



SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Matt Dela Cruz
 Winning Minds

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



HAWAII CLUB 30 | DISTRICT 5000
 CHARTERED JUNE 20, 1939
 RI PRESIDENT— JOHN F. GERN
 DISTRICT GOV.—CLINT SCHROEDER



President Rhodora Pagay and **PEN Steve Koyama** thanked our speaker **Matt De La Cruz** for a fascinating talk about his Group “Winning Minds” He now has 3 companies and employs 63 people. He explained about the four levels we all go through. There are no guarantees, we are what we become. The four levels are: Survival, Stability, Success and Significance. All in all a very productive program.



President Rhodora Pagay presented **Certificates of Appreciation** to some of our members who were unable to attend the Change of Command at the Elks Club last week. They are **Ron Sauder, PP Chad Adams, Immediate Past President,** and **PP Chuck Braden, Youth Service Chair.** With these awards **President Rhodora** has shown her thanks to all her Board Members

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July 13, 2016
Langley Ukulele Ensemble
 with Paul and Peter Luongo

July 20, 2016
Mary Ann Swenson
 National Security



There were no visiting Rotarians from out of State, but **PDG Phil Sammer** still wanted to sing, so he called all the guests of our members to assemble at our banner to be serenaded. Among them was **Andy Riley** husband of **PP Carol Riley,** Mela and her son, guests of **Katheryn Henski** and two guest of **Ikko Tomita.** **PE Joe Gedeon** came up for the intro's, they were gone!



President Rhodora Pagay called the meeting to order at 12:15. **President Rhodora** welcomed everyone to the Friendly Club and told us how wonderful the Change of Command dinner was last week! She also shared that she enjoyed attending the Change of Command for our new **District Governor Clint Schroeder**. **President Rhodora** introduced the Head Table: **President Elect Nominee Steve Koyama** and our speaker Matt De La Cruz.

President Rhodora told us that we were lucky to have a special guest at our meeting today: **District Governor Del Green**.

PP Gale Warshawsky inspired us. She told us that our Club was able to send \$228 to Pace International as a result of our bucket donations last week. She read the thank you from **Deepah Willingham**. She told us that is due to the wonderful support we, and others, have given her she continues her work to support the women and girls with education programs.

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

Guests were introduced by **Thomas Hall**. **Thomas** asked if there were any shell leigh in the audience. No. He introduced guests of Rotarians. **Katheryn Henski** introduced Mela and her son who just graduated from Seattle Pacific University. **PP Dave Livingston** introduced Andy Riley. **Flora Lu** introduced her friend Earl. **Ikko Tomita** introduced two guests from Japan. **Kim May** introduced herself. She joined our Club last year but has been unable to attend meetings. She brought us a flag from a Rotary Club in Sweden. **PDG's Roy King and Phil Sammer** were introduced along with **Past Presidents**.

PDG Phil Sammer invited all guests to the front of the room and we sang "Welcome to Rotary" to them. **President Elect Joe Gedeon** welcomed our guests and they immediately sat down! They were hungry!

PDG Phil Sammer was the song leader today and we sang to all of our visitors. **President Elect Joe Gedeon** gave a special welcome and each visitor re-introduced themselves to us.

The bucket was shared by **PP Dave Hamil**. **PP Janet Scheffer** started out by thanking **President Rhodora** for being our President. She also thanked **PP Dave Livingston, Ikko Tomita, and Adrian King** for helping her write a press release for the international Rotary magazine "The Rotarian" that will be published in October. We will be sharing information on our Food Fest and Japanese Sister Clubs. **PP Janet** also told us the **Chris Fidelibus** will be running for Senator representing Kapolei this November. He will be our speaker in a couple of weeks. **Patty Mitchell** thanked the new chef for the good food we are having for our lunches. She told us she enjoyed the Change of Command and loves

being a member of our Club. **Denny Meyer** thanked **President Rhodora** and **Dave Hamil** for all the work they have done for our Club. **Thomas Hall, Katherine Henski, PP Gale Warshawsky, Paul McGillicuddy, PP Gene Gelfo, and PP Dick Matti** thanked **President Rhodora**. **PP Tony Gedeon** thanked **President Rhodora** and asked **President Elect Joe Gedeon** to stand up. He said that **President Elect Joe** has mastered three firsts: 1) Youngest club president in 78 years; 2) Second-generation Gedeon as president of our Club; 3) First **President Elect** to have our guests take their seats immediately after the song! **PP Dick Matti** thanked **PP Carol Riley** for being scribe. **PP Dave Livingston** thanked **DG Del** for his leadership when **PP Dave** served as **Assistant DG**. He also told us that **Nick Buechel** has passed his test and will be back to Hawaii in a couple of weeks! **PP Bob Tellander** told us about the around-the-world trip he and his wife are taking on July 14th with fares of \$2,100. Andy Riley thanked **PP Bob Tellander** for his traveling tip. **District Governor Del Green** thanked our Club for all of our support during his year. **President Rhodora** thanked us for letting her serve as our president.

President Rhodora gave three awards from Change of Command: **PP Chad Adams** for 13 new members this past year; **PP Chuck Braden** for his work with Youth Services; **Ron Sauder** for working on the dictionary distribution project.

President Elect Nominee Steve Koyama introduced our guest speaker: Matt De La Cruz. Matt is with the Winning Minds group...seminars and personal development. He has over 20 years of experience with raining and teaching from real life experiences. He is a member of the National Speakers Association.

