



SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE**



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Today was Sister Club review day and we were fortunate to have **PP Paul Grab** from the RC of Royal Hua Hin with us to give us a brief summary of all the Community Service his club is involved in. His club has 49 members from 17 nationalities. Paul was a member of our club for many years



PDG Phil Sammer did double duty today, not only leading us in song but also welcoming visiting Rotarians and guests. They are **Justin Alexander's** mother **Joan**, **John Gallagher** and **Phil Birn** from the Rotary Club of Playa Coronado, Panama.

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



Among the many Community Service Projects **PP Paul Grab** talked about, one of the outstanding one was their visit to the Bangkok Hospital together with General Sauey where they donated a \$30,000 machine and also presented a project development in the Kao Tao Region.



The meeting was called to order by **President Steve Koyama**. **President Steve** said “Aloha” and introduced the head table: **PP Chad Adams**, **PP Paul Grab**, and **Rika Sales**.

PP Rhodora Pagay shared an inspiration with the Club. She told us that she was glad to be back to Rotary, she has been visiting her daughter, and seeing many monuments. She emphasized that this still is the greatest country on earth.

Jan Stelvosky lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

PP Laura Haas introduced our guests. She began by asking **PDG’s Roy King** and **Phil Sammer** to stand and be recognized. Then she asked all **Past Presidents** to stand and be recognized. **PP Dave Livingston** introduced Keenan Porter, a member of the Chamber of Commerce. **John Gallagher** introduced himself. **Justin Alexander** introduced his mother Joan.

All guests were asked to join together at the front of the room when **PDG Phil Sammer** began our song “Welcome to Rotary.” He then personally welcomed all of the guests.

Announcements:

1. “Make Friends with a Book” will be held at Kapalama School on September 29 and volunteers are needed. **President Steve Koyama** and **Kathryn Henski** will volunteer.
2. **Kathryn Henski** shared a letter she received from Kapalama School thanking us for the school supplies we donated. They shared them with homeless students who were ready for school because of us! Likelike School also shared their thanks with us.
3. **Justin Alexander** reminded us of the Wellness Fair on October 7th. This is a busy day with Foodfest going on, but volunteers are needed at 11:30 and 2:30 for set up and take down.
4. **PP Sally Blanchard** sent a message reminding us of Foodfest’s matching. It is a good to give to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation.
5. **PP Gayle Warshawsky** said that the dictionaries have arrived and are at **Ron Sauder’s** house. He is labeling them and sign-up sheets will be shared at next week’s meeting.
6. **Nobu Matsumora** says hello!

Patti Mitchell shared the Aloha Bucket. She began by donating some money and told us about the Foodland match where you can donate money through the month of September. **PP Dave Livingston** told us about SME’s meeting featuring Pam Chambers that will cover “18 Challenges in Hawaii Business: Stopping the Cycle of Repeating Workplace Problems. It will be held at Dave & Busters next Wednesday. Dave will refund \$20 of the ticket price to anyone who attends! **PP Gayle Warshawsky** told us that she has been accepted to play at Duke’s Yuk on October 7th. This is the fourth time she has been selected to participate. **Kathryn Henski** thanked Rotary members for being Rotarians and reminded us that we are important parts of the local community.

PP Dave Hamil reminded us of Foodfest on October 7th and remembered our friends in Mexico City. **PP Bob Tellander** told us he will not be here next week. He will be with his wife on the Big Island where she is interviewing candidates for Librarian of the Year. **PP Gene Gelfo** mentioned his 18 years in Rotary and thanked **PP Paul Grab** for sponsoring him. **PP Tony Gedeon** donated money excusing his son **PP Joseph Gedeon** for missing two meetings. He has been working at the Polo Match and Global Tourism. **Alvin Goo** shared that his second grandson was just born 30 minutes ago! **Paul Grabb** told us that he was glad to be back to a meeting and thanked **PP Tony Gedeon** for sponsoring him.

