |
| 15. Fish At The Rocks | |
| 16. Quattro Passi Café, Wine Bar & Restaurant | |