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# Talk Story Thursday

Service Above Self – Making a Difference

Editor – PP Geoff Horvath



## The Three Wise Men Were There Three or Three Hundred?!

The visit of the Wise Men; journeys, political intrigue and not a stable in sight!

### The Story in the Bible



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.'



When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12



### The History behind the Three Kings/Wise Men/Magi in the Christmas Story

After Jesus was born, Wise Men came to look for Him, probably from an area which is now in either Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia or the Yemen. Although they are often called the 'Three Kings', the Bible does not say how many there were, or that they were kings. One theory is that they might have been Kings of the Yemen, as during this time the Kings of Yemen were Jews. Three is only a guess because they brought with them three gifts: but however many there were of them, they probably would have had many more servants with them.



They were definitely men of learning. They were certainly men of great learning. The word Magi comes from the greek word 'magos' (where the english word 'magic' comes from). Magos itself comes from the old

persian word 'Magupati'. This was the title given to priests in a sect of the ancient persian religions such as Zoroastrianism. Today we'd called them astrologers. Back then astronomy and astrology were part of the same overall studies (and 'science') and went hand in hand with each other. The magi would have followed the patterns of the stars religiously. They would have also probably been very rich and held high esteem in their own society and by people who weren't from their country or religion.

They had seen an unusual new star in the sky, and knew that it told of the birth of a special king. No one really knows what the new star in the sky was, and there are many theories including comets, supernovas, a conjunctions of planets or something supernatural!



Legends are told about them and they have been given names. This is how they are often described:

- **Gaspar** (or Caspar), who has brown hair and a brown beard (or no beard!) and wears a green cloak and a gold crown with green jewels on it. He is the King of Sheba. Gaspar represents the Frankincense brought to Jesus.



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- **Melchior**, who has long white hair and a white beard and wears a gold cloak. He is the King of Arabia. Melchior represents the Gold brought to Jesus.



- **Balthazar**, who has black skin and a black beard (or no beard!) and wears a purple cloak. He is the King of Tarse and Egypt. Balthazar represents the gift of Myrrh that was brought to Jesus.



Herod asked the Wise Men to find Jesus and tell him where he was, not so he could go and worship him as

he said, but so he could kill him! He thought that Jesus sounded like a new King that could come and take his power away.



When the Wise Men found Jesus and Mary, they would have been living in a normal house in Bethlehem, because by this time Jesus would have been aged between one and two. Then they gave their gifts to him. The gifts seem quite strange to give to a baby, but Christians believe that they had the following meanings:

- **Gold:** is associated with Kings and Christians believe that Jesus is the King of Kings.
- **Frankincense:** is sometimes used in worship in Churches and showed that people would worship Jesus.
- **Myrrh:** is a perfume that is put on dead bodies to make them smell nice and showed that Jesus would suffer and die.

The gifts are also all things that come from east of Israel in Arabia.

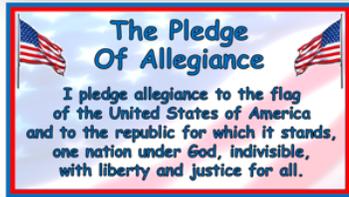
When the wise men were about to go to tell Herod where Jesus was, they were warned in a dream not to, so Herod could not carry out his horrible plan.



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 Meeting Location: Dor's in Wahiawa  
 Day and Time: Thursdays 12:00-1:00 pm



**Kate Butts**



**PP Geoff Horvath**



**Traditional Oli** – No Oli today.



**VISITING ROTARIANS**

**Outside D5K**

None

**Within D5K**

None



**Ashtin Kanamu** – Guest of **Austin Kanamu**

**Grace Abatayo** – Guest and Mom of **Marie Abatayo**



**PP Gerry Joering** has graciously offered his 15,000 PHF points to our Club so we can become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, again!

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**PP Geoff Horvath** contributed \$500 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of his wife's birthday.



**Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation**

HRYF held a Teleconference meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. One was at 10:00 am, the other at 2:00 pm. I'm including both sessions, since there is a lot of great information regarding HRYF, that I would like to share with you.

Also, HRYF now has improved their website, thanks to the herd work of our HRYF Staff and media support. Our HRYF Staff are all volunteers, so, there is no overhead!

