



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



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



**November is Rotary International Foundation Month!**

**Give the gift of Rotary**

You can make a difference in this world by helping others in need — from supplying a vaccine to protect a child from polio to training peacebuilders in conflict resolution to help build a more peaceful future. With your help, The Rotary Foundation can make lives better in your community and around the world.

**What impact can one donation have?**

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

As an example: Your gifts to The Rotary Foundation changes lives! See what US\$50,000 does.

In the middle of Ecuador, the small Rotary Club of Guaranda, Bolivar, was able to make a big impact with the help of a US\$50,000 Rotary Foundation global grant. The club purchased equipment and supplies for a system of water tanks and piping that carries water from a mountain catchment, treats it, and delivers it to homes in the village of Cochapamba. The grant is just one way your generous donations to the Foundation are making a difference around the world.



The RC of Guaranda, Bolivar installing a water system to the village of Cochapamba

**Why should I donate to The Rotary Foundation?**

Giving works because Rotary works. We are proud that 90.8 percent of donations go straight to supporting our service projects.

**How does The Rotary Foundation use donations?**

Our 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable humanitarian service projects. Using donations like yours, we’ve wiped out 99 percent of all polio cases. Your donations train future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthen local economies.

**What impact can one donation have on the world?**

It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even farther. For every \$1 Rotary commits

to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2

Donate now! <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

club business



HO'ALA  
SCHOOL

The Meeting

Pledge



No pledge

INVOCATION

No Invocation



Outside D5K

None

Within D5K

PDG Laura Steelquist – RC of East Honolulu



Andrew Burgos – Former Mililani Interact and Rotaract member, and prospective members!



ROTARY MINUTE

Rotary Projects Around the Globe

There are hundreds of Rotary projects going on at any given time, globally!



How does a Rotary Club decide on a project? Rotary Clubs research areas of need and use that knowledge of local and international issues to identify a project, then apply their expertise and diverse perspectives to find a solution. Watch out! Rotary Clubs and members are likely working in your community right now to feed the hungry, tutor disadvantaged children, maintain parks and playgrounds, and much more. You can help!



The Rotary Foundation – Individual Recognition

<p>RI President: Gordon R. McNally          District: Mark Merriam          Asst. Dist. Govt: Joshua Laguana          Club President: Mari Abatayo          IPP: Marie Abatayo          President Elect: Open          Secretary: Mark Anthony Clemente          Treasurer: Cross Crabbe          Club Trainer: PP Doc Bill McKenzie &amp; Marie Abatayo          Program/Speakers :          PP Doc Bill McKenzie &amp; PP Geoff Horvath          Membership:          Foundation: PP Doc Bill McKenzie, Chris Compisano</p>	<p>NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH</p> <p>Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION</p>	<p>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</p>
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### Rotary's Promise Club



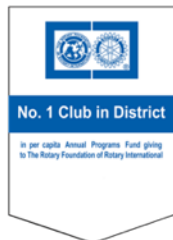
A designation provided to clubs in which every dues-paying member supports The Rotary Foundation's Endowment with a minimum commitment of \$1,000 or more in an estate plan or via an outright gift of \$1,000 or more. A certificate honoring the achievement will be provided upon request.

### Every Rotarian, Every Year Club



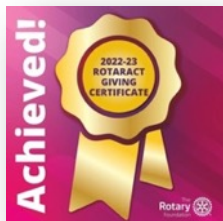
For clubs that achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member must personally contribute at least \$25 to the Annual Fund during the year.

### Top Three Per Capita in Annual Fund Giving



For the three clubs in each district that give the most, per capita, to the Annual Fund. Clubs that give at least \$50 per capita are eligible.

### Rotaract Giving Certificate



Rotaract clubs that collectively contribute \$100 or more annually to The Rotary Foundation will be eligible for a Rotaract Giving Certificate.

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## Naming Opportunities



Special opportunities are available to create an endowment or make a directed gift in your name or the name of a loved one. Endowed gifts are invested in perpetuity, with part of their earnings spent on a designated program. Directed gifts are spent in their entirety, usually in the following Rotary year.



## Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)

### 2024 HRYF Program

Get ready for the 2024 HRYF Scholarship Program!

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, all schools throughout the State of Hawaii will be notified of the 2024 HRYF Scholarship program. School counselor's, in turn, will notify their seniors of the availability of scholarships. Students will submit their applications Rotary Clubs nearest to where they live, by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The following training opportunities will be available in the months ahead.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – HRYF Representative Application Processing – 9:00-19:00 am

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** – Formal Youth Protection training– 9:00-19:00 am

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

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 October 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023



None



## Spouses'



None

## Anniversaries



None

## Induction

None



Hold until our next meeting.



