



Maui Huila

Make No Small Plans. . .

President Heather Mueller and Jeff Schwartz have come up with a proposal to help clean up "The Gyre"—the great plastic mess floating around in the Pacific Ocean that is killing sea life and breaking down into tiny particles to enter the food chain, introducing chemicals of unknown toxic potential.

The goal is to get as many as 2,000 Rotarians from around the Pacific to hop on a cruise ship and go up to the northwest Hawaiian Islands for a giant cleanup party.

Big project, right? But, as Ian Ballantyne pointed out, it was a single Rotary Club that started the whole Polio Plus movement with a trip to vaccinate folks in the Philippines.

"Our ocean is crying out for us to do something," says Heather. The first planning meeting drew five club members and eight interested nonmembers, and anyone who'd like to get in on the early brainstorming for this world-changing project is invited to the next meeting February 18 at Heather's house in Kula.



President-elect Rob Guest and President Heather Mueller were among the speakers asked to discuss leadership during a "speed dating" event at the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp Jan. 29-31 at Camp Maluhia. Ninety students from around Maui County attended, including our exchange student, Marine Sibe.

Watch Those Whales!

Collect your sweetheart and head down to Maalaea on Valentine's Day for a whale watch voyage from 1 to 5 p.m. on the Four Winds. Our club is sponsoring this fundraiser to come up with much-needed money for our charitable projects.

Robin Webster swears she'll sit down at the dock and sell tickets that day if we don't sell out before hand. So save Robin from sunburn. Buy your tickets now (\$55 each) and join the gang for a great afternoon with drinks, pupu and breaching whales.

By the way, we're doing a trade deal with the Kihei-Wailea club—if you try to sell a ticket to someone who can't make it on February 14, mention to them that Kihei-Wailea has a whale watch fundraiser the day before, and the Kihei-Wailea folks will return the favor. It all goes for a good cause!





And a good time was had by all. . .

when 19 guests from our sister Sendai Club came from Japan in November. They attended our meeting and gathered at Rob Guest's house for a party complete with a hula by one of the visitors. Their gifts to us: handy little wooden boxes for drinking sake, each with a toast inscribed.



We're just happy!

Happy dollars in recent months:

Jeremiah Savage all smiles as he announces he and Amber are engaged. The wedding probably will be in June (on his grandparents' 65th anniversary), and we're all invited, if we can make it to Idaho!

Michael Nason crediting Larry Gilbert for great publicity on Michael's book, *Kuuipo*.

Mickey Damerell very aware of *nene* geese on Nene Awareness Day; was hoping to run into one that day, but didn't.

Don Reeser, Paul Corarito and Norman Franco traveled to Rome for the beatification ceremonies for Father Damien.

Hugh Chare reports that he took exchange student Marine Sibe to the international hula competition "Ku Mai Ka Hula," and she loved it.

Sylvia Ho thanks all who helped host the visiting Thai GSE team, as well as "my husband and my dog, because they've been very patient."

All of us very happy to be safe and solvent enough to be able to donate \$517 in an impromptu collection to raise funds for victims of the December earthquake in Haiti.



New Members: Welcome to the Maui's Original Rotary Club!



Assistant DG Lisa Rodrigues (left) and President Heather Mueller (right) welcome new members Corey Egami (with sponsor Lisa Yoshida) and Patricia McCain-Thoma (with sponsor Shereen Seykota). Corey's classification is retail management, and Patricia is a multi-tasker: entrepreneur, investor, consignment.

Inside Story: A Few Meeting Notes

President-elect Rob Guest, Sylvia Ho and exchange student Marine Sibe attended the District Conference, and reported that folks there were very impressed with our Tanzania well project.

Talk about exclusive: Brian Moto set up a vocational visit to Young Brothers, arranged by the shipping company's Maui general manager,

Roland Lee. Because of safety issues, only five members will be allowed to attend this February 9 event. Eleven signed up, so we drew names for the lucky five.

We welcomed Auriol Naquin Flavell as an honorary member on December 17. Auriol is no stranger to us—she was married to our late longtime member Walter Naquin, and she said

memories of the friendship they enjoyed from Rotary connections all around the world are still with her.



Things We Learned from Our Speakers

From Sherri Pell, manager of Aloha Recycling: Plastic water bottles take up to 700 years to decompose, but if they are recycled they can be made into carpets, lumber, toys or other useful items. Recycling a ton of cardboard saves 17 trees, 7,000 pounds of water and 3 cubic yards of landfill space. Making aluminum cans from recycled aluminum saves 95% of the energy that would've been used by making them from raw material. Every recycled can saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.

From Paula Hegele of Tedeschi Vineyards: Wine made from pineapple juice is their best-seller, essentially keeping Maui's winery in business. Important to keep pine growing on Maui, because where the fruit comes from is a key issue in the wine business,

From our own Jim Vitale: Ancient coins were not always shaped like a disk (he brought a few odd-shaped oldies from his collection). The first "coin" was struck in 610 B.C. in Lydia (now western Turkey) by King Croesus (as in "rich as Croesus").