**Notes from Conference Call** with Scholarship Reps, Dec. 5, 2018

**Kris Westmoreland**, HRYF President went over the Scholarship Schedule for 2018-19.

**Faith McFatridge** reviewed the scholarship application process.

**Dexter Yee**, HRYF Vice President and West Oahu Area Selection Chair was also present and added comments.

- The improved HRYF website is running – [www.hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org](http://www.hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org). Students can download a fillable form and submit it by email to the selected Club. If submitted electronically, student can sign the document at the interview.
- Deadlines are listed in the Information for HRYF Club Scholarship Process.
- On page 2, no. 5 – the selection of scholars. Clubs can decide their own criteria – such as need as first priority
- Students need to be aware of the list that they certify on the last page of the application. Especially important is that the student has to notify HRYF and or the Club that he or she will receive a full tuition which makes them ineligible and Club needs to choose another applicant (last year a couple of Clubs had to go to their No. 4 selection).
- Keep the applications with top ranking. Students usually don't find out until May or even June if they will receive full tuition.
- The criteria for military service should be deleted from the application. To be ineligible, the student has to receive the appointment. It will be added to the last criteria for next year.
- Application is to be received or postmarked by February 6. Will eliminate "postmarked" next year.

- The Recommendation for Scholarship should be in a separate file on the website so students can send it directly to the teachers. Suggestion to include more space for more comments. (Also a couple of typos which will be corrected).
- School college counselors should have received a copy of the application. Please call the schools in your area to make sure that the right person received it.
- An ad in Oahu Midweek was posted on Nov. 14 to generate applications. Our communications consultant is working on a media press release to send to Kauai and the Big Island. A Facebook and Instagram account will also be generated.

#### 10:00 am group

**Question:** Other organizations have a deadline of Feb. 1 for their scholarship applications. Why is HRYF deadline Feb. 6?

**Discussion:** The Feb. 6 was to help students who are filling out the applications for other scholarships get some time after the Feb. 1 of a lot of scholarship deadlines. The deadline was Jan. 31 until 2 years ago, when HRYF Scholarship Committee recommended the change. It doesn't give much time to completed the interviews by Feb. 23. Students who are diligent start submitting applications in December. They may use their other applications as templates to completed other forms.

**Question:** What if a student who is at the Kapalama campus, for instance, applies to his or her home town Rotary Club and is not present when the interviews are scheduled because the student is at another campus?

**Discussion:** There are some Clubs who take advantage of Skype or FaceTime to conduct interviews if the student is not available in person. Some Clubs also use these methods if some Club judges can't be there at the interviews.

**Question:** Can Clubs work with other Clubs to share applications if one has too many and another has too little?

**Discussion:** It is ok to share applications especially if one Club has only a few applications. It is also a good way to find out if a student made application to more than one Club.

**Question:** There's a lot of paperwork involved. What are some ways to cut down?

**Discussion:** Some judges get scanned copies. Scholarship Rep still makes hard copies (not all judges are internet savvy). Put the applications in a manila envelope to each judge ahead of the interviews. Make a template of the important items (EFC, SAT/ACT, GPA, etc. and space for comments).

**Question:** What criteria is used as priority – need or academic accomplishments or community service.

**Discussion:** It is up to the Club to determine ahead of time the criteria as they look at the applications. Students need to know what the criteria is up front.

**Question:** Some Clubs give zero or very little but they are eligible to receive at least a \$5,000 scholarship. Does this seem fair?

**Discussion:** HRYF needs Club donations to sustain the level of scholarships. Added two Clubs this year and one more next year.

#### 2:00 pm group

**Question:** How does a student list the schools applying, if final decisions aren't made until after the scholarship process? An example might be that a student applies to mainland schools but finds it's too expensive and decides to attend a Hawaii school.

**Discussion:** Yes, it is hard to determine the top three schools the student is applying. The \$10,000 Hawaii school winner is chosen because he or she placed that school as 1<sup>st</sup> priority. These are very few students but after May, more students choose UH or example but the final winner is chosen in March. Perhaps students should list UH if that is one of the schools they will apply to. Area judges may look at all 3 choices.

**Question:** What if a student submits a personal statement that is not acceptable. Can the judges "coach" the student to re-write it?

**Discussion:** Not a good idea to re-write/clean-up/correct an application from the student. It would not be fair to the other students. If a student is outstanding in the interview process but the personal statement is not good enough, the judges could submit a statement regarding the student. Applications should be what the student submitted. An application which is incomplete can be corrected by the student provided it is completed before the deadline. After the deadline, incomplete applications may be disqualified.

**Question:** How are the two \$10,000 winners selected?

**Discussion:** Each Club selects first priority from the applications. That application is sent to the Area Selection Chair (on the list) with representatives from each Club. (Yes, there is a potential of each Club wanting their applicant to be selected.) The Area Selection Chair sends their first priority application to the HRYF Office. A committee (president, vice president-Scholarships, and another person selected by the president) looks at the 10 applications and selects the two \$10,000 winners – one for a student attending a mainland US college and one attending a Hawaii college – based on the 3 colleges/universities the student has listed. After this committee selects the two \$10,000 winners, the two Clubs are informed. The rest of the Clubs can announce their \$5,000 winner and notify the students.

