



SEPTEMBER 06, 2017

**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK**  
**Michael Titterton**  
Hawaii Symphony Orchestra

**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



*President Steve Koyama with Jeremy Wilson thanked Amy Rohlf's Public Affairs Officer, VA for a very interesting presentation of the workings of the Veterans Administration. She works with internal communications, external communications and community relations and assists in organizing efforts and scheduling speakers for various outreach programs*



*President Elect Steve Morgan welcomed visiting Rotarians from out of State. They are Becca Scarret from the RC of Rimouski Quebec and hubby Michael, her club has twenty members and holds a very successful lobster dinner as a fundraiser! also Suzanne Sullivan from the RC of Columbia Center*

**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



*PP Dave Livingston was happy to introduce his guests. They are Scott Easton a former Rotarian, Della Reese and Naomi Hazelton who was also a past member of our club. We can see, he is enjoying his lunch!*



The meeting was called to order by **President Steve Koyama**. **President Steve** introduced the head table: **Paul McGuillicuddy**, Amy Rohlf, and **Jeremy Wilson**.

**Justin Alexander** shared an inspiration with the Club. He talked about how we often think “the bigger the better” and “go for the gold.” We need to remember to enjoy the journey. His mom always told him to be happy with what he has. **Justin** met a man who at one time had one hundred million dollars. He lost all of the money. Afterwards he said that the one thing he regretted was losing time in his life. Time is gold.

**Patti Mitchell** lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

**Jeremy Wilson** introduced our guests. **PP Dave Livingston** introduced: **Della Resse**, Scott Easton who is a former Rotarian, and Naomi Hazelton. **PP Bob Tellander** introduced Robert Fox, a real estate broker who used to own a French restaurant.

**PDG Phil Sammer** welcomed our guests with shell leas and shared our welcome song. **PE Steve Morgan** welcomed the guests who introduced themselves: **Becca Scarrett** and her husband Michael and her son Grant. **Becca** told us about her club with 20 members who holds a lobster dinner as a fund raiser and gives 60 Christmas baskets to residents every year.

Announcements:

1. **PP Chuck Braden** thanked those of us who have bought out Food Fest tickets and reminded us again about buying tickets for the Food Fest.
2. **PP Sally Blanchard** told us about a way to donate money to the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation. If you go to Foodland, Sack N Save, or Foodland Farms, show your Maika'i card and make a tax deductible donatin to HRYF, Foodland will match the donation. You can give up to \$249. This is good from September 1 – 30, 2017. Send a copy of your receipt to hryf@hawaii.rr.com. Be sure to include your name and club for credit for your HRYF contribution.
3. **PP Joe Gedeon** gave a membership report: 70 members; 5 honorary members, 2 prospective members, and an average attendance of 60%.
4. **PP Chad Adams** reminded us of the Rotary Golf Tournament scheduled for October 6, 2017 before the Food Fest. Volunteers are needed

and **PP Chad** should be contacted if you are able to help.

5. **Patti Mitchell** told us about the Fisher House 8K Hero & Remembrance Run, Walk or **Roll 2017**. **This event is scheduled for September 9, 2017, starting at 6:30 a.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island.**

**Kenzo Yanos** shared the Aloha Bucket. **PE Steve Morgan** a donation because he loves **Kathy Higa**. **Sylvia Makk** donated because she is happy for her husband's new heart. **PP Chuck Braden** thanked us for buying our Food Fest tickets and encouraged everyone to buy theirs! **PP Dave Livingston** was thanked for being a member of the Winners' Camp Board. **PP Janet Scheffer** donated money in honor of everyone in Houston and mentioned that **Lori Williams** is sponsoring a shelter box for Houston. She is putting this on the Rotary webpage. We can just click and donate. **PP Joe Gedeon** donated money because he was late to the meeting.

**Paul McGuillicuddy** introduced our speaker: Amy Rohlf. Amy is the Public Affairs Officer for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. **Paul** said he loves his Rotary job because he gets to meet lots of wonderful people. He also told us that Amy is a graduate of HU, UT, and Harvard!

Amy told us that she was born in the Philippines and grew up in Hawaii. Her father was in the military, and that is how she got to Hawaii. Her husband is retired from the Marine Corps and now has a civilian job at Camp Smith.

Amy has always been in public relations. She was in Maryland for twelve years and helped with the groundbreaking of Bethesda Hospital and George Bush! Amy works at Tripler and there are 127,000 veterans in Hawaii. Currently, 65,000 are registered for health benefits. Amy tells all veterans to register, because some day they need the life-long benefits.

There are five people in leadership positions at VA PIHCS: director, associate director, chief of staff, associate director patient care services, and deputy chief of staff. Facilities at Tripler are: community living center with 60 beds, ambulatory care center, and administrative offices parking structure.