None

We were notified on November 13, by our member **Steve Comes**, our **Dictionary Project** leader, that his Father went home to be with our Lord. He lost his long battle with cancer. Prayers of comfort and peace for Steve, his Sisters and family during their time of loss. The Celebration of Life will be sometime in December.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

*"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles on it?"*

Margaret Fuller



Margaret Fuller

Sarah Margaret Fuller, sometimes referred to as Margaret Fuller Ossoli, was an American journalist,

editor, critic, translator, and women's rights advocate associated with the American transcendentalism movement. She was the first American female war correspondent and full-time book reviewer in journalism



None

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Nov 16 – 22 Smoked Pork Fundraiser**

**Dec 2 – Ho'Ala Fair**

**Dec 15 – Al Wonder Christmas** starting at 10:00 am at **ARC Center, Wahiawa**, 149 Kuahiwi Ave, Wahiawa

**Dec 20 – Christmas in Wahiawa** with the Wahiawa Lions Club and RC Wahiawa-Waiialua, 6:00-8:00 pm at the **Mango Street Grill**. Please bring a \$5.00 grab bag. Cost is \$23.00 for the Famous Mango Street Buffet!

## Correspondence

No Correspondence



**TBA – Dick May – Annual Funds Chair?**



*"The older I get, the greater power I seem to have to help the world; I am like a snowball – the further I am rolled, the more I gain"*

Susan B. Anthony



Susan B. Anthony

Susan B. Anthony was an American social reformer and women's rights activist who played a pivotal role in the

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women's suffrage movement. Born into a Quaker family committed to social equality, she collected anti-slavery petitions at the age of 17



What is the highest award an individual Rotarian can receive?



### West Meets East, Again!



Takasaki Symphony Rotary Club members – some of the members Zoomed in from remote locations.

**Symphony Rotary Club, Japan!** The Club was chartered in 1995, and has been a significant fixture within their community. They are very active, making a positive difference within their community and beyond. Beyond? An example is, they generously contributed \$3000 USD to the District 5000 Maui Relief Fund!

During their first visit, September 13, 2018, they came bearing lovely gifts, including individual miniature Daruma dolls for each of our members, and performed a Tea Ceremony by, **Tea Ceremony Master, Massa Yokota**, and then **President Kimiyo Toyoizumi**, and **Sakae Takahashi**.

The Zoom Meeting started a bit early, so we had an opportunity of fellowshiping with our Sister Club members.

The Takasaki Symphony RC and the Wahiawa-Waiialua held our first of many Zoom meeting this evening.

Before we started our meeting, we had fun and enjoyed introducing ourselves to each other. The Takasaki

Symphony members are a special group of Rotarians! It was an instant and renewed bond between both clubs.



President Yoshio Onogaki

After we finished our introductions, we were honored to have the **President of Takasaki Symphony, Yoshio Onogaki-Sama**, give us his thoughts. In his remarks, he opened with a warm big ALOHA! He told us he was honored to meet our **President, Marie Abatayo**.

President Yoshio-San relayed his thanks to **PP Geoff Horvath** for the frequent coordinating emails with Secretary **Hiroshi Nishino**. He read them all!

President Yoshio-San also told us that his Club generously contributed \$3,000USD to District 5000's **Maui Relief Fund**. A contribution we are very grateful and thankful for. It touched our hearts with the giving generosity of the Takasaki Symphony RC Club members. President Yoshio-San thanked us for our assistance in processing the contribution to support the Maui devastation, and expressed his gratitude.

President Yoshio-San thanked PP Geoff Horvath for publishing his photo and email in our November 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter!



Takasaki Symphony Rotary Club members – Photo taken during their first visit, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

President Yoshio-San reflected on us taking care of them when they visited us 5 years ago, September 13, 2018.

He then requested that we come and visit them in the Spring, which is the best season. Because the cherry blossoms bloom at the end of March, but may bloom a bit later in the Spring if the weather is cold, so, if we visit, we should plan for the later part of March, early April, to enjoy the blossoms. "It would be great if you could come during that season in Japan."

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President Yoshio-San then asked us a few questions, about what kind of international services projects our Club does, and where we are doing it at? He gave examples of Southeast Asia, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, and so on. If our club is going to do a service project, they “would very much appreciate it if you could include us in that service Project.”

In response to President Yoshio-San’s question, we are working on a Global Grant in one of three locations.

The three options and they are:

- Nepal
- Thailand
- Papua New Guinea

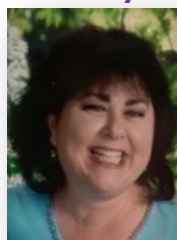
After his comments, he opened the meeting for general discussion, such as our intentions for visiting them. We told them we are planning to visit them during the cherry blossom time, Late March/Early April 2024. That we would be coordinating with them.

We agreed to have a Zoom meeting every two weeks or so. We will work out a schedule to coincide with our scheduled meetings.



RC of Wahiawa- Waiialua members – Courtesy of Takasaki Symphony Club

## Meeting Notes from President Marie Abatayo



Marie Abatayo

This was a special ZOOM meeting with our sister club, Takahashi Symphony from Japan. Besides reintroducing ourselves to members we had already met, we were able to introduce ourselves to new members both in Japan & here in Wahiawa. One exciting thing to share

is the desire for RCWW to travel to Japan & meet with our sister club in March/April 2024.

