



SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Representative Gene Ward
North Korea

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



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*President Steve Koyama thanked **Bradley A. Coates**, founder and partner of Coates & Frey, the largest divorce and family law firm in Hawaii. He told us about his book “**Divorce with Decency**” The book is in its 5th printing. Over the years his firm has worked with 300,000 couples.*



*We had two visiting Rotarians from out of State, and after being serenaded by **PP Gale Warshawsky**, President **Steve** exchanged banners with them. They are **Hiroyuki Tanaka** from the Rotary Club of Yokohama East, and **Merna Morse** from the Rotary Club of Niles Fremont, CA*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Int. Foodfest Golf Tournament
October 6, 2017
Check with PP Chad Adams

International Foodfest
October 7, 2017
Pacific Beach Hotel
Confirm with Linda Collard
5.30-9.30
Fun, Music, Auction and Food



*Today was Birthday and Anniversary day. **Magda Alexander** recognized **Bob McDermott**, **Jeremy Wilson** and **PP Tony Gedeon** the only three present out of a long list. They profited from the no shows by getting bigger slices of Birthday Cake!*

**EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR**

The meeting was called to order by **President Steve Koyama**. **President Steve** welcomed everyone to Rotary. He told us that this is Rotary Membership Month and we should expect some emails from **PP Joe Gedeon** later in the month.

Peter Ehrhorn shared an inspiration with the Club. He asked us to share a moment of silence for President Donald Trump.

Charod Dodd led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

PP Bob Tellander introduced our guests. **Flora Liu** introduced her friend Lisa from Taiwan. **PP Gayle Warshawsky** served as our song leader as we greeted our guests with shell leighs. **Laura Haas** welcomed **Hiro Tanaka** from Tokyo and **Myrna Morris** from Fremont in Northern California.

Kenzo Yanos passes around the Aloha Bucket. **PP Chuck Braden** started by telling us about a concert he attended in the 60s at the Waikiki Shell. The Beach Boys were playing. The power went off and people were invited to the stage. Glenn Campbell introduced himself and said he just played the guitar. **Glen Perry** told us that he and his brother **Tay** are Rotary Foundation Directors and they are donating \$109 to the Foundation. **PP Tony Gedeon** said he was donating \$50 to Melanie to help with the Marco Polo incident. **Sylvia Maak** thanked all who signed up to be Rotary Readers which starts on September 6th. **PP Gayle Warshwsky** said she just played her yuke for 38 minutes and is going to add two minutes a month so she will be ready for the next concert. **PP Dave Hamil** donated to thank **PP Chuck Braden** for doing such a good job with the Food Fest tickets. He reminded us that the date is October 7th and we each are responsible for buying at least two tickets. **President Steve** gave a donation to congratulate Boris getting second place for his art exhibit.

PP Gene Grounds gave an overview of Club Services Administration. He said that we will continue having interesting weekly speakers. He works in ensuring the Club space is set up and taken down after the meeting. He stressed that we all need to volunteer to help the club with inspirations, reciting the pledge, introducing guests, sharing the bucket, set-up and take down. We will be scheduling socials. **PP Gayle Warshawsky** is hosting a "Welcome to Rotary" meeting on August 20th.

Board members are encouraged to attend. **PP Gene** told us that he will be tying into Club Runner.

Information was shared on the Marco Polo Social to help the residents of Marco Polo on August 12, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the recreation deck. There will be food, drinks, socialization, and entertainment.

Magda Alexander shared birthdays **PDG Roy King**, **PP Tony Gedeon**, **Hitoshi Daikoku**, **Bob McDermott**, **Walt Thorndike** and **Jeremy Willson**. Anniversaries: **PP Roy Tanji**, **Janel Denny**, **Peter Ehrhorn**, **Thomas Hall**, **Cindy Lewellen-Tagavilla**, and **Noboru Yamaguchi**.

PP David Hamil passed out our 12th International Waikiki International Food Fest information and four tickets for members to sell.

PP Gene Grounds introduced our speaker: **Bradley Coates**. **PP Gene** told us that this was a return engagement for Bradley. Bradley is an attorney for family law. He focuses on marriage and divorce. He has written two books that are best sellers. In his law practice, he helps two people learn how to work together on mutual problems.

Bradley began by telling us about his book "Divorce with Decency." The book is in its fifth printing. Over the years his firm has worked with over 300,000 couples. His focus for today's speech is not on divorce studies, but he wants to share information on all the social changes that are affecting love, marriage, and romantic relationships.

