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SPEAKER OF THE WEEK

Judy Allione
Human Trafficking



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ROTARY ON THE ROAD

Here is the information for the Rotary on the Road on September 12th. It will be a fun tour of the theatre.

Date: Wednesday, September 12th. Time: 12 noon to 1:30 pm

Location: Hawaii Theatre 1130 Bethel Street

Some Parking Options: Street meter parking, Mark's Garage, Kukui Plaza. **Cost: \$15**

Lunch will be a box lunch - Choice of Roast Beef, Turkey or Vegetarian Sandwich
Bottled water and lemonade will be provided

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Our speaker **Keli'I Akina, Ph.D** is President/Ceo of Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and Trustee-at-Large of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs specializing in research. He gave us a most informative presentation on OHA, and the development of State Land.



PP Steve Koyama welcomed visiting Rotarians from out of State. At this meeting we recognized two visiting Rotarians from Italy. They are **PP Roberto Jacometi** and his charming wife **Alessandra** from the Rotary Club of Succor. Italy.



Once again we had a very poor turnout at today's lunch. Only 27 Rotarians not counting the guests and visitors! Is this because of the poor quality of our meals, or is it the price and the hassle with the parking? In any case it is sad when we had such a good speaker

President Stephen Morgan rose to the occasion, stepped onto the dais, struck the bell, and informed all: “This is Club Membership/Club Development Month.” (Complete the information questionnaire sent to you or downloaded from the Club Website.) **PP Sally Blanchard** got us all under God and behind the flag. Multi-talented **President Morgan** gave the Inspiration on the Rotary Pin. He stuck us to it and thus we become recognized as an object of those who seek Beneficial Services.

PP Dave Livingston rooted out the three guests: (1) **Marsha**, a **Walter Nishioka** indoctrinated new member-in-waiting. **Stephen** introduced **Yuji Huang**, **Bob Tellander’s** guest, the winner of our HRYF Scholarship Selection two years ago, who was disqualified because as a legal resident of the State and new graduate of Kalani High School, but he was a Chinese citizen. Our Club gave him a \$1,000 consolation prize in honor of the Rule of Law and censored HRYF for being un-American. He now is a naturalized U.S. Citizen entering his junior year at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, majoring in political science/economics and drifting into public health reforms. Our Shell Lei Guests came from Northern Italy, **Roberto**, a ceramic tile maker; his wife, **Alessandra**, a medical doctor. **PP Steve Koyama**, standing in for the under-the-weather, **President-Elect Carol Riley**, did the banner exchange.

PP Dave Livingston continued with the Aloha Bucket: **Kathryn Henski** won her primary election as did **Rep. Gene Ward**. **Flora Lu** introduced her local-born, other daughter, who leaves tomorrow for her home in Seattle. **PP Gloria King** asked for five volunteers to distribute dictionaries on Wednesday, 12 September 2018 at the Waikiki Elementary School. **PP Dave** then filled the bucket with several donations recognizing that it took seven years before he and Pam gave birth to their 38-year-old son (Practice makes perfect). He also celebrates their 45th wedding anniversary and thanked all those who ran, but did not win their election, for keeping the system honest.

President Stephen made a pitch for **District 5000 Does**: Activities open to all on the District 5000 Website, e.g. On 18 August Rotaract is sponsoring a beach clean up at Ewa Beach. Look up what you might be rewarded to you if you join in. Look also at the Friendship Exchange with Ecuador that is planned for any interested Rotarian.

After introducing those at the Head Table, Program Chairman, **PP Gene Grounds**, and the speaker, **Keli’i Akina**, **President Stephen** authorized a two minute

“fellowship break.” The room erupted with noisy personal exchanges.

The speaker Dr. Keli’i Akina, Ph.D.

President/CEO Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (A Think Tank) and Elected Trustee-at-large for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) A “think tank” specializes in research. OHA overseas land resources reserved for ethnic Hawaiians for their mutual benefit; the former creates data relevant to rational decision-making based on the perspective of the organization; the latter is an official state-wide body with land assets that must be administered for the benefit and common good of all Hawaiians. Wearing these two hats, he can identify problems, and take action to resolve land and *ohana* related problems for the benefit of the whole community.

Dr. Akina began his talk addressing the weak electorate turnout in the recent primary election. Thirty-eight percent of adult residents have registered to vote; only 20% of all eligible adults voted and determined who will lead the state. Shifting to the economic measures, Hawaii ranks 50th, at the bottom of all states in terms of the cost-of-living and the income ratio where one U.S. \$ buys only 84 cents worth of products and services. Consequently, once the children finish their education, they move away. There are 500,000 Hawaiians in the U.S.; more than 250,000 live off the islands.

