March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits.

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

**HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN**

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary’s people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water
Two years later, District 2452 Governor Jamil Mouawad and other district leaders saw the potential of creating one giant water project that could reach every school and involve all 24 of the country’s Rotary clubs. They formed a committee to handle publicity and gather technical knowledge, while each club was asked to provide volunteers, contribute funds, apply for grants, and secure contributions from outside organizations.

“Every student has the right to drink clean water. It goes without saying that clean drinking water leads to less diseases, healthier students, and consequently, better education,” says Mouawad. “The bigger the challenge, the greater its positive impact on humanity.”

While clean water is the main objective, the leaders also saw the effort as a means of helping heal Lebanon’s long history of sectarian strife. A civil war divided the country from 1975 to 1990, leaving an estimated 120,000 people dead. In recent years, Lebanon’s government is a shifting coalition of religions, political parties, and sects.

Lina Shehayeb, president of the Rotary Club of Aley, is a Druze by faith. Shehayeb says working alongside club members who are Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Muslim to promote the project has deepened her understanding of those with different religious or political views.

“We are building peace and understanding,” she says. “There has never been anything quite like this in our country.”

Even the distribution of club responsibilities is designed to foster peace. Each club is responsible for a certain number of schools, some in their area but some in a totally separate region. The clubs nominate a project coordinator, find qualified suppliers, arrange for sponsors, and allocate contributions from sponsors, district funds, and global grants to finance the installation of filters in the schools.

“For example a club from Jounieh, a Christian resort town north of Beirut, might be assigned schools in the southern mountains near the Israeli border, an area that is considerably poorer and primarily Shia Muslim,” explains Mouawad. “After all, who — no matter what their political or religious views — could argue with providing clean water for children?”

The effort could not have come at a better time. With the crisis in Syria, Lebanon’s population is ballooning with refugees, including many school-age children. By improving the schools these kids attend, Rotary members are laying the groundwork for future peace in the region.

The committee is working in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers take water samples in each of the schools a few times a year and send those samples to the Lebanese Agricultural Laboratory Institute for testing.

According to the committee’s technical team, it will cost roughly $2,500 a school to install water tanks, filters, and provide ongoing monitoring. About 200 schools have been covered so far. The goal is to reach all 1,535 schools within three years. By Arnold R. Grahlp

Dr. Lynn Goya
In 2007, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation issued the $1 million challenge. The grant challenged Rotary to raise $100 million, which the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matched. Two years later, the Gates Foundation pledged an additional $255 million and increases the amount Rotary must raise to $200 million. Rotary’s partnership with the Gates Foundation helps both organizations improve lives around the world.

**Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)**

Area Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 7th. Mikiala Ng will be representing our Club. We all wish her well.

Don’t forget that your contributions to HRYF are tax deductible and you can contribute online at: https://www.hawaiirotaryyouthfoundation.org/donations/

**Doc Carver Wilcox** contributed $50 to HRYF in celebration of being a member of our Club for 25 years!

Recognitions for the week ending March 8th, 2020.

**Spouse’s Birthday**

None

**Anniversaries**

None

**Induction**

**Doc Carver Wilcox** was inducted into our Club 25 years ago, on March 1, 1995.

**Doc Lynn Goya** was inducted into our Club 1 year ago on March 7th.
Kate Butts gave a HI $5 for Hubby, Mike Butts coming home from the mainland. He was gone for a month. During that time, they purchased a hanger to house their plane in, for future trips on the mainland. It’s great having him home again!

Doc Carver Wilcox gave a HI $5 for his little brother receiving a clean bill of health after a blood clot was taken care of. It was close and scary, but it was handled and treated in time!

Alison Kanamu gave a HI $5 for being here today.

Doc Lynn Goya gave a HI $5 for KGMB website expo on the Coronavirus. It answered a lot of questions Doc Lynn had.

President Alex gave a HI$5 for a possible contract and something about 50 years ago!!

