

Rotary Club of Kihei Sunrise– Maui, HI

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OCTOBER 11, 2009 – NEWSLETTER OF THE “Small but Mighty Club”

President’s Message

Aloha!

If you didn't join us you missed out on a fantastic cruise last Saturday. The sunset was not as great as it could have been and the moon peeped out between the clouds but that prevent anyone from having the best time. Mahalos are in order for Berney who coordinated this event from the start to the finish!

Larry & I missed this week's meeting and the Highway cleanup as we are representing D5000 at the Zone Conference but I am sure that true to form our “Small but Mighty” club is showing that this year's theme of “the Future of Rotary is in Your Hands” applies to us!

Joanne



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Notes from the Meeting

After a hearty bell ring and his usual Hawaiian greeting PP Ron asked Jane Emery to lead us in the Pledge to the flag and shared with us how pleased she was to be on beautiful Maui.

The visitors were introduced and these included past member, Tom Reese. As there wasn't a pin available for the visitor travelling the longest distance but one will be sent to John from New York.

The Cruise which was held on the previous Saturday was voted a great success by all who attended. A total of 108 tickets were sold. Pat reminded us of the Halloween Party.

As this was the first meeting of the month all members wore their Paul Harris Fellowship medallion or pins. Presentations were made to Ron Capanash who received his PHF pin with 5 gems as he has donated over \$6,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Pat Corbett received her PH+1 pin too.

Happy members included Ron who leaves this weekend for his 40th reunion, amazing since he is only 36! Richard Emery is please with their new car and is going to start his photography business soon. Mischel was pleased that her husband was back and we were all pleased that Doris was back on Maui.

HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS NICOLE DAVIS—NOAA



Nicole Davis gave the members and visitors to last week's meeting information on Hawaiian Monk Seals. She explained that if one sees a seal in Hawaiian waters it is a Hawaiian Monk Seal, as there are no other species here. Any sighting should be reported by calling NOAA at 808-292-2372. There are approximately 1,100 individuals. They get their name from their "monk" like habit of living on their own. The adults weigh 400—600 pounds and are 6—8 ft long. They can often be seen "hauled out" on the shore. It is a federal offense to disturb seals which should be kept at a distance of 150 feet. Nicole gave an easy example of measuring the distance by holding one's hand in front of your face with the thumb parallel to the horizon. If any part of the seal extends beyond

your thumb you are too close to the seal.

The 6th Semi-Annual Hawaiian Monk Seal Count will be held on October 17. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Nicole at the number above if you are able to help.



Another very important piece of information that Nicole shared with us was that any time any animal beaches itself the animal should NOT be forced back into the water. She explained that it would be like forcing a person who was having breathing problems to have to swim and that is why the animals usually drown.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
 Board Meeting	October 19, 2009—5:00 pm	Pacific Whale Sanctuary
 Halloween Potluck & Movie	October 30, 2009—TBA	Gary's house

Visit the website www.KiheiRotary.org to see the latest photos and for a list of the Maui Club meeting times and locations.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

DATE	SPEAKER
October 14	Brennon Morioka , Director of State Dept. of Transportation, "Airport and Harbor Renovation on Maui"
October 21	Stuart Karlan , South Bay Sustainability
October 28	Simeamativa M. Aga , Partnership Specialist, Los Angeles Regional Census Center, "2010 Census"

