Aloha Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

I hope you all had an exceptional time with your family and loved ones during the Christmas holiday. As we wrap up the year 2021 and begin a new year, thoughts and minds often focus on creating new resolutions but, I want to thank you for your support to our club and Rotary in general. Dealing with the pandemic was not a favorable time in Rotary but the last six months brought exciting change and new growth to our club. It was a thrill to experience. Here are some highlights (from the last six months alone!):

- We improved the quality of our hybrid meeting that was a challenge when we began in July.
- Our club contributed more than $4400 to the Polio Plus.
- We are making good progress reaching out to our Rotary Foundation Annual Fund goal of $30k.
- We welcomed two amazing new members, Chris and Gidget and there are several potential new members.
- We updated our strategic planning including vision and mission statements with new club branding.
- We are working on three of our club-sponsored global grants and 12 district grants. Most of our district grants have significant community service components. Completed three global grants we started earlier.
- Our members volunteered more than 330 hours in our community service projects; including Pearl Haven, HUGS, and we volunteered over 130 hours in the Ala Wai Elementary School Picnic table project.
- Had a very fun-filled successful fundraiser. We raised more than our goal.
- Our club has been highlighted in Rotary International and District 5000 media.
- We have had amazing Speakers speaking on different interesting and relevant topics. For example, we had a highly inspiring story by Polio survivor Prof. Robin Fusikawa and a very informative presentation by HART CEO Lori Kahikina. Similarly, we had award-winning CNN Hero Maggie Doyne speaking at our club. Many of our meetings were attended by national and international Rotarians and non-Rotarians. A couple of times, we had more than 50 participants in our meeting.

We were able to achieve all these thanks to all of our members who contributed one way or the other. I would like to congratulate all of our members for this successful half-year and look forward to the rest of the Rotary year.

Let us not forget that we have six months to go; with plenty to do. Giving whatever you can to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund is a top priority. Re-attaining the status of Every Rotarian Every Year, meaning every member gives something (the goal is $100 per member) would be great. We still have projects to plant trees, at Pearl Haven, at our adopted schools and a Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship. Let us strive to accomplish all our goals and then celebrating at the District Conference in May at Ko‘olina.

The Rotary International monthly theme for January is Vocational Service which focuses on adhering to and promoting the highest ethical standards in all occupations, recognizing the value of all useful occupations, and contributing one’s vocational talents to meeting the needs of the community. Rotary’s commitment to Service above Self is channeled through Five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and Youth.

Rotary offers endless opportunities. Please visit our website www.honolulusunsetrotary.org/ to find our activities and opportunities to participate. I hope you are finding our meetings, socials, and service events to be fun and a respite from the stress and anxiety many of us have/are experiencing in life during this pandemic. Therefore, please come join us and encourage others to join Rotary. Please consider attending our meetings regularly.

Once again, I wish you a very Happy New Year 2022.

Arjun
About Vocational Service

One profession or vocation has, since Rotary’s beginnings, been a focal point for members using our unique “Classification System”. Indeed the original members met with the intention of helping each other build and grow their businesses. Originally clubs were limited to having only a single member from a profession in each club as the thinking was multiple members of the same vocation would just sit together and “talk shop” or become so competitive with each other that it might destroy the club. And so, by 1912 “trade boosting” was no longer required and Rotarians were no longer required to do business with other Rotarians.

Vocational Training Teams (VTT)

Aryuna Radnaeva

Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own. Teams can be funded by district grants and global grants. VTTs build on the Foundation’s long-standing commitment to vocational training. And although education “happens” during most International Service Projects, VTT’s do “purposeful, planned education” instead of primarily responsive education.

We do have, and have had, a VTT in progress and sponsored by RCHS. Dr. Dan Murariu continues to head up the VTT in Iasi, Romania. For more than three years now doctors from the US have been sponsored by Hawaii Rotarians to provide pediatric craniofacial reconstructive team education. Doctors from the University of Virginia Medical School and the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons have participated in a process to change surgical process from what might be described as “siloed” to a team approach when working on cleft lip, cleft palate, burns and other head and face malformations in children. Integrating surgeons, nurses, aftercare and rehabilitative therapies with goal to develop a “clinic” to provide services is the longer term goal.

