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SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Bradley Akamu
 HI Wheels on Wheels

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



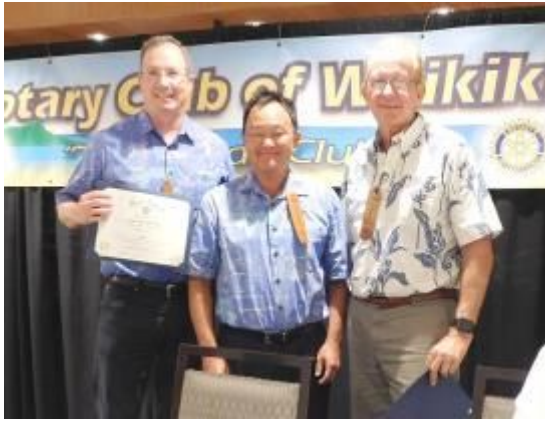
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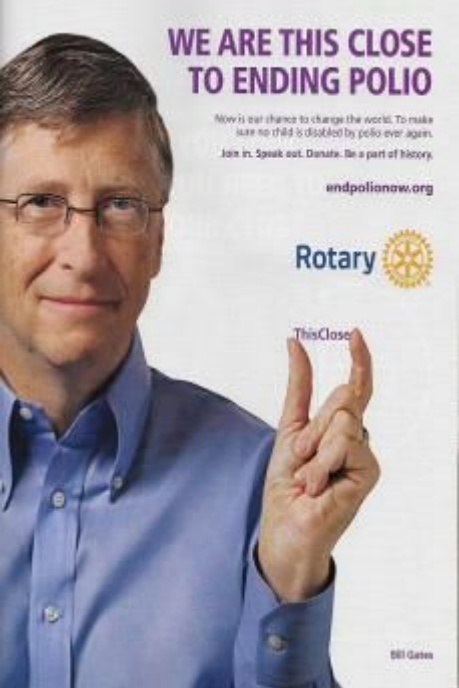
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 DISTRICT 5000
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Our speaker today was **Matthew Bauer** CEO of KUPU who gave a very interesting presentation on the goals of his 501(c) non-profit organization which provides service-learning programs which teaches young people to appreciate our environment and focus on sustainability



President Steve Koyama presented Rotarian of the Month awards to **Paul McGillicuddy**, Program Chair and **Glenn Perry** our Foundation Chair for the excellent work they have accomplished.



PDG Phil Sammer welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests. They are **Anneke Walterbeek** from the RC of Masterton, New Zealand, **Breck Stewart** from the RC of Thames, New Zealand, with **Susan Szabo**, E-Club of Honolulu and our Military guests **Lt. Courtney Kovensky** and **Airman 1st Class Aries Garcia**. USAF

President Steve Koyama called the meeting to order. He introduced the Head Table: **Paul McGillicuddy**, Matthew Bauer and Minette Lew-McCabe from KUU. **President Steve** thanked **PP/PE Carol Riley** for being Scribe for the meeting.

Patti Look shared an inspiration. She talked about two events that she attended recently. Books for Kids and Hawaii Food Bank Drive. She said the students and teachers were so grateful for the books we gave them and the persons donating items to the Hawaii Food Bank Drive were so thankful for being able to help this drive. **Patti** told us that she is grateful to be a member of the Rotary Club of Waikiki because as a member, she takes action, solves problems and transforms communities. She said that she believes that Rotarians transform communities when they transform themselves.

Jeremy Wilson led the club in the pledge to the American flag.

PP Tony Gedeon introduced our guests. **Susan** from the EClub of Honolulu introduced herself. **Break Stewart** from a Rotary Club in New Zealand introduced himself. **Peter Ehorn** introduced his wife, Karen who is a potential member of our Club. We welcomed a potential member from Germany who is an art curator.

Paul McGillicuddy introduced our Military Guests from the Airforce: 1) Airman First Class Aries Damion Garcia who is a vehicle operator/dispatcher; 2) 2nd Lt/O -1 Courtney Kovensky, Assistant IDO. Both are assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI.

