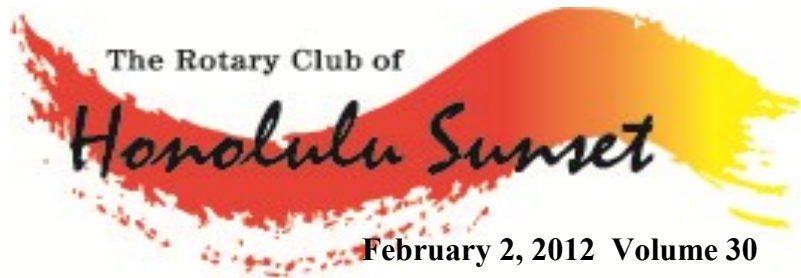




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**This Week's Speaker - Dr. Bradley Wong
of Aloha Medical Mission**



Dr. Brad Wong is a general surgeon who practiced in Honolulu at the Queens Medical Center since 1980. He attended Punahou, Yale University and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He taught as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, receiving awards in teaching both medical students and residents.

He served as Chief of Trauma at the Queens Medical Center from 1981-1987 and was the Program Director of the American College of Surgeons' Hawaii Chapter Advanced Trauma Life Support from 1981-1989. In 2008, he received the International Volunteerism Award from the American College of Surgeons, *Operation Giving Back*, for his work with the Aloha Medical Mission.

He began his association with the **Aloha Medical Mission** in 1988, when he led his first surgical mission to a small town in the Philippines. For the past 21 years, he has participated on various overseas missions back to the Philippines and additionally to Vietnam, Mexico, China, Mexico and American Samoa. His retirement 2 years ago allowed him to work in Nepal for 4 months. He was elected to be president of the Aloha Medical Mission in June of 2009 and works as a surgical consultant at the Kalihi-Palama Health Center. Dr. Wong recently returned from Nepal and plans to leave in February (2/23- 3/16) for another Aloha Medical Mission in the Philippines.

This week, Dr. Wong will speak about the upcoming mission to the Philippines and the work of the Aloha Medical Mission volunteers. He will share through a slide show and video how the volunteers make a difference!

Important Dates / Announcements

Thursday February 2 - Speaker **Dr. Brad Wong** of Aloha Medical Missions discusses their next two missions to the Philippines.

Thursday February 9 - No speaker this week. This will be a **Club Assembly** focusing on our upcoming fundraiser **Jazz Under The Stars** in May.

Thursday February 16 - Featured speaker is **Lara Reynolds** of the Oahu Invasive Species Committee, with focus on Coqui Frogs.

Thursday February 23 - Speaker will be **Gwendolyn Woltz** of Wahine Media covering the business side of social media.

Thursday March 1 - Speaker **Open**

Thursday March 8 - Our speaker will be **Haward Wiig** - Energy Analyst, Strategic Industries Division, DBEDT—State of Hawaii.

Quote of the Day - **Remember.....people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold...but so does a hard boiled egg!**

MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Honolulu Sunset Membership Event - April 5, 2012 - **UPDATE**

We ask that each member provides at least one prospective member's name. There is no limit as to how many you come up with, but please keep in mind; we are not specifically looking for existing or past Rotarians, but for people among your family, friends, business that may benefit from Rotary and vice versa. (Note: we do not want to invite people that we personally do not know).

Try looking at generational diversity, but also at industries that are underrepresented (landscaping, painters, restaurateurs, hospitality.....)

Five For One Team Contest – Groups of five, led by a Board Member will identify prospects that might be interested in joining our Rotary Club. There will be special Recognition and a Prize for the **team** that:

- 1) has most prospects attending the event
- 2) has most prospects joining our club

Special Program at April 5th Meeting - Rotary education, networking, fellowship, event speaker, and surprises. Let's all work together as a Club to make this a successful event. Your team leaders have been appointed and will reach out to their groups shortly to meet and discuss plans and objectives. Most importantly, let's have fun !! Remember...**"Rotary is Everyone's Business"** Mahalo.....**Marco**

Club Goal	ATTENDANCE...The KEY to a Successful Rotary Club	Club Actual
85%	Make improved attendance your New Year's resolution for 2012	65%

According to the attendance report for our **January 19th** regular meeting, you weren't there! If you are listed below, but DID attend, or made up somewhere, please let me know. (Al Dixon—Sec'y)

Joanna Amberger, Rita Cassella (LOA), Rosa Chen, Bob Ehrhorn, Sharon Ehrhorn, Ayman El-Dakhakhni, Samir El-Swaify, Mina Ganapathy (LOA), Sandy Gaston, Constance Hassell, Walter Killough (R85), Gloria Lao, Keola Lloyd, Patty Maher, Ash Matar, Kaz Nomi (R85), Jonathan Okabe, Ron Patel, Phil Sterry, Ashley Stokes, Pat Vyas, Dianne Ward and Elle Zhang.

Members credited with make-ups within the 14 days before or after missing this meeting are: Only Pat Vyas for the referenced meeting.

Members dropped from the club due to non-attendance were **Charles Jones** and **Wallace Kelley**.

Meet RI President Elect Sakuji Tanaka

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for **President of Rotary International in 2012-13**. A past trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee. Tanaka also established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, and Major Donors. He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.



Tanaka said that eradicating polio will "fulfill the promise we made to children in the world" and that "there is no doubt in my mind that the day of this success will be realized in the near future."

While here in Honolulu in mid December, **PE Beth Hoban** had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Tanaka along with **PP Samir El-Swaify**. Also pictured is former HSR member and now PP of the Diamond Head Club **David Moncrief**.



DA PREZ SEZ...

Aloha Honolulu Sunset!

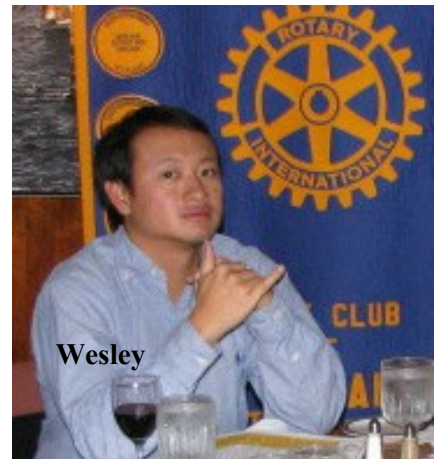
What a great meeting (last Thursday), so great to see faces we've been missing! Let's keep that going every week, so if you haven't made it to our meetings for a while, put "**THURSDAY 6:30 PM WAIKIKI YACHT CLUB, MY HONOLULU SUNSET OHANA**" on your calendars and join us for some fun.

Andrew (Arakaki, of Mix Plate Media) really identified where both business and social media is going and how it is making a big impact on connecting with customers, colleagues, and potential Rotarians.



Johnny

Please mark another date on your calendar, **Saturday 11 February**. That is when **we will be painting and refurbishing the Palolo Valley District Park Gym**. (Club Service Director) **Johnny (Sanchez)** will be sending out more details on this **great project** that will let us all join together and share some fellowship, and some paint, while making a difference in our community. Thanks Johnny!



Wesley

We also welcomed our new GSE team member, **Wesley Wong**. We are sad to see Nate (Miyake) have to lose out on this opportunity but we found another great representative of our club in Wes. I hope you all give him the warm Honolulu Sunset welcome we are famous for...
...silly me, of course you will!

It was nice also to see the bright smiling faces of our Youth Exchange Student **Yuko** and her fellow Y.E.S., **Lolita**, sponsored by **RC of East Honolulu**. We are sure to be seeing more of these young ladies and hearing about their home cultures and Y.E.S. experiences so you won't want to miss those meetings.



Yuko



Lolita

I'd like to go on and on but you'll just have to join us next week to ride the Honolulu Sunset Wave into 2012. Next week **Brad Wong** will be telling us about the upcoming **Aloha Medical Mission** to the Philippines which our own **Glen Bailey** will be going on to spread some magic and smiles.

Aloha.....Paul

And for all you **SUPER BOWL FANS** out there, here's a final *Quote of the Day* for ya...

FOOTBALL is NOT a contact sport. It's a collision sport. DANCING is a contact sport.