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SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Dana Land
Professional Speaker

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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The speaker last Wednesday was **PP Dick Matti** who gave a very interesting talk on his long career in the hotel business with some of the more memorable episodes during this period.



Glenn Perry and **PP Sally Blanchard**, co-chairs of the Foundation Committee, presented **PP Tony Gedeon** with his Paul Harris fellow pin with one ruby which means Tony has donated more than \$7000 to the Rotary Foundation. Way to go Tony!



President Carol Riley presented **Eva Lau** with the Rotarian of the Month of June award for volunteering on many community service occasions and for donating \$500 to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Eva!

The meeting was brought to order by **President Carol Riley**. The Pledge to the Flag was led by **PP Tony Gedeon** followed up with an inspiration by **PP Dave Livingston**, who also did the introductions of visiting guests. There were no shell lei visitors, but **PP Gale Warshawsky** welcomed all guests with the obligatory Song.

PP Chuck Braden grabbed the bucket named Chuck and managed the squeeze a hefty amount of **Aloha Dollars** from the medium sized crowd. Generously donating to the club today: **Nora Chen**, who also mentioned a community service project recently completed; **PP Gale** who just had a wonderful visit to family on the mainland; **Dr. Dennis Meyer** with a big Yahoo! (not the internet search engine variety); **Delorese Gregoire Manson** who presented PP Dave L. with a special honor for being voted best guest speaker at Winners Camp; **PP Robby Ostrem** for all the fine work at Winners Camp; **PP Dick Matti** for today's scribe; **PP Tony** for Winners Camp; **PP Sally Blanchard** who just had her grandson visiting; **PP Gene Grounds** who once again won 1st Place in the North Shore Series sailing race; and **PP Chuck** for everybody keeping their social media polite!

President Carol asked for Committee Reports. **Foundation Co-Chairs Glen Perry** and **PP Sally** gave a quick update on The Rotary Foundation. Last year our club gave over 115% of our goal, with 89% participation. PP Tony also received a PHF + 6 recognition pin for his on-going generosity. **Eva Yip Lau** was also recognized as Rotarian of the Month of June for her \$500 donation to Polio Plus. **PP Chad Adams** also got recognized for his \$500 Foundation gift that was matched by his company.

The August 21 meeting will once again be held at Lucky Strike at Ala Moana Shopping Center. And a reminder was made to sign up for the **Rotary 2020 International Convention** being held June 6 – 10 in Honolulu. Rates will go up in December, so everyone is encouraged to sign up now!

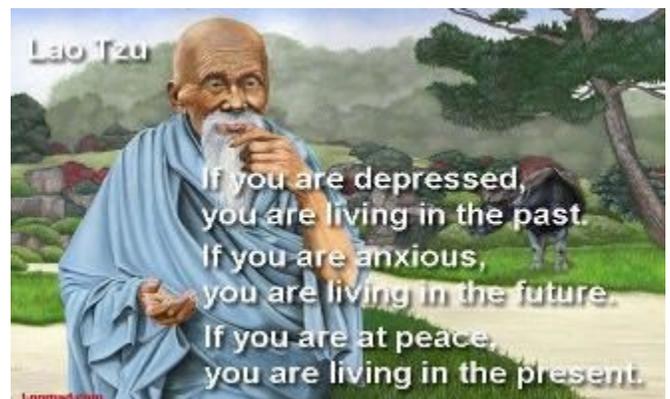
Pres. Carol gave us a 5-minutes of Fellowship break from the program.

Program Chair PP Dave introduced our guest speaker for the day, none other than **PP Dick Matti**, kindly referred to as "**The Godfather**". PP Dick gave a wonderful talk, the 5th or 6th of a series over the years, about "**Dicks Hotel Times**". He reminisced about his early years in the hotel business in Hong Kong and Taipei. Dick was literally born in the hotel business, but he wanted to be a doctor. After a stint at the UCLA Medical School, he transferred to a hotel school in Switzerland, where he happened to get roomed with Nick Hilton. After college, PP Dick was a pilot in the Korean War, and then landed a job as pilot with Cathay Pacific on the Hong Kong Route. But he was destined to be in the hotel business and worked at the Hilton Hong Kong and eventually opened the Taipei Hilton. PP Dick was a marketing genius and was renowned all over the world for the beautiful **Matti Girls**. He talked about several of the functions, parties, dignitaries and all-around antics, and had a great slide show with photos of those years much to everyone's delight. It was lucky he met his beautiful bride **Lucia**, as her father was a big wig and able to help him on a few occasions with his influence. Let's just leave it at that, if you want the whole story ask PP Dick Matti, our own "Godfather".

