

Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise

Mililani Kakahiaka

July 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Before we start off the new Rotary year, I would like to thank Paul Nakachi for leading RCMS for the last 4 years! Not only did he serve his year, but seamlessly continued business as usual when he was needed to step back in as President and showed us all what it means to be a true Rotarian.

I would like to Thank YOU, my RCMS Ohana, for selecting me to lead our club as President for Rotary year 2023-2024. I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve in this capacity. To my Board and all RCMS club members, you have my promise that I will carry out my duties to the best of my abilities, I will listen and you will be heard.

How did I get here?

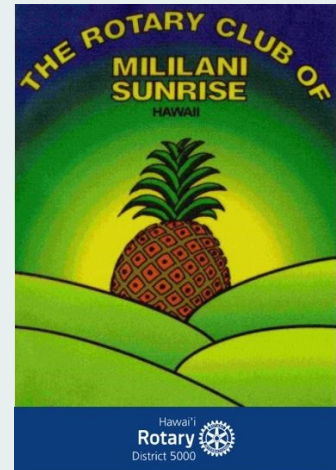
So... how did I get here? I call this one of my COVID blessings. My husband and I met Paul while walking around our neighborhood during COVID and it started out with HI, HELLO and then progressed into OH HAVE YOU HEARD OF ROTARY, and then we got our puppy Mali and if you know Paul, he is the puppy/dog whisperer of Ainamakua Drive. Well now we would stop and of course Paul would love on Mali, and our conversations were more in depth about ROTARY. I've always loved getting involved in service projects and being able to give back, but because of my workload I felt that I just would not have the time to commit to such a cause and do it well. Well, there will never be "the right time" to do anything, so I decided to participate in a Rotary service project planting native trees out on the Northshore and after one zoom meeting, I was hooked. It was the people of Rotary and the members of RCMS that I decided to become a member and was inducted in July 2021.

What does it mean to be a Rotarian?

At the recent, President-Elect Training Seminar that I attended in LA, one of the keynote speakers Jordan Harrison put it simply as:
What is a Rotarian?

- A Rotarian is a person who digs wells, from which they may never drink
- Vaccinates children of which they might never meet
- Restores eyesight for those they might never see
- Build houses they might never live in
- Educates the children they might not never know
- Plants trees that they might never sit under
- And knows that real happiness can only be found by helping others!

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Upcoming Events:

July 15–16:

Back-to-School Supply Drive

August 2:

Kipapa Elementary School Supplies Distribution

August 12:

