



June 6, 2018

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE



**HAWAII CLUB 30**  
**DISTRICT 5000**  
CHARTERED:  
JUNE 20, 1939  
RI PRESIDENT:  
IAN H.S. RISELEY  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR:  
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Today's speaker was **Roy Amamiya** Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu who gave a very interesting talk on the priorities the Mayor has set out to be accomplished. After that he opened to a Q&A session.



**Kathryn Henski** our Community Service Chair presented **Ryan Kusuda**, Vice Principal of the Waikiki Elementary School with our check of \$2500 for the successful garage sale held at their school




**Waikiki Change of Command**  
**Hawaiian Dinner Buffet**  
**Outrigger Canoe Club**  
**June 30, 2018**  
**5:30PM-9:00PM**  
**\$60.00**  
Checks payable to: Rotary Club of Waikiki  
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**PE Steve Morgan** and **President Steve Koyama** presented **Rotarian of the Month** Certificates to **Patti Mitchell** and **Ikko Tomita** for the excellent work they do for our club. They also received \$100 each toward their Paul Harris recognition

**President-Elect Steven Morgan** called the meeting to order. **President-Elect Steve** told us that today is the day the brassiere was invented! He then introduced the Head Table: **President Steve Koyama, Paul McGillicuddy**, and our speaker Roy K. Amamiya. **President-Elect Steve** thanked **PP/PE Carol Riley** for being Scribe.

**PP Dave Hamil** shared an inspiration. He said that he is not invited to give the inspiration very often...and to expect a long one! He said this is a great week to reflect on Memorial Day and our fallen soldiers. He often thinks about the human spirit and connects that with nature we see in Hawaii. Lately there has been nature that is not too lovely in Hawaii...the massive flooding and the volcanic activity in our Islands. Spirit connects people and people help people in these trying times. He is inspired by the National Guard, the police force, the fire fighting force, and the people in communities that work together.

**Denny Meyer** lead the club in the pledge to the American flag.

**President Elect Stephen Morgan** introduced our guests. Kathy Ehrhorn was introduced. We had to guests from outside Hawaii, so we did not sing the Welcome Song. We had fellowship instead.

**Alvin Goo** shared the Happy Bucket. **Denny Meyer** shared that he has problems with his inner-ear lately and has been reminded of how important Rotary is to him. He thanked **PP Dave Hamil** for his inspiration. **Flora Lu** shared that her sister has just put her name in to run for Mayor of her home Island. **Laura Haas** greeted **Flora Lu** and **Nora Chen**. **PP Dave Livingston** shared that he was recently with Admiral Harry Harris, who was in the Navy for 40 years and Tulsi Gabbard. He talked about all of the great leaders we have in Hawaii. **Kathryn Henski** said thanked **PP Dick Matti** for the work he does on the Surf each week.

**President-Elect Steve** asked for **Ikko Tomita** and **Patti Mitchell** to come to the stage. He then presented them with Rotarians of the Month for the month of April. He said they would also receive \$100 each for the Paul Harris recognition.

Announcements:

1. **Kathryn Henski** introduced Ryan Kusuda, the vice principal of Waikiki Elementary School. Ryan came to the meeting on behalf of the principal and students at Waikiki Elementary to accept and thank our Club for the \$2500 check we gave them for the successful garage sale we held at their school. Ryan thanked us for the garage sale, the dictionaries

we give third-grade students, the books we give to all students, and the campus beautification project. Seventy-four plants were planted...one for each of our members. He also thanked Noel Haas for all of the work he does for Waikiki Elementary School.

**Paul McGillicuddy** introduced our speaker Roy K. Amamiya. Roy has been the Managing Director to the City and County of Honolulu for the past three years. He has also been the CEO and President of Olelo Community TV, Senior Vice President of Central Pacific Bank, Director of Budget & Fiscal Services for the City and County of Honolulu, and Vice President of the Bank of Hawaii.

