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SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Rusty Komori
Beyond the Lines



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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 today was **Jody Allione** from Hoolana Pua a non profit organization devoted to rescuing victims of human trafficking in Hawaii. She gave a very compelling report on sex trafficking, child abuse and the growing criminal enterprise on this subject.



PP Steve Koyama welcomed visiting Rotarians from out of State. They are **Ayako Yuki** from the Rotary Club of Kashiwa Japan and **Juanita Harvin** from the Rotary Club of Stuttgart Germany. Also visiting was **Eden Ines**, a Rotaract student from California.



Once again we were plagued by low attendance. At this luncheon there was only 27 participants including visitors. The meal was very poor, just chicken sandwich and an ice-cream bar. Do you think the hotel does not want us here!

President Stephen Morgan called us to order for our third meeting during Membership and Club Development month in Rotary. **Genelle Genney** led us in the pledge. Since it was **Denny Meyer's** brother's birthday, the good Dr. gave him, David, credit for celebrating Rotary in Bermuda, his home, while we await Hurricane Lane. Introduction of Guest had **Flora Lu** presenting a husband and wife, from Taiwan, **Yiching Sheen and Yumiko Anzai**. Then came **Eden Ines**, a Rotaract member at the UC, San Diego, making up with us. Shell Lei guests: Included **Juanita Harvin**, a retiring in the U.S. Army's Host Nationals Office in Stuttgart, Germany and **Ayako Yuki** from the Rotary Club of Kashiwa, Japan.

Aloha Bucket drew **PP Gene Grounds**, swimmer/sailor, to recount his sail on his aging sailboat, the only one with a wooden mast, in a race above water. **PP Dick Matti** having drafted **PP Bob Tellander** to write his heart out, wanted to say thanks. **Thomas Hall** thanked all Rotarian friends who made the Surfer United Foundation a Big Splash. **Flora Lu** announced that if she takes advantage of the fuel saving caused by Hurricane Lane, she will fly to Taiwan and make up at the only English-language Rotary Club in Taiwan. (**Dick Matti** was not its founding president.) Remembering suddenly, **President Stephen** called for the Welcome Song and bowed out of pitching it and **Thomas Hall** stepped forward to bring heart and on-pitch voice to our salute to our guests.

Announcements: **PP Chuck Braden** announced that we would soon receive two tickets to buy and hopefully two to sell for the October Food Fest on the 27th. The goal is to have 300+ attend and it will cover our budgeted projects for this year. **PP Gloria King** (glory.king@aol.com or 737-1991) wants volunteers for the Dictionary distribution at three elementary schools: (1) Kuhio on August 29th at 9:00 a.m. needs two volunteers; (2) Kapalawa on September 13th at 10:30 needs four; (3) Kalihi Kai later in September at 10:00 a.m. needs five. Join a team like golf and tee off your vocabulary with a hole in one.

F.Y.I. from Rotary District 5000: Visit the new website: **Rotaryinhawaii.org**. Discover what your are

missing. Also join a Friendship Exchange to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands and make friends with a fellow *honu* or a lizard.

SPEAKER: PP Sally Blanchard introduced **Jody Allione** from Ho'ola Na Pua, a Rescue Project to reclaim victims of human trafficking in Hawaii.

Human trafficking was defined as commercial provision of sex acts from under age (less than 18) girls and boys. In Hawaii it exists on all islands. You don't see them because they are not on the street but on the internet. The agents, better known as "pimps," recruit 11-17 year old girls and use fear and romance to prevent them from escaping.

Sex trafficking is a lucrative business and one of the three top crimes on the island. By reusing young bodies multiple times during a day you make money for their—usually quite handsome—"boy friends"—aka pimps. Naive girls, runaways, and unhappy youths become business partners in crime. Boys too are recruited, but girls are more lucrative as partners.

Many have been abused at home and do not trust adults. Their pimps use pictures on the internet to drive them off island where they are not known. The ones recruited represent a social cross section of the middle-high school population.

Ho'ola Na Pua Starfish Mentoring Program provides health-centric, trauma-informed care and support through comprehensive mentoring that addresses the unique needs of survivors of sex trafficking and those at risk. Mentors and mentees meet every week for one year.

Through grants and a 3 million dollar capital campaign they propose to open a "Safe House" and program for victims and train them for life beyond their captivity. By educating students and teachers of the problem in schools they hope to deter recruitments. On their twelve acre site where the "safe house" will be established they plan to create a Serenity Garden to use nature to heal and regain focus for these victims. They need volunteers to cultivate and maintain

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it. Call 808-445-3131, if you want to step forward as a gardener or mentor or donor.

