

Pearlridge Rotarians Carry Mission Of 'Service Above Self'

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"We also present annual scholarships to deserving graduating seniors and fund educational and extracurricular activities in our schools as well."

This year, RCOP presented its annual \$4,000 scholarship to Pearl City High School senior and PCHS Interact Club vice president Andie Shimizu. The scholarship, which is sponsored by Rotary Club of Pearlridge Foundation, is a big part of the club's financial support to graduating seniors in Pearl City and 'Aiea to help them achieve higher education goals.

Education and youth development are not the only club focus. Members are active with sustainable, environmental and safety programs in partnership with



(Left) Pearl City High School Interact Club volunteers participated in a monthly Rotary Club of Pearlridge beautification/cleanup at Pu'uloa Springs. They are pictured with RCOP board member Randy Ching (back left) and RCOP, Pu'uloa Springs coordinator and chairperson Lasar McCabe (front, second from right). (Right) RCOP members pose during the annual It's Not All Right To Run The Red Light Traffic Safety Awareness Sign-waving and Traffic Safety Coloring Contest Program last fall. Pictured are (front, from left) RCOP 2024-25 president Barry Villamil, City Councilmember Radiant Cordero and RCOP member Charlene Ikeda, (back, from left) RCOP board member Clarence De Lude, Cross Academy School Interact Club president Helena Richesin and RCOP 2023-24 president Dick Mosko. **PHOTOS COURTESY BARRY VILLAMIL**

schools, community organizations and businesses, including Pearl City Shopping Center and Eric Fujimoto of Ho'ea Foundation.

One recent Saturday, for example, RCOP members in their familiar blue T-shirts,

led by outgoing president Dick Mosko, were doing an early morning monthly cleanup and beautification of Pu'uloa Springs Native Hawaiian Garden between the Pearl Harbor Bike Path and Pearl Harbor shoreline

near Blaisdell Park. Blue shirts are sometimes mixed with yellow worn by Lions Club members. One Saturday, members of Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club, led by president Dexter Aoki, met Pearlridge Rotarians at

'Aiea Intermediate School to clean and beautify the school's aquaponics garden and surrounding landscape. They applied a fresh coat of brown paint to the school sidewalk railings.

Rotary, starting from a single club formed in Chicago in 1905, is well known for its Four Way Test that guides members and could guide every who follows it to a better life: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it bring good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Worldwide, about 1.5 million men and women belong to more than 46,000 clubs in 130 nations, chartered by Rotary International headquartered in Evanston, Illinois. When Rotarians travel, they are always welcome to

attend a club meeting wherever they go — a great way to find like-minded people.

In the months ahead, Rotary Club of Pearlridge will:

- Help dedicate a sustainable garden at Pearl City High School, which was created by the school's Interact Club, a young people's service club supported and mentored by Rotary members.

- Repeat the "It's Not All Right to Run the Red Light" Traffic Safety Awareness Campaign in 'Aiea and Pearl City.

- Continue the annual RCOP Free Dictionary 5000 and Good Citizen Awards programs.

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