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PROGRAM

Jan 27 Bert Turner - JFK's funeral Feb 03 Jay Kimura - Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney

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Jan 27 David Rees-Thomas Feb 03 Scott Reich

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 03 Angel Ramos

A little humor . . .

An employee came to the boss and asked for a raise, saying, "I'm doing the work of three men."

The boss, a smart executive. said, "Give me the names of the other two guys. I'll fire them!"

An explorer was captured by ferocious natives in the jungles of New Guinea. As they prepared to kill him, he came up with the idea of doing something to impress them. They might think he was some kind of god and let him live. Whipping out his cigarette lighter, he flicked it, and it lit. The natives backed away. A murmer went through their ranks. The chief approached the explorer and said, :"That's amazing. We never saw a lighter work the first time!"

A farmer was filling out an insurance claim form for a horse that had been killed by a train. The last item was: "Disposition of the carcass." The farmer wrote, "Gentle and friendly."

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Our program this week -

Bert Turner is a Honolulu businessman and Rotarian of 22 years, he is also a retired Army colonel. He will tell us about his last Washington assignment as the officer-in-charge of President Kennedy's funeral. This week's program is the responsibility of Team B lead by Steve Bobko. Steve will be your greeter this week, Jim Bedingfield will lead the pledge, Barbara Bush the prayer and Jan Marrack will present the craft talk.

Last week Rotary Awareness

Last Thursday's program focussed on Rotary Awareness with reports from 4 of the 5 Directors of Avenues of Service.

Community Service Director Tina Clothier gave us a look back at the past six months of involvement as well as a preview of coming attractions. Whether it was Community A-Fair in September, Ironman security in October or the Kona Block Party in November, Kona Rotarians were pitching in to help. December was particularly busy month. with holiday aloha abounding through the Christmas parade, Read-To-Me program and Interact Club. Kona Rotarians raised the most money bellringing for the Salvation Army and capped the year with the Christmas party for needy kids and the First Night Kona alcohol-free New Years Eve celebration

Looking ahead into 1994, we have

new opportunities for service with Superkids in Kona at the Old Airport this Saturday, a beach and road cleanup planned for February, Meet 'n Eat sponsorship in March, and a Casino Night in May to raise funds for a refrigerated truck for the Hawaii Food Bank.

Mahalo, Tina for keeping us ahead of the curve.

International Service Director Angel Ramos updated us on his efforts to get a sister club started in the Marshall Islands as well as deliver of a shipment of books. A youth exchange with Sweden is in the works as well as the International Day Festival coming up February 26 featuring the culture, dance and food and song of 12 different countries.

Evan King introduced us to the young woman of the Konawaena Interact Club and we learned about their fundraisers and program of reading to the patients at Hillhaven

As the meeting time ran short Club Service Director Bill Wurster reminded us of our increased membership and attendance goals. Dick Hershberger's Vocational Service report was deferred to this week.

MARK TAYLOR

Benefactor Program

As p the balanced club award in. President Ken is working to achieve or our Club this year there is a requirement that at least 3 Club members participate in the Rotary Foundation's Benefactor Program.

Any Rotarian can become a

Benefactor by designating a gift of \$1,000 value, or more, from his or her estate. There is not funding of this program until your estate is settled. Thus it is no different than other programs run by Universities and other non-profit organizations, and is as flexible and rewarding.

For forms and further information please contact Phil Bickel our Benefactor coordinator.

Superkids this Saturday

This Saturday, January 29 will be the Superkids event at the Old Airport. This a reminder to all who have signed-up to help. Set-up begins at 7:30 am with the kids events to follow - don't forget to be there or you may feel the sting of the 'Finemasters'.

L.A. District sets up relief fund for earthquake victims

As Los Angeles area residents struggle through the aftermath of the deadliest earthquake to strike the city in two decades, Rotarians there are doing their best to make contact

See President's Corner on page 3 for President Ken's personal account of the California earthquake

with those in the disaster zone and assess damages. According to news reports, 46 people died in the Jan.

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, bind us together in the true spirit of Rotary keeping our hearts pure, our lives clean, our spirits humble, and our thinking straight. Amen.

Bishop Kennedy, circa 1948

17 quake and 2,800 more were injured. Hundreds of buildings colapsed or sustained significant damage, leaving thousands homeless in the area just north of the city and in the San Fernando Valley. A reported 20,000 others, who feared further damage from multiple aftershocks, were sleeping in city parks, playing fields and shelters.

As of Wednesday, some 80,000 people were still without electric power and 40,000 had no water. Sections of major freeways that collapsed are blocked off. creating transportation slowdowns. Total damages are estimated to be as high as \$7 billion — the cost of the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.