**Question:** Is there an amount for minimum donations from the Clubs.

**Discussion:** There is no minimum but suggested amount of \$40 per active Club member. The only requirement is that the Club sends \$200 for Dues each July.

**Comments:**

- A student who was a HRYF recipient and now in business joined the Rotary Club.
- A parent of a scholar became involved in Rotary.
- Good to keep in touch with the scholarship winners and encourage them to join a Rotary.
- It is a good way to promote HRYF by having past scholars come to Club meetings and update the Club on what they are doing now.
- Invite the students to any Club events, like for December the Christmas Party.
- Let the students know about giving to Give Aloha was a way to help future scholarships.
- As the student to create a spread sheet of the extra-curricular activities they are involved in for easier reading.
- Incomplete applications – look over carefully and ask the student to correct.

**PP Geoff Horvath** contributed \$50 to HRYF in recognition of his Wife's birthday (see below)



**PP Geoff** gave an update on **Oahu's RYLA Camp**. Applications are still coming in. Plans are moving ahead to make this a memorable camp for those students that were selected to attend by their sponsoring Rotary Clubs.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Recognitions from December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup>.



None

**Spouse's Birthday**



**PP Geoff Horvath's** wife, **Margery Kanahele**, celebrates her birthday on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. **PP Geoff** contributed \$50 to HRYF

**Anniversaries**



Honorary Member, **Linda Sato's** and **Hubby, Gary** celebrate their Anniversary on December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Induction**

None



**PP Oran Spotts** advised the Club that there will be **NO FINNING** during the Christmas Season! This is our Club tradition.



**Kate Butts** gave a HI \$5 for spending last Friday with **Alison Kanamu**. They delivered dictionaries and marched in the Wahiawa Christmas Parade. It was a fun day enjoyed by both.

**Marie Abatayo** provided feedback from Walmart, Waialua High School Robotics team and advisor, ARC Wahiawa. really enjoyed their time celebrating Christmas with our special guests and for the love shown by our Club to ARC Clients

President Alex gave a HI \$5 to all those who participated in the Al Wonder Christmas Party last week.



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No trip reports



## ROTARY MINUTE Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships, started in 1947 and is open to men and women. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

*7.5 million*

*In scholarships, on average, are given out by Rotary each year*

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and Friendly relations among people of different countries.

The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Interested applicants must apply for Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships through their local Rotary club. Because application deadlines vary by club and district, only your local club can provide specific information on deadlines. Remember that scholarship availability varies by Rotary district. If your local district is not offering scholarships, you may wish to inquire next year. Types of Scholarships:

Rotary clubs can apply to The Rotary Foundation for district and global grants to support scholarships.

Global grants are for graduate students studying abroad in one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus:



1. Promoting peace
2. Fighting disease
3. Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
4. Saving mothers and children
5. Supporting education
6. Growing local economies

Scholarships last from one to four years and can include an entire degree program. Global grant scholarships are funded using cash or District Designated Funds matched by the World Fund.

**350,000**

*scholarships have been awarded by Rotary*

District grants can be used to sponsor secondary school, undergraduate, or graduate students studying any subject, either locally or abroad. The scholarship may cover any length of time, from a six-week language training program to a year or more of university study.

Rotary members are essential to recruiting qualified candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships. You can advance peace in troubled areas around the world by promoting peace fellowships and supporting peace fellow candidates through the application process.

Rotary clubs and districts can recommend IHE Delft Institute for Water Education scholarship candidates and interview applicants who have been admitted to the institute in one of three master's degree programs.

Applications are considered for candidates interested in studying Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Swedish.

Some Rotary districts may only offer one type of scholarship (or none at all); applicants must check with the local club regarding availability.

## Correspondence



No Correspondence this week.



## MILITARY REPORT



No Report



**Dec 20 – Beyond Waters** – Guest Speakers Pete and Sharon Crean – Will speak to us about their special project. <https://www.beyondwater.global/>

**Beyond Water**



**Jan 17 – Sex Trafficking Awareness Month**– Guest Speaker, **Jody Allione**, Co-founder of **Ho'ōla Nā Pua**



**Dec 27 – DARK**

**Open – Second payment (second 6 months) of annual dues are due!**

**Jan 19 2019 – Semi Annual 2018-2019 President's meeting** at the Hawaii Convention Center.

**Feb 1-3, 2019 – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).** Camp Homalani

**Mar 31 – Annual Wakai-Wilkinson Golf Tournament fundraiser** at the **Moanalua Golf Club**

**Jack in the Box Fundraiser.** Each member will be given 10 tickets (\$100) to sell.



Today we discussed some of the things we would like to do this coming new year. One of the areas that we covered was starting an Intern Program for promising students, in the Ag-tech area, auto-mechanics, and nursing.

