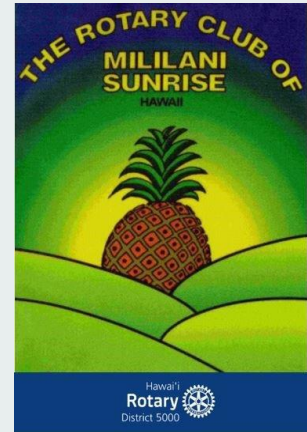


Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise

Mililani Kakahiaka



February 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to our second hybrid in person meeting in 2026!

Meetings will transition to **in-person** format at Rec 2 starting February 2026

First Wed and Third Wed of each month

If a major issue should arise, will call a "stand-up" Board Meeting as necessary

In the past, we used a Yeti C922 for the Zoom portion. The Yeti served its purpose. With in-person guest speakers, we needed to upgrade our Yeti. A J5create JVU368, a 360° AI-powered Webcam with Speakerphone...a one-stop solution, was purchased.

Purchased a personal laptop, which is still in the box, with the purpose of connecting to the J5create.

Some of the topics that we discussed are:

- ❖ Changes in our meeting strategy, a) number of monthly meetings reduced to two; b) guest speakers, in-person, or in some cases, on Zoom via J5create; c) simple breakfast served at meetings; d) meetings will be held at Rec 2. Hopefully, the hybrid meetings will attract new, younger members to Mililani Sunrise.
- ❖ Results of Sat's scholarship interviews:
- ❖ Update on Community College, and Vocational/Trade School Scholarships:
- ❖ "I Love Books" Fair:
- ❖ Mililani Middle School, service projects:
- ❖ Update on our 24th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament:
- ❖ Young Professional Exchange Program:

Upcoming Meetings:

- ❖ Mar 4, Guest Speaker, Brain Health Hawaii
- ❖ Mar 11, Dark

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ "I Love Books" Fair, Mar 14

Mahalo Paul



Paul Nakachi
Club President
2025- 2026



Upcoming Events

- [Speaker – James Oda - Rec 2](#)

Feb. 04, 2026
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

- [Dark - no meeting](#)

Feb. 11, 2026

- [Speaker - Krystal Kakimoto-Bishop Museum- Rec 2](#)

Feb. 18, 2026
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

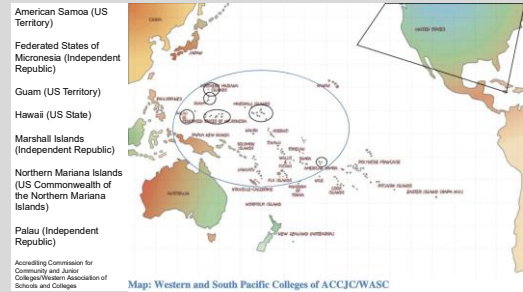
- [Dark - no meeting](#)

Feb. 25, 2026

Guest Speaker 2/4/26



James Oda



History of the Pacific Islands through WWII

- Magellan lands in Guam in 1521
- Spanish gains control of the Caroline Islands in 1668
- Germany & Spain disputed ownership of Islands for trade routes
- In 1885, German gunboat Itlis enters Yap Harbor; two Spanish warships already anchored
- Spanish were beginning to set up post; Germans also raised the German flag there. Spanish withdrew
- Germany called for arbitration from Catholic Church; Pope Leo XIII declared Caroline Islands under Spanish rule on October 22, 1885.
- Spain sold the Caroline Islands to Germany after losing the Spanish-American War for \$4.2M in the German-Spanish Treaty in 1899
- South Seas Mandate – League of Nations give Islands to Empire of Japan following WWI

World War II Pacific Arena

- One of the longest battles was on Peiliu, one of the States of Palau
- <https://youtu.be/a8y0qWeZrvU?si=0GrKpMgcq4w3S-KM>
- The Battle of Bloody Nose Ridge was a brutal and costly fight during the Battle of Peleliu in World War II. The battle took place on the coral island of Peleliu in the Pacific Ocean. The Marines nicknamed the Umurbrogol Mountain massif "Bloody Nose Ridge"

End of World War II

- 1947 United Nations divides Pacific Islands amongst France, New Zealand, and the USA
- France granted citizenship to French Polynesia (Tahiti), and New Caledonia
- Cook Islands, Niue, and Western Samoa were administered by New Zealand
- United States was given jurisdictions over the Marshall Islands, FSM, Palau, Guam, CNMI, American Samoa
- US chose American Samoa over Western Samoa for its military advantages (use of harbors)
- US used Marshall Islands for Nuclear and Hydrogen Bomb testing
- https://youtu.be/CRaZPRp8CmY?si=Gpb9J8Mt6aXk_o7