Past District Governors Roy King and Phil Sammer stood and were recognized. All **Current and Past Presidents** stood and were recognized.

PDG Phil Sammer asked all guests to join him at the front of the room and the Club members sang our welcome song!

Past President Rhodora Pagay shared the Happy Bucket. Members were happy to make new friends from New Zealand. Our guests from New Zealand told us about ANZAC day on April 25th, the Remembrance Day for the Fallen. **PDG Phil Sammer**

welcomed our Air Force guests. **PP Tony Gedeon** shared his experiences with New Zealand. **PP Joseph Gedeon** shared that his company was just awarded the Bronze Pele Award for public service.

Announcements:

1. **President Steve** told us about the Charter Night for the new Rotary Club of Eva Beach.
2. **President Steve** also shared information about Family Literacy Night on May 11th at the Waikiki Community Center. Readers are needed and volunteers should contact Patti Look.
3. Thank you notes from students for the books we gave them were distributed. Thanks were given to **PP Gloria King** for coordinating this Books for Kids project.
4. Rotary on the Road will be held on May 16th at Martin/McArthur. Only three seats are available. If members want to attend, they should contact **Sylvia Makk**.
5. **PP Joseph Gedeon** distributed surveys to help with membership recruiting.
6. **President Steve** told us about a service project being held this Saturday and Waikiki Elementary where we will be planting bushes. He said the recent March of Dimes water project was a success.
7. There is a Kawai disaster relief fund on the District 5000 website.
8. Rotarians of the Month were announced: **Paul McGillicuddy** and **Glen Perry**.

Paul McGillicuddy introduced our speaker: Matthew Bauer, Chief Operating Officer for KUPU. He is a lifelong resident of Windward, Oahu who gained an appreciation for the outdoors and Hawaii's Natural Environment through exploring the Ko'olau Mountains as a teenager. In 2007, Matthew, John Leong and Julianna Reapu Leong co-founded KUPU, a nonprofit whose purpose is to provide Hawaii's young people the opportunity to engage in the natural resource, consecration, and sustainability fields.

Matthew began by thanking us for the kind welcome. He asked us to close our eyes and think of a time that defined us. KUPU teaches young people to value aloha, appreciate our environment, welcome internship opportunities, and focus on sustainability. KUPU offers programs to young people 16-24 years of age. There

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are team-based projects where young people work in crews. Examples of projects include trail maintenance, and business/home/school energy audits. There are 7-week projects in the summer and 25-week projects for students who have dropped out of school. This project also includes a way for students to earn their high school diplomas through community service.

\$700,000 has been given to young people for college during the past 10 years. One million native plants have been planted. In addition, 21,000 acres of invasive species have been cleared. \$90,000,000 economic benefit to the Hawaii community has been achieved in the past 10 years. More than 3,500 youth internships have been provided to participants.

Many of the project alumnae pursue higher education after participating in the program. The goal is to develop a responsible next generation. Hard work develops young leaders who have a positive impact on our environment. The path forward for KUPU is community-based program presentations, cultural practices workshops, and farm-to-table training programs.

PP Tony Gedeon picked the winning ticket, but this time he was not a winner! The Four Way Test was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **PP/PE Carol Riley**



Our Military Guests **2ndLt/O-1 Courtney Kovensky** and **Airman 1st Class Aries Damion Garcia** of the 647 Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) stationed at Joint Base Hickam.

March of Dimes Water Station.

We thank all our members who participated



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TODAYS SPEAKER: BRADLEY AKAMU



Bradley is the Volunteer Coordinator with Hawaii Meals on Wheels and has been with the organization for about 2 and a half years. He is responsible for recruitment, retention, and scheduling of volunteers as well as community outreach among many other things.

Before working for Hawaii Meals on Wheels, he was a union electrician. While being an electrician was a great way to gain skills and paid well, it wasn't quite what he wanted to do in life. He's very happy to have found his way to Hawaii Meals on Wheels helping our homebound seniors.



Good friends make bad days a little more bearable.

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