A special MAHALO goes out to **Geoff Horvath** for making this whole event happen! Also, I would like to extend another Mahalo to Arthur Hughes who is our RCWW “techie” and helped make the Zoom meeting a success! Mahalo nui gentleman!

## Inaugural Meeting Notes and Photos September 13, 2018

West Meets East again? Yes! The first time was when our Sister Club paid us a visit on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

Tonight, we had a very unique meeting. We held a Zoom meeting with our Sister Club, the **Takasaki Symphony RC**, with a flashback to September 13, 2018



Sister Club preparing the gift table



Tea Ceremony Master, Massa Yokota performing the Tea Ceremony



Past President Kimiyo Toyoizumi performs the Tea Ceremony

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Takasaki is a city in Japan's eastern Kantō region, northwest of Tokyo.

It is the home of the famous **Daruma doll**, where they are still made today.



**A Special Daruma Doll**

The history of the Daruma dates back to the 17th Century. It was local farmers in the city of Takasaki, in the Gunma prefecture, that crafted the first version of these dolls, as charms to be blessed by monks.

Daruma dolls are symbols of perseverance and good luck. The dolls are also used for setting goals. As you reach each goal, you fill in one of the eyes, with blank ink or paint.



**Filling in the eye of the Daruma doll**

## Some Interesting Facts about Takasaki, Japan

In addition to being the home of the Daruma doll, Takasaki is nestled a valley setting, sounded by mountains and lakes, and for the more adventurous, a safari park, is nearby!



**Lake Haruna and Mount Haruna, in the background, right**



**Gunma Safari Park**

Meetings are In-person and are subject to change.

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving – No meeting (DARK)

Nov 30 – 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Meeting to be determined

Dec 7 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho'Ala School – Pearl Harbor Day

Dec 15 – 6:00 – 10:00 am – An AI Wonder Christmas

### 2024

Jan 4 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho'Ala School

Jan 18 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho'Ala School

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

What is the highest award an individual Rotarian can receive? Service **Above Self Award**

The highest award an individual Rotarian can receive is **the Service Above Self Award**; only a maximum of 150 are awarded each year by the Board of Rotary International. Being named a Paul Harris Fellow is not unique. There are over one million Paul Harris Fellows worldwide.



**Service Above Self Award**

## September 13, 2018 Meeting Pictures with The RC of Takasaki Symphony, Japan

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Our Sister Club Members being greeted by one of our Interact members



Interact members preparing their gifts



Dot's Pineapple Lounge



President Kimiyo Toyozumi and Doc Carver Wilcox in conversation



Group photo with Sister Club members, RCWW members, and Interact members



Massa Yokota, Past President Alex Kanamu & Past President Kimiyo Toyozumi with their gifts of a Dole Fresh Pineapple



Past Presidents Alex Kanamu & Ms. Kimiyo Toyozumi holding the Sister Club Charter

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Mr. Akira Shibasaki with our Leilehua High School Interact Advisor and members, Karen Yamamoto, Justin Toyota, Sofia Reyes, Matthew Etaiali, and Sarah Yamamoto



Ms. Sakae Takahashi displaying one of the fan designs



Car trouble at the Lu'au!



Club members selecting fans



Origami making class



Origami Maestro with his finished work of art



Mr. Wataru Kobayashi showing Jackie Barnes a fan design



Members enjoying a bento lunch

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**Mr. Miura Atsuro Displaying the two mini-Daruma Dolls that were presented to members and guests**



**PE Keoni Ahlo enjoying his green tea**



**Tea Ceremony implements**



**Doc Carver drinking his green tea**



**Tea Ceremony implements**



**Masa Yokota introducing the Daruma Doll**



**Ms. Sakae Takahashi offering a tea cup to Derek Conselva while Jackie Barnes looks on**



**Past Presidents Alex Kanamu & Ms. Kimiyo Toyoizumi filling in the iris of the Daruma Doll**

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A Special Daruma Doll



The back of our special Daruma Doll



Mr. Miura Atsuro and PE Keoni Ahlo

**Our Club Techs Setting Up for Our Zoom Meeting  
With Tech Arthur Hughes and Assistant PP Geoff Horvath**



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**WHAT IS ROTARY?**



**JOIN LEADERS**


**EXCHANGE IDEAS**

**TAKE ACTION**


IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD

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**OBJECT OF ROTARY**



- 1<sup>st</sup>** THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCURATE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE;
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS TO MAINTAIN THE REPUTATION OF THE AND THE QUALITY OF COMMITMENT TO MAKE THE WORLD;
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE;
- 4<sup>th</sup>** THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE THROUGH A WIDE AND OPEN MIND AND BY THE SOCIAL AND 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?

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