



OCTOBER 16, 2019

SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Colleen Hanabusa
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**HAWAII CLUB 30
DISTRICT 5000
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JUNE 20, 1939
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Our speaker was **Megan Kau**. Ms. Kau is a local girl, a Punahou graduate, and has been practicing law in various capacities for several years. She is running for the position of Honolulu City Prosecutor



Magda Alexander recognized those members with Birthday and Anniversaries for October. Seen here are **PP Dick Matti, PP Janette Kelly and Tay Perry** all with Birthdays. Missing are **PP Mo Radke, PE Paul McGillicuddy, PP Tony Gedeon and Jan Steloxsky**



Silvia Makk provided an update on Food Fest Silent Auction. We still need donations, and we also need help contacting past donors who haven't yet contributed this year. Still require more volunteers!

Rotar-oke!
SING, SO THEY CAN DANCE
A Rotary District 5000 FUNdraiser to end polio.



OCT 24 Thursday
4:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Nocturna Lounge Honolulu
500 Ala Moana Boulevard 5D

How much? rotaroke.eventbrite.com
Ticket Cost is \$20 - General
Ticket Cost is \$15 - Rotaract Members & Students
INCLUDES ONE DRINK, PUPUS, AND ONE FREE KARAOKE SONG



Anxious to get the proceedings underway, **President Carol Riley** rang the bell a few minutes early at 12:13 to kick off the meeting.

Patti Mitchell proudly led the club in the Pledge and handed the mic over to **PP Janet Scheffer** for the day's inspiration. Janet explained that she's been terribly busy with work and forgot the number one job in publishing, which is remember to proofread your piece. Janet intended to post a piece on her love of being a 'Rotarian', but instead published something about her love of being a 'Vegetarian.' Spellcheck strikes again!

The task of introducing guests was a relatively simple one as there were only a few non-Waikikians present, but Adrienne King stepped up and handled the duty like a rock star. **PDG Phil Sammer** resumed his usual role as song leader and led the club in our weekly rendition of 'Welcome to Rotary.'

PP Bob Tellander sprang to life to perform Aloha Bucket work. **PP Chad Adams, Lisa Ahmed, Ikko Tomita, PDG Phil Sammer** and **Glenn Perry** all kicked in a few bucks and regaled us with small doses of happiness.

PP Stephen Morgan said up to 14 people can volunteer in the annual Salvation Army feed the homeless effort at the Blaisdell Arena on Thanksgiving Day. Exact time TBA, but it is usually from 10am – 2pm, so those of you who also want to experience the 'Traditional' evening Turkey with your family can do both. Let Stephen know if you are interested.

Patti Mitchell said the Dictionary Project and the Waikiki Elementary School readers projects are coming up. Help will be needed for both efforts, so please let Patti know if you are interested and able.

PP Janet Scheffer reminded everyone that Rotary International Convention in 2020 is rapidly

approaching. She encouraged every to go to www.rotaryhonolulu2020.org and sign up soon to avoid getting shut out. She also encouraged everyone to sign up as a volunteer.

Magda Akexander stepped forward with her monthly announcements of birthdays and anniversaries. Happy Birthday to **PP Janet Scheffer, PP Dick Matti, Tay Perry** and **Mo Radke**. Happy Anniversay to **PE Paul McGillicuddy, PP Tony Gedeon** and **Jan Stelovsky**.

Silvia Makk provided an update on Food Fest Silent Auction. We still need donations, and we also need help contacting past donors who haven't yet contributed this year. Please let Silvia know if you are able to assist in either of these areas.

President Carol reminded everyone about the 'Rotar-oke' event on October 24. This will be a fun filled evening of speakers, games, and of course, singing. Cost is \$20 and you can register at www.rotaroke.eventbrite.com.

Since the agenda pacing was ahead of schedule, President Carol announced a 5 minute break in programming for fellowship.

The show resumed at 12:40 when **PP Janet** introduced guest speaker **Megan Kau**. Ms. Kau is a local girl, a Punahou graduate, and has been practicing law in various capacities for several years. She is running for the position of Honolulu City Prosecutor. She explained that she has two notable reasons for seeking this office. First, she has direct experience with several of the issues that many of the victims she would be representing face, including abuse and homelessness. She said she can provide a voice and appropriate representation to victims who might otherwise be ashamed or frustrated about their situation. She also indicated that the current administration has

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created an environment in the office that has led to unworkable levels of toxicity. She would like to restore 'normalcy' to the administration. Thanks for spending time with us Megan. Good luck!

After a handful of questions, **President Carol** brought the meeting back to order with the lucky number drawing. **Victoria Paris** brandished the lucky ticket, but was unable to secure the coveted white marble from the bowl. Better luck next time Victoria.

President Carol brought the meeting to a close, then remembered the 4-way test and quickly 'un-closed' the meeting. The club recited the things we think, say and do, and then the meeting was re-closed, this time officially. See you all next week.

Respectfully submitted, PP Chad Adams



Once again we had a disappointing turnout with only 25 in attendance at Wednesday, Oct 9. luncheon.



William Robert "Bill" Finley

A group of RC of Waikiki Rotarians attended the Celebration of Life on Oct. 3 at the Wailae Country Club for Patti Look's partner Bill Finlay who passed away peacefully on August 29, 2019. Born in Halaiwa and raised in both Colorado and Hawaii, Bill was the eldest of six siblings. Bill's work crossed many sectors, from the State of California to Caesar's Palace in Lake Tahoe to the Hawaii Republican Party. He will be sorely missed.



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TODAY'S SPEAKER: COLLEEN HANABUSA



A fourth-generation American of Japanese ancestry, Hanabusa grew up in Wai'anae with her two younger brothers, her parents, and her grandparents. Her parents, Isao and June, owned a gas station.¹ Her maternal grandfather was confined at the [Honouliuli Internment Camp](#) on Oahu during World War II. In 1969 she graduated from St. Andrew's Priory. She received a

B.A. in economics and sociology in 1973 and an M.A. in sociology in 1975 from the University of Hawai'i and in 1977 received a J.D. from the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law.

Hanabusa is a labor lawyer with almost 30 years of experience, and a corporate officer in a family-run corporation. She has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward and White, Inc., served as a delegate to the Hawai'i State Judicial Conference, and was noted in *Honolulu Magazine* as one of Hawai'i's A+ Attorneys in 1993 and subsequent years.

In November 1998 Hanabusa was elected the state senator from the 21st District. The 21st District includes Wai'anae, where her family has resided for four generations, as well as Ko Olina, Nanakuli, Ma'ili, Makaha and Ka'ena Point

One of Hanabusa's first acts upon being elected was to organize senators to vote against the second-term confirmation of Hawaii Attorney General Margery Bronster

Hanabusa served as Senate Majority Leader before being elected the first woman president of the Senate in 2006, making her the first Asian American woman to preside over a state legislative chamber in the United States.³ In 2003 she was named one of Hawaii's "top ten political power brokers", along with the state's governor and two U.S. senators, by *Hawaii Business Magazine*



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