



# Rotary Club of Metropolitan Honolulu

*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*

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**President  
Dr. Bob Peterson**

### Rotary World Understanding Month

Knowledge is the simple awareness of bits of information. **Understanding** is the awareness of the connection between the individual pieces of this information. It is **understanding** which allows knowledge to be put to use. Therefore, **understanding** represents a deeper level than simple knowledge.

World **Understanding** Month is a chance for every member to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service - Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and **understanding** among people of the world!

### Ken's Computer Corner

I often download useful Web pages as PDF files, including some that I receive as regular reports. But I had no easy way to merge those files into a single document until I discovered Ultra PDF Merger. This free utility does only this one thing, but it does it very well and very easily.

Add the files you want to merge together using the Add button, which is a big plus (+) sign. Change the order of the files by selecting the file you want and moving it with the Move Up and Move Down buttons. If you want to remove some files, select those you don't want and press the Remove (big red X) button. Once all the files are in the correct order, click the Merge Files button and the program will join the files into one PDF file. Ultra PDF Merger only joins PDF files that aren't locked or password-protected; if any of the selected files is locked or password-protected, the process will fail.

Ultra PDF Merger is portable, which means you don't need to install it. Just download the single 1 MB file at <http://michalislcolaides.com/programs/>, extract it, and run it. The download file is an archive (.rar file) and you will need WinRAR or 7-Zip to extract the program files.

### Announcement

Metro Rotarian, Bob Stott is now working for H&R Block, and he is allowed to offer a discounted rate for tax preparation to a few friends. He is offering to Metro Rotarians for a charge of \$30 total, both federal and state personal tax returns. Since this is done on a personal tax return, those with sole proprietorships qualify too! It is a good deal for folks with the least expensive tax return (normally about \$80), and a great deal for more complicated returns, which often go up to \$400 or \$500. Bob can do this for up to 4 people, first come first served. The first four who contact him are the four getting the deal.

Bob Stott—[bobstott@live.com](mailto:bobstott@live.com)

### Calendar of Events

#### February 9

John Warren Kindt  
Professor, University of Illinois  
"U.S. Int'l Gambling Report"

#### February 14

Annual Valentine's Day Dinner  
Kapiolani Community College

#### February 16

Dr. Mary Hagedorn  
Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology  
The Business of the Sex Lives of Coral

#### February 23

Fellowship Meeting  
President's Day &  
"Happy Birthday Rotary International"

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# This Weeks Speaker



## Reshaping Honolulu With Simplicity, Speed and Sensibility By Gloria Chang

Mayor Peter Carlisle presented his vision for Honolulu for the next 30 years. He sees Honolulu as a global city, with a global economy, in good financial health, and a leader in clean energy. Honolulu must think now about what our world will be like 30 years from now, and not just focus on today. We must figure out how to pay off the debt, build a savings account, and improve our debt rating.

Some immediate accomplishments include the Public Property Storage Ordinance, which prohibits the storage of personal items on public property; and Honolulu 311, an app for smart phones to allow the public to report broken traffic lights and street lights, potholes, and other maintenance concerns.

The Mayor reserved most of his time for questions and answers. On the subject of trying to make changes in the face of union opposition, he said that the key was not to be afraid of the unions, and to convince the memberships (more than the leadership) that if they don't share in the sacrifice and accept a cut in benefits, they will be faced with a time when there will be no benefits at

all, because there will be no money to pay benefits. When asked about maintenance of the parks and upkeep on some roadways, he pointed out that there is not enough money and staff to do everything. The parks are looking at ways to generate more fees, and partner with the private sector users as a work-around for some of the problems.