President Steve Koyama began the meeting by sharing the names of our Japanese Sister Clubs, their chartering dates, and the number of members in their clubs. **PP Chad Adams**, Japan Sister Club Liaison, talked about his visits to the Japanese Sister Clubs and said he is most impressed with their gracious hospitality. It is exciting to be part of the club anniversary celebrations and he encourages everyone to try to attend one. **PP Chad** said that each club had its own personality. He also said that **Ikko Tomita** has done an outstanding job as a Japan Sister Club Liaison over the years. She visits all clubs and always invites members to participate in our Foodfest. This year we will be welcoming 54 Japanese Rotarians to the Foodfest. Each club always gives donations to the silent auction and cash donations of \$500 - \$1,000. We make approximately 1/3 of our revenue from our Japanese Sister Club members. **PP Joseph Gedeon** shared pictures he took when he visited Okayama South. He learned that suits are casual wear in Japan!

PP Joe encouraged us all to visit the Japanese Sister Clubs. an

PP Paul Grab talked with us about his Sister Club in Thailand, **Royal Hua Hin**. He shared that the club does much for the local community: Donating a \$30,000 machine to a hospital, installing systems for clean water at schools (maintenance is a problem), and an annual charity golf tournament. He said that they have 49 members. May are “snow birds” so attendance is usually 25 or so. They have 17 different nationalities in their club. His is an English-speaking club, but there is also a Thai speaking Rotary Club. He talked about an ex-Marine who has bicycles and offers sightseeing tours for visitors. His club sponsors two Rotaract Clubs. The students have a keen interest in Rotary.

PP Paul shared that people in Thailand like their Military government but there is concern about the Muslim problems in Myanmar and Burma. He told us that when their King died last October 13, the country began mourning that has lasted for a year. They wore black for six months and cancelled all outside activities, including concerts. The people loved their king. However, the feeling is not the same for the new one.

PP Tony Gedeon thanked **PP Paul** for his loyalty to our Club and asked if there were joint projects we could do together. **PP Paul** thanked **PP Tony** and said he would take the offer back to his club.

PP Tony Gedeon recognized **PP Chad Adams** for stepping up to fill in for **Ikko Tomita** as Japanese Sister Club Liaison. He said he has done a wonderful job!

We had a drawing! **PP Chad** drew **PP Dave Livingston’s** ticket...but it was not a winner! **President Steve** thanked **Rica Sales** for greeting guests. We all said the Four Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Past President Carol Riley



Good friends make bad days a little more bearable.

Skydivers raise thousands for Polio eradication



The first time Noel Jackson jumped out of a plane, it had nothing to do with raising money for polio eradication.

The Michigan dentist had received a gift certificate from members of his staff to go skydiving because they knew he was into adventure.

“It is definitely a defining moment,” says Jackson, a member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Mich., of that first jump at 14,000 feet, done in tandem strapped to a professional skydiver. “The rush of the free fall is beyond anything I have ever experienced before. Just the speed and acceleration is unbelievable. You don’t even have time to figure out if you are enjoying it or not; it’s just a sensation that happens.”

Jackson did enjoy the sensation, so much so that he agreed to do another jump, with Shiva Koushik, a Rotarian friend in nearby Windsor, Ont.

The two men were waiting for this second jump when their wives came up with the idea of enlisting other jumpers and raising pledges for polio eradication.

In August 2014, a jump in the skies of northeastern Michigan raised \$15,000 for Rotary’s polio eradication campaign. Matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the effort contributed \$45,000 to the cause.

Since 1985, when Rotary committed to polio eradication, the organization has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize children against the disease. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped 99.9 percent, and only three countries remain where the virus has never been stopped: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. While World Polio Day, 24 October, serves as an important opportunity to remind the world of the need to finish the job, raising money and awareness is a year-round effort for many.

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TODAY'S SPEAKER: STAN COX II



Born in southern California with art in my blood. Grew up drawing then painting and writing poetry. I discovered photography in junior high school and fell in love with the medium.

Began my professional photography career working for a newspaper covering local sports events and managing their darkroom. I began freelancing and specializing in creating portfolios for and art portraits of models. People have always been my favorite subjects.

Moving to Hawaii in 1976 I continued freelancing and eventually became a full time portrait artist. Living in Hawaii and being a lover of art and beauty, naturally I began photographing the flowers and landscapes of Hawaii. It is my hope that my passion for photography and my love of the natural beauty of Hawaii will bring joy to those viewing my work.



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