VA PIHCS services include: outpatient primary medical care, outpatient mental health care, inpatient mental

health care, specialize treatment, dental care, geriatrics, rehabilitation & Extended Care, , audiology, optometry, dialysis, primary care, residential treatment, ancillary services, and care of special populations: SCI, blind, women, homeless, hospice.

The numbers of unique veterans served by fiscal year is continually increasing. There is a rural health program. VA PIHCS works with research and there is a joint venture governance structure.

As a member of public affairs, Amy works with internal communications, external communications, and community relations. President Trump is working with new telehealth technology that will allow veterans to receive health care services using telecommunications devices. He recently signed the Veterans Choice Program Extension and Improvement Act.

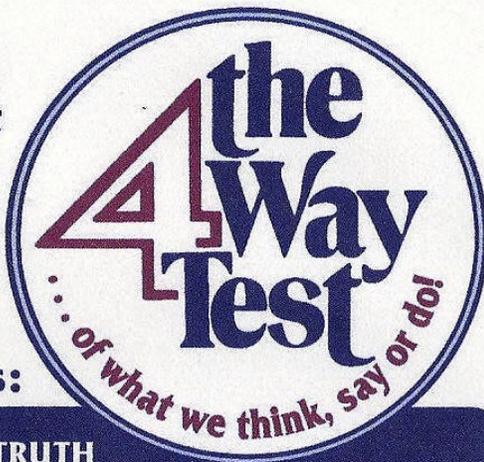
On September 1, 2017 there will be a “Let’s put an end to Veteran homelessness” activity at the Waiialua Community Association Building from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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*

**Good decisions don't just happen.**

**Ask yourself these 4 questions:**



1. Is it the **TRUTH**
2. Is it **FAIR** to All Concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to All Concerned?

## ROTARY PARTNERS WITH INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

About 80 percent of the world's 285 million visually impaired people have treatable eye diseases, according to the World Health Organization. Rotary and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) aim to promote eye health to underserved communities.



Under the one-year partnership signed today by Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko and Vice President of IAPB Victoria Sheffield, Rotary clubs can partner with IAPB member

agencies to provide access to continuous eye care and blindness prevention services such as eye exams, cataract screenings and treatment, and diabetic eye examinations and follow-up services.

“IAPB champions the belief that in the 21st century no one should have to live with avoidable blindness or sight loss,” said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko. “Rotary also sees global health as a core priority. With IAPB’s expertise, and the power of Rotary’s volunteer network, we will strengthen our ability to transform the lives of millions of people who live with a visual impairment.”

**IAPB’s** mission is to eliminate the main causes of avoidable blindness and visual impairment by bringing together governments, non-governmental agencies, academic institutions, and the private sector to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of sustainable eye care programs.

Rotary members develop sustainable projects that fight **disease**, promote **peace**, provide clean **water**, support **education**, save **mothers and children**, and grow local **economies**. The recent partnership will help clubs further their efforts to provide disease prevention and treatment and maternal and child health programs worldwide. Over the past three years, nearly a quarter of a million people benefited from Rotary’s interventions for disease prevention and maternal and child health, supported by almost \$100 million awarded through its grants programs.

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## TODAY'S SPEAKER: MICHAEL TITTERTON



As the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra approaches the conclusion of its fifth season, the organization is pleased to announce the appointment of **Michael Titterton** as President. Titterton is the former President and General Manager of Hawaii Public Radio, a position he held from 1999 until his retirement in 2016.

During his tenure at HPR he significantly increased listenership and expanded service to the entire state with two streams of programming. He joined the board of the HSO in October, 2016.

HSO Board Chair Paul Kosasa said "Michael brings a fresh perspective and great experience in building community relationships in Hawaii that will help the new HSO cultivate the support needed to sustain our great orchestra. His primary focus will be to grow our board and increase contributions and sponsorships."

Executive Director Jonathan Parrish added "I look forward to working with Michael to support and expand the variety of programming that has become the signature of the new HSO. With the help of Artistic Advisor JoAnn Falletta, the orchestra sounds better than ever and we are eager to find new ways to engage and serve our community."

Titterton will be welcomed and looks forward to meeting community members at this weekend's Halekulani Masterworks concerts, as well as the free community concert, "Symphony in the Park" in Kailua District Park conducted by Ken Lam, Music Director of the Charleston (SC) Symphony Orchestra. The concert is sponsored by Alexander & Baldwin, with additional support from the City and County of Honolulu Grant in Aid, Atherton Family Foundation, Arthur and Mae Orvis Foundation, Cades Foundation, Neiman Marcus Foundation, and Central Pacific Bank Foundation.

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