Matt told us that he was very glad to be with us. Thirty-seven years ago he had a dream. He wanted to come to Hawaii and live here. He was from Huntington Beach in California. His father was an alcoholic and abused him as a child. He kicked him out of the house when he was 17. He took his surfboard and sleeping bag and lived under the pier at the beach. He was a true beach bum. He dropped out of high school when he was a junior and never got his GED. He got a job washing dishes with three illegals because he could not read a job application. He changed his life because he believed in God and decided not be the victim. Matt now owns a home in Kahala and lives here six months a year. He works when he is in Hawaii and his goal is always to leave it better than when he arrived. His goal is to sow seeds, give hope, and take others to their next level.

Matt has three companies. He employed 63 people. He is a student of success. He studies people who have made it. He uses real life experiences and he talks about failing forward.

Two and one-half years ago, someone told him he no longer has passion. This was his wife. She told him to go find

himself and find the passion he had lost. He had gotten comfortable. He went to a coaching session in Orlando and met many people who were successful and learned that it is important to always be going to your next level...not being stuck with where you are. He realized that significance was important and should be his goal. He defined significance as adding value to others. He wanted to live a life that matters. He wanted to build a legacy that others could build on. Most people work toward retirement, but he decided he wanted a life with significance.

Matt talked about four levels we all go through. We need to grow on purpose. There are no guarantees. We are what we become.

- 1) Survival. This is when we have too much month at the end of our money. This is from 18 - 25.
- 2) Stability. This is when we work and become stable. We do what is necessary to get by. This is from 25 - 35. This is the middle class.
- 3) Success. Matt learned that success was to money. This is from 35 - 45. This is when you get debt free. You get comfortable.
- 4) Significance. This requires building. Individuals must determine what it is for themselves. It is not the same for everyone. Bill Gates significance was not money. It was not Microsoft. It was the Gates Foundation which saves others' lives.

The law of economics is it is important to give back. We must go through the journey to learn what our significance is. We must learn at each level and make a commitment to make it happen. When you think about doing good, you have to think about "Compared to what?". We all have infinite potential and we use about 10% of what we have. We have a 90% growth opportunity. Humans are the only living creatures who do not grow to their full potential because we have been given the dignity of choice. To be healthy we should exercise and eat right. We all know that, but many of us do not. We take the path of least resistance. We choose not to.

Matt shared the value in keeping journals. He buys empty books so he can write and become an author. Personal growth plans are needed. His goal is to up-level people. Good is the enemy of great. If we are not growing, we are short changing everyone we meet.

Matt signed a book for Waikiki Elementary School. He was given an anniversary shirt and thanked for his presentation. **PP Chad Adams** had his ticket drawn...and he got the white marble and \$150! Congratulations. **President Rhodora** led us in the Four Way Test. **PP Carol Riley** was thanked for scribing, and **Thomas Hall** and **PP Dick Matti** were thanked for setting up!

Respectfully submitted, PP Carol Riley

RI PRESIDENT 2016-2017



John F. Germ is board chair and chief executive officer of Campbell and Associates Inc., consulting engineers. He joined the firm as an engineer in 1965 after four years in the U.S. Air Force. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including the

board and executive committee of the Public Education Foundation, Orange Grove Center Inc., and as board chair of Blood Assurance Inc. He also is founder and treasurer of the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Foundation and president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation.

He was Tennessee Young Man of the Year in 1970; Engineer of the Year, 1986; Volunteer Fund-raiser of the Year, 1992; and Tennessee Community Organizations Volunteer of the Year, 2009. He is a recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award and the Arthritis Foundation Circle of Hope Award. In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change.

Germ joined Rotary in 1976 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, aide to the Foundation trustee chair, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, RI Board Executive Committee member, RI president's aide, Council on Legislation representative and chair, membership zone coordinator, chair of numerous committees, area coordinator, RI training leader, and district governor.

Germ has received RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are Benefactors and members of the Arch Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation. They have four children and six grandchildren.

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: CHARLES DJOU



Born in Los Angeles, California, to a Chinese-American father and a Thai-American mother, Djou grew up in Hawaii. He graduated from high school at Punahou School, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science and a Bachelor of Science in finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania graduating *magna cum laude*. He earned his law degree at the USC Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California.

Djou is a major in the United States Army Reserve. He has taught as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Hawaii and as an adjunct professor of political science at Hawaii Pacific University.

Djou served as the Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Republican Party from 1998 to 1999. He was named legislator of the year by 4 in 2002, 2004, and 2006. In 2006 he was selected as one of the 40 most promising leaders in Hawaii under age 40 by *Pacific Business News*, and in 2005 was named by *Honolulu Weekly* as the "Best Politician" in the state.

In 1998, Djou ran as a Republican for the Hawaii State House of Representatives District 47 seat. He was unopposed in the primary election, but lost to Iris Ikeda Catalani in the general election by a margin of 190 votes.

In 2000, he again ran for the Hawaii State House of Representatives District 47 seat. Unopposed in the primary, he faced incumbent Democrat Iris Ikeda Catalani in the general election. Catalani faced controversy in the campaign, with allegations that she broke a promise to the 4 by posting yard signs, Djou won the race, gaining 52.5 percent of the vote to Catalani's 44.2 percent.

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