



Mark Merriam



“Making a Difference in Hawai’i”



Marie Abatayo

The strength of our Club lies in its members

**Rotary** **CREATE HOPE in the WORLD**

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

**Farming For A Sustainable Future!**

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

**March is Rotary International Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month!**



*“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.

**WASH**

**What is WASH?**

Wash is an acronym that refers to the global development issues of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Due to their interdependent nature these three care issues are grouped together to represent a growing sector. While each a separate field of work, they are also interdependent on the presence of the other and represent a current global crisis.



**The Global WASH Crisis**

**Water:** 663 million people do not use an improved drinking water source, most of whom are poor and live in rural areas.

**Sanitation:** 2.4 billion people still lack an improved sanitation facility, and among them almost 950 million people practice open defecation. AND

**Hygiene:** Of the range of hygiene behaviors considered important for health, hand washing with soap is a top priority in all settings.



*At least 3000 children die every day from diarrheal diseases – an avoidable consequence of poor water, sanitation and hygiene.*

One of the organizations fighting the WASH battle is **BeyondWater-Global**

In November 2007 Pete and Sharon Crean were living in Sydney, Australia. They were presented with the fact that one billion people don’t have access to safe, clean drinking water and another two billion don’t have the

use of a toilet. They gathered a team of volunteers who were enthusiastic in doing something to alleviate poverty in East Africa and started BeyondWater.

### BeyondWater – Global!



Pete and Sharon Crean

So, **BeyondWater-Global** was founded by two Rotarians, from New Zealand, Sharon and Pete Crean. Both had a passion for providing clean water and sanitation for struggling East African nations, focusing mainly in Kenya. Sharon runs the organization, while Pete is the overall construction expert. With Pete’s skills and direction, local men assist in building toilets and water catchment devices. While construction is going on, Sharon directs the daily operations and works hard on fundraising.

**BeyondWater-Global** is a not-for-profit organization working across East Africa. Their focus is on ensuring schools, medical clinics, children’s home and remote communities have access to safe, clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. These projects include deep bore wells, guttering, water tanks, hand washing facilities, toilets and health education programs.



Toilet facility

### Vision and Mission

**VISION:** To alleviate poverty through the provision of safe, clean drinking water and sanitation facilities to communities across East Africa.

**BeyondWater-Global** was founded on the principal of community development and delivering self-sustaining solutions that bring about empowerment. We believe in giving a hand up not a hand out.

This comes through engagement with a local community to assess the need, bring deliverable solutions and ongoing education to the point where we can exit the project and hand it over to local ownership.

**MISSION:** We are a not-for-profit organization who is passionate about bringing clean water and sanitation solutions to communities in need across East Africa. We fight water poverty at grassroots level that incorporate involvement with the entire community so that they can take the lead in rebuilding their lives.

To donate to this worthwhile organization, please go to: <http://www.beyondwater.global/donate/>

club business



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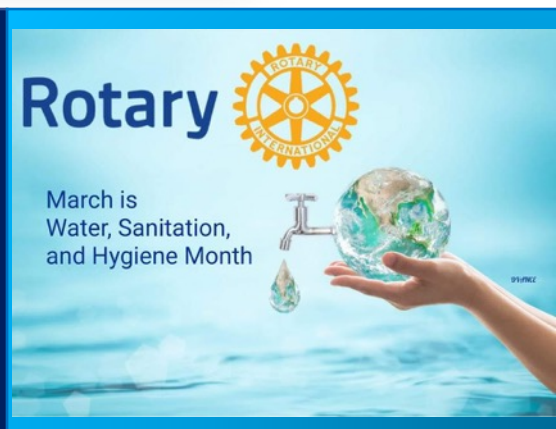
The Meeting

Pledge



PP Geoff Horvath

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 & 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  
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 Fundraising: Marie Abatayo  
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 HRYF: PP Geoff Horvath  
 Social Media: Arthur Hughes  
 Newsletter: PP Geoff Horvath

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# INVOCATION

PP Geoff Horvath



Outside D5K

None

Within D5K

None



Troy Jarrell – Former member

Kelley McCaig – Sugarland Farms

Taryn McCaig – Kelly’s Best Half!

Ruvi and Christian Apa – Whitmore Economic Development Group (WEDG)



ROTARY MINUTE

Rotary Stamps



The first time the Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative **stamp** was in 1931, at the time of the Vienna Convention.



## Last Man in Iron Lung Dies!

The last man to live in an iron lung died in Dallas on Monday.

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Paul Alexander, 78, spent more than 70 years confined to an iron lung after contracting polio as a child of 6 in 1952. Despite the challenges, Alexander still managed to make significant strides in life while inside the iron lung.

He attended the University of Texas for both his bachelor’s degree and Juris Doctor and was admitted to the bar in 1986. He also self-published a book, *Three Minutes for a Dog: My Life in an Iron Lung*, in April 2020.



“The Man in the Iron Lung,” Paul Alexander

Within days of contracting polo, the disease robbed him of the use of his body, which caused him to be placed in an iron lung for the rest of his life! But he fought through the illness, using an iron lung for more than 70 years — and inspiring people with his determination to live a full life. He painted, wrote a book and worked for years as an attorney.

Thanks to the work of Rotary International’s **PolioPlus** and other polio related programs, this dreadful disease is almost gone, saving people from a life inside an iron lung.



Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation (HRYF)

## 2024 HRYF Program

The 2024 Finals were completed on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, via Zoom.

The panel was made up of Rotarians from all our neighbor Islands, with two observers and one Moderator. The panel interviewed 10 students, from each HRYF area on each island (2 areas on the Bi, 2 areas on Maui, 5 areas on Oahu, and 1 on Kauai). Each year it gets harder and harder selecting two winners. These students had to survive three interview sessions, all panel interviews. The first was at the Club level, then the Area Level and finally the HRYF District 5000 level.

The winners will be announced shortly. There may be a delay as the colleges are not releasing their quotas and scholarships until May or June because of a government mix-up.

## RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions for November March 4<sup>th</sup>-24, 2024



The Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua celebrated its 87<sup>th</sup> year serving our community, District 5000. And Rotary International! Our club was formed on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1937, and is the third oldest club in District 5000!

The Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua has served the Central and North Shore Oahu for more than 87 years. Our Club is the third oldest Club in Hawaii, chartered on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1937. Each year The Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua participates in service projects that benefit the local community, the State of Hawaii, and several international locations. In past years the club has provided Christmas cheer to the mentally challenged, college scholarships to area High School students, dictionaries to Elementary Third Grade students, wheelchairs to Thailand, plastic surgery in the Marshall Islands, an ambulance to India, and medical equipment to Russia.

Members are business owners, managers, professionals, and supervisors who have been invited to join as recognition of their professional achievement and high ethical standards. Rotary's strength is based on the diversity of its membership.

As a member of Rotary International, the club seeks to promote world peace and understanding through a wide variety of programs. These range from clean water and literacy to exchanges of scholars and professionals. The Polio Plus program of Rotary International has partnered with the World Health Organization to immunize over one billion children against polio and four other childhood diseases.



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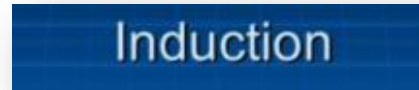


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### Anniversaries



None



None



No HI Fives



No trip reports

## WORDS OF WISDOM

*“The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the meaning of the spirit of Rotary. we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity.”*

Arch C. Klumph - 1929



Arch C. Klumph

**Arch C. Klumph** was a successful businessman, musician, and pioneer in the **Rotary** movement. He contributed to the economic and cultural life of the city. Arch was born in Conneautville, Pennsylvania, the son of Mortimer and Emma Cooper Klumph.

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None

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

TBD – Painting project at Ho’ala School

Apr 21-22– Bon Odori support for Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

Apr 28 – Hawaii Bicycling League Hale’Iwa Century Bike run rest station support. Showtime for set up at 7:00am. The event is over at 11:30 am.

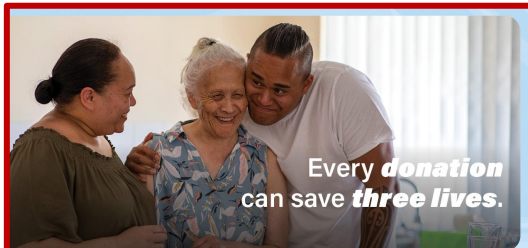
## Correspondence



Traci Takehara

Received from our Blood Bank of Hawaii Representative, Traci Takehara, with an opportunity for donating blood at Leilehua High School.

### Blood Drive at Leilehua High School!



### Leilehua High School

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 4, 2024

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Library

#### DONATIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

To schedule an appointment, call Blood Bank of Hawaii at (808) 848-4770, scan the QR code or visit [bbh.org](http://bbh.org)

Please provide the Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waiialua Lifesaver Club sponsor code (2990) to the BBH staff when you arrive for your appointment.

Blood Bank of Hawaii  
For more information:  
[bbh.org](http://bbh.org) | (808) 848-4770

@bloodbankhawaii



Here is some information on frequent eligibility questions regarding blood donations. Don't tell

yourself that you can't donate blood to help save up to three lives in your community if you actually can. Patients are literally waiting for the blood to come in...and honestly, no patient should need to wait for the blood. Can you imagine if that was YOU waiting for it? Hospitals are having to share whatever blood they have to make sure another hospital that needs it more urgently can have it. Patients are being prioritized on who is most important to get whatever blood is available first, while others need to wait. You see what has been going on in our community in the news. There's more blood going out than is coming in. Tomorrow is never guaranteed for anyone. Please help to make sure blood is always readily available for anyone who needs it in our local hospitals.

Requirements for donors:

#### Blood Donation: Basic Eligibility Guidelines\*

<b>Age:</b> 16 years or older. There is no upper age limit for blood donation as long as you are well with no restrictions or limitations to your activities.
<b>Autoimmune Disorders:</b> Acceptable if NO symptoms.
<b>Blood Transfusion and Surgery:</b> Deferred for 3 months if transfused. Minor surgery generally acceptable in 3 to 6 weeks. Major surgery accepted after 3 months.
<b>Cancer (except for leukemia and lymphoma):</b> Acceptable if donor has completed treatment with no recurrence. Cancer-free for 1 year or more, including melanoma. Please call Blood Bank of Hawaii for specific blood/lymph node cancer.
<b>Cold and Flu:</b> Please wait to donate if you have a fever or a productive cough (bringing up phlegm). Please wait to donate if you are not feeling well on the day of donation. Please wait to donate until you have completed (at least 24 hours) antibiotic treatment for an infection.
<b>Diabetes:</b> Acceptable as long as it is well controlled, whether medication is taken or not.
<b>Heart Conditions or Stroke:</b> Acceptable if seen by a physician and it has been at least 3 months with no symptoms or activity restrictions. Donor must not have taken Nitroglycerin within the past 3 months.
<b>High Blood Pressure:</b> Acceptable as long as your blood pressure is below 180 systolic (first number) and below 100 diastolic (second number) at the time of donation. Medications for blood pressure do not disqualify you from donating.
<b>Infection:</b> Not eligible to donate if you have any type of infection.
<b>Intravenous Drug Use:</b> A person who has used needles, in the past 3 months, to inject drugs, steroids, or anything not prescribed by their doctor is deferred for 3 months.
<b>Lifestyle:</b> ALL genders are accepted as long as no anal sex with new or multiple partners within the past 3 months.
<b>Lung Conditions:</b> Acceptable if no symptoms and feeling well on the day of donation.
<b>Medications:</b> Only a few medications result in a deferral. Please visit <a href="https://www.bbh.org/become-donor/">https://www.bbh.org/become-donor/</a> for the complete list of these medications.
<b>Piercings:</b> Acceptable if piercings were professionally done using a sterile procedure or gun method with new jewelry and no signs of infection. Doesn't have to be done in a state regulated shop.
<b>Pregnancy, Nursing:</b> Those who are pregnant are not eligible to donate. Wait 6 weeks after giving birth or 6 weeks from the last pregnancy date.
<b>Seizures/Epilepsy:</b> Must have no recent convulsions. Donor will be deferred for 1 month from last seizure.
<b>Surgery:</b> Donor will be deferred until healing is complete, full activity has been resumed and the underlying illness does not disqualify the donor.
<b>Tattoos:</b> Acceptable if tattoos were professionally done in a state-regulated shop using a single-use needle and no signs of infection. Hawaii is a regulated state.
<b>Travel:</b> If you have traveled outside of the United States and Canada, your travel destinations will be reviewed at the time of donation and may lead to deferral.
<b>Weight:</b> Most donors must weigh at least 110 pounds to be eligible for blood donation. For 16 – 18-year-old donors (all genders), you must meet the total blood volume requirement. Chart is located in the educational materials.

\* Eligibility is determined at the time of donation. The above are general guidelines for informational purposes only and are subject to change. Up-to-date information is available at [bbh.org](http://bbh.org) UPDATED 01.09.24



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“Victory has a thousand fathers, but defeat is an orphan.”

President John F. Kennedy

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President John F. Kennedy

**John Fitzgerald Kennedy**, often referred to as JFK, was an American politician who served as the 35th president of the United States from 1961 until his assassination in 1963. He was the youngest person elected president.



Who was the founder of Hallmark Cards?



Kelley McCaig

This evening we had a very interesting speaker. Kelley McCaig, an **agronomist**. What the heck is an agronomist? Well, it's a person who is an expert in the science of soil management and crop production.

Kelley works for Larry and Jonathan Jeffs, the Sugarland farm, where he is a diversified farmer.

Kelley told us that he grew up on a cattle ranch outside of Fresno, CA, in a very rural area, like no neighbors around at all. He had an unusual childhood because, being on a ranch, he had a lot of chores to do each day. This kept him from participating in after-school activities to include sports. When he would ask his parents if he could participate, they would always respond that he had to come home to work on the ranch. As Kelley grew older, his interests turned to working the land, like farming. To obtain his goal, he attended Cal Poly, majoring in framing science. It was while at Cal Poly, he met the love of his life, Taryn.



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After graduating from Cal Poly, Kelley worked at a couple of jobs in the farming field. It wasn't satisfying enough for Kelly. So, Taryn suggested they move to Hawaii, since she visited the islands before and fell in love with the people and weather.

After arriving and looking for a job in the farming industry, someone referred him to Sugarland Farms. Kelley impressed the folks, so he was quickly hired. He has been with them ever since.



Sugarland Growers, Inc., on the island of O'ahu, is one of the largest farms in Hawai'i, supplying local residents with fresh produce for over 43 years and counting!

The main Sugarland Farms lies on 3,000 acres in the Kunia area and grows cabbages, tomatoes, green bell peppers, cucumbers, watermelons and bananas. All of which provide produce to local stores and restaurants on Oahu.



In addition to their main fields at Kunia, they have other locations scattered on the town side of the island, some on unused land, but terrific soil on Navy property and other locations.

The problems they running into is the Navy wants to build houses and install solar panels. This is also the case at other locations, since solar is a money-making business. So, their growing areas are shrinking, making it hard to meet each week's quota.

Each week, Sugar Farms picks 1 and 1/2 million pounds of produce for delivery to all their customers. This is not

an easy quota to produce each week. There are other factors that could cause reduction in produce production. Losing land being one of the major ones.

Another is the problems is not meeting their weekly quotas. If they don't their customers will order containers from the mainland, like green bell peppers. If there is not enough bell peppers to fill a container, they will fill it up with other produce. This hits them in the produce distribution area.



The other significant problem they have are insects. The insects here are so fierce, attacking crops, and destroying some of the produce. This is an ongoing battle they have to fight each week. To combat this, they plant similar crops in different areas, to reduce losses caused by insect damage. It is a juggling game, where success is in the balance.



Kelley told us that the produce is not organic, so they use pesticides that are safe to humans.

One of benefits of working on the farm, is when Kelley brings some extra tomatoes home. Taryn has become an expert in making a number of ono-licious spaghetti sauces.

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings are In-person and are subject to change.

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

Apr 18 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – **Sister Club, Takasaki Symphony Rotary Club Zoom Meeting** - Proposed

May 2 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho'Ala School  
 May 16 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho'Ala School  
 May 30 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Ho'Ala School?



Who was the founder of Hallmark Cards? **Joyce C. Hall** – Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO

### Around the Club in Photos!



Pizza's here!



Derek Conselva getting ready to eat

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Taryan McCaig and Chris Compisano enjoying conversation



President Marie Abatayo taking a pizza head count with Troy Jarrell having a hunger attack! "The smells are driving me crazy!"



Chris Compisano is ready for some pizza!



Settling in for a great dinner



Almost a full house!



Standing in line for some ono pizza!



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Guest Taryan McCaig

Derek Conselva taking notes as Kelley speaks



Mark Anthony enjoying the delicious pizza!



Ruvi and Christian Apa



Mark Anthony and Taryan McCaig in deep conversation



Pizza being devoured!



PP Doc McKenzie introducing our Guest Speaker, Kelley McCaig



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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 EACH COMMUNITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** TO BRING THE LEADERSHIP TOGETHER TO BRING TO THE FOREFRONT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE.
- 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 GOODWILL AND PEACE THROUGH A SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP IN THE CIRCLE OF JUSTICE.

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**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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