Mililani Library Book Sale

2023-2024 Officers

President Elect: Wendell Nekota

Treasurer: June Kasaoka

Secretary: Kim Yamane

Sergeant-at-Arms: Iwao Sato



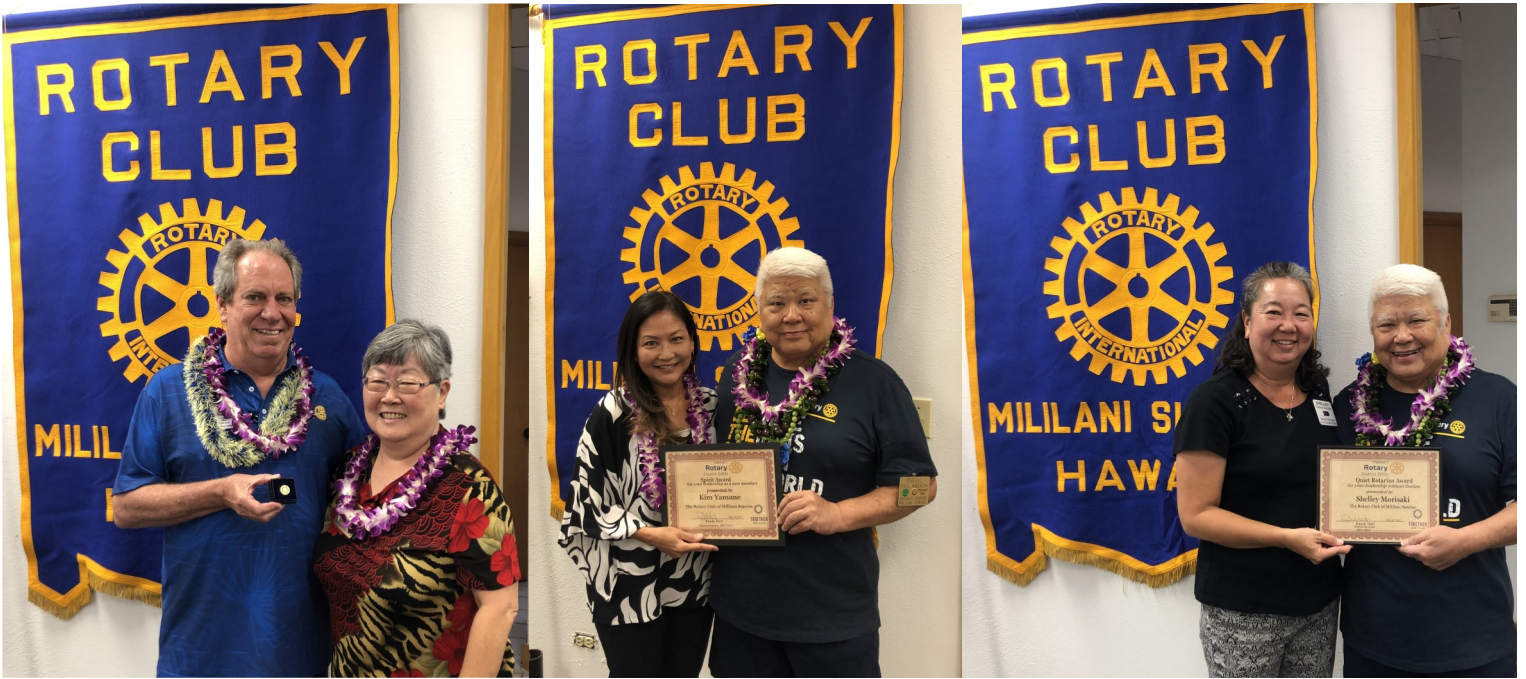
INSTALLATION BREAKFAST JUNE 28

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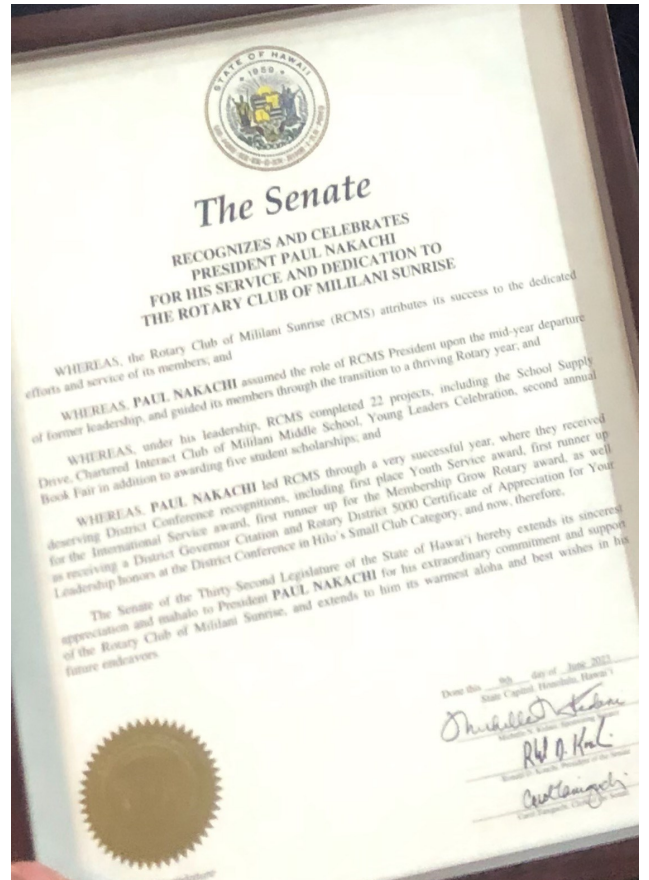




Paul Harris Award: June Kasaoka, Spirit Award: Kim Yamane, Quiet Rotarian: Shelley Morisaki



Cassandra Gamboa— Beautiful Hula Performance



The Senate Recognizes and Celebrates President Paul Nakachi for His Service and Dedication to the Rotary Club of Mililani Sunrise



GETTING TO KNOW YOU— President Kathy Lum

5 Things about the President Kathy Lum that you may not already know:

1. Jay and Kathy will celebrate our 36th Anniversary in August, but have been together for 42 years, since they were Juniors in High School
2. One of Kathy's "non-negotiables" is her daily 4:45am workouts at Egan's Bootcamp
3. Kathy's favorite travel destination is Las Vegas, because it's a short getaway trip when she can visit good friends, eat different kinds of food, go to shows or concerts. In September Kathy will be going to see Luke Bryan!
4. Kathy's future travel destinations include Santorini, Greece; Japan, Spain
5. Kathy loves to Golf!

Bonus: Kathy has a fear of riding bikes on the street, so her kids were never allowed to ride their bikes on the street. Fast-forward to her first trip to Kyoto, Japan, Kathy's cousin who was living there at the time, convinces her and her kids to rent bikes and ride to Arashiyama Bamboo park which was about 10 miles (one-way). Kathy's anxiety/stress level was off the charts, with cars, bikers, young and old whizzing by, yelling at her in Japanese. They never made it to the Bamboo park, but it was an adventure she will never forget.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

As we transition into a new Rotary year it is always a good time to remind ourselves of the **purpose** of this great service organization and its seven areas of Focus which are **to**:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

The theme for this Rotary year is "**Create Hope in the World**" RI President Gordon McNally explains that **The goal is to restore hope - to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and in turn, to help achieve lasting change**

Some of the projects and events that we have planned or identified for this upcoming year are:

RCMS Annual School Supply Drive, last year we raised approximately \$3,400 in school supplies and community donations of \$2,511 and \$1,150 from our members and ASB for an additional donation of \$3,600, total of \$7,000

2nd Annual Bowling for Rotary FUN-Raiser

3rd Annual I Love Books Fair, where we purchase books for the keiki in Mililani and partner with programs like Literacy Hawaii, Read to Me International and the Bookmobile

I would like to revive our Scholarship Golf Tournament to be able to offer scholarships to an expanded roster including community college and trade school students.

Increase Community awareness about Rotary.

Grow our partnership with the Kupuna and Keiki of Kalani Gardens – I hope to give them a sense of belonging and engagement in the Mililani Community

To my RCMS, **THIS IS NOT MY YEAR OR MY CLUB**, this is **OUR** year and **OUR** Club, and I look forward to making sure we have a successful and FUN year.

I would like to close with this quote that Iwao shared with our club recently:
"kindness is not an act, it's a reflection of your soul!"