Finale: #673 was held by **Flora Lu**, but she lost the prize when her guest from Taiwan drew a red marble. After bidding us a constructive Hurricane watch, **President Stephen** led us in the Four-Way Test, rang the bell and sent us off to sustain a better life for all.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Tellander

We have 2 upcoming Dictionary Projects, please consider volunteering for this FUN project.

Dictionary Project

Place: Waikiki Elementary School

Date: **September 5, 2018**

Time: **8:30AM**

Address: **3710 Leahi St., Honolulu, HI 96815**

POC: Dolly Bahn, Phone: (808) 971-6900

(5 rooms, presentations in each classroom)

Volunteers: Please report to the office to p/u visitor pass

Place: Kapalama Elementary School

Date: **September 13, 2018**

Time: **10:30AM**

Address: **1610 N. School St., Honolulu, HI 96819**

POC: Stephanie Aiona, Phone: (808) 832-3290

(4 rooms, presentations in each classroom)

Volunteers: Please report to the office to p/u visitor pass

**Be thankful for the
bad things in life.**

**For they opened
your eyes to
the good things
you weren't
paying
attention to
before!**



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Rotarians in Chile and the US have teamed up to provide life altering reconstructive surgery

Ricardo Román was shopping with his wife at a department store in Chile in 2012 when a woman in her early 20s approached him. He didn't recognize her, he confesses through an interpreter, but there were two good reasons: He had last seen her more than a decade earlier – and her smile had changed drastically. Román, a member of the Rotary Club of Reñaca, Chile, is the national coordinator of a program that has helped thousands of children in Chile with cleft lips, cleft palates, and other birth defects – including this stranger who now wanted to give Román a hug. “She told me, ‘This is my Rotarian smile,’” he recalls, his voice full of emotion. “It was a very gratifying moment.”

The project got its start in 1993 when San Francisco (California) Rotarians, led by Peter Lagarias and Angelo Capozzi, sponsored a medical mission that performed reconstructive surgeries in Chile. That was the beginning of Rotaplast, a program that evolved into a nonprofit organization that has since sent teams to 26 countries. In 2004, Rotarians in Chile assumed leadership of the program in their country. Over the years, Chilean doctors became more involved and eventually the program expanded to include breast reconstruction for cancer patients.



“It’s a great commentary on Rotary that you’ve got people in a Spanish-speaking country and people in an English-speaking country working together to get things accomplished,” says James Lehman, a plastic surgeon who joined the Rotary Club of Fairlawn, Ohio, USA, after working with Rotarians in Chile. In February, Lehman and a team of U.S. surgeons, anesthesiologists, and nurses visited Iquique, a Pacific port city and tourist hot spot about 80 miles south of Chile’s northern border. With financial help from the nearby Collahuasi copper mine, local Rotarians coordinate and pay for the medical team’s food, lodging, and in-country transportation.

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SPEAKER NEXT WEEK: RUSTY KOMORI



"I love developing the players' character through tennis," he says. "We really focus on our players behaving correctly, thinking correctly — and if they can do that, then playing tennis becomes a lot easier." He picked up tennis rather late as a freshman in high school, having played other sports, including baseball and soccer, prior to that.

Though Komori, who appeared on *MidWeek's* July 14, 2010, cover, wishes he had started earlier, it wasn't all for naught. Baseball, for instance, honed his hand-eye coordination, and soccer developed his footwork and movement. Tennis, though, is where Komori felt he could excel. Because as much as tennis is about belonging to a team, it also is very much about individual skill.

"If you want to be good, it just depends on you," he says. "No one can tell you that you cannot be good because if you want to be good, it's all up to you, you can't blame anybody else." His passion for tennis is one that stuck through high school at Damien Memorial, into college at Creighton University and, of course, now, professionally.

Along the way, he has learned from and worked with coaches such as Rick Aquino and Bernard Gusman. Each, he says, has developed his own coaching skills in some way. But really, it's the students themselves who have given Komori valuable lessons on coaching. "There's different personalities and everyone learns in different ways, and you can't treat everyone the same," he says. "Understanding everyone's unique personality is very important."

While Komori's time at Punahou is reaching an end, his life as a tennis coach certainly is not. He still plans to coach private and group lessons. "Twenty-two years is a long time," he says of his career at Punahou. "I'm just very proud."

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