History of the Trust Territories of the Pacific

- 1975 TTPI status referendum July 8, 1975
- Voters offered six options:
 1. Independence
 2. Commonwealth
 3. Free Association
 4. Status quo
 5. Retain current status
 6. Another Status
- 1979 Federated States of Micronesia approve Constitution
- 1979 Marshall Islands becomes a Republic
- 1981 Palau becomes a Republic
- All have a similar three branch government structure like the US, however one more branch of government exists dating back to the days before colonization. The chiefs play a large role in what happens in each country.
- 1983 Compact of Free Association approved by FSM and voted on in Palau

United States interest in Pacific Arena

- Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam (Oahu)
- Anderson Air Force Base (Guam)
- Enola Gay launch site (Tinian)
- Geographic advantages versus China (South China Sea)
- US agreements with COFA countries for military participation

Education in the Pacific Islands

- 1981 Establishment of Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC)
- 1980(?) HEA Reauthorization establishes extra 10% in EDGAR for Trust Territories
- 1981 first TRIO Programs split between CNMI and American Samoa
- 1983 first Palau TRIO Upward Bound Program
- 90's - early 2000's
 - American Samoa - UB, SSS, EOC
 - CNMI - ETS, UB, SSS
 - FSM Kosrae UB
 - Pohnpei ETS, UB
 - Chuuk ETS, UB
 - Yap UB
 - Marshall Islands - UB, SSS
 - Palau - ETS, UB, UBMS, SSS

WESTOP Pacific Islands Chapter

- Pre-2000 known as Hawaii and the Pacific Islands
- All Professional Development Seminars held in Hawaii
- More TRIO Programs outside of Hawaii
- 2000 First PDS beyond Hawaii (Pohnpei)
- 2001 PDS Saipan
- 2002 PDS Palau (8 days, ~400 participants)
- ?? Student Leadership Conferences in Pohnpei, Guam

Places of Interest in the Pacific and concern

- 8th Wonder of the World? Nan Madol
- https://youtu.be/80a2_dslsbs?si=qfAmzfMZZnkBw_aN
- Stone Money and view of Yap
- https://youtu.be/e_QvTPNEXFQ?si=qfAmzfMZZnkBw_aN
- Current situation in the Marshall Islands
- https://youtu.be/e_QvTPNEXFQ?si=qfAmzfMZZnkBw_aN

Thank you for attending!

Mahalo, sulang, kammagar, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, kommo, kalahngan, kinisou, kulo, fa'afetai

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Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker 2/18/26



Krystal Kakimoto was born and raised on Kaua‘i and later moved to O‘ahu to pursue her academic studies. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, followed by a Master of Library & Information Science from UH Mānoa and an MBA from Chaminade University.

She currently works at **Bishop Museum** as a Reference Librarian in the Library & Archives Department, where she supports historical research and maintains their library collection. Prior to becoming a librarian, she built a career in the wine industry, earning her Certified Sommelier and Certified Specialist of Wine credentials. Drawing on this background, Krystal now works to bring historical research to life through beverage pairings that connect material culture, history, and lived experience.

SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW TEAM





**Mililani Sunrise Contribution Report:
Foundation Chair, Mel Kumasaka
Update as of 1/7/25**

The Rotary Foundation: \$1,385 donated; **58% to goal**

PolioPlus: \$1,822.90 donated; **197% to goal**

Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF): \$1,225 donated (of which \$1,175 from Foodland's Give Aloha promotion); **129% to goal**

Foundation for RCMS: \$600 donated; **32% to goal**

NOTE:

Per Capita Giving: Clubs that do not meet their club's \$20 per capita (\$20 per member per year) will NOT qualify for a \$5,000 scholarship award for their Club winner but will qualify for a \$2,500 scholarship award for their Club winner. This aligns with the Rotary Four-Way Test – "Is it fair to all concerned?" *[Side note: RCMS has already qualified for 2027!!! Thank you, everyone!!!]*

Membership Recommended and Voluntary annual contributions

- 1) Rotary Foundation - \$125
- 2) Polio Plus - \$25
- 3) Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF) - \$50 (Suggestion: Wait until September and give thought Foodland's Give Aloha campaign)
- 4) Foundation for Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise \$100 (sponsor for Golf Scholarship - Service Above Self)