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“Making a Difference in our Communities”



Club President  
Keoni Ahlo



“Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities.”  
RI President Holger Knaack

The strength of our Club lies in its members

**Kung Hee Fat Choy!**

Service Above Self – Making a Difference

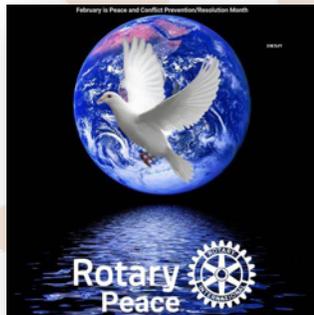
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**February is Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention-Resolution Month**

Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution Month is the number three of the six Rotary Area of Focus.

During February, **Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution Month**. we're celebrating our commitment to build peace and mitigate conflict.



One of the six areas of focus of Rotary we don't seem to talk about as much is peace and conflict resolution and prevention, which happens to be the theme for the month of February. It is often, however, the conflicts that occur throughout the world that are the root causes of poverty, despair, economic hardship and poor health.

Take for instance the major deterrent to polio eradication: the difficulty in vaccinating children in war torn countries. We see these conflicts as well occurring in some form within our own communities with the same results. Rotary International as an organization understands this relationship and therefore is deeply invested in supporting individuals and programs that will develop leaders who are committed to seeking



Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

ways toward peace. The path toward peace begins with understanding and respect for the differences that make us unique.

These are the same types of values that are studied in the peace centers supported by Rotary International in association with several major universities across the globe. The mission of these centers is to “empowers, educates, and increases the capacity of peace builders through rigorous academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities.

These Fellows develop the skills needed to act as “leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution both in their communities and around the globe.” As Rotarians we should all be similarly committed to understanding the conflicts that exist in our own society, to speak out when necessary, and to seek solutions that reflect the values of Rotary.

<https://columbiametrorotary.org/events/>



club business



Kate Butts



# INVOCATION

ADG Wes Mun



Outside D5K

None

Within D5K

ADG Wes Mun – RC of Pearlridge



None



## The Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of The Rotary Foundation. It funds programs in more than 180 countries on seven continents. From digging clean water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skill to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects.

Only if *Every Rotarian* makes a gift to the Annual Fund *Every Year*, we will be able to continue to do the great work of our Rotary Foundation.



## Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)

Our Club has received 9 applications for the 2021 HRYF Scholarship program. Seven of the applications came directly to our Club, 2 came from **RC of Mililani Sunrise**. We will be scheduling interviews with the students on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We are giving them two options for interviewing. Option 1 will be an in-person interview of both Parents and Students agree. We have a space big enough at the **Pineapple**

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**Crate Conference** room that meets CDC regulations. Option 2 will be Zoom interviews.

# RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions for the week ending February 7, 2021.



None



None

## Anniversaries



None

## Induction

None



\$5- Virtual High Five



None

Keep an envelope handy, so when you have a VH\$5, you can put it in the envelope and send it in or hand it in to Keoni when you have an opportunity!



None



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No fines

## WORDS OF WISDOM

“To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.” – Marilyn vos Savant



Marilyn vos Savant

Marilyn vos Savant is an American magazine columnist, author, lecturer, and playwright. She was listed as having the highest recorded intelligence quotient (IQ) in the Guinness Book of Records, a competitive category the publication has since retired. Since 1986, she has written "Ask Marilyn", a Parade magazine Sunday column wherein she solves puzzles and answers questions on various subjects. Among them was a discussion of the Monty Hall problem, to which she postulated an answer in 1990.



### ROTARY MINUTE

#### Who We Are

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Correspondence



None

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## guest speaker

Feb 11 – PDG Lurie Yoshida (2011-2012) – RC Kalepa Sunrise, Kauai - CORTEVA UPDATE

Feb 18 – Haley Marguerite – RC Siesta Key, FL. – How to become an author.