A Rotarian indicated that reportedly, some western states were buying one-way tickets for their homeless, and shipping them to Hawaii. Mayor Carlisle indicated that occasionally, there are individuals who do want to go back to their home state, and Hawaii assists them to do so. If we spot a pattern of a state "unloading" people to Hawaii, we will call and address it with the state in question. If Rotarians want to get involved with the homeless problem, one approach is to talk to legislators about getting over the legal hurdle created when the U.S. Supreme Court threw out the vagrancy laws enacted by most states. The late Professor John Van Dyke was working on a possible solution, and the city is trying to continue his work. Homelessness is a very complicated problem, because there are so many reasons why people are homeless, ranging from economic need, to substance abuse and mental illness, and preference for the lifestyle.

Crystal meth-amphetamine continues to be a problem, and requires constant re-education. It keeps coming back. Early intervention is a must, to stop usage before it ever stops. Intervention is not easy, and it is very expensive.

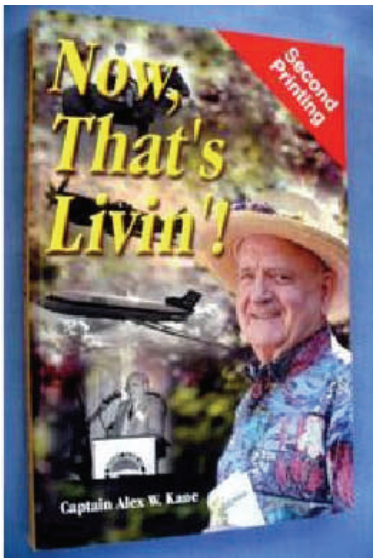
When asked about the \$350 million recently announced as a set aside for the rail project, the Mayor responded that it was not debt, but a line of credit set up for emergency funding. He reported that the costs for the project are coming in lower than expected, and revenues from the G.E.T. tax are higher than expected. The rail commission is looking for a way to return some of that excess to the taxpayers. He was quite clear that the people of Honolulu had voted to support rail, and that to cancel rail would be a violation of his oath of office and a violation of the city charter.

Transit Oriented Development—development of the properties around the rail route—will create sustainable jobs, increase tax revenue, and create new businesses. The real estate located near the rail will substantially increase in value. The development will be the source of the funds to make Honolulu a viable, vibrant community for the generations to come.

## Community Service Calendar—February

- February 17<sup>th</sup>** (NG) LifeSmarts Statewide Competition
- February 24<sup>th</sup>** (NG/VS) Interact D5000 Convention (need a Metro delegation to attend!)
- February 25<sup>th</sup>** (CS) Renovation of Boy Scout Camp at Tantalus
- February 27<sup>th</sup>** (NG) Princess Kaiulani Elementary School Store (need 2 volunteers for 1 hour)

(NG—New Generations, VS—Vocational Service, CS—Community Service)



**“Now, That’s Livin’! by Captain. Alex W. Kane**

“This is an updated edition of Kane’s rather jolly memoir first published about a decade ago. He’s still with us, full of stories about growing up on an isolated farm in New Zealand after emigrating from Scotland during the Depression. World War I gave Kane the opportunity to become a pilot, leading to an adventurous life spattered all over the globe and finally settling in Hawaii in the late ‘60s. Since then he’s hung up his pilot’s license (except for the occasional jaunt in classic aircraft like the C-47) and become a successful representative of New Zealand’s export products. “Now, That’s Livin’ ! Is a cheerful read by someone who’s certainly had challenges thrown his way and survived them with good humor.

Forty percent of the book’s cover price goes toward Rotary International’s Polio Plus Eradication Program.”

Excerpt from “Ruminations on World’s End”  
 reviews by Burt Burlingame  
 Honolulu Advertiser—Sunday 1/29/12

Purchase a copy by calling (808)388-1188 or kanea006@hawaii.rr.com



**Metro Rotary says “Save the Date!” - March 31, at the Sheraton Waikiki.**

For more information about the corporate level sponsorships, please see Lee Mansfield or Nicole Nako, or any of our ticket sales volunteers.

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- Champagne Service for you and your guests
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- Premier VIP Table for 10
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- Table-side auction checkout
- Full-page recognition in the Swing City program
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- Name recognition in the **Swing City** Confirmation of Invitation



**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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