Dick O'Linn, governor of hard-hit Rotary District 5260, told News Basket Tuesday morning that he was awaiting word from all of his club presidents before proceeding with relief efforts. As the day wore on. however, he received a number of calls from other concerned Rotarians, and based on new reports about the intensity of the quake and widespread damage, he made arrangements to set up a relief fund

"Even though I hadn't been able to get through to all of my club presidents, I decided we better get something going," said O'Linn "In my office alone, I know a number of people who have no place to go home to. Their houses have been condemned." O'Linn has contacted John Nugent, governor of District 5280, who reports devastation in his area as well. The two governors will share funds and work together to provide food and emergency aid to those who need it.

Rotarians who wish to help victims of the earthquake may send contributions to Rotary District 5260 Earthquake Relief Fund, c/o Highland Federal Savings and Loan, 5939 Canoga Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367; Attn: Sheila Cook; Account No. 009-3700090.

A little bit of Hawaii . . The Clerk of the Works

There was a time when the title of "clerk" was important. I guess like a lot of other job titles, like "garbage man" though, it sounds a little demeaning to this generation.

Kawaihae Harbor was dredged out

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

so that Kohala and the Theo H. Davies plantations, Honokaa and Hamakua, could store and ship their bulk sugar and molasses more cheaply there than shipping it through Hilo. The terminal was built by Castle & Cooke and Davies, who were agents for these sugar companies at the time. Union Oil Company also built a petroleum tank farm at Kawaihae which we managed.

Early in 1959, I was named "Manager" of the facility and so visited the area frequently during construction.. When the facility was about three fifths completed, our Clerk of the Works died and Castle & Cooke decided I should take over as Clerk of the Works managing the work of the contractors building the facility.

Fred Simpich, Jr. was my boss at Castle & Cooke, and when I said, "but I am not a Engineer", he replied, "we know that, but your father is.

When the plant was completed a dedication ceremony was held with many big shots in attendance. Governor Bill Quinn, U.S. Representative Mike Kerwan, chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, Castle & Cooke and Davies V.I.P.S etc., etc. The conveyor belts all worked perfectly when I pressed the "start" button. Whew!

GEORGE COLLINS

President's Corner

Dear Fellow-Kona Rotarians.

What a week this (January 17 - 21) has been for the USA! - Record highs on the Stock Market: record lows on the thermometers in much of the East; and perhaps the world's most expensive disaster ever, in southern California.

This is being written while flying home from Los Angeles as a survivor of the third event, southern California's big 6.6 (Richter Scale) earthquake - and the hundreds of after-shocks (including the largest, a 5.4 rocker on Wednesday, while I was attending my former Rotary Club's regular meeting in Costa Mesa).

Our sleep was shockingly interrupted early on January 17, the day before my Mother's funeral and less than 12 hours after driving on several of the very freeways which were wrecked by the earthquake.

The news media reports the quake's toll to be 51 people dead. 4500 injured, 20,000 homeless (with rain expected soon), and damage in excess of 30 billion. Many of us have relatives/friends included in these sobering statistics.

But, what has been the reaction of the people most seriously affected the hurt, the homeless and the

bereaved — in this devastating event? One might expect that their reaction would be that of anger, bitterness, frustration and/or fear. Some may react in such a fashion. But it appears that virtually all of those suffering loss from the earthquake instead are indicating thanksgiving, praise, and generosity. They are thankful to God that, even though suffering much material loss, they and their loved ones are alive. They are praising the work of others who have provided prompt (and often heroic) rescues and other assistance. Although in hardship themselves, these people (and their neighbors) are generously volunteering to help others suffering from this major catastrophe.

It is estimated that tens of billions of dollars will be needed to repair/replace buildings, freeway overpasses and other structures, to grant fool/housing help, and to meet other basic human needs.

But almost without exception, the hard-hit people claim that the most important and most appreciated service being provided initially is that of personal care/help - people, people praying for others, people giving to people, and people giving of themselves to those in need. That sounds like "Service Above Self"!

At today's Club meeting, we will learn how we also can participate in providing prompt assistance to these needy earthquake victims and join

them in further demonstration of "Service Above Self"... Cordially yours, Ken

CLUB CALENDAR

Jan 27 Team B, Bert Turner - JFK's Funeral

Jan 29 Super Kids participation

FEBRUARY -WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Feb 03 Team C. Jay Kimura(County Prosecuting Attorney)

Feb 08 Board of Directors meeting Feb 10 Team D (Club Anniversary/

Valentines Day) Feb 17 Team E

Feb 24 Team F - World Understanding program

Feb 26 International Festival

Mar 03 Team G

Mar 08 Board of Directors meeting

Mar 10 Team H

Mar 17 Team I

Mar 24 Team J

Mar 31 Team K

APRIL -

ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

Apr 07 Team L

Apr 08 Board of Directors meeting

Apr 14 Team A



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