Feb 11 – PPE delivery to ALEA Bridge an U.S. Vets organization – Pineapple Crate at 10:00 am

Feb 24 – Dictionary deliveries to Wahiawa elementary schools.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None



“The tragedy in life doesn’t lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach.” – Benjamin Elijah Mays



Benjamin Elijah Mays

Benjamin Elijah Mays (August 1, 1894 – March 28, 1984) was an American Baptist minister and American rights leader who is credited with laying the intellectual foundations of the American civil rights movement. Mays taught and mentored many influential activists, including Martin Luther King Jr, Julian Bond, Maynard Jackson, and Donn Clendenon, among others.

### QUIZ OF THE WEEK

What jockey won the Belmont despite being dead?



The Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waiialua



*'Kung Hee Fat Choi'*



ADG Wes Mun

What, **Kung hee fat choi**' doesn't mean Happy New Year in Chinese? No! Wes told us that it means, 'Wish you happiness, make huge fortune! But because they say this phrase during the Chinese New Year, people associated with Happy New Year!

Before we get started, here is an explanation of the Chinese New Year.



### Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. In Chinese culture and East Asian countries, the festival is commonly referred to as the Spring Festival as the spring season in the lunisolar calendar traditionally starts with lichun, the first of the twenty-four solar terms which the festival celebrates around the time of the Lunar New Year. Marking the end of winter and the beginning of the spring season, observances traditionally take place from New Year's Eve, the evening preceding the first day of the year to the Lantern Festival, held on the 15th day of the year. The first day of Chinese New Year begins on the new moon that appears between 21 January and 20 February. In 2021, the first day of the Chinese New Year will be on Friday, 12 February, which is the **Year**

**of the Ox.** The Chinese New Year has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years!

Today, 1/4 of the world celebrates the Chinese New Year! It is estimated that out of the 7+ billion world population, more than 2 million people will celebrate the 2021 Chinese New Year!

Some of the countries that will be celebrating the new year are:

- Mainland China – in the billions
- Hong Kong – in the millions
- Macau – over half a million

Asian countries such as:

- Indonesia – over 2 million
- Philippines over 1 million
- South Korea – over 50 million
- Malaysia over 30 million
- North Korea over 20 million
- Taiwan – over 20 million
- Singapore – over 5 million
- Brunei – over four hundred thousand

It is also celebrated in U.S. cities like San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, and Honolulu, as well as in London, Vancouver, and Sidney.

Wes took us on an exciting and historical journey through the Chinese New Year starting with a question about the meaning of Kung Hee Fat Choi. We all got it wrong!

Wes is the current president of the Kung Sheong Doo Society. The Kung Sheong Doo Society is a cultural awareness organization based in Honolulu that was founded in 1945. The Society is instrumental in planning and celebrating the Chinese New Year in Hawaii. While Wes is President, he is trying to get the Society more involved within the community, along the lines of Rotary.

The Chinese New Year celebrates the start of the new year according to the Chinese Lunar Calendar.



Chinese Lunar Calendar

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It begins with the new moon which appears between January 21<sup>st</sup> to February 20<sup>th</sup>.



Chinese Zodiac

The Chinese Zodiac determines the animal associated with the year. February 20<sup>th</sup> will be the start of the year of the **Metal Ox**, which is significant. Some women will hold off giving birth so their child will be born in the year of the **Metal Ox**.



Depending on the importance of the animal, you will see a big spike in births! After making it through the Year of the Rat, It is safe to say that the Year of the Rat 2020 has been chaotic and shocking so far, but this is not unexpected with a Metal Rat year! So, all Chinese people are looking forward to the year of the Metal Ox!

What is unique about the Year of the Metal Ox?

Those born in the Year of the Ox are generally hard working, methodical, independent, strong and stubborn.

### Traditions

#### Decorating for the Chinese New Year

When decorating for the Chinese New Year, make sure you decorate with lucky red items, like tassels, red envelopes with gifts, decorative paper cuttings.

Another important decoration is the door couplets. These are usually posted on each side

of the door of your home's main entrance. They usually have good wishes for prosperity good luck for the new year, written in black Chinese letters on red paper. In the old days, these couplets were made of bamboo because of its resilience. It became so popular, that it depleted the bamboo forests. To stop this practice, a major official made a law that you couldn't use bamboo for making the couplets, so it was changed to paper.



