



FEBRUARY 13, 2018

SPEAKER OF THE WEEK

Fred Bell
Forstry in Hawaii/Pacific



BE THE INSPIRATION



HAWAII CLUB 30
DISTRICT 5000
CHARTERED:
JUNE 20, 1939
RI PRESIDENT:
BARRY RUSSIN
DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
WIN SCHONEMAN

SPEAKERS

February 20, 2019

Nicolle Caglietta
Care facilities in Hawaii

February 27, 2019

Sylvia Makk considering Rotary on the Road.

March 06, 2019

DARK

March 13, 2019

Steve Koyama coordinating Sister Club dance presentation from Taiwan

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Our speaker **John Callery** is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Honolulu District Office. He also manages operations in the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and Saipan. He gave us a fascinating account of his work with the DEA, and about the proliferation of opioids in Hawaii.



PP Janet Scheffer thanked **President Steve, PP Carol Riley** and **Adrienne King** for joining Rotarians for the walk on human trafficking and distributed bracelets to all members. She also thanked the Metropolitan Rotary for their leadership in this effort



Today we provided 300 books in support of our military families at Hale Navy Keiki School. Thanks to **PP Gloria King** and **Patti Mitchell** for volunteering. The kids were so happy to take home and share with their families and friends.

President Steve Morgan called the meeting to order. He started with “Aloha” and welcomed everyone.

PP Gale Warshawsky lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Inspiration was given by **PP Dave Livingston**. **PP Dave** talked about the accident that occurred on Monday at Ala Moana Blvd. and Kamakee. He said this was right by **PP Carol Riley’s** house. A young man who was racing his truck away from a hit and run, plowed into a group of pedestrians who were standing where they were supposed to be standing, waiting for the light to change. Three people were killed and three more went to the hospital. This is a problem we need to pay attention to. We must continue to educate our children and each others of the dangers. He also told us about his pregnant daughter who was afraid the baby was coming two months early! **PP Dave** and his wife prayed and then they got word that everything was okay. His final comment was that prayer works. **PP Dave** lead us in a prayer.

President Steve asked that guests be introduced. **PP Tony Gedeon** introduced **Shoki** from Sydney, Australia. **PP Sally Blanchard** introduced her friend from Minnesota who has visited our club before. **PP Gene Grounds** introduced Fred Bell who will be our speaker in two weeks. **Ikko Tomita** introduced a friend who is a potential member for our Club. **Laura Haas** introduced her husband Noel. All **Past Presidents** and **Past District Governors** stood and were recognized.

PDG/P Phil Sammer asked the Club to sing our welcome song

Announcements:

1. **President Steve** reminded us about our garage sale for Waikiki Elementary School is scheduled for February 23rd. Set up is on February 22nd. The sale will start at either 7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. The time will be confirmed at a later date.
2. **President Steve** also mentioned the Human Trafficking event and the book give-a-way at Nave Hale School yesterday. He said that we have having a Chinese New Years party on Tuesday of next week and an invitation with rsvp is coming from **Patti Look**.
3. **Eva Lau** provided flower centerpieces on our tables which were being sold for \$20. All of the money will go to our Rotary Club.
4. **PP Sally Blanchard** thanked everyone for being so generous with Foundation donations. She thanked **PDG Dave Benson** for his generous donation today. **Glenn Perry** mentioned that he had distributed a list of everyone who has given to the Foundation this year and said that we have had 47% of our Club members donating.

PP Tony Gedeon shared the Happy Bucket. **PP Tony** began by giving happy dollars. **PP Chad Adams** donated money saying he is glad to be back! **PDG/P Phil Sammer** gave \$20 to the Happy Bucket. **PP Sally Blanchard** gave money because she is glad her friend from Minnesota is with her. **Patti Mitchell** reminded us that the leadership camp is this weekend and more volunteers are needed. **PP Gene Grounds** said he was speaking for **Sylvia Maak**, reminding us that next week is dark for the club and so is the following week. However, on February 27th, **Sylvia** is inviting everyone to her house for Rotary on the Road. **PP Janet Scheffer** thanked **President Steve**, **PP/PE Carol Riley**, and **Adrienne King** for joining the Rotarians for the walk on human trafficking. Bracelets were shared with all members. **PP Janet** thanked Metropolitan Rotary for their leadership in this effort. **PP Sally Blanchard** shared that we have two applications for Hawaii Youth Foundation Grants. She said that **Kristine Westmoreland**, the chair of the committee, is moving to the Mainland and that position is open. **Lisa Ahmed** told us that she has been away because her husband had been involved with a health crisis. He is okay now, but they are so happy that the EKG showed them what was wrong with his heart. **PP Joe Gedeon** told us that he has been very busy, the business is doing very well, and he is glad he could come back to our meeting. He also said “Hi, Uncle Shoki!”

