



# Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu

*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*

## Metro Mynah

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**President:**  
**Dr. Bob Peterson**

### December 2011 - Rotary Family Month

The month of December is devoted to the celebration of the **Family of Rotary**, which is inclusive of everyone involved in Rotary's work. Our family encompasses the individual Rotarians, the Rotary Foundation program alumni, scholars and the participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world; we all come together as the Family of Rotary.

But most importantly, where would Rotarians be without their spouses and children who play one of the most vital roles in Rotary. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.

Family oriented social events, club meetings, assistance in fund raisers, and community service projects are just a few ways we involve those closest to us.

Please extend the hand of fellowship to each Rotarian, their families and our extended family members – foster a sense of belonging especially during this month of holidays. Encourage someone to a meeting or any of our Christmas gatherings and extend the invitation to new people to consider becoming a member in the Family of Rotary.



### Ken's Computer Corner

It's always felt strange to me all this years that Microsoft never improved the clock in the Windows operating system. All you can basically do with it is to set the time, date, and time zone. Sure, you can add additional clocks if you like, but where are common features like an alarm or a stopwatch?

An alarm can be very handy for computer users, not only to signal the end of the work day but also for other events. Say you have an appointment or business meeting in 10 minutes, or need to wait another five minutes before your coffee is ready. While you could do that by looking at the clock or your watch regularly, an alarm would make it less work-intrusive.

Easy Timer (<http://www.inspire-soft.net/software/easy-timer>)

### Calendar of Events

#### December 7

**TOYS FOR TOTS Trolley Ride**  
**MURPHY'S 5:30PM**  
**Bring and unwrapped gift**

#### December 8

Marc Alexander  
"Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness"

#### December 15

Taylor Weston  
"Pajamas, Books & Justice"

#### December 22

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# This Weeks Speaker

## Metro Rotary's International Service Update—By: Greg Micco

Metro Rotarians Eberhard Mann, Hal Darcey and Leilani Johnson outlined five different major projects that Metro's International Service Committee is working on. While the impact of our club's funds and efforts are wide-ranging and profound, the International Service Committee continues to seek further participation from our members. As Eberhard states, international service can often have a greater overall impact on humanity than local community service can.

The first project that Eberhard discussed was the Camarin Preschool in Cebu, Philippines which is an isolated preschool in an impoverished farming community and run by a women's volunteer group. Eberhard visited and observed that the building structures were unstable. Metro provided \$1,250 in funds which ended up being used for educational materials for health care training and child sex abuse prevention instead of building reconstruction.

Leilani discussed our Club's school library project in central Thailand. Metro donated \$2,000 which was part of the matching grant program. Metro worked with eight other clubs to help provide 30 schools in rural Thailand with library books in 2010-2011 to foster the "Reading for Success" or "Kids Who Read, Succeed" program which served some 6,000 children. Local Rotary leaders stressed the importance of reading and the books were used in reading competitions, research activities and essay writing contests which resulted in improved grades, higher exam passing rates and better school attendance. The program is expected to have a lasting impact and at only 30 cents per book is very cost effective. Additional donations are being sought.

Also in central Thailand, Metro contributed \$2,000 in the matching grant program towards a water filtration project. Previously, water in the area had to be captured and boiled. School absenteeism was high as kids were often sick and parents were uninterested in taking their kids in either because they were needed for work or because of the unsafe water. Our funds were used for the installation of filtration systems which helped provide clean, safe drinking water to 30 rural schools, serving an estimated 200 children each plus other families in the communities. Attendance improved and this was considered a successful project as it is sustainable and covered several areas of service including health care and disease prevention.

Hal pointed out that Metro's contribution to international service is usually just funding, but with the upcoming Friends of St. Mary's Orphanage for Girls project in Cebu City, Philippines, he stressed that this is an opportunity for our members to do the actual work. This can bring a greater sense of satisfaction and he asks that we think of it like our community service, but done overseas. In May of 2012, Hal will lead a group of volunteer Rotarians to Cebu to assist in a complete make-over of the orphanage. Kids will be partnered with a foster friend. The cost will be about \$1,500 for the round-trip ticket, but the benefit will be manifested in helping a very poor community and Hal promises it will be the best vacation you've ever had.

Hal is currently gathering donations and is working with former Metro Rotarian Eric Keller of Hawaiian Airlines to try to figure out how to get medical supplies and other items to the Philippines. So far, Hal has been able to collect over "2 tons of friendship". In addition to 1,000 rubber slippers, Metro Rotarian Ken Goldstein has helped collect about 100 computers, Princess Kaiulani has donated 300 king-sized bed sheets and pillow cases and Kaiser has donated chairs, equipment, desks and filing cabinets. This Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Hal is planning a volunteer project and looking for help from Rotarians willing to help load containers.

The final project that Eberhard discussed was the Hemodialysis Machine project in Thailand that Metro and other District 5000 Clubs have been involved in. In the US, one hemodialysis treatment costs about \$650 and three weeks of treatment is needed to survive. In Thailand, the average cost of a treatment is only \$65, but still unaffordable to patients in the public hospitals. Metro donated \$3,500 in matching funds towards four machines for two public renal hospitals intended for indigent patients in acute or chronic renal failure. Each machine can treat 15 additional patients per week. Without hemodialysis, these patients would die within days to a few weeks. Life-extending treatment has been provided free of charge by volunteer nurses and physicians.

Eberhard reminded us that the Rotary International Annual Convention will be in Bangkok, Thailand in May 2012 and that any Metro Rotarian attending will be invited to meet with our sister clubs in the country to build connections with them.



### 4 Way Test

Is it the Truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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