No Trip Report

The Medical Corner

We had Bryan Cheplic, Communications Manager and Public Relations Director of Wahiawa General Hospital give us a brief on WGH and COVID-19. He was concerned with all the disinformation that was going around regarding COVID-19 and WGH. WGH has not been selected as a COVID-19 hospital. The State did contact them because of the space and available beds on the second floor, as with all the hospitals on Oahu. WGH is only under consideration as a quarantine site, but is unlikely that it will be selected. To become a quarantine site, major construction would have to be completed at WGH. At this point it is not feasible for this to happen.

Brian did say, that people come to hospitals to receive treatment. If a patient did come in and was diagnosed with COVID-19, they will not turn them away, but would start treatment and, at some point, transfer them to a hospital that has a quarantine facility, like Queens.

ROTARY MINUTE

Rotary International is one of the largest not-for-profit service organizations in the world, with more than one million members actively participating in thousands of local clubs spread across 200+ countries around the world.

Mar 19 - Slava Slavik – Toastmasters - Division A Director overseeing 16 clubs on Oahu and Maui.

Apr 1 – Sharen Truex Nakashima, U.S. Census Bureau. Sharen Truex Nakashima is a native of Macon, Georgia. She grew up in a bilingual household & lived in Japan for 17 years. Raised in an Air Force family, Sharen grew up in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana & Massachusetts.

She received B.A. in Speech Communications from Otterbein University in Ohio & worked as a top 40 radio d.j. Sharen was a bilingual broadcaster in Osaka, Kobe & Tokyo Japan.

She has worked for various media outlets over the course of her 20 years in Hawaii including Krater 96, Oldies 107.9, KZOO Radio & KIKU Television.

Since 2009, she has interpreted for the Governor of Hawaii at the Honolulu Festival & emcees annually for the Honolulu Festival Parade in Waikiki.

No Correspondence
Recently, she was working as a Japanese language interpreter when she was appointed a Japanese Partnership Specialist for the 2020 Census. Sharen is honored to utilize her public speaking & Japanese language skills to promote participation for the Decennial Census.

Apr 9 – Helemano Wilderness Recreation Area

29 Mar – Annual Wakai-Wilkinson Golf Tournament Scholarship fundraiser. More information will be coming out in the next few weeks.

20-26 Apr – Trip to Kyoto, Japan for celebration of the Rakushyu Club’s anniversary. – CANCELLED

Apr 25 – Rotary @ Work Day – We are encouraged to complete a club project or a joint project with another club. We will be working at Ho‘ōla Nā Pua Center grounds cleaning. Kate Butts has agreed to be our point of contact. We will partner with other clubs.

May 28 – Hawaii Blood Bank blood drive – Dot’s parking lot. If interested in giving blood, you can sign up utilizing Blood Bank Hawaii’s eDonor program. You have three options. The most direct option is to go to www.BBHdonor.org/SC and register. These two options give you more information and will allow you to sign up. These two links are, www.BBH.org and www.BBHdonor.org.

Jun 6-10 – Rotary International Convention

Jun 8 – Host Night – RI Convention event – 6-9 pm, at the Waikiki Shopping Plaza. Parking is nearby at $10 for the night, Cost is $45 per member.

Reminder – Airport Greeters on June 6 2020. Please see Alison for sign-up as slots are still available. Each shift is three hours. We will be at the International Arrivals to greet Rotarians from around the world.

No announcements

“Every Great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the PASSION to reach for the stars to change the world.” – Harriet Tubman

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

Who were the “Donut Dollies”?

My life as a Doctor in Dermatology Part 1

Since we were short on time, Doc Carver Wilcox gave us a tantalizing start on his career as a top-notch dermatologist.

Today, we had Doc Carver, our member of 25 years, gave a classification talk, Part I, which was a background on his family. Doc’s family started out in Louisiana many, many years ago. After his dad saw how things were going for black people in the state, he decided to get his family of five children out Louisiana to Seattle, Washington, where he had family. His dad was a musician and loved music. He taught his children to play on various instruments, and couldn’t move onto another instrument until they mastered the one they were learning to play. Doc’s Dad was unable to realize his dream, until he was able to open his own music shop in Seattle.