Rich Zegar who had been the long term lead on the project turned over coordination to PP Aryuna. This past September, Honolulu Sunset Rotarian Daniel Murariu, MD, joined Edward Chang, MD, from Houston, Texas on a trip to Iasi and Bucharest, Romania. In Iasi they spent time with Romanian plastic surgeons operating together, as well as holding lectures. In Bucharest, they held lectures in cooperation with the Romanian Association of Plastic Surgeons. This trip was a scaled down version of a larger trip that was postponed due to Covid related restrictions.

Hopefully 2022 will allow for bigger trips and collaborations. Tentatively planned for April/May is the Craniofacial Surgical Approaches course taught by the American Society for Maxillofacial Surgery, as well as a trip by the University of Virginia team. A team from Romania to the US is also in the works.

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“Whether you think you can or you think you can’t, you’re right.” — Henry Ford.
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

**TREE PLANTING SERVICE DAY**

Let's make our community and our world a greener place.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2022**

9 – 11 AM

HAWAII LEGACY FOREST AT GUNSTOCK RANCH
56-250 KAMEHAMEHA HWY. KAHUKU

For more info or to RSVP:
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Although you might suspect that we would focus on the gazebo build, what I would like to share with you is the life changing and restorative work that is really happening. There are currently seven residents who spent their holidays in a safe environment for the first time in a long time. I would like to share with you part of an email from Ho‘ola Na Pua founder Jessica Munoz.

“December has been a very full month for us at Ho‘ola Na Pua and specifically for the Pearl Haven Program. More youth have been admitted into the program! This is very exciting for our team, but also this can be a very challenging time for the youth we serve given their prior traumas. The holidays can illicit mixed emotions for many of us, Our youth can struggle through the holiday season due to memories filled with conflict and pain. Creating positive memories and experiences is essential when bringing healing to deep seeded trauma. The Pearl Haven Staff worked tirelessly to ensure our “first Christmas and holiday season” at Pearl Haven was magical, memorable, and comforting for the youth. We also had some of our amazing supporters and volunteers rally behind the efforts at Pearl Haven and provide special gifts and stockings for the youth, cards of encouragement from supportive individuals from across the country for the girls of Pearl Haven, Christmas decorations and a beautiful tree that stands proud in the milieu, specialty baking and cooking classes, and some fun outings to name a few!

Just before Christmas, I was able to spend Saturday at Pearl Haven, and prepared a delicious and festive pancake breakfast alongside our girls. I also had the very special opportunity to teach a ballet lesson for one of our girls in the movement/dance studio. This room embodies deep meaning as I reflect on my own childhood and how dance had been a huge part of shaping my life growing up. I felt so honored to be standing in this special space, in this divine moment, and being able to share one of my passions with one of our girls who also is finding her passion and talent for dance. Dance is incredibly therapeutic. Movement and music are healing to the soul in ways that does not require words.

As I looked around at all of the Christmas decorations and the lights that filled Pearl Haven (those of you who know me, know my love for light), I paused for a moment to acknowledge how far over the past 12+ years of doing this work the “light” has spread and how bright it now shines because so many have come and continue to come alongside of us in this journey to bring transformational change in our community around the issue of exploitation of children. When there is light, darkness has no place, and must flee. This evil must end, and children must be free to embrace their bright futures.

Pearl Haven, a place that was once so dark and dismal, is now a place that provides light, safety, security, and a new beginning to reimagine their futures. Most importantly our girls now have a place to experience love, joy, and play.

The time and energy given so generously over this season spoke volumes for our youth and because of this, our youth continue to thrive each day as they work towards their treatment goals, educational goals, and individualized life plans and dreams.

This safe space was made possible because of YOU. Because YOU believed and took a step of faith, seeded into the dream, vision, and the legacy of lives changed, impacted, and transformed forever at Pearl Haven.... this has begun.

We are looking forward to 2022 with anticipation to the continued growth and further development of the Pearl Haven Program.

Thank you for believing in our mission and this vital work! We are so grateful for your generosity. This is LIFE saving work. “

Jessica
A December to Remember

The Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset invites you to celebrate with us!

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 11, 2021
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The Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset Member Celebrations
January 2022

Patricia Nevada
Birthday
January 27th

"Risk something or forever sit with your dreams." — Herb Brooks.
Thank you from Straub December 2021

Wishing you all a very Safe and Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Thank you from HUGS Dec 2021

The future depends on what you do today.—Mahatma Gandhi