



June 13, 2018

Chief Susan Ballard
Honolulu Police Department

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**



Leah Laramie and Brian Neilson from the Department of Land and Natural Resources gave a very informative presentation about protecting our environment, climate change, invasive species, control and enforcement.



Glenn Perry our Foundation Chair presented **PP Chad Adams** with his Paul Harris pin with two Sapphires, which means he has donated more than \$2000 towards the Foundation. Chad remarked that our community service and our donations define our club



**Waikiki Change of Command
Hawaiian Dinner Buffet
Outrigger Canoe Club
June 30, 2018
5:30PM-9:00PM
\$60.00**

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President Steve Koyama welcomed visiting Rotarians from overseas and exchanged banners. They are **PP Tanaka Hiroto** from the Rotary Club of Sendai, Japan and **Terry McCormick** from the Rotary Club of Alexandria, VA

President-Elect Steven Morgan called the meeting to order. **President-Elect Steve** told us that today is the first day of D-Day! He then introduced the Head Table: **Paul McGillicuddy**, and our speakers: Leah Laramie and Brian Nielson. **President-Elect Steven** thanked **PP/PE Carol Riley** for being Scribe.

PP Gene Grounds shared an inspiration. He started by saying that he recently broke his ankle right before his boat launching. At first he was depressed. Then he thought about his faith and all of his sources of inspiration. He thought about being grateful for what he had. As he walked into the meeting today, people he did not know commented on his broken ankle and wished him well. People showed sympathy to him as a person. He has so much to be thankful for. He is thankful that as a Rotarian, he gives to others.

Lisa Ahmed lead the club in the pledge to the American flag.

President Elect Stephen Morgan introduced our guests. Ellen Park, a guest of **PP Chad Adams** was introduced. **ADG Mary Ann Berry** was introduced. **Past Presidents** and **Past District Governors** stood up and were recognized. **PDG Phil Sammer** invited special visitors to join him at the front of the room. He asked Club Members to join him in our Welcome Song. **Terry McCormick** from Virginia told us that this was his first trip to Hawaii and that he is going to Kauai tomorrow. **PP Hiroto Tanaka** from Japan.

PP Tony Gedeon shared the Happy Bucket. **Kathyne Henski** said that she was happy to see **Thomas Hall**. **PDG Phil Sammer** caught a cold on the plan and missed last week's meeting. **ADG Mary Ann Berry** told us that this is her last official meeting to our Club as **Assistant District Governor**. **Lisa Ahmed** told us that today is **Laura Haas's** birthday and also her daughter's birthday. Her youngest daughter lives in Iceland. **Sylvia Makk** said her husband attended a Rotary Meeting in Eldorado, Kansas and shared a flag with us. We will send one to Eldorado. **PP Bob Tellander** gave \$50 to Linda in honor of his 50th anniversary. **PP Dick Matti** thanked **PP/PE Carol Riley** for being scribe and welcomed **PP Bob**

Tellander back from his trip. **Mela Kealoha-Lindsey** said "Happy Birthday" to **Laura Haas** and welcomed **Thomas Hall** back to our meeting. **Laura Haas** said that she is celebrating her birthday and her 27th anniversary. **Bob Masuda** was welcomed. **Bob** said it was good to be back and **PP Roy King** looks the same! He said his staff is doing the program today. **PP Tony Gedeon** said that yesterday was his wife's birthday. **PE Steven Morgan** said that today was his second official meeting as stand-in President.

Announcements:

1. **Glen Perry** recognized **PP Chad Adams** for his Paul Harris plus 2 award. **PP Chad** said that our community service projects and our donations to the Foundation define us as a club.
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Lisa Ahmed gave a vocational talk and she talked about her traveling and her volunteering. She has been involved in volunteering for wigs for cancer and schools. She also served at President for the Kailua Library. She has helped friends with cancer and was a caretaker for someone who had no family support. In Massachusetts, she was the director of a project that provided Christmas for 350 families. After retiring from court recording, she is glad to be a Rotarian. She comes from a family of Rotarians in England and India. **Lisa** has been married for 35 years to a man from India and she loves to talk!

Paul McGillicuddy introduced our speaker Leah Laramie. Leah is a natural resource planner for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). She loves her job because she is involved in protecting our natural heritage.