Land use policy hinders development. Only 4% of the land area of the state has been developed. Those who control the land control the economy. Limiting development of land creates an “artificial scarcity.” This inflates all other costs. If we would constructively increase 2% of the available land we would increase enough available housing. Unfortunately, the morass of land use policies inhibits this possibility. If this is the problem, the solutions are many but require focused planning and real action. If Dr. Akina is correct, he claims that if we just develop 1% of vacant lands this alone would create housing and jobs for underpaid *kama’ainas*.

For example: If OHA bought up unsalable “time shares” from current individual owners who own a twentieth of a unit, but must pay their percentage of the maintenance fees and property taxes, for a two-week vacation in it annually, they would sell for little or nothing just to get out of their cumulative overhead costs. In this way, OHA would become a majority holding agency of “time shares” in a hotel complex. Like the sale of the Brooklyn Bridge, the hotel owners have made a fortune by selling the same unit multiple

times. Now turnabout is fair play. If OHA, as a state agency would cut the tax basis and demand that the maintenance fees be lowered or shared by the hotels, this would make the units available for employee housing held in *fee tail* status for the benefit of the whole community. Hire Hawaiians and make the “resort” look Hawaiian because well-trained residents live there. If the hotels balk, then the Legislature should define “work time” as the moment the employee leaves home and commutes to work and then when they return home in the evening. Leadership demands nothing less. Otherwise, the hotels receive a tax free subsidy from their employees that is undeserved.

A further obstacle that makes Hawaii so expensive for locals to live and to work here relates to the Jones Act (Laws) that restrict shipping between U.S. ports to American built ships, with American Crews, under U.S. Flags, and American owned. The cost of building ships in the U.S. is so much more expensive that it killed the shipbuilding in the U.S. and consequently, shipping between U.S. ports forces manufacturers to manufacture overseas and ship on foreign ships to one port. In short, the Jones Act kills U.S. shipping to and from Hawaii as well as Alaska,. After Hurricane Maria that destroyed much of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Jones Act blocked American aide aboard non-U.S. ships. Most had to be sent by air or aboard U.S. owned, built, crewed, and flagged vessels. There were too few of them. Hawaii faces the same plight if a major natural disaster would occur. The U.S. Constitution, however, guarantees “equal protection under the law.” The Jones Act unfairly and unequally discriminates against Hawaii and these others. To get the act declared unconstitutional, because Congress seems unable to repeal it, we must demonstrate how the Act unequally discriminates against Hawaii. Leadership requires that the state government create such an example and then file the case in Federal Court.

PP Dave Livingston again won the drawing but unlike those he praised for participating in the primary election, he himself became a “loser” by drawing a “red”, not white, marble. But he did win a new wristwatch that is not waterproof, but will dissolve in water—as time goes by. We then recited the Four-Way Test and all passed. The bell rang and we returned to the outside world anew.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Tellander, Scribe

SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA SELECTED TO BE 2020-2021 ROTARY PRESIDENT



Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Gupta wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership.

“As individuals, we can only do so much,” Gupta said in a statement. “But when 1.2 million Rotarians work together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and in the process, we can truly change the world.” Gupta has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser, and as a member, vice chair, or chair of several committees.

He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the IIS University, Jaipur, in recognition of his contributions to water conservation. He has also received the coveted Padma Shri Award, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, conferred by the president of India for distinguished service to tourism and social work. Gupta has also received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation for his support of its humanitarian and educational programs. He and his wife, Vinita, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Gupta is chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd., and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity. He has served as president of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and on the board of directors of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. He is the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is also vice chair of the Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.

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SPEAKER NEXT WEEK: JUDY ALLIONE

Jody Allione, Board of Directors, Ho`ola NaPua
Vice President Site Development



Jody Allione is Co-founder and the Vice President for Site Development for Ho`ola Na Pua whose mission is the renewal for trafficked girls through Health, Education, Advocacy and Reintegration. Their vision includes the siting of a therapeutic residential care facility, Pearl Haven, for underage girls rescued from sex trafficking. Her experience includes developing large renewable energy projects in Hawaii including site acquisition, community interaction, licensing strategy and overseeing the design and contracting of this facility so her experience has equipped her for this task. She works closely with communities to develop projects that will integrate with the goals of the community and state.

In early 2012, she attended Colors, a Hillsong sponsored Women's Social Justice Conference in Australia, and became aware of the problem of sex trafficking. She was convinced to become involved in helping to address this problem in Hawaii and met the founder, Jessica Munoz, and the team that was looking for a place to locate this facility. She realized that she had the ideal blend of connections and experience to help locate and license a home and work with community stakeholders on all levels. She is always recruiting volunteers and helps to coordinate corporate fundraising and raise community awareness of sex trafficking.

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