



Mark Merriam



“Making a Difference in Hawai’i”



Marie Abatayo

The strength of our Club lies in its members



“One restored or newly created hope at a time.”  
RI President Gordon R. McNally

Planning a Trip to Takasaki, Japan in 2024

Service Above Self – Making a Difference Editor – PP Geoff Horvath



January is Rotary International Vocational Service Month

Rotary has designated January as Vocational Service Month. The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary’s purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second “Object of Rotary”, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High Ethical Standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and
- The dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to service society.

This month, clubs are encouraged to provide opportunities for members to talk about their professions at their clubs and to learn about fellow members’ occupations; use member skills and expertise to serve their communities; help young people to achieve career goals; provide guidance and encouragement to others in their professional development; and to practice their professions with integrity while inspiring others to behave ethically through words and actions. Bring Vocational Service to life by undertaking these activities. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.

Some things to consider as Rotarians in the market place:

- As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve
- Be faithful to the letter and the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the standards of my community
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society
- Offer my vocational talents; to provide opportunities to young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business and profession
- Neither seek from or grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship



club business

**HOALA SCHOOL**  
**The Meeting**  
**Pledge**



Chris Compisano

**INVOCATION**

PP Geoff Horvath



Outside D5K

None

Within D5K

None



None



**ROTARY MINUTE**  
**The Heart of Rotary**

Vocational Service remains at the heart of Rotary. In 1987-88, RI President Charles C. Keller reinvigorated the Avenue by appointing the first Vocational Service Committee in 50 years. The committee redefined how clubs could more effectively participate in Vocational Service and drafted the new Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions.



**Vocational Service**

Vocational Service calls on us to empower others by using our unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others acquire or refine skills and advance their professional opportunities. By bringing together people from diverse professions and backgrounds, Rotary recognizes the importance of all skills and occupations. A vibrant Rotary club reflects the businesses, organizations and professions in its community, embracing diversity in experiences and perspectives. (From Service in Action article 2020)



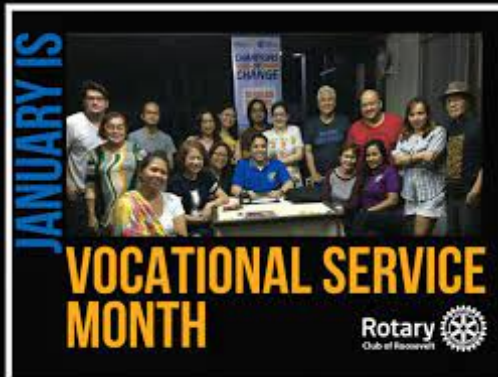
**Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)**

**2024 HRYF Program**

The 2024 HRYF season has started!

As listed below, the deadline for student's to submitting their applications is February 1<sup>st</sup>, so we should start receiving applications from students in our area,

RI President: Gordon R. McNally  
District: Mark Merriam  
Asst. Dist. Govt: Joshua Laguna  
Club President: Mari Abatayo  
IPP: Marie Abatayo  
President Elect: Open  
Secretary: Mark Anthony Clemente  
Treasurer: Cross Crabbe  
Club Trainer: PP Doc Bill McKenzie & Marie Abatayo  
Program/Speakers :  
PP Doc Bill McKenzie & PP Geoff Horvath  
Membership:  
Foundation: PP Doc Bill McKenzie, Chris Compisano



Club Service: Marie Abatayo  
Community Service: Derek Conselva, Pat Compisano  
Intl Service: PP Doc Bill McKenzie  
Youth Services: PP Geoff Horvath  
Vocational Service: Derek Conselva - PP Geoff Horvath  
Public Relations: Rene Mansho  
Sergeant at Arms: PP Geoff Horvath  
Fundraising: Marie Abatayo  
PP Doc Bill McKenzie, PP Geoff Horvath  
HRYF: PP Geoff Horvath  
Social Media: Arthur Hughes  
Newsletter: PP Geoff Horvath

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The 2024 RCWW's HRYF Interview Panel will **President Marie Abatayo, PP Doc McKenzie, Chris Compisano, Mark Anthony Clemente, and PP Geoff Horvath**, Moderator.

To be panel members, all must complete a background check and attend formal Youth Protection training.

All Rotarians and guests/visitors that will be interacting with children and high school students must complete background check (good for 2 years) and attend one formal Youth Protection training. This requirement is a RI and Rotary District 5000 Requirement. The Youth Protection Guide can be found at the Rotary District 5000 web page at:

<https://www.rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/youth-services>. Select Subpage, "RI Youth Protection Guide."

