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**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK**  
Megan Kau  
Prosecutor

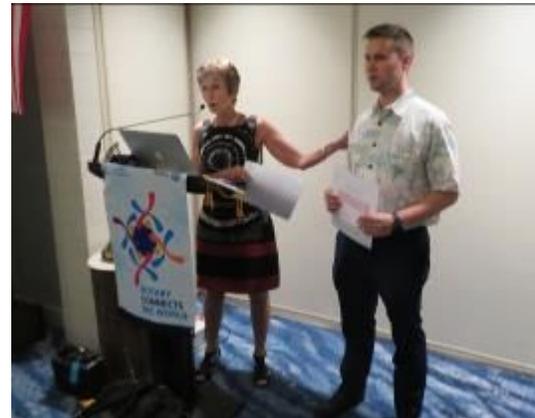
## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**HAWAII CLUB 30 DISTRICT 5000**  
CHARTERED: JUNE 20, 1939  
RI PRESIDENT: MARK DANIEL MALONEY  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: ERIC KALER




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The Open World Leadership Delegation from Russia joined the Eco Rotary Club of Kakaako for fun and information meeting and had a great time.

**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](http://rotaroke.eventbrite.com)  
Ticket Cost is \$20 - General  
Ticket Cost is \$15 - Rotaract Members & Students

INCLUDES ONE DRINK, PUPUS, AND ONE FREE KARAOKE SONG



With a crisp and perfectly timed tap on the bell, **President Carol Riley** brought the meeting to order. **PP Steve Koyama** led the Pledge to the Flag. Our inspiration was from one of the newest members – **Nathan Graves**, who provided a great perspective on why he is optimistic about the future, and how that correlates to Rotary. **Rika Sales** handled the Introductions, although it was perhaps the quickest in recent memory as there were no guests! **PP Dave Livingston** took the opportunity of a little extra time to plug the upcoming **International FoodFest**, and some of the notable table sales and auction items.

**Pres. Carol** asked **Nathan Graves** back up to receive the **Rotarian of the Month Award for September**. Nathan has been doing a fine job pitching in at every request and is even serving on the committee for the **Rotar-oke**, a fundraising event combining a karaoke contest, Polio Day speakers, food and drinks all to help raise funds to eradicate Polio. It is being held Thursday October 20, 4:30 – 9:00 pm at the Nocturna Lounge.

Pres. Carol also reminded everyone to register for the **Rotary International Convention 2020** – being held right here in Honolulu June 6 – 10, 2020. Fees go up in December so now is the time to register for a once-in-a-lifetime event here in Hawaii.

Barely getting a chance to have a bite of his lunch, Nathan was asked once again to come to the lectern and provide a quick Vocational Talk. Jumping right into it as he always does, he talked about his college days at UH, found his passion in finance, landed a great job with Merrill Lynch, moved to Alaska, then moved back to Hawaii where he provides financial and investment advice to businesses and individuals both in Hawaii and Alaska.

Pres. Carol allowed a few minutes of Fellowship, then gave a couple of announcements. There is a memorial service for **Patti Look's** partner Bill, who recently passed away. **Dr. Dennis Meyer** is at Queen's Hospital, having had a fall and breaking his ankle – then a minor stroke. Let's all pitch together as Rotarians and support Patti and Denny during these difficult times.

**PP Dave Livingston** introduced today's guest speaker **Mr. Lew Trusty**. Dave has known Lew for over 26 years and provided a personal perspective with a couple of hilarious stories about his friend and diving partner Lou. Mr. Trusty began by talking about his recent health issues, having just gone through 8 heart operations over the last 9 months! But he is doing fine and expects to live another 25 years or more. When he was 9 years old, Lew developed Polio. He almost died with a fever of 108, then had to be in an iron lung for 6 months. Through this time his mother was always by his side, supporting him, and keeping him hopeful. Despite the terrible odds Lou survived, although he was paralyzed and told he would never walk again. Two-and-a-half years later, he proved his doctors wrong again and not only walked but eventually became a tennis buff, along with diving, swimming and many other activities. He now works out 2 hours each day swimming and doing water aerobics. Mr. Trusty is a renowned underwater photographer and makes films for children featuring ocean creatures. Lew played a song he wrote and recorded, which captured his story of the struggle with polio and his success at overcoming the disease. The song was a moving tribute not only to the human spirit and Lew's will to survive, but also a testament to the power of love and especially to

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mothers who fight for their children. Lew Trusty is truly an inspiration to each of us!

The winning ticket holder was PP Dave Livingston, and Lew picked the white marble for him. Dave immediately donated his winnings of \$128 to the Rotary Foundation!

**President Carol** got everyone to recite the 4-Way Test, then brought another great meeting to a close.

*Respectfully submitted,* **PP Dave Hamil**

*Today's Co-Scribe*



Sadly we only had twenty members in attendance at Wednesday October 2nd meeting. Hopefully next week will make up with a bigger turn out!

### OCTOBER

#### BIRTHDAYS

**Janet Kelly** 10/03  
**Dick Matti** 10/04  
**Tay Perry** 10/20  
**Mo Radke** 10/31

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Paul McGillicuddy** 10/28/15  
**Tony Gedeon** 10/08/86  
**Jan Stelowsky** 10/07/15



#### Members of Rotary Clubs of Lahaina

**Sunrise, Lahaina and Lahaina Sunset** installed the first of several rescue tube stations at Launiupoko Beach Park. Tori Taylor (left) and David Ristau (in foreground), demonstrated how to install the poles. Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset past president Mariko Higashi said the clubs planned to install 22 rescue tubes at Maui County beach parks from Papalaua to Kamehameha Iki. She said the tubes cost \$175 apiece, and the clubs still are raising funds to purchase tubes for the rest of West Maui's beach parks. "Our plan is to go all the way to D.T. Fleming," Higashi said. "We welcome donors and volunteers to monitor and maintain the tubes." Those interested may call her at (808) 866-8116. The first rescue tube stations were installed on Kauai 10 years ago. Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea brought the concept to Maui in 2017, installing tubes along South Maui beaches.

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ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

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## TODAY'S SPEAKER: MEGAN KAU



Megan K. Kau is a Honolulu based solo practitioner who specializes in the areas of civil and criminal litigation. Aside from her legal prowess and unmatched work ethic, it is Megan's grit and resilience that ranks her amongst the most respected and accomplished trial attorneys in the State of Hawai'i. Despite her success in private practice, Megan's passion remains in serving her community. In particular, Megan is dedicated to advocating for those overlooked and marginalized individuals that are without a voice and will relentlessly fight to ensure justice for the residents of Oahu as the next Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Megan was born on the island of Oahu and grew up with her twin sister in Kaneohe. Although she had attended Punahou School since kindergarten, due to family issues, Megan was homeless at fifteen years old. As a result, she worked in retail shops, restaurants, and bars to survive.

After graduating from Punahou School in 1996, Megan continued to work in order to put herself through the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. With her eye on a career in accounting, Megan also clerked at several CPA and tax firms to gain invaluable experience for her future profession.

Megan is a warrior and a survivor. She has persevered through many challenges and struggled to be where she is today. And despite her success in private practice, Megan's passion for advocating for victims endures. The recent, troubling revelations at the Prosecutor's Office clearly demonstrate the misdirected focus of the current administration. As Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, Megan will use her skill, experience, and knowledge to restore integrity to the office and earn the respect of the community by fighting for justice for those who cannot fight for themselves.



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