The other was participating in school career days, like the one recently held at Waipahu High School. It is

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realized that not all students will be going to college, so Waipahu High School offers vocational training while at the same time, pre-college courses. For those who want to become nurses, come to school dressed in scrubs, so they can get into their role while learning. What better way to get students motivated to learn!

As previously mentioned (career day), President Alex and his family recently paid a visit to Waipahu High School during their Career Day.

What President Alex and his family saw was students were upbeat and happy to be in school! The overall atmosphere was one of excitement. This is due to their Principal, **Keith Hayashi**. He brings a new unique style of teaching, that allows his students to do their best and to be the best student they can be while in the school.

Keith encourages his students to get involved and learn all they can before graduation from high school. He supports multiple programs that allow his students to attend advanced learning institutions.



**Keith Hayashi**

He is highly respected by his students and other school principals because of his style of teaching and his positive leading technique. He is so respected throughout the DOE, that he was asked to become the superintendent. He turned this position down because he felt he could do more good for the students being a school principal than a superintendent.

An example of students striving for their best and reaching their full potential is, a large number of the students are taking college-level courses from Leeward Community College and other higher learning institutions, so by the time they graduate from high school, they are halfway there in college credits.

Keith has done so well that he was the recipient of the prestigious 2015-16 **Milken Educator Award**.



**The Milken Educator Award.** The idea for the Milken Educator Awards started in the early 1980s when Lowell Milken, the chairman and co-founder of the Milken Family Foundation (MFF), began exploring



strategies for strengthening the education profession. The first Awards were presented to a group of 12 outstanding teachers and administrators in California.

The prestigious honor, described as "the **Oscars** of teaching" by *Teacher* magazine, has recognized outstanding teachers for more than 30 years. The initiative not only aims to reward great teachers, but to celebrate, elevate and activate those innovators who are guiding America's next generation of leaders. More than \$138 million in funding, including \$68 million in individual \$25,000 Awards, has been devoted to the overall program, which includes powerful professional development opportunities throughout recipients' careers. The 2018-19 season of surprise notifications begins this fall.

Now Milken Educators are surprised at boisterous schoolwide assemblies before cheering students, respected colleagues, distinguished officials and the media.

President Alex told us of an incident that happened during their tour around the school campus, by Keith. As they were walking in the halls, they saw three burly students standing in a small group talking, during a class period. Alex thought Keith was going to scold the boys, who were football players. Keith walked up to the students, and asked them how were things going. They replied that they were rehearsing a poem they were to give in their class. So, Keith said, "Why not try it out on us!" So, they did. It had something to do with love. The boys didn't hesitate, but started right in. One was making sound effects, while another one recited part of the poem. Then they alternated until the poem was finished. Alex said it was impressive and hard imagining these burly football players reciting a poem about love!

President Alex and family left highly impressed with the entire experience. A school where students love to attend and a principal that is highly respect by his students.



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### Ace of Hearts



No Ace of Hearts today



### Around the Club in Pictures

(Go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/962862973749303/> to view all pictures.)



Ashtin driving one of the company vehicles



I'm so happy to be here! (Kate Butts)





Austin and Ashtin setting up for the meeting



One of our Dot's famous food server collecting money



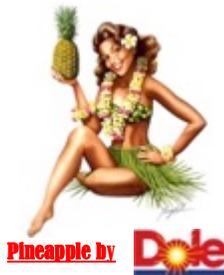
Kate Butts and PP Oran Spotts having some followett-ship



Madam Secretary – Alison Kanamu



Like Dad, like sons! Before the meeting, of course!



Pineapple by Dole



President Alex checking recognitions for this week



Kate Butts and PP Oran Spotts getting some Marian's Catering food



Kate Butts with a HI \$5

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Marie Abatayo with Mom, Grace



Meeting is in session!



PPs Doc McKenzie and Oran Spotts listening to Kate Butts talking about her nerves that were damaged when she broke her arm

**WHAT IS ROTARY?**



**JOIN LEADERS**

**EXCHANGE IDEAS**

**TAKE ACTION**

**IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD**



Dot's Pineapple Lounge



See, the shock treatment was from my fingertips to my elbow. Not fun!!

Rotary Club of Mini




PP Doc McKenzie enters the discussions



Grace and Marie Abatayo enjoying their lunch

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**



**FIRST** IS IT THE TRUTH?

**SECOND** IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

**THIRD** WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

**FOURTH** WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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