This guide is there to protect you, the student, and RI.

The cost for the background check is \$21.75 which will be reimbursed by the Club. If students and parents agree, Chris has graciously offered his conference room (where we meet on Thursdays), to hold our interviews.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** – Formal Youth Protection training– 9:00-10:00 am.

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**, HRYF Student Application deadline.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>** – HRYF Interviewing Technique Training – 9:00-19:00 am

Go out and notified the students in your area to apply!!

Zoom links will be sent out in advance of the training. If you are unable to attend any of these trainings, please have an alternate attend.

## RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions for November December 17, 2023 to January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024



None

## Spouses'



None

## Anniversaries



None

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## Induction

None



Everyone at the meeting gave Hi \$10s and \$20s for the past year and new beginnings in 2024



None



District 5000 Governor  
Mark Merriam

## The District Governor's Top 10 Checklist Items for a Stellar 2024 Rotary Year!

Let's dive into the new year with enthusiasm! Here's your Top 10 Checklist to ensure 2024 is a year of success, engagement, and impactful service in Rotary:

10. **Update your ClubRunner profile.** No ClubRunner? No problem! Update at the [District site](#).
9. **Check your details at my.rotary.org.** Stay connected the right way!
8. **Pay those club dues.** Keep the Rotary wheels turning!
7. **District dues? Yes, please!** Let's keep our district strong and active.
5. **Dive into a service project.** Make a difference, one project at a time.
4. **Socialize at a club event.** Fun and fellowship – the Rotary way!
3. **Be a part of a district social event.** Expand your Rotary horizons.

2. **Explore! Visit another club's meeting or event.** New faces, fresh ideas.

1. **Date check for 2024 – especially on checks.** It's a new year, after all!

Let's make 2024 a year of impactful service, fellowship, and growth. I am excited to see all the wonderful things we will achieve together.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

**Regarding New Year Resolutions!**

*"If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success."*

James Cameron



James F. Cameron

**James Francis Cameron** is a Canadian filmmaker. He is a major figure in the post-New Hollywood era, and one of the industry's most innovative filmmakers. He often uses novel technologies with a classical filmmaking style.



None

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

No announcements

## Correspondence

No Correspondence



**Jan 18 – Zooming with our Sister Club RC of Takasaki Symphony.** Meeting will start at 7:00 pm

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*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that: Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."*

Martin Luther King Jr.

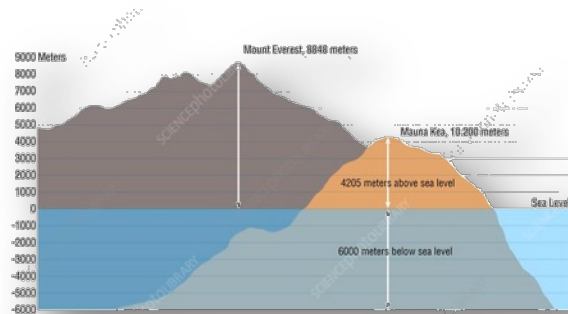


Martin Luther King Jr.

**Martin Luther King Jr.** was an American Baptist minister, activist, and political philosopher who was one of the most prominent and influential leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.



**Mount Everest isn't the tallest mountain on Earth.** Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa in Hawaii, the twin volcanoes, are taller than Mount Everest due to 4.2km of their heights being submerged underwater. The twin volcanoes measure a staggering 10.2km in total, compared to Everest's paltry 4.6km.



What technology was named after a Danish king?



## Planning a Trip to Takasaki, Japan in 2024

The first meeting of the year started off with our upcoming trip to visit our Sister Rotary Club, **RC of Takasaki Symphony**, in Takasaki, Japan, from April 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. A perfect time to view the cherry blossoms!



Cherry tree blossoming in background of the Misato Moss Phlox Park, Takasaki

**PP Geoff Horvath** lead the meeting because our President **Marie Abatayo** was in the hospital. We missed her and wish her well for a speedy recovery!

