



SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Langley Ukulele Ensemble
Concert

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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RI CONVENTION



HONOLULU HAWAII 2020
6-10 JUNE



***President Carol Riley** welcomed visiting Rotarians from out of State. They are **Yoshi Suzuki** from the RC of Tokyo, **Suguhara Junsuke** from the RC of Fukui North, and **Hayashi Tetsuo** also from Fukui North.*

THE SPEAKERS

Playing the meeting backward, we discovered that political parties do not possess power but rely upon existing systems and procedures to reach binary conclusions to make decisions that affect the whole community and thereby appear to be authoritative.

As Russia so effectively demonstrated, the current US political system does not produce fair and legitimate outcomes through popular elections. As long as others can control voting behavior by usurping the dialogue using personal media to create confusion; as long as others mobilize the extremes to defend only one view — theirs, and as long as others make the choices so complex that non-voting becomes the psychological alternative for the individual voter, we can control voting behavior. Our response prefers to let “sleeping dogs lie” (Pun intended.) Thereby, we dishonestly presume that the voting ritual provides the pure and perfect electoral outcomes.

Our Two Rotarian Republican members, who hold elected positions in the Hawaii State’s House of Representatives, the honorable **Gene Ward** and **Bob McDermott**, walked us through the major acts of the just concluded legislative session. With 3,142 proposed pieces of legislation, only 298 actually passed into law. Two passed without the Governor’s signature; while he vetoed 18 passed bills. The function of the Legislature, thus, appears to have more to do about culling requests than creating policies that improve and edit the laws that define public policies.

What has made political party politics, the operational agents of the Common Good, so manifestly irrelevant? To misappropriate Teddy Roosevelt, political parties have lost the “bully pulpit” to the helter-skelter of electronically usurped personal media—the internet and conspiracy theory analysis.

The Republican Minority Caucus in the Hawaii House of Representatives consists of five elected representatives. **Gene and Bob** constitute the only male minority representatives; together they represent 40% of the Minority Caucus.

Unapologetically, they voted 75% of the time with their Democrat Majority. Most legislation is not ideological, nor controversial. What happened to partisan platforms and American values that set them apart? Voting is either “yes” or “no”. Thus, “Profiles in Courage,” JFK’s heroic written commentary on American legislation, lacks substance or “backbone” because their function is to keep the government running and the society on a steady course. It’s difficult to be incisive when the choices are either/or.

Studying those bills that were defeated reveals the Conservative bias for a “steady course.” Politics is dead. In a service based economy, “s/he who serves the most, serves the best.” This is the older Rotary Club motto. We won. Government now plays by this rule. What they voted down, reveals what is not worth changing: \$15/hour minimum wage; ranked choice voting; recreational marijuana; a carbon use tax; homeless aid; retirement income taxed; banning plastic straws, all went down to defeat. Medical marijuana; \$2 billion for education; Electronic surveillance of individuals limited; asset forfeiture goes to state general fund; sea life conservation; no electronic smoking in schools; industrial hemp OK; community development consolidated into general funding; more movies made in Hawaii via subsidies multiplies income infusion into society, all became laws.

OPENING EXERCISES

President Carol Riley called the meeting to order and thanked **PP Stephen Morgan** for providing a solid platform upon which to continue. **PP Dave Livingston** led us in the flag salute. **PP Tony Gedeon** gave the inspiration by thanking God for allowing Rotary. Guests were introduced, the Principal of Waikiki Elementary School accepted a \$2,000 check from the proceeds of our garage sale. **Tweet** (No relation to Trump) **Coleman** was back from Lake Nona Rotary Club (Orlando, FL); **Janet Glansman**, a founding Board Member of the Aviation Scholarship Committee. Three Japanese Rotarians: **Yoshio Suzuki of the RC of Tokyo**; and **Suoaha Tunsuki and Hayashi Tetsue from the Fukui North RC**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PP Stephen Morgan notified us that our next **Community Service Project will be the Walmark Back-to-School Drive and will occur on 27 July 2019** at the Walmart store on Keeaumoku front entrance starting a 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sign up now.

Happy Dollars: PP Chuck Braden hauled the bucket named “Chuck”. **PP Stephen** informed us he was no longer President. **Adrienne King**, back from her fourth R.I. Convention, this time in Hamburg, Germany. Next year it’s Honolulu. **PP Tony Gedeon** gave \$100 for the Rotary Literacy program. **PP Janet Kelly** (aka Scheffer) announced that the Trans-Pacific Boat Race, the 2nd biggest open ocean race in the world, begins today and she needs volunteers to help set up the finish line boats here. **Tweet Coleman** gave a check for \$500 to thank **PP Chuck Braden** for hosting her as a guest in his Kailua home for two weeks last year. **PP Dave Livingston** informed us that the March of Dimes raised half a million dollars where we manned a water station for the run. **PP Gale Warshawsky** plugged donating to the Rotary Foundation for the returned funds enable us to buy and to dispense books to every child in ten difference local schools. **PP Dave Hamil** commemorated 24 years in Rotary.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Tellander, Scribe



The March of Dimes water station was once again well attended by members of the Rotary Club of Waikiki.

How Rotary has changed to help people get clean water for longer then just a few years

The lack of access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene resources is one of the world’s biggest health problems — and one of the hardest to solve.



Rotary has worked for decades to provide people with clean water by digging wells, laying pipes, providing filters, and installing sinks and toilets. But the biggest challenge has come after the hardware is installed. Too often, projects succeeded at first but **eventually failed**.

Across all kinds of organizations, the cumulative cost of failed water systems in sub-Saharan Africa alone is estimated at **\$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion**, according to data compiled by the consulting firm Improve International.

Rusted water pumps and dilapidated sanitation facilities are familiar sights in parts of Africa, South America, and South Asia — monuments to service projects that proved unsustainable. A **2013 review** by independent contractor Aguaconsult cited these kinds of issues in projects Rotary carried out, and the review included a focus on sustainability to help plan more effective projects.

That’s one factor in why Rotary has shifted its focus over the past several years to emphasize education, collaboration, and sustainability.

With Rotary Foundation global grants, a dedicated Rotarian Action Group, and a **partnership** with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Rotary’s water, sanitation, and hygiene, or WASH, programs are achieving greater, longer-lasting change.

“All Rotary water and sanitation projects are full of heart and well-intentioned, but many of them didn’t always meet the actual demands of the community,” says F. Ronald Denham, a founding member and chair emeritus of the **Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group**. The group, formed in 2007, stresses a needs-based approach and sustainability in projects.

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NEXT WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENT



The **Langley Ukulele Ensemble** is from Langley, British Columbia in Canada. It is internationally renowned and considered to be one of the top ukulele performing ensembles in the world. They were prominently featured in the 2008 award-winning document film, *Mighty Uke*.

The group is composed of 20 musicians, aged 12 to 18 years, who perform 50-80 concerts a year. The group originated with the J. Chalmers Doane's musical program in the 1970s, which reached over 50,000 students across Canada and the United States.

The Langley Ukulele Ensemble have performed in Canada, Florida, Texas, California, Nevada, the Pacific Northwest, Japan and Hawaii.

It was named Langley's Entertainer of the Year for 2005, and their musical director was named Langley's Leader of the Year for the same year.



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