Club Matters

Can't read the duty roster on our website calendar? Click on "month" and then the date to see all the assignments for each meeting.



Shhh! Please practice good manners. Save talk-story time for moments when no one else has the floor.



When you are in charge of arranging for speakers, have them fill out the biographical information form (on our website) and get it to Paul Janes-Brown, so he can send out publicity for our meetings each week. The more publicity, the more new folks we attract, and the more we can grow our club and its good projects.

The Things We Do for Love

Harlan Hughes pulled together our club's assistance to the Maui Food Bank, for which we collected \$1,000 and 53 turkeys weighing 979 pounds at Thanksgiving and \$927.20 plus 1,430 pounds of food at Christmas. All greatly needed—the Maui Food Bank is serving 10,000 people month, double the number it served last year.

Club members pitched in for an immediate collection of funds to help victims of Haiti's terrible earthquake, but there's more to do. We know Rotary will be there helping for the long-term—for one thing, the grassroots Rotary Shelter Box project will send thousands of those fabulous disaster-relief boxes filled with everything from a 10-person tent to school supplies for the kids. See www.shelterboxusa.org for the latest info and to donate, or check www.rotary.org for other donation opportunities.

Our water well project in Niger is moving right along. District 5000 has approved dollar-for-dollar matching for the project, which will cost a total of \$23,800 for five wells. We are the principal partner, along with clubs in Honolulu and France.

Chefs on the Beach is scheduled for May 8, and organizer-in-chief Harlan Hughes reports that, though our benefactor Charlie Goodness is no longer with the Makena Resort, the company is still willing to lend us tables, linens, and other paraphernalia necessary to put on this elegant afternoon event on the beach. This is our big fundraiser of the year, so lots of help will be needed. Market your calendar and be ready to volunteer and/or sell tickets.

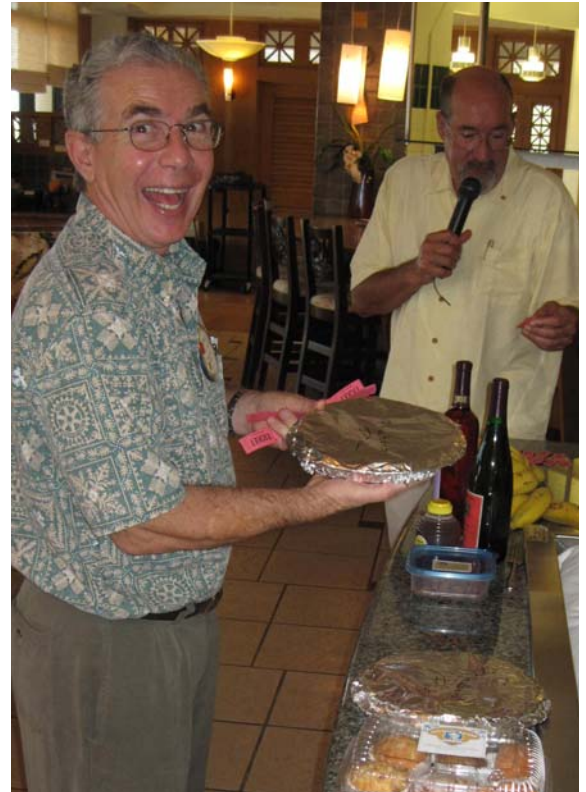
Need A Make-Up Meeting?

Visit another Maui club, meet new friends, have fun, get your make-up slip and give it to Mary Pence. Don't forget you're welcome at any club in the world, so make up next time you travel! Here are the Maui clubs:

- ◆ Kihei Sunrise: Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Five Palms Restaurant
- ◆ Kihei Wailea: Wednesday, noon, Diamond Resort
- ◆ Lahaina: Thursday, 11:45 a.m., Lahaina Outback Steakhouse
- ◆ Lahaina Sunrise: Tuesday, 7 a.m., Pioneer Inn
- ◆ Upcountry: Friday, 7:30 a.m., Kamehameha School Cafeteria
- ◆ Valley Isle Sunset: Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Denny's Triangle Square
- ◆ Wailuku: Thursday, 7 a.m., Pono Building (above Café Ole in Wailuku)

The Rotary Club of Maui was founded in 1937. Maui's first Rotary Club now meets at noon on Thursdays at the Class Act Restaurant at Maui Community College.

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Tough choice for Paul Corarito—Dad's Donuts from Chris Hart, or homemade pie, wine or honey from Don Reeser. Paul walked away with a Reeser rhubarb pie while Gardner Howard called out names of other lucky winners.



The Santa hat wasn't crazy enough for Robin Webster—she had to add bunny ears as Gardner Howard posed at the Christmas party hosted by Michael and Anne Nason.