Outside wall Couplets

Other decorations are red lanterns that are placed throughout your house, inside and outside. The latest fad is lanterns that are lit with candles, released and float up into the skies. Only problem with this is, there is a possibility of starting fires!



Lanterns



High flying lanterns – powered by candles!

Another tradition is firecrackers. It is traditional in Chinese culture to use firecrackers to celebrate the New year.



Assorted fireworks

Legend has it that firecrackers were originally used to scare away evil spirits. A monster called **Nian** would come out to eat villagers and destroy their houses each New Year's Eve. The villagers discovered that burning dry bamboo produced an explosive sound scaring away the monster. Since then, it has become a tradition at Chinese New Year.



The Monster Nian

Fireworks – The Chinese New Year celebration would not be complete unless there were fireworks displays in major cities.



Firework display

## The Family

Of all the traditions, the Family is the most important of all. It is the time of the year where there is, as we put it, a mass migration in China. People traveling back home to be with family to celebrate the Chinese New Year. It is the largest mass migration in history each year! Last year it was a problem because of COVID. The government decided to let the people travel home for the new year to be with family, which began on January 21.

## Food

Food is an important part of the new year celebration. There are foods that bring luck. One of the most important “lucky” food is a whole fish. This is shared with the entire family, signifying unity.



The Family enjoying a Chinese New Year meal

Other good luck foods are:

- **Dumplings**
- **Good Fortune Fruits**, usually citrus
- **Longevity Noodles**. It is important not to cut these loooong noodles. If you do, it is believed to cut one's life short!
- **Jai** – a vegetarian stew



Jai

- **Gin Dui**



Gin Dui

- **Nain Gao**



Wes' special homemade Nain Gao

Hawaii Traditional Candies

- **Tong Goh**



- **Puffed Rice**



Puffed Rice

- **Peanut Candy**



Peanut Candy

**Some Superstitions**

Keep from doing the following!

- No accidents
- No crying
- No breaking things
- No arguments
- Giving gifts with unlucky meanings, colors words and numbers.
- Inauspicious comments

**2021 Updated Meeting Schedule and Time (Thursday, Hawaii Standard Time)**

- February 11 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- February 18 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- February 25 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- March 4, - 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- March 11 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- March 18 – 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91954669065?pwd=d1dHTGwzUkYlYVDhaWGNwRlQ3zddTUfmdz09>



Answer to the Quiz of the Week. Jockey Frank Hayes!



Frank Hayes



In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead — he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body stayed in the

saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20–1 outsider victory.

On June 4, 1923, jockey Frank Hayes took off through the gates at Belmont Park on Long Island. He and his horse, Sweet Kiss, made it to the finish line first. But all was not well. During the race, Hayes had a heart attack and died. Nonetheless, he was declared the winner:

But when the horse crossed the finish line it became quite evident that Frank Hayes was more than just “relaxed”- the jockey dropped out of the saddle, lifeless.



It was later determined that Hayes had died of heart failure shortly after Sweet Kiss took the lead, and the New York Times speculated that the jockey’s heart had given out as a result of severe training in order to make weight, coupled with the excitement of winning his first race. Hayes, dressed in his colorful racing silks, was buried three days later. In light of the incident, Belmont’s Jockey Club waived all of the rules and thus made Hayes’ win official. This ruling makes Frank Hayes the only jockey to win a race while deceased. In fact, it is the only time in sports history when a competition was won by a dead man. Neatorama.com



**Around the Club in Pictures**

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



Kate Butts



President Keoni

**WHAT IS ROTARY?**

JOIN LEADERS

EXCHANGE IDEAS

TAKE ACTION

IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD

Rotary Club of Mt.

**OBJECT OF ROTARY**

- 1st THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE.
- 2nd
- 3rd THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE.
- 4th THE ADVANCEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND PEACE THROUGH THE SPREAD OF SERVICE.

Rotary Club of Olathe

**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?

Rotary

**OUR SIX AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

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