PP Tony had the winning ticket, pulled the white marble, but opted for the "gold" watch instead of the cash! We all recited the 4-Way Test, then Pres. Carol rapped her gavel on the Rotary Bell and brought another great meeting to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

PP Dave Hamil Today's Co-Scribe



...want to make a
difference
in your
community?

Ask a **Rotarian.**



Rotary Club of Waikiki 1950, note they all wore suits very formal in those days

Rotary and Heifer continues to produce big results, helping farmers provide healthier locally produced food

In the fall of 2015, volunteers from Rotary and Heifer International came together to build hoop houses for a few farmers working small lots in Arkansas, USA. The afternoon outing was part of a larger project that is still reaping benefits four years later, supporting small-scale agriculture in the region and increasing access to locally-grown food.

Heifer has been using the small-scale agriculture model for decades to alleviate hunger and fight poverty around the world. The approach has the added benefits of being environmentally friendly and offering healthier food options.

That mission dovetails with Rotary’s mission to grow local economies and improve health. So it’s not surprising the two groups have teamed up on a number of occasions in the past 30 years to improve communities by helping families escape poverty. Several Heifer employees are or have been members of the Rotary Club of Little Rock, Arkansas, USA, the city where Heifer has its headquarters.

“Our values line up very well,” says Ardyth Neill, a member of the Little Rock club and president of the Heifer Foundation. “With Rotary, it’s Service Above Self and helping to serve others. Heifer has been working with farmers to be accountable, pass on their gifts, train other farmers, and work together in community. It’s learning to share and care, basic things that work well together.”

In the United States and other developed nations, a lot of food production is controlled by large industrial operations, which produce cheaper food by focusing on a single crop and using specialized equipment to cut labor costs.

But according to research into sustainable agriculture, this food model has downsides, including a reliance on commercial fertilizers, heavy pesticides, and other chemicals that can harm the environment.

The trend has also contributed to the failure of smaller family farms, increasing the poverty rates in places like rural Arkansas.

Nationwide distribution networks have also resulted in food deserts in urban areas, particularly in the U.S., England, and Australia, where poor neighborhoods have little access to fresh produce and instead rely on less nutritious fast foods and packaged products.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Gedeon	8.17	Janel Denny	8/19/15
Hitoshi Daikoku	8.20	Charodd Dodd	8/02/17
Roy King	8/02	Thomas Hall	8/21/13
Bob McDermatt	8/02	Noburo Yamaguchi	8/18/02
Jeremy Wilson	8.11		
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TODAY'S SPEAKER: DANA LAND



Aloha! As a 5th generation kama'aina gal, Aloha has been at the center of everything I do. After graduating from Punahou & University of Hawaii I moved to the S.F. Bay Area where I married my architect husband, had the privilege of raising two daughters, continued my education at Sonoma State U. and pursued a life working with children as a music educator, chorus & jazz camp director, comedic actress, recording artist & jazz vocalist performing through out California & Hawaii at high end private and public venues including the Monterey Jazz Festival & the Blue Note Jazz Club.

When I returned to my homeland of O'ahu in 2013 I became aware of the many challenges that saddle our beautiful home; drugs & corruption, to name just two. These problems and others are adversely affecting our communities. What could I do to help?

Fast forward a few years and add to that a lot of self- driven research and conversation with police officers, dedicated parents & teachers. I realized a great need to bring back common sense values which, in turn, help to build a foundation of ethics & morals. I created an LLC, 'Help for Hawaii's Humanity' and began giving workshops for all ages called 'How to Make Good Choices -Bringing the Aloha Spirit to Life!' This very engaging program includes 21 common sense values which offers the tools for one to understand the importance of making good choices and what can happen if you don't. The natural evolution for me has been to become a professional speaker with: 'Ethics & Morals Can Be Fun with Auntie Sylvia!' and ' Bringing the Aloha Sprit to Life with Hula Rosie!' whereby I incorporate my comedic personas, music and the messages that are vital for success, productivity and happiness!



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