



**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK**  
Langley Ukulele Ensemble  
Music for all

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



HAWAII CLUB 30 | DISTRICT 5000  
CHARTERED JUNE 20, 1939  
RI PRESIDENT— K.R. RAVINDRAN  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR—DEL GREEN



*President Joe Gedeon thanked Charles Djou for a very informative and inspiring talk on the poor performance of our city administration in regards to the Rail project and other neglected upgrades that need to be done. Charles is running for Honolulu Mayor in the primary on August 13. Good luck Charles!*



*It is always a happy occasion when we can receive a new member into our club. PDG Roy King did the honors of inducting Robert Walker into the Rotary Club of Waikiki with the classification of "Attorney-Taxation Law" Bob was a former Rotarian from New Hampshire. PDG Roy is also his Sponsor.*

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

July 20, 2016  
**Mary Ann Swenson**  
National Security

July 27, 2016  
**Clint Schroeder**  
District Governor



*Once a month Vocational Chair Peter Ehrhorn invites a member to give a 5 minute talk on his vocation. This month it was the turn of PP Gene Gelfo to take the podium. He gave a talk on his company the Rock Island Café and its expansion plans into a new location at the Canterbury House. He plans to open in August.*



**President Joe Gedeon** called the meeting to order at 12:15. **President Joe** welcomed started by telling us this was his first ring-a-ding-ding! He introduced himself as our President for 2016-2017. He introduced our speaker Charles Djou. He then introduced our **President Elect Steve Koyama**.

**President Joe** inspired us. He told us that we just celebrated July 4th and he, his girlfriend, and his girlfriend's mother just visited Pearl Harbor. He learned that his girlfriend's father was serving on a ship in the water on December 7, 1941.

**President Joe** said this was a humbling experience and he thanked all veterans for their service.

**Katheryn Henski** led us in the Pledge to our American flag.

Guests were introduced by **PP Chad Adams**. **PP Chad** introduced his guest, Jason Whitman who just passed his Series 66. Jason told us that this is the third time he has been a guest and he likes the club very much. **PDG Roy King** introduced Bob Walker who is being inducted into our Club today! **Ikko Tomita** introduced two guests. **Katherine Henski** introduced Mela Kealoha-Lindsey and her son Kaeo. Mela told us that she just put in her application for membership. She has been to a number of different Rotary clubs, but feels this is the one she should join! **PDG's Roy King and Phil Sammer** were introduced along with **Past Presidents**.

**PDG Phil Sammer** invited all Rotarians who invited guests to today's meeting to come to the front of the room. **PDG Phil** lead us in our Welcome song in celebration of their invitations and becoming future sponsors.

The bucket was shared by **Thomas Hall**. **Katherine Henski** borrowed money from her manager and told us she was happy **Past President Rhodora Pagay** finally gets to eat her lunch at today's meeting. She then told us a story about tossing beach balls and the picture on the side of her car and a boy saying he now "gets" her name: Katherine! **Patti Mitchell** gave \$100 to the Rotary Foundation to celebrate her first anniversary in Rotary. **Denny Meyer** gave a donation to support **President Joe**. **PP Roy Tanji** told us that he has been in Rotary for 50 years! **PP Chad Adams** recognized **President Joe**. **PDG/P** paid **Katherine Henski's** fine for speaking so long. **Jeremy Wilson** said he had been in California and experienced a RYLA camp with a friend and was proud to see Rotarians making a difference in their communities. **Tosh** recognized **President Joe**. **PP Janet Scheffer** welcome **President Joe** and promised a Joe Roast this year! She invited everyone to **Chris Fidelibus's** campaign event on July 9. She told us that **Adrian King** will be gone for six weeks, but will be attending the Republican convention and we should look for her on television. **PP Dave Livingston** thanked everyone who is running for office. He said he is the photographer for Charles Djou. **PP Gale Warshawsky** gave \$100 to the Rotary Foundation to start off **President Joe's** year. **PP Dick Matti** donated money for

**President Joe's** first meeting and **PP Carol Riley's** scribing **Tony Gedeon** said he will quit talking about his son as president and gave \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. **Thomas Hall** shared that he, **President Joe, Jay Ogeden** and **Steven Morgan** helped install solar fans on a Bookmobile. **President Joe** gave thanks for the wireless microphone and thanked the members of our Club for his welcoming.

**PP Gene Gelfo** shared a vocational speech! He said he started is business when he was 17 years old. He now owns Rock Island in Waikiki and will be opening another Rock Island at Canterbury in August or September. Initially a bar and cafe will be opened with memorabilia, and then phase two will include everything! He said that if we go by now, we will see Elvis and Marilyn in the windows!

**PDG Roy King** inducted **Robert Walker** into our Club. **Bob** is a former Rotarian from New Hampshire...30 years ago! He is a taxation attorney and an author who lived for years in Okinawa. He is now studying for the bar examination in Hawaii, just in case he decides he wants to work again! His classification will be Attorney Taxation Law. He was given a standing ovation.

