



**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK**  
**Amy Rohlf**  
 VA Public Health



**ROTARY:  
 MAKING A  
 DIFFERENCE**

**HAWAII CLUB 30  
 DISTRICT 5000  
 CHARTERED:  
 JUNE 20, 1939  
 RI PRESIDENT:  
 IAN H.S. RISELEY  
 DISTRICT GOVERNOR:  
 NALANI FLINN**



**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



**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



**President Steve Koyama** thanked **Representative Marcus R. Oshiro** for a presentation on physician assisted suicide. This is a bill that the House and Senate are considering at this time. This bill has been approved in five States on the Mainland but there are a lot of pros and cons that have to be worked out first.



Foundation Co-Chair **Glenn Perry** presented **PP Gayle Warshawsky** with her Paul Harris pin with five Sapphires which means that Gayle has donated more than \$5000 to the Rotary Foundation. She was thanked for her generous donations and all the time she puts into Rotary.



**President Elect Stephen Morgan** welcomed visiting Rotarian and guests. They are past member of our club **PP Tweet Coleman** and husband **Pat** from the RC of Lake Nona FL. **1st Lt. Sarah Turner** and **A1C Asia Andrews** from PACAF and **Cindy Au** Assistant to Rep.Oshiro

The meeting was called to order by **President Steve Koyama**. **President Steve** introduced the head table: **Paul McGuillicuddy, Rotarian of the Year Iko Tomita, Marcus R. Oshiro, and President Steve**.

**PP Gene Grounds** shared an inspiration with the Club. He asked that we take a moment and think about leaders in our lives: **Rotary President, District Governor**, neighborhood boards, city council, mayor, governor, senators, legislators and the president of the United States, etc. **PP Gene** reminded us that all of these leaders need our support and blessings as they go about doing their jobs.

**PP Gayle Warshawsky** lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

**Jim Hogarty** introduced our guests. Marcus Oshiro's assistant, Cindy Au introduced herself. Past Presidents stood and were recognized as well as **PDG's Roy King** and **Phil Sammer**. **PDG/Phil Sammer** asked the club to join together and sing our welcome song for the guests with shell leis. **President Elect Steve Morgan** welcomed the guests and they introduced themselves: Asia Andrews, PACAF, career development technician, who is working on her doctorate! Sarah Turner, 647 Force Support Squadron, MPF Commander. **President Tweet Coleman** (Amelia Erhardt) and her husband, **Pat**.

Announcements:

1. **PP Gayle Warshawsky** shared that she hosted a successful orientation meeting for new members last week. She thanked members for attending. The next orientation meeting will be in March.
2. **Glen Perry**, Foundation Chair, explained the benefits of giving to the Rotary Foundation and called **PP Gayle Warshawsky** to the front of the room. **Glen** awarded **PP Gayle** with a Rotary Foundation pin. He thanked her for her generous donations and the time she puts into Rotary. **PP Gayle** said that she has

always shared that it doesn't matter how much you give. Members should give what they can, but they should support the Foundation.

3. **PP Chuck Braden** reminded us again about buying tickets for the Food Fest and giving donations for the silent auction.

**Tay Perry** shared the Aloha Bucket. **PP Dave Hamil** reminded us of Food Fest and encourage us all to buy a minimum of 2 tickets....by next week! **Denny Meyer** told us that it was good to be with us and he wished us all health and happiness. **PP Dick Matti** thanked **PP Carol Riley** for serving as scribe for the meeting. **PDG Phil Sammer** welcomed **PP Tweet Coleman** and congratulated **PP Gayle Warshawsky** on her Foundation pin. **PP Gayle Warshawsky** shared that **Syvia Makk's** husband, AB, is doing well after surgery. **Jim Fogarty** wished us all health and happiness. **PP Tony Gedeon** welcomed "Amelia Erhardt" and our military guests. **PP Janet Scheffer** welcomed our military guests and told us that they are assuring us that they are taking care of North Korea! **PP Joe Gedeon** gave money since he has been playing hooky for the past two weeks. **PP Robby Ostrem** welcomed the service members and **Tay Perry** wished us all a good day.

**Paul McGuillicuddy** introduced our speaker: **Representative Marcus R. Oshiro**, District 46 in the Hawaii House of Representatives. The representative is a member of the Health, Human Services, and Judiciary Committees. In 2011 he was named one of "20 People to Watch" in the next two decades by Hawaii Business Magazine. In addition, he was recognized by the Hawaii Primary Care Doctors as their 2016 Advocate of the Year.

Marcus began by thanking us for the invitation to speak. He said that his topic for the day would be physician-assisted suicide because this is a bill that the House and the Senate are considering at this time. Marcus said that this has been approved in five states on the Mainland and is now being considered in Hawaii. Many people do not understand the recommendation because they have not read the bill.

When doctors are working with patients to alleviate their pain, that is their goal: pain alleviation. However, when doctors are assisting with suicide, the goal is to end life. People who support assisted suicide talk about it being humane and dignified. The average time it takes for the person to die with assisted suicide is 25 minutes. It could be as quick as a few minutes or as long as 100 hours. No one truly knows if it is human or dignified.

The bill in Hawaii requires a person to sign a “permission slip” for physician-assisted suicide saying they realize that it may take three hours or more. Thirty-percent of people who get physician-assisted suicide get it for treatable diseases. A minority of people get counseling before the decision is made. A person needs two witnesses, but the person does not need to know the residents. Ninety percent of the people who have physician-assisted suicide die at home. Eighty percent of them have no doctor present. Lawsuits are not available because it is done with good-faith compliance. There is no negligence. If the physician is following orders, there is a ‘get-out-of-jail’ card.

You cannot pull back the curtain on assisted suicide. Insurance companies support it. A question was asked about is there a requirement to settle the estate before the suicide. Marcus will take this back to the house and senate for consideration.

There was no raffle at the end of the meeting. **President Steve** lead us in the Four Way Test and adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted, Past President Carol Riley*



"Nurse, get on the internet, go to SURGERY.COM, scroll down and click on the 'Are you totally lost?' icon."



### BARRY RASSIN ELECTED TO BE 2018-2019 ROTARY PRESIDENT

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the

president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach.

“Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate,” he says. “With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world.”

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Rassin's nomination follows **Sam F. Owori's death** in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.



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## TODAY'S SPEAKER: AMY ROHLFS



**Amy Rohlfs is the Public Affairs Officer, Veterans Affairs, Pacific Islands Health Care System.**

She develops strategic communications plan and strategies, produces communication program on topics in psychological health and traumatic brain injury for dissemination to the Navy and Marine Corps audience.

Acts as a liaison to the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery public affairs officer to publicize the Center's activities, events and findings to military personnel, their families and the community and assists in organizing efforts and scheduling speakers for various outreach programs.

Provides guidance and technical expertise on strategic communications and public affairs issues. Responsible for coordinating all public affairs efforts related to Military Medicine.

Plans and directs the strategic communications and public affairs program, conveying information that is often complex and politically sensitive to a variety of publics.

Develops strategies that integrate strategic communications and public affairs efforts to promote the organization's goals and missions. Manages all internal, external information and community outreach programs, including the development of products and public affairs guidance.

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