**PP Geoff** took this opportunity to provide a presentation for our upcoming visit to our Sister Club in Takasaki, Japan. PP Geoff discussed the following in his presentation:

- The proposed **Travel Itinerary**, covering April 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be flying from Honolulu to Haneda Airport, which is the closest airport to Takasaki by Train. It is about an hour train ride.
- We will meet up with our Sister Club members on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- There will be time to spend with our Sister Club members, attend a club meeting, on Friday, participate in a joint community project, and sightsee in and around the Takasaki area, with possible side trips to Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.
- Suggested Activities:
  - Cherry blossom viewing
  - Daruma Doll Tour
  - Tomioka Silk Mill Tour
  - Kusatsu Onsen – Hot springs, 70km from Takasaki
  - Ikaho Onsen – Looks like Idaho? There is “Kingdom of Hawaii Minister’s Villa,” which is the symbol of the relationship between Kingdom of Hawaii and Japan. 30km from Takasaki.
  - Marunuma Kougen – Skiing and snowboarding

- Misato Moss Phlox Park
- Mount Harunasan Ropeway

PP Geoff provided suggested air transport, hotel options, with links to the hotels, with rates, and information on trains and ticket prices.

The other purpose of this presentation is to pass on information to RC of Takasaki Symphony Club during our Zoom meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, to assist them in their planning. The presentation was sent out to all members.

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings are In-person and are subject to change.

- Jan 18 – 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Ho’Ala School - Zoom
- Feb 1 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’Ala School
- Feb 15 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’Ala School
- Feb 29 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’Ala School
- Mar 7 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’Ala School
- Mar 21 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho’Ala School

## Quiz Answer

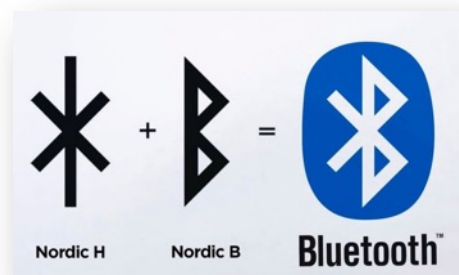
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**The Blue Tooth.**



King Harald Bluetooth

The Bluetooth wireless specification design was named after the king, King Harald Bluetooth, in 1997, based on an analogy that the technology would unite devices the way Harold Bluetooth united the tribes of Denmark into a single kingdom. The Bluetooth logo consists of a Younger Futhark bind rune for his initials, H (ᚱ) and B (ᚼ).



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What in the heck is a Younger Futhark bind rune?  
 In the Latin alphabet, letters H and B; ᚷ (Hagall) and ᚱ (Berkanan) together, form a **bind rune**. The two letters form the initials 'H B', alluding to the Danish king and Viking raider **Harald Bluetooth**.

**Around the Club in Photos!**



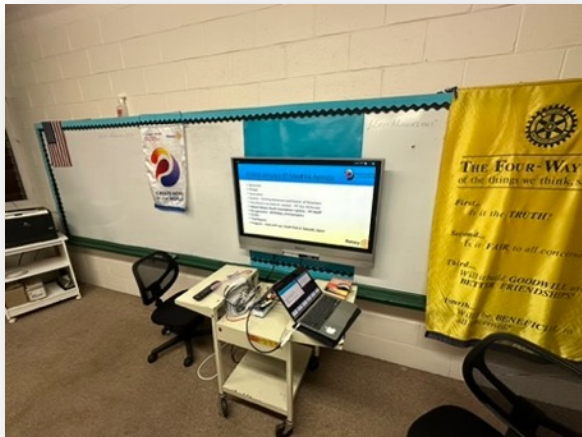
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PP Doc McKenzie and Chris Compisano



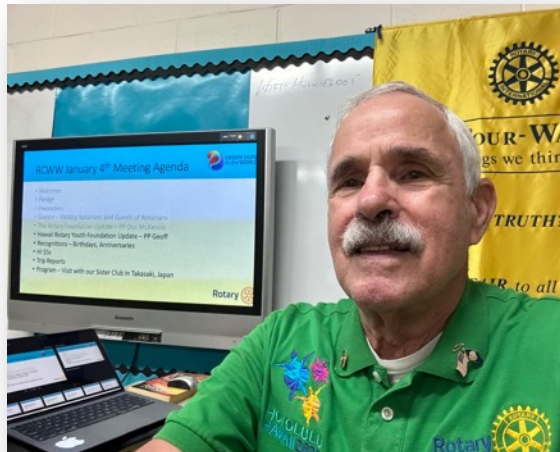
Club Secretary, Mark Anthony Clemente Taking meeting minutes



Warming p for the presentation!



PP Doc McKenzie and Rene Mansho



PP Geoff presenting to the Club

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Chris Compisano with his HI \$20



PP Doc McKenzie, Rene Mansho and Cross Crabbe enjoying fellowship



A happy Cross Crabbe



PP Doc McKenzie, Rene Mansho, Cross Crabbe, Chris Compisano, and Mark Anthony Clemente in deep fellowship



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