There are rapid changes happening socially. There has been a 49% drop in marriage since 1970. The marriage rate is 48% now. Married people are in the minority. There are four major reasons for divorce: sex, money, communication and family. Marriage is most difficult in the first few years, the first year after the last child leaves the home, and after the first year of retirement. Most problems come when the husband is more than 9 years older than the wife. It is also difficult if the marriage age is less than 25 years old.

One third of married couples talk about separating from their spouse. Twenty-three percent of married people sleep in separate beds. Women are more unhappy than men. If married couples have parents who had happy marriages and if they have college degrees, they are most likely to stay married.

The women's movement affects marriages. Women today are making more money....often more than their husbands. Many single women own their own homes. In addition to working, women spend approximately 102 minutes a day working at home. Men spend 48 minutes. Women are upset about this. We now hear about Man sessions and free males. Fifty-two percent of women today are single.

The United States is the leader in fatherless homes. One in five children live with only one parent. Boys have a harder time with divorce than girls. Adolescents have the most difficult time. Only 20% of divorced couples in Hawaii get alimony. Twenty-seven is the most common age for women to get married. Twenty-nine is the most common age for men. Sixty percent of unmarried people live in cohabitation.

Online dating makes relationships instantly available. There are many potential new mates...and short term relationships are more common. Thirty-five percent of relationships now start on the Internet.

Grey divorces are ones where the husband and wife are more than 50 years old. There are more and more of these! Baby boomers get lots of divorces! There are more divorces with second marriages and those with third marriages get divorced 85% of the time.

Brad asked and answered questions and signed a book for Waikiki Elementary School.

The lucky ticket drawing was one by **PDG Phil Sammer**. He gave his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. **President Steve** asked the Club to join with him in saying the Four Way Test.

Respectfully Submitted, **Past President Carol Riley**



Good
friends
make
bad days
a little
more
bearable.

ROTARY CLUBS GO WILD FOR WILDLIFE



Every day, species across the planet become extinct.

And for each species that becomes extinct, many more become endangered due to habitat loss, poaching, human activities, and climate change.

From the tiny western pygmy possum to the mighty African elephant, Rotarians across Australia, New Zealand, and the South West Pacific are taking their place in the fight to preserve and protect our natural world.

Here is a look at one of those Rotary wildlife projects.

The Rotary Club of Bordertown, South Australia, recently built shelters for Bordertown Wildlife Park's famous mob of white kangaroos.

The roos needed shelter, but the park couldn't afford workers -- something the Rotary Club of Bordertown was happy to provide.

The roos were already snubbing tin shelters. "It was too loud when it rained," said club member Trevor Butler. The solution: Using native broombush for new shelters.

"A bunch of Rotarians went down to a property in Willalooka with lots of broombush, cutting off a trailer load of big bundles," Butler said. "We then built a frame and had to learn how to thatch properly. It was a learning curve as we hadn't done that sort of thing before."

After all this effort, it wasn't certain the white kangaroos would take to their new "furniture."

However, one freezing, wet day, not long after the shelters went up, Trevor took a look on his way to work. "Sure enough, they were all huddled in the two thatched shelters -- and none were in the tin shed."

The Rotary club is planning to build additional shelters.

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TODAY'S SPEAKER: GENE WARD



Gene Ward has been a member of the House of Representatives for 8 terms representing Hawaii Kai and East Honolulu. He is the Vice Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and served as Minority Leader for 3 terms.

He has spent most of his career in professional and upper management positions at the state, national and international

level. Most recently he was the Peace Corps Country Director in the newly independent country of East Timor. Prior to this he served as a Democracy Officer in USAID in Washington D.C., and was a Presidential Appointee in the Bush Administration.

He has served as Peace Corps Volunteer in North Borneo and was a United Nations small business specialist/chief technical advisor for two years in Malawi, Africa. He was later a consultant to UNIDO and the ILO in the Asia-Pacific region for entrepreneurship development.

Representative Ward is a graduate of the University of Hawaii-Manoa with a Ph.D. in Business Sociology and was a degree scholar at the East-West Center, and later served on its Board of Governors. He is married to Faredah Ward of Malaysia, and has one daughter. He is a founding member of the Hawaii Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and authored legislation for the creation of the Hawaii-Bali Sister State Relationship. He speaks Malay and Indonesia, and basic Vietnamese and is a member of Rotary International

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