Leah began by introducing Brian Neilson who would be presenting with her. They both work for state lands and waters. They are both passionate about our land and water resources and want to keep them for future generations. She talked about Hawaii before man and Hawaii after man. Humans cause an impact and we must protect our native habitats.

Hawaii's climate is changing. Average rainfall has decreased, reducing freshwater availability. Native species are being harmed by a reduction in water and

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rising temperatures. Invasive species such as mosquitoes and miconia, and warming oceans are triggering severe coral bleaching. Miconia is an invasive plant in Tahiti that causes landslides. We have this in Hawaii as well! We need to control this.

Our native forests are essential to removing carbon from the atmosphere and increasing freshwater availability.

Resilience, economy, and community are affected by the projects of DLNR. A goal of the program is the 30 by 30 watershed plan. This will protect 30% of our water by 2030. The DLNR gets 1% of the State's budget. They are involved in writing grants to they can continue doing their work. Balancing sustainable use, restoration, and conservation measures is at the heart of every action they take.

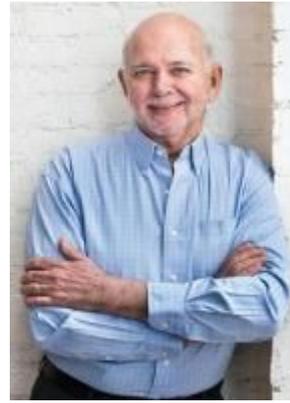
Lisa Ahmed picked the winning ticket in the Investment Portfolio, but this time she was not a winner! The Four Way Test was recited, a stand-up Board Meeting was called and the meeting was adjourned.

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



The Rotary Club of Hilo received a donation of \$20,000 toward the Puna Relief Fund from their sister club, the Rotary Club of Hiroshima South. What a generous gift of compassion and friendship!

PRESIDENT ELECT BARRY RASSIN ON WHERE ROTARY HAS BEEN, WHERE HE HOPES TO LEAD IT.



When Barry Rassin arrived at Rotary headquarters in Evanston at 4 a.m. for his first full day as president-elect, his security card wouldn't work in the elevator. Just the day before, in a whirlwind process, he'd been nominated to fill the vacancy of Sam F. Owori, who had died unexpectedly in July. Now Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East

Nassau, Bahamas, didn't have the right credentials for all-hours access to the building. "I had to explain the situation to the security guard, who of course didn't have a clue who I was," he says.

Not much can stop Rassin when he wants to get something done. After making it up to the 18th floor of One Rotary Center, he set about compressing five days of orientation into a day and a half, planning the International Assembly, and coming up with his presidential theme: Be the Inspiration. "My personality is such that I want to hear all the options, make a decision, and go on to the next thing," he says. "So we moved through the process fairly rapidly."

Before becoming president-elect, Rassin was best known for leading Rotary's relief and recovery efforts after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, which included 105 separate projects funded by Rotarians. "I had a spreadsheet with 132 pages and every detail of every project," he says. "People look at it and say, 'How do you do this?' But I enjoyed that."

Rassin's leadership abilities served him well in his professional life as a hospital administrator. The first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas, he recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he still serves as an adviser.

Rassin has been a Rotarian since 1980 and received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, for his work. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

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TODAY'S SPEAKER . CHIEF SUSAN BALLARD



Chief Susan Ballard became the Honolulu Police Department's 11th chief and Hawaii's first female chief of police on November 1, 2017. She joined the HPD in 1985 and worked in a wide range of field and administrative assignments, including the Narcotics/Vice and Criminal Investigation divisions and Downtown-Chinatown patrol district. As a commander, she has led the Kaneohe and Kalihi patrol districts and the Finance, Training, and Central Receiving divisions.

Chief Ballard believes in the department's mission statement of Serving and Protecting with Aloha. She envisions the community and HPD working together to make Oahu safe for its nearly one million residents and five times as many visitors. Her priorities include rebuilding public trust, preventing and solving crime, and recruiting and retaining quality employees. She is also committed to expanding police programs for the young and elderly.

Born in Virginia and raised in North Carolina, Chief Ballard has a Master of Arts degree in health and physical education from Tennessee Technological University and a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education from Appalachian State University.

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