



SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Brad Coates
Divorce with Decency

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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



District Governor **Nalani Flinn** and Asst. Governor **Mary Ann Berry** paid their official visit to the Rotary Club of Waikiki, welcomed by **President Steve Koyama**. She gave a brief account of her projects for her Rotary Year and also recounted how she first got into Rotary through her boss inviting her to join.



It is always a happy occasion when we can induct a new member into our club. **DG Nalani** did the honors of inducting **Charod Dodd** into the Rotary Club of Waikiki with the Clasification of "Education University Instruction & Research." His sponsor was **PP Gene Grounds**

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, Lottery and Food



PP Joseph Gedeon welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests. They are **Kenny and Chizuko Endo**, **PP G. Coffman RC** of Windward Lani Kai and **Mrs. Coffman, Jackie Wood** from the RC of Poulsbo WA, and former member **Elsie Choy**, RC of Ching Mai North,

**EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR**

The meeting was called to order by **President Steve Koyama**. **President Steve** welcomed everyone to Rotary. He told us that we need to celebrate Happy August today. He said that August is one of his favorite months because we have extra time to spend with family and friends.

Mela Kealoha-Lindsey shared an inspiration with the Club. She told us that she likes Inspirations for Daily Life and she shared some with us: 1) Treat others the way you want to be treated. 2) Truth. 3) Integrity. 4) Laugh. 5) Give to others who are less fortunate. 6) Hugs. 7) God is Love all the time.

Sylvia Makk lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Ikko Tomita introduced our guests. **PP Sally Blanchard** introduced Shirley Hilton. This is the third time she has attended one of our meetings. **President Steve** introduced two guests: Kenny Endo (Taiko master) and Chizuko Endo (**President Steve's** cousin). They will be performing at Food Fest. **Bob McDermott** introduced Timothy Fallen and Greg Franklin who give back to the military. **PP Gene Grounds** introduced his wife Sally, his sister Harmony, and his brother-in-law. **Gene Ward** introduced his daughter Johanna who is going back to her second year of law school. **Jackie Wood** (**PP Dick Matti's** grand daughter) was introduced. **Past and Present District Governors** stood and were recognized, as were past **Presidents**.

Our guests wearing shell leighs were called to the front of the room. **PP Joe Gedeon** lead our "choir" in our welcome song. **PP Gene Gelfo** personally welcomed our special guests and they introduced themselves to us.

Glenn Perry, Foundation Chair, gave **PP Janet Scheffer** a special award from the Rotary Foundation. Her comment was: Give to the Foundation. They do incredible work!

Rika Sales is working on a charity project for the homeless in Hawaii, Yoga and Zumbathon. It will be held on August 6 at 930 McCully St., 205 A. Yoga is at 10:30 and Zuma is at 11:30.

President Steve asked **DG Nalani Flynn** to stand and induct a new member into our Club. **Charod Dodd**, a university professor sponsored by **PP Gene Grounds**, was inducted, the Club stood and welcomed him, and

Charod said that he was looking forward to getting to know us and work for the community.

District Governor Nalani Flynn asked **PP Gene Grounds** to come to the front of the room. She gave him three awards from Past District Governors to honor his 50 years to perfect attendance. **PP Gene** told us the reason he has given 50 years to Rotary is for the service he has given and the friends he has made. He said we are like a church. We have the Four Way Test and the church as the Ten Commandments.

Jim Hogarty passed around the bucket for donations. **PP Janet Scheffer** said it was good to see **DG Nalani**, she needs volunteers to help her as the District's Image Chair next year, and invited us to Blue Note on August 15 to listen to Willie K. There is a special price of \$40 and everyone is welcome. Flyers were distributed. Several members donated to welcome our new member. **AG Mary Ann Berry** and **Mele Kealoha-Lindsey** congratulated **PP Gene Grounds** on his 50 years. **PP Sally Blanchard**, **PP Gayle Warshawsky**, **PP Tony Gedeon**, and **PP Dave Hamil** thanked **DG Nalani** for her service. **PP Gene Gelfo** said "Happy birthday to my brother from another mother (**PDG Roy King**). **PP Dave Hamil** thanked Rotary for allowing women to join the club and asked all women to stand for recognition from our members. **President Steve** thanked **DG Nalani** for getting him an Uber ride in Atlanta. **Jade Powers** brought a guest to the meeting.

AG Mary Ann Berry introduced our speaker: **District Governor Nalani Flynn**. **AG Mary Ann** said that **DG Nalani** has been a credit union executive. She has been **President** of the **Waianae Coast Rotary Club** twice. She was an **AG** for five years and she was instrumental in organizing the Rotary Peace Forum.

DG Nalani began by telling us this would be the fastest **DG** speech ever. She thanked us for the invitation and said it was her honor to serve us as **District Governor**. She became a Rotarian after she was a victim of a robbery. After the robbery, she was given a new position in charge of marketing because she new all about the credit union. Her boss was a Rotarian, who invited her to join. She asked her son what Rotary was and was told that it was a bunch of old white guys who wrote checks. At her first Rotary International meeting, she learned about how Rotary was building water wells. This was her aha moment. She went back to her club and told them that she knew her purpose: To help Waianae, the homeless, and the dysfunctional children

in the area. She needed to give back. Her first project was the Dictionary Project. She told one of the students to be sure and sign his dictionary. She asked if he had dictionaries at home. Another student said he did not have a home. He lived on the beach. **DG Nalani** pointed out a library to the student and said he could borrow books there and travel the world. As Rotarians, we foster literacy and serve as mentors for others. Forty years ago, Rotary invited women to join Rotary! She is the first **DG** with Hawaiian decent. After her installation, she received a note from someone who attended. The note told her that the installation was the best four hours the person had experienced lately. The person was impressed with the Rotary family and the person was certain that there was no task too large for **DG Nalani** to handle.

DG Nalani told us that her husband was diagnosed the stage 4 cancer and was told he had one year to live. **PDG Laura Steelquist** told her that she saw an invoice for medical supplies and if there was ever anything she needed to let her know. Her husband passed away. She decided to give up her Rotary membership. She then was asked to be an **Assistant Governor**. She initially said no. Her son told her that her husband had died but she was still alive and she had much to do and needed to do it. **DG Nalani** thought about the friendships in Rotary and decided to become an **AG**. She had seen the Four Way Test in action.

When asked what has been her biggest surprise since joining Rotary, she simply said "Being selected to become a **District Governor**."

Everyone sang Happy Birthday to **PDG Roy King!!!** The ticket for the lucky winner was drawn. **PP Dave Livingston** was the winner...again! He always gives \$100 to the Rotary Foundation when he wins!

Respectfully Submitted, Past President Carol Riley



DRAWING CONNECTIONS



Inside the inn's restaurant, Jackie Huie sits at a corner table explaining the student mentoring program that the Rotary Club of St. Joseph & Benton Harbor started a decade ago – a program that has helped more than 400 local high school students learn more about their dream careers by connecting them with professionals in those fields.

The exposure to community service that the program provides has led students to start **Interact clubs** at six local schools, including one at St. Joseph High School that has about 150 members. As the Rotarians work their connections to find mentors for students, they have strengthened the bonds between the 140-member Rotary club and its community. And in small ways, the program is even building bridges between St. Joseph and its "twin city" across the St. Joseph River – Benton Harbor, a once-affluent manufacturing town fallen on hard times.

"I grew up in an entrepreneur family where my father did something I found interesting, and he allowed me to see behind the scenes," says Huie, CEO of JohnsonRauhoff, an ad agency her father built. "I felt very fortunate to be able to do that, and I want that opportunity for others."

Her wavy brown hair is pulled back in a ponytail, and her words come out in a rush: Everything about Huie attests to an intensity that gets results. In 2006, she met with fellow Rotarian Maria Kibler and a few others at Phoenix Rising, a café in the nascent arts district of Benton Harbor, to map out a plan. Kibler was a chaperone in the club's student guest program,



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TODAY'S SPEAKER: BRAD COATES



BRADLEY A. COATES is an experienced divorce attorney who has practiced extensively in the Hawaii Family Court system for the last 39 years. A graduate of the University of Southern California and UCLA School of Law, Mr. Coates was the founder and senior partner of **Coates & Frey**, the largest divorce and family law firm in Hawaii. He now serves as Of Counsel to the firm.

Mr. Coates also founded and administers the low cost divorce mediation clinic "**Divorce with Decency**". He has been a popular lecturer for decades here in Hawaii on the topics of divorce and family law, analyzing and improving marital relationships, and the "ripple effects" of divorce on families and society. Throughout the last 30 years, Brad was a popular columnist for both the Honolulu News and the Oahu Island News and he appeared regularly on local radio and TV programs. He has also lectured on the both mainland and internationally including over 15 years of traveling to over 100 countries as the featured speaker and "relationships expert" aboard Princess Cruises.

Mr. Coates has been named Hawaii's "**Best Divorce Lawyer**" by the readers of both Honolulu Weekly and Honolulu Magazine. He has also been repeatedly selected as one of Hawaii's **SuperLawyers**. He estimates that he and the ten attorneys in the Coates & Frey firm have successfully completed nearly thirty thousand divorce cases during the last three plus decades.

In 1998, Brad published an award-winning book on the divorce process through the University of Hawaii Press entitled, **Divorce with Decency: The Complete How-To Handbook and Survivor's Guide to the Legal, Emotional, Economic, and Social Issues**. That edition of Mr. Coates' book won the Hawaii Book Publishers Association Award of Merit for Excellence in Guide and Reference Books. The Second, Third and Fourth Editions of *Divorce with Decency* also sold out and now a brand new and extensively expanded and updated 5th Edition was just released.

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