**PP Chad Adams** made two announcements: 1) There is an evening of Fellowship a **Laura** and **Noel Haas'** house on August 5, 2016 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. A head count is needed to plan for parking. 2) 2016 Rotary Waikiki Rotary Club Golf Tournament on September 29, 2016 at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course...12:00 p.m. We will have from 40 - 50 **Sister Club** Japanese golfers and look forward to having our members join them.

**President Elect Steve Koyama** introduced our guest speaker: Charles Djou who is running for Honolulu Mayor during the primary on August 13. If he gets 50% plus 1...he wins! Charles was raided on O'ahu. He has served on the Honolulu City Council and the Hawaii House of Representatives. Charles is a major in the United States Arm Reserve and served in Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Charles began by telling us that his visit with us is bitter sweet. He had visited our Club before. We are always so happy...and then he has to talk to us about our government. He decided at the last minute to run for Mayor. He was hoping someone else would, but decided he must do it. The biggest problem our Country has is lack of trust in our government. The biggest problem Oahu has is our Rail project. Numbers are wrong (\$5.2 billion to \$11 billion), deadlines have been missed (five years delayed) and 10,000 local jobs that were promised have not surfaced!

If we do not take care of this problem, we will have no money for other priorities: homelessness, infrastructure, broken ethics board, air conditioning for schools, and unfounded pension liability. If we fired all police, fire fighters,

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paramedics, life guards, park custodians, and sanitation workers we would not pay the override! If we multiple the total for four we still could not afford it. We must solve this problem now, not four months or four years from now.

We should not increase taxes...we have already done that! We must cap our costs. \$7 billion dollars must be enough! We must consider alternatives to get from Ko Olina to UH. The above-the-ground rail is too costly!

Charles agreed to stay after the meeting to answer questions. **President Joe** knew he needed to end on time. **PP Gene Gelfo** gave him an alarm clock from **PP Dick Matti** to keep him on time during our meetings!

Charles signed a book for Waikiki Elementary School. **PP Dave Livingston** had his ticket drawn Charles drew for him...but got a red marble! **President Joe** led us in the Four Way Test.

Respectfully submitted, **PP Carol Riley**

### JULY

#### BIRTHDAYS

Fay Zasada 7/1

Karen Smith 7/18

Thomas Hall 7/20

Ron Sauder 7/25

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Gedeon 7/29/09

Kathy Higa 7/31/13

Gloria King 7/01/13

Patti Look 7/02/14

Stephen Morgan 7/31/13

Allan Silva 7/02/14

Sarah Tenney 7/19/00

Gale Warshawsky 7/14/10



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

## CONVENTION-CAR FREE ATLANTA



With a sprawling metro area, Atlanta gets a bad rap for its traffic. But the city's downtown is home to a variety of pedestrian-friendly attractions, so when you're in town from 10 to 14 June for the 2017 Rotary International Convention, a little curiosity is all the fuel you'll need.

Walk out front of the Georgia World Congress Center, the convention's home base, and you'll practically stumble into CNN Center, the birthplace of 24-hour TV news. CNN studio tours last about 50 minutes and offer a behind-the-scenes look into broadcasting.

Across the street, soak up some sun at Centennial Olympic Park. Once the central gathering place for the 1996 Olympic Games, the park is now a great place to check out a free water show at the Fountain of Rings, one of the most photographed landmarks in Georgia. Nearby is the World of Coca-Cola, where you can sample more than 100 drinks from around the world, and the Center for Civil and Human Rights, where you can view the personal effects of American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

For sports fans, a short stroll down Marietta Street will take you to the College Football Hall of Fame, where you can view helmets and trophies of your favorite college teams and take in exhibits like the *Game Day Theater*, which offers a behind-the-scenes look at game day through the perspectives of former players and coaches.

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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: LANGLEY UKULELE



The Langley Ukulele Ensemble is now in its 35th year – 32 years under the direction of Peter Luongo, and, for the past three years, under the direction of Paul Luongo.

During this time the group has developed a reputation at home and abroad for excellence in musical performance. The 21 ensemble members range in age from 12 to 21 years, and are students attending middle school, secondary or post-secondary institutions.

During this past year, they performed in front of audiences of 500 or more at the Stratford Summer Music Festival and Canadian National Exhibition. Additionally, the ensemble travelled to Honolulu, Hawaii where they celebrated their 20th anniversary tour at the Sheraton Waikiki resort. Performing as many as 80 concerts per year, they have travelled throughout Canada and the U.S., as well as to Japan.

In this coming year, the ensemble will be performing at the Sheraton Waikiki resort in Honolulu, Hawaii for the 21st year.

The group's motto is "Enriching Lives through Music". The members are challenged to strive towards excellence in musical performance and to use music as a vehicle through which they can be role models and leaders amongst their peers. The group members see themselves musical ambassadors for Canada, British Columbia, and Langley as well as for youth. They hope to leave audiences with a sense that there is reason to be hopeful about the future of today's youth.

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