Roy began by thanking us for the invitation to speak to members of the Club. He said the Mayor had 5 priorities when he began working in his position and has changed them to 6. Roy then talked about each of the priorities.

- 1) Be on time and on budget with the rail. This was changed to build rail better. The rail will go from Kapolei to Middle Street. Under the new contract, the rail is ahead of schedule.
- 2) Bus. As the population gets older, more bus services will be needed. Additional bus routes have been added. The goal is to have all electric buses by 2034.
- 3) Repave the streets. 1800 lane miles in the goal. That is 5.8 miles a week.
- 4) Sewer system. Much of the system has not been touched in 100 years. The goal is to fix the collection system and renovate two major plants.
- 5) Parks. There are 300 parks on the Island. Playgrounds have been added along with comfort stations.
- 6) Homeless and Housing. Policies are being written. Steps are being taken to reduce beurocracy is being reduced. A vacation rentals bill is coming. Recently, Mother Waldron Park was closed. Many homeless do not want homes. They want to live where the live. Of the people at Mother Waldron Park, 17 out of 45 chose to go to homes. This was a good thing. The State must help with this issue.

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Questions and responses:

1. Scooters and mopeds on sidewalks. The mayor is against this. Technology now allows people to leave these devices anywhere. This is a problem. Electric bikes will also become a problem. Lots of input from the public needs to be gathered.
2. June first there will be a new Sit/Lie Ban. We cannot clean up the streets now. Enforcement is missing. Police are busy. There are many vacancies. It takes six months to train someone to take the position.

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Police people must now be part-time psychologists to deal with issues.

3. Road and pot holes. Where is the quality control? We need materials that will last. There is a project manager for every contracted service provider. We really need to repave the streets and take care of them.
4. Rail. Critics say we built an obsolete system. It will cost \$150 - \$200 million dollars a year for rail maintenance. Building a highway would have cost more. We need to do something to help the people in Kapolei.

**Alvin Goo** picked the winning ticket in the Investment Portfolio, but this time he was not a winner! **PP Dick Matti** did donate a watch to the winner! The Four Way Test was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

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



Sunrise Rotarians teamed with Hickman Pearl Harbor Rotary and Honolulu Rotary for a day of service to beautify the grounds of Kahauiki. We planted, weeded, and cleaned the area and even were joined by the kids for some help. Rotarian Janice was patient to teach these once homeless kids new skills about planting and appropriated watering. Hot and exhausting, but a fulfilling and successful project.



## ROTARY WINS BEST NONPROFIT ACT FOR ITS POLIO ERADICATION WORK

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Nonprofit Act in the **Hero Awards** of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.

The campaign is an initiative of **PeaceJam Foundation** and is led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.



*Rotary vaccination team immunizes children against Polio at a railway station in Karachi, Pakistan*

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.

Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. Rotary and the five **other winners** will be recognized at a ceremony on June in Monaco. Betty Williams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for her advocacy for peace in Northern Ireland, will present the award.

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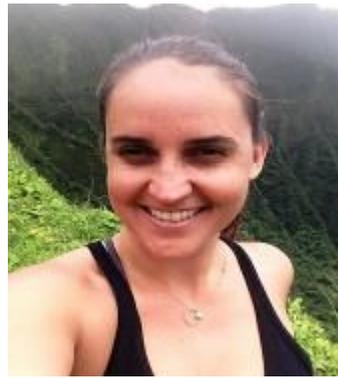
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## TODAY'S SPEAKER . LEAH LARAMEE



Leah Laramée is a natural resource planner for dInr dofaw. Part of the reason I love my job is that every day brings new challenges and adventures.

One day I could be writing a grant for funding to protect our anchialine pools and the next strategizing on the best way to incorporate climate science into

our on the ground work.

I try to make the lives of everyone working on the ground just a little bit easier so that often involves being a paper pusher, but if that means our hard working field staff can spend more time protecting our natural heritage I know I've done my part.



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