PP Janet Scheffer introduced our guest speaker: John W. Callery, U.S. Dept of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency. Mr. Callery has 32 years of experience in law enforcement. He was a police officer and Presidential Honor Guard Member in the United States Airforce. He has worked with DEA Los Angeles as well as Hawaii. He is currently the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Honolulu District Office. He manages operations in the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and Saipan.

Assistant Special Agent Dave began by telling us he would be talking about Opioids in 2019. We currently have had 45,000 opioid deaths. Young people know that they can buy all kinds of drugs and guns on the dark web. The DOE now uses the Internet, Facebook, and other social media to do their jobs.

Dave told us that we do not have an Opioid crisis in Hawaii. We have an issue that is being addressed. The ugly truth is that tourism does not like to talk about drug problems.

DEA has a diversion unit where investigations are done. No guns are used here. There are 675 world investigators and we have six in Hawaii. These people do in-depth investigations on doctors. In 1905, we could buy heroin legally. This is no longer true. We have been told that OxyContin (opioid) is not addictive. This is not true. In 1997, there were 45,000,000 cases and in 2017 there was 1.8

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billion cases, The number of cases has been going down because of the work that is being done. The numbers will be even lower next year.

OxyContin is heroin in a cuter outfit. Lots can go wrong with OxyContin. Many doctors are prescribing it to readily: greedy doctors, sex factor doctors, doctor feel goods, naïve doctors, running late doctors, and not-prepared doctors are involved.

How did we get here? The law of opposite and equal reactions. This is a cash business. When people cannot get the drugs from their doctors, they look for them on the streets. Many pharmacies are part of the problem. They sell drugs to doctors and many times they sell more drugs than there are people in their areas. Purdue Pharmacy was caught civilly and had to write a check for \$634 million. They laughed. Google has been fined \$500 million because they were told that some of their sites were black market sites for drugs and they should take them off Google. Google did not do this, so they have been fined.

We need to use common sense. Once an addict...always an addict. Seventy-five percent of all persons who have addictions began using drugs from home medicine cabinets. On April 28th is Turn in Your Drugs day. You should not flush them down the toilet, you should turn them in. Questions can be answered at 1.877.782.2873. John Callery gave his home number: 541.3054 and he will answer any questions you have.

Marijuana is a big item today. Joints do not look like they did in the 60's/70's. THC was 4 or 5 percent then. It is 40 or 50 percent now. Ninety percent of drugs come into our country by mail.

President Steve gave Melanie a Four Way Test plaque. **PP Dave Livingston** drew the lucky ticket, and he drew a red marble! All Club members said the Four Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.

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



2019-20 RI PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES HIS PRESIDENTIAL THEME



Rotary International President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.

Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, unveiled the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's annual training event, the International Assembly, in San Diego, California, USA, on Monday.

"The first emphasis is to grow Rotary — to grow our service, to grow the impact of our projects, but most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more," Maloney said.

Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience.

"(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences," Maloney said. "It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help."

Maloney also called on every Rotary and Rotaract club to identify segments of their community not represented in their club by creating a membership committee with diverse members.

"Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal," he added. "In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all."

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TODAY'S SPEAKER. FRED BELL



Fred graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in the 1960's with a degree in Forestry, and then went to the Fiji Islands as a Peace Corps Volunteer, where he fell in love with

the Pacific.

After 4 years in Fiji, Fred returned to Berkeley to do graduate work in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. Since then he has taught at California State University at Chico, managed his family's ranch, and worked for the U. S. Forest Service.

He finally ended up his career in the Forest Service as the Pacific Islands Forester where he managed the federal forestry programs for the U. S. affiliated Pacific, which was his dream job ever since working in Fiji. Tonight he will talk on some of his experiences as the Pacific Islands Forester

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