Doc attended high school in Seattle, then went on to Seattle University. He was an A student, but did receive a B on an excellent composition he wrote, an assignment forms his professor. He wrote a story about being in a confined space that was dark, but warm and comfortable. Then he felt contractions and he felt himself being ejected down something like a shoot. The next thing he know, he was in bright lights, in cold air, and heard someone say, “It’s a Boy!” The professor gave him a B, because the professor told Doc Carver
that he didn’t write the composition...he was not capable of writing something that good!

This was Doc’s first experience of discrimination. The second one came when he was in the university’s ROTC program. Again, he excelled, but in the end, he was passed over for promotion to General by another student, and again passed over for promotion to Colonel, remaining a LTCol.

He became interested in the medical field after an incident that happened when he was a little boy. He was climbing over a fence and ripped his arm open on an exposed nail. He was hanging there until someone got him off. He watched the doctor stitch him up and found it fascinating.

He even had a problem getting into the medical field in university, because the admissions gal told him, he would never be accepted into the program. So, to get into the medical field of studies, he went back to the professor who gave him a B on his composition and told him to write him a glowing recommendation so he could get accepted in the medical field of study. He also got another glowing recommendation from his former ROTC Commanding Officer that passed him over for promotion.

Next week, Part II!

**Ace of Hearts**

No Ace of Hearts today.

**Time for Answers**

**Answer to this week’s Question:**

They were women selected by the American Red Cross to provide refreshments (doughnuts) to our soldiers in England, during WWII, then on to the European campaign, in combat zones.

**THE DONUT DOLLIES BROUGHT COFFEE & DONUTS TO THE FRONT LINES FROM WORLD WAR II TO VIETNAM**

*By Matt Fratus | June 07, 2019*

Inspired by the Salvation Army’s Donut Lassies who contributed morale services during World War I.

The American Red Cross (ARC) has kept the tradition alive by bringing delicious donuts to American troops spanning three additional wars and four decades. From World War II to Korea and the Vietnam War, Donut Dollies (as they were affectionately called) were comprised of all-volunteer women, with exception of some men during World War II, who brought a “touch of home” overseas.
benches on either side provided soldiers a place to rest and enjoy their floury delicacy.

Similar to how American troops sought out the Coca-Cola Colonels for the crisp refreshing taste of Coke, the Donut Dollies also made a lasting impression on the troops. They were able to forget the daily stress of being away from their families, if only for a few moments. The ladies were so beloved that 205 ARC women delivered 4,659,728 donuts, according to one December 1944 report.

They also participated in the rear of the invasion of Normandy using American-driven cubmobiles. Stationed in nearby towns and hotels, the Donut Dollies provided refreshments to Allied troops across France, Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg until 1946 in the post-war period. Aside from the routine, the Blood Donor Service enacted in 1941 allowed the women to aid in medical efforts by conducting blood plasma transfusions for those in need. Some even acted as the lifeline between American prisoners of war and their families back home, delivering care packages and returning messages — despite the Germans’ best efforts to combat them.

By the wars end, 86 ARC workers and volunteers — 34 men and 52 women lost their lives.

Around the Club in Pictures
(Go to our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/962862973749303/ to view all pictures.)

Club members and guest gathering for some fellowship

President Alex paying for a great lunch

Kate Butts and Doc Lynn Goya in deep discussions

Alison Kanamu is glad to be here!
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Doc Lynn Goya getting her lunch

Visitor Bryan Cheplic

President Alex and Bryan Cheplic
Talking about COVID-19 concerns

Getting ready for the meeting

Doc Carver Wilcox getting his Paul Harris Medallion

President Alex is happy to be here too!

Having fun before the meeting

Bryan Cheplic briefing us on COVID-19 and the possible impact to Wahiawa General Hospital
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Bryan Cheplic telling us that WGH will more than likely not be selected as a quarantine center for the COVID-19

Club members listening carefully to what Bryan Cheplic is telling us

Bryan Cheplic says it would be too costly to modify WGH for an isolation or quarantine unit.

Kate Butts giving her HI $5

Doc Carver’s HI $5

Ew, ew, I have a HI $5!

Doc Lynn’s HI $5

President Alex getting ready for his HI $5

President Alex getting ready for his HI $5
Doc Carver giving his Classification talk, Part I

WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE

are interconnected issues

